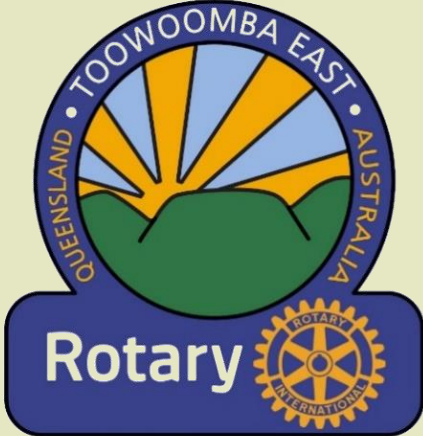




Rotary Club of Toowoomba East Inc. Annual Report 2022-2023

President: Gavin Roberts



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Jennifer Jones
International
President 22-23



Gavin Roberts
RCTE President
22-23



Tim Keeler
District Governor
22-23

RCTE – 2022/2023 REPORT

A year shared in Rotary With Gavin Roberts



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary Club of Toowoomba East Inc. – Board Members.

Officers 2021-2022



| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Officers | |
| President | Gavin Roberts |
| Immediate Past President | Tony Jarroush |
| Vice President | Henry Campey |
| President Elect (2021-2022) | Andrew Kratzmann |
| Secretary | Peter Nalder |
| Treasurer | Peter McLoughlin |
| Directors | |
| Club Administration | Andrew Kratzmann |
| Community Service | Russell Manns |
| International Service | Mark Winter |
| Membership and Fellowship | Toby Sandell |
| Rotary Foundation & Fundraising | Matt Wentzel |
| Marketing, Easterly and History | Roger Klaassen |
| Youth Service | Geoff Kapernick |
| Office Bearers | |
| Sergeant at Arms | Paul Stephenson |
| Club Trainer | Alistair Webb |
| Club Care Officer | Craig Mathieson |
| Youth Protection Officer | Chris Warmington |
| Program | Craig Mathieson/Dave Birrell |
| Area Governor | Roger Klaassen |





Gavin's Last Gazette Report – 2022-2023 President Gavin Roberts



Where has this year gone? Our Treasurer Peter “Charlie” says life is like a pizza and we only get eight slices! Well, I am afraid I have nearly finished my sixth slice with the last slices fast approaching! What a great and challenging year this has been with no better way to learn so much about Rotary than by being President. Being President of a Rotary Club is great but being President of the best little Rotary Club in the world is very special. I always say fellowship, laughter, fun and a thick skin is the glue to a successful Club, and we have it in spades. Piston Pete and I always comment at every meeting from the main table on how much laughter and good vibes always come from the members’ tables.

I could not have done this year without the help of so many people. Firstly, my senior vice president Jacquie. She always gets so frustrated with me with my lack of technical ability to drive a computer! You deserve a medal, thank you dear. Piston Pete my invaluable and trusted organizer who was always available when I needed to run things past him. Never once did he not return my phone calls. I am surprised he did not block my phone number! Lastly Campeezie the font of all knowledge, thanks for being such a valuable, diplomatic, and level-headed sounding board. Thanks for introducing me to RCTE back in 2015. I could go through the whole club with friends who have helped me during the year. Thank you all.



This year we have had some sad and joyous times. We lost two of the best humans ever, Steve Sir Barry Gibbs Rees and Cliffy Talkalot Hughes. What a huge loss to our club and the local community. Unfortunately, we had four resignations during the year, Richard Black, Doug Trendy Trenham, Chase Tydings and Chris Warmo Warmington. Thank you all for the many years you have put into our Rotary Club. The good news is we gained eight new members being Jim Jimbo Charlton (transfer), Rob Gorilla Baryla, Shane Samurai Fisher, Wayne Barnsey Barnett, Mark Redfoo Redman, Andrew Shrek Beck, Matt Bootlegger Service and Cameron Camavan Ashmore. A very warm welcome to you all and your lovely wives.



My senior vice president and wife Jacquie has done a wonderful job with all the different and memorable Ladies morning teas and lunches this year. I have been approached by lots of Ladies saying how good the events were. Thank you Jax, aren’t you lucky to have me! This man Matho does not stop. As Club program organizer this year he has organized some great speakers and club member profiles. Great job Matho. Also, as Club care officer he has been very compassionate to all members and wives in their times of need. Thanks for all you have done in this department, Matho. He then recently organized the fun Observation Drive which was a resounding success. Lastly, he organized our last social being “Whisky with Wendy” which produced out of the woodwork some dubious connoisseurs of the drop! Thank you for organizing the raffle prizes and sales for the Changeover Dinner. There are many other jobs he does in the background. You are a good man Matho. Thank you.



The Viking had a great year with organizing President’s drinks at some great locations like Rosalie House, The Royal Hotel, Muller Brothers and Toowoomba Golf Club. Thank you, Viking. A very special thanks must go to Harvey and Pam for hosting and organizing the Christmas party and the Australia Day Celebrations at their lovely home. You both did a great job. As always you do much more than you need to. Big thanks to you both. A big thanks to Blind Geoff for organizing another successful Club fishing trip to Moreton Island. A lot of fun was had by us all! What goes on tour stays on tour!

The community service portfolio is pretty full on and Rustaman has taken it in his stride and has done a brilliant job. He has organized four huge working bees at Teen Challenge with Jackhammer as always becoming the Bossman, with Mark Winter. Parking at Rumble for Rehab, oiling the Flexi School deck, transporting medical equipment for RARE. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Thanks too to Jeff Martin for looking after RARE. Thank you, Demolition and your team, for taking on the responsibility of looking after and doing all gardening work at Toowoomba Hospice this year with the various battery powered mowers and tools that were purchased by the Club. Much appreciated.



Now we have this man who despite having a horrific car crash with Cathy last year in October can't help himself when it comes to volunteering. The minute he could walk again he volunteered for all three Bunnings BBQ shifts and has not stopped since then. Geoff Kenny Rogers Kapernick has passionately run the youth services portfolio with the help of the late Cluffy. I would like you to refer to his report. The great debate, a touch of Deja vu. It always reminds me of democracy and elections in Zimbabwe. It does not matter how many votes you get you still loose 😊

The Computer Troublemaker whose portfolio is Marketing and Communications does more work for the Club than people will ever realize. I think only when you hold the role of President do you see how many people phone him every day for Rotary issues not only from our club but also in his role of AG. Nothing was ever a problem for him. Roger also looks after the website, Facebook, putting together the weekly Easterly and circulating. He also does all our official photography. Come the end of the year he is responsible for putting together the Club's yearbook, which through no fault of his, is always a last-minute affair. Dodger, we do appreciate the work you do. Big thank you.

The Mad Butcher Matt took on the role of Rotary Foundation & Fundraising for this year. Thanks, Matt, for organizing all the Bunnings BBQ events this year. It has been a successful year with a lot of revenue raised.

Well done Mark for getting the international portfolio up and running again by partnering with Warrnambool Rotary club to do community work at Popondetta Secondary School in Papua New Guinea. Not sure if any of the six dudes going with you are even remotely skilled at holding a hammer! I know you will make a huge difference to the community while having a ton of East fun. Thank you, Mark. Peter Charlie McLoughlin with the assistance of Antnoi Jarroushta has kept our finances in good order producing some very simple analogies of the different bank accounts for us simpletons to understand at the board meetings. Thank you both.

Krackman had the Club Administration role this year and has kept the Club in good order, making sure things ran smoothly. Thank you for being such a good apprentice! This year's District Conference, which was held in Brisbane in March, was combined with the 100-year celebration of Rotary in Qld, and was attended by 7 members of our Club. The speakers as always were excellent, and fun was had by all.



On Thursday 15th of June, we had our annual awards day with a bit of spice added. We combined it with two more inductions of new members, Matt Bootlegger Service and Cameron Camavan Ashmore. Welcome to the Club guys. Sheryl Weston was nominated for the Ron Martin award and awarded a PHF plus a cheque of \$2000 to go to Angel Flight. This award is given to an outstanding individual that has rendered conspicuous service through a worthy community organization. Sheryl has

given tirelessly through her life and currently she volunteers for Angel Flight. She has done over one hundred pickups, plus she assists in the office of St James Anglican Church. She is President of St Andrews Auxiliary committee and an active member of the Inner Wheel Club. A certificate and a two thousand dollars (\$2000) donation to Angel Flight was awarded to her.

Our second award, the Pat Broderick award, is given to a young person who has overcome significant difficulties in their education. This year it was awarded to Katelyn Martini from Teen Challenge who received a certificate and a fully loaded laptop computer to continue her studies.



The Queensland Brain Institute QBI was given \$5000 for research into the terrible diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, early onset dementia. Rotary Queensland Centenary has partnered with the QBI to raise money for brain research with these terrible diseases.



The General Manager of Teen Challenge Craig Watson was awarded a Cheque for ten thousand dollars (\$10 000) which was a complete surprise to him. The one stipulation about this donation was that the money had to go to a tangible item to benefit the young people of Teen Challenge.

As always, the 14th Annual Charity Golf Day was a resounding success. Thank you, Steady Eddy and your team Demolition, Christosaurus, Brownie and Campeezie for a great event.

The 2022 Long weekend getaway has become a very popular event and was very successful during this year. Well done for organizing such a fun event Webbvet and your team Matho, Mad Butcher and Lexasaurus.



The 2023 Outback Getaway is under full steam and ready to roll in August. After bad luck again with weather events changing our routes, the team has again managed to re-route, and it promises to be another great event. A year long effort of planning and organizing ably led by Jackhammer with his team of Rustaman, Mad Butcher, Viking, Farmer Pete, Harvey Dave and myself, with the big Kahuna Campeezie keeping not only us but everything in order. Great job guys.

Lastly, I would like to wish Andrew John Krackman Kratzmann all the very best for the 2023/24 Presidency role of the best little Rotary Club of the World! I know the Club will be in good hands. Here ends my annual report. The Gavinator



PARTNERS' REPORT

Jacquie's Jibes



This year I decided to try something different and changed the RCTE Partners' social gathering to a Saturday morning tea with the hope that this would encourage and make it possible for more ladies to attend who are busy during the week with work commitments. I think this aim was achieved as most of our gatherings saw around twenty or more ladies attend to enjoy each other's company over a cuppa and of course a delicious slice!

During this year I hosted six events at the following locations:

Aug '22 – "The Finch" (now The Other Bird)

Oct '22 – "Hampton Blue" Organic Blueberry Farm

Nov '22 – "Kingfisher Café"

Feb '23 – "The Chocolate Cottage"

April '23 – "Park House Café"

June '23 – Final event a lunch at the famous "Sofra Turkish Café & Restaurant"



My highlight was our outing at my neighbour's stunning organic blueberry orchard in Hampton where we enjoyed freshly brewed coffee from "The Two Moos" coffee van, tasty scones and cream from "Harper's Country" under the shade of a stunning oak tree. After morning tea we were treated to a most interesting educational tour of the orchard by the owner which was enjoyed by all in the perfect spring weather!

It has been so encouraging to see so many ladies and particularly partners of new members joining in these gatherings as they definitely help to deepen their social relationships and connections with the other ladies in the Club. It has been an absolute delight to have been able to connect with so many ladies during Gav's year as President at not only these teas but also at the many social events that the Club has organized. I am most grateful for all your support. Thank you ladies, your friendship is valued.

Our last event was a lovely lunch at the award-winning Turkish Restaurant "Sofra" which was



enjoyed by all the ladies who attended. It was so lovely to see everyone welcoming some of the new member's partners who were attending their first ever Ladies event. During the meal we also enjoyed a refreshing cup of Turkish tea, soft drink or glass of white! Needless to say which group were the last to leave! Thank you all for coming.



I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Sue and Sheena all the best for the coming year with their continued work with the Partners as they support President Andrew in his year at the helm of this dynamic and inspiring Rotary Club.

Financial Report 2022-2023 Treasurer Peter McLoughlin



It is my pleasure to present the financial affairs of your Club as at 31 May 2023.

The board was always conscious of being prudent and trying to ensure we did not overspend our income for the members and community benefits locally and abroad.

The Club had a surplus of \$3600 that was attributed primarily to Investment income that we had received from Heritage Bank Interest and the CMC market Investment- Vanguard Diversified Investment. The Investment is a long-term investment and was made on the advice of an investment committee, who reviewed it this year and we will continue to maintain this. The distributions that are paid are reinvested and there are 2720 units as at 31 May 2023. (June 2022 -2690 Units) This investment is reflected in the balance sheet under Other Assets.

Club Members accounts show a total balance of \$ 7269. The Board has committed to the Changeover 2023 expenditure of about \$2250, and the balance will be about \$5019.

Service (Public) accounts show a total balance of about \$84,838. There is a bank account specifically holding the Steve Rees Scholarship funds from donations made specifically to this cause.

Commitments not spent at the end of May being:

- \$1,300 Broderick Award Laptop (Paid in June)
- \$1,500 St Saviors pledge Midwife project
- \$2,000 Angel Flight
- \$5,000 Queensland Brain Institute
- \$10,000 Teen Challenge
- \$15,000 Future Fund /Blue Sky Project to look at holding this in a separate savings account for future joint Rotary Projects.
- **\$34,800 TOTAL.**

There will be approximately \$46,000 carried forward funds.

Tours (OBG - Out Back Getaway) accounts show a total of 10,378. which represents:

- Seed Funds \$2,074
- OBG 2023 Prepayments \$8304

Foundation accounts show a balance of \$11,596 carried forward funds.

Following is a list of the Donations and Contributions made to various programs during the year, in dollar terms and I am sure various Service Directors would have elaborated on some.



Rotary Club of Toowoomba East Inc

Donations and Charitable Contributions – 2022-2023

GOLF DAY

- Yellow Bridge \$ 7,000

GENERAL FUNDS

- Angel Flight \$ 2,000
- Australian Rotary Health (members sub) \$ 1,300
- Bootstraps \$ 1,000
- Broderick Award \$ 1,300
- Emerge Café (Reversal of prior year pledge) (\$5,286)
- Flexi School Project \$ 578
- Interact Great Debate Challenge – \$ 250
- Interact Midwife Project \$ 1,500
- Peace Pole Projects \$ 1,388
- Queensland Brain Institute \$ 5,000
- Rotary Club of North wheel Project \$ 513
- Rotary Club of Thamel – Nepal (School children) \$ 2,530
- Rotary International Foundation \$ 7,100
- Rotary Youth-RYPEN \$ 700
- Rotary Youth– RYTS \$ 850
- Rotary Future Fund \$ 15,000
- Sunrise Way \$ 7,840
- St Luke’s Anglican Church -PANTRY \$ 1,000
- Teen Challenge \$ 12,545
- Toowoomba Hospice \$ 3,150

Total (spent or Committed) \$ 60,258

In conclusion I wish to thank President Gavin (Brother) Roberts for his leadership and a special thank you to Tony Jarroush for assisting me when I needed it most and to all Board members for the friendship and maintaining a very close eyes on the financial affairs of the Club both Members funds and Public funds.



Rotary Club of Tmba East Inc
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2023

| | May 31, 23 |
|---|-------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Chequing/Savings | |
| Cash a Bank & Deposits | |
| Club Bank Accounts | |
| Club Heritage 8056307 \$21 | 1,080.85 |
| Club Heritage 8056307 \$26 | 5,513.37 |
| Club Heritage 8056307 \$26.1 | 675.08 |
| Total Club Bank Accounts | 7,269.30 |
| Service Bank Accounts | |
| Service Heritage 8056293 \$21 | 1,701.60 |
| Service Heritage 8056293 \$26 | 79,057.35 |
| Service Heritage SRS \$26.1 | 4,079.92 |
| Total Service Bank Accounts | 84,838.87 |
| Tours Bank account | |
| Tours Heritage 8056323 \$21 | 557.97 |
| Tours Heritage 8056323 \$26 | 1,516.60 |
| Tours Heritage \$26.2 OBG23 | 8,304.29 |
| Total Tours Bank account | 10,378.86 |
| Total Cash a Bank & Deposits | 102,487.03 |
| Total Chequing/Savings | 102,487.03 |
| Other Current Assets | |
| Sundry Receivables | |
| Prepayments Received OBG 2023 | -8,850.00 |
| Total Sundry Receivables | -8,850.00 |
| Total Other Current Assets | -8,850.00 |
| Total Current Assets | 93,637.03 |
| Other Assets | |
| CMC Markets | 137,985.60 |
| Property Plant & Equipment | |
| 1- Plant & Equip @ cost/Club | 1,799.52 |
| 2- Less Accum Dep - Club | -1,799.52 |
| 3- Plant & Equip @ cost/Service | 2,500.00 |
| 4- Less Accum Dep - Service | -2,500.00 |
| Total Property Plant & Equipment | 0.00 |
| Total Other Assets | 137,985.60 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 231,622.63 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| GST Payable | -1,412.78 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | -1,412.78 |
| Total Current Liabilities | -1,412.78 |
| Long Term Liabilities | |
| Steve Rees Scholarship | 4,079.92 |
| Total Long Term Liabilities | 4,079.92 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 2,667.14 |
| NET ASSETS | 228,955.49 |
| EQUITY | |
| Opening Bal Equity | 95,878.04 |
| Reserves | -13,352.43 |
| Retained Earnings | 137,681.71 |
| Net Income | 8,748.17 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 228,955.49 |

Rotary Club of Tmba East Inc Profit & Loss

July 2022 through May 2023

| | Club | Service | Tours | TOTAL |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | | |
| Income | | | | |
| Club BBQ | | | | |
| BMS Mitre 10 | 0.00 | 900.63 | 0.00 | 900.63 |
| Bunnings BBQ | 0.00 | 9,768.13 | 0.00 | 9,768.13 |
| Bunnings BBQ-Exp | 0.00 | -2,920.68 | 0.00 | -2,920.68 |
| Total Club BBQ | 0.00 | 7,748.08 | 0.00 | 7,748.08 |
| Donations Received | | | | |
| Echidna Income | 0.00 | 1,045.00 | 0.00 | 1,045.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| Total Donations Received | 0.00 | 1,345.00 | 0.00 | 1,345.00 |
| Golf Day Income | | | | |
| Expenses 2023 | 0.00 | -9,902.90 | 0.00 | -9,902.90 |
| Sponsorship 2023 | 0.00 | 22,250.00 | 0.00 | 22,250.00 |
| Total Golf Day Income | 0.00 | 12,347.10 | 0.00 | 12,347.10 |
| Interest Received | 3,606.23 | 497.12 | 1,220.33 | 5,323.68 |
| Long Weekend Getaway | | | | |
| Long Weekend Getaway 2022 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 36,843.00 | 36,843.00 |
| LWG 2022 Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | -27,223.46 | -27,223.46 |
| Total Long Weekend Getaway | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,619.54 | 9,619.54 |
| Members Meetings & Subscription | | | | |
| Change over | | | | |
| Change over 2022 Income | 483.62 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 483.62 |
| Total Change over | 483.62 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 483.62 |
| Christmas Function | | | | |
| Christmas Function Exp 2022 | -4,316.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -4,316.38 |
| Christmas Function Incm 2022 | 3,730.27 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,730.27 |
| Total Christmas Function | -586.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -586.11 |
| Club Outing | | | | |
| Club Outing | -2,031.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -2,031.82 |
| Club Outing Income | 2,115.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,115.64 |
| Total Club Outing | 83.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 83.82 |
| Meal Income | | | | |
| Meals | 37,913.66 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 37,913.66 |
| Raffles | 1,544.13 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,544.13 |
| Sergeant Income | 799.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 799.85 |
| Total Meal Income | 40,257.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 40,257.64 |
| Member Subscriptions | 15,550.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15,550.00 |
| Total Members Meetings & Subscription | 55,788.97 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 55,788.97 |
| Total Income | 59,395.20 | 21,937.30 | 10,839.87 | 92,172.37 |
| Expense | | | | |
| Aged Service | | | | |
| Yukana Ret Home - Mother's day | 0.00 | 230.00 | 0.00 | 230.00 |
| Total Aged Service | 0.00 | 230.00 | 0.00 | 230.00 |
| Audit Fees | 1,130.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,130.00 |
| Awards Presented | | | | |
| Broderick Awards | 0.00 | 2,106.82 | 0.00 | 2,106.82 |
| Total Awards Presented | 0.00 | 2,106.82 | 0.00 | 2,106.82 |
| Bank/Eftpos Charges | 747.43 | 30.00 | 0.00 | 777.43 |
| Computer Software and mainten | 682.27 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 682.27 |

Rotary Club of Tmba East Inc Profit & Loss

July 2022 through May 2023

| | Club | Service | Tours | TOTAL |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Donations | | | | |
| Aust Rotary Health Research | 300.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| Bootstraps | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Emerge Inc | 0.00 | -5,288.00 | 0.00 | -5,288.00 |
| Flexischool Project | 0.00 | 578.48 | 0.00 | 578.48 |
| Peace Pole Projects | 0.00 | 1,388.37 | 0.00 | 1,388.37 |
| Rotary Club North Wheel Project | 0.00 | 513.57 | 0.00 | 513.57 |
| Rotary Club of Thamel-School | 0.00 | 2,530.00 | 0.00 | 2,530.00 |
| ST Lukes Anglican Church-Pantry | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Sunrise Way | 0.00 | 7,840.20 | 0.00 | 7,840.20 |
| Teen Challenge | 0.00 | 3,150.14 | 0.00 | 3,150.14 |
| The Toowoomba Hospice | 0.00 | 2,544.55 | 0.00 | 2,544.55 |
| YellowBridge QLD | 0.00 | 7,000.00 | 0.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Total Donations | 300.00 | 22,259.29 | 0.00 | 22,559.29 |
| Flowers & Gifts | 72.73 | 32.00 | 0.00 | 104.73 |
| Members & Club Expenses | | | | |
| Badges and Member Requirements | 1,356.72 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,356.72 |
| Meal Expenses | 35,655.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 35,655.47 |
| Permits & Licences | 58.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 58.60 |
| Printing & Stationery | 211.05 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 211.05 |
| RDU Magazines | 1,962.72 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,962.72 |
| Subscriptions & Dues | 11,600.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11,600.47 |
| Training/Seminars | 181.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 181.82 |
| Total Members & Club Expenses | 51,026.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 51,026.85 |
| Outback Getaway Expenses | | | | |
| OBG 2023 | | | | |
| Accommodation/Meals | 0.00 | 0.00 | -4,510.51 | -4,510.51 |
| Raffles & Prizes | 0.00 | 0.00 | 222.00 | 222.00 |
| Reccie | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,953.62 | 4,953.62 |
| Stickers & Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 0.00 | 343.70 | 343.70 |
| Total OBG 2023 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,008.81 | 1,008.81 |
| Total Outback Getaway Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,008.81 | 1,008.81 |
| Publicity & Signage | 35.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 35.00 |
| Storage Shed Hire | 1,800.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Youth Service | | | | |
| Interact Club | 0.00 | 413.00 | 0.00 | 413.00 |
| RYPEN | 0.00 | 700.00 | 0.00 | 700.00 |
| RYTS | 0.00 | 850.00 | 0.00 | 850.00 |
| Total Youth Service | 0.00 | 1,963.00 | 0.00 | 1,963.00 |
| Total Expense | 55,794.28 | 26,621.11 | 1,008.81 | 83,424.20 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 3,600.92 | -4,683.81 | 9,831.06 | 8,748.17 |
| Net Income | 3,600.92 | -4,683.81 | 9,831.06 | 8,748.17 |

Rotary Club of Toowoomba East Foundation Inc
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2023

| | May 31, ... |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Chequing/Savings | |
| Heritage 11793449 S21 | 53.52 |
| Heritage 11793449 S26 | 3,521.80 |
| Heritage 11793449 S26.1 | 8,020.72 |
| Total Chequing/Savings | 11,596.04 |
| Total Current Assets | 11,596.04 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 11,596.04 |
| LIABILITIES | 0.00 |
| NET ASSETS | 11,596.04 |
| EQUITY | |
| Retained Earnings | 11,272.49 |
| Net Income | 323.55 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 11,596.04 |

Profit & Loss
July 2022 through May 2023

| | Jul 22 -... |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Income | |
| Donations Received | |
| General | 1,200.00 |
| Total Donations Received | 1,200.00 |
| Interest received | 242.55 |
| OBG Car Registration | |
| OBG Registration | 8,000.00 |
| Total OBG Car Registration | 8,000.00 |
| Total Income | 9,442.55 |
| Expense | |
| Accountancy fees | 770.00 |
| Donations Given | |
| Australian Rotary Health | 1,000.00 |
| Rotary Foundation- Polio Plus | 7,100.00 |
| Total Donations Given | 8,100.00 |
| Permits & Licences | 249.00 |
| Total Expense | 9,119.00 |
| Net Income | 323.55 |

Our Club Activities this Year

| | | |
|--------------|---|--|
| 01-Jul-22 | Club Changeover | Picnic Point |
| 02-Jul-22 | District Changeover | Logan Diggers Club |
| 05-Jul-22 | Board Meeting | The Agency Board Room |
| 07-Jul-22 | Casual Lunch | Downs Club |
| 14-Jul-22 | Directors Reports | Budgets |
| 21-Jul-22 | Terry Davis | AC/DC Energy (Renewable Energy) |
| 28-Jul-22 | Prof Maurice French/Judy Bruwer | Drayton/Toowoomba Pubs (Bring cash to buy a book) |
| 04-Aug-22 | Cliff Hughes | 8 Generations of "Hughes" |
| 11-Aug-22 | Sandy Martin | Inner Wheel |
| 18-Aug-22 | Daniel McNamara | Twba & Surat Basin Enterprise |
| 19-Aug-22 | LWG | Long Weekend Away |
| 25-Aug-22 | Jen Shaw | Emerge Café |
| 01-Sep-22 | Craig Watson | Teen Challenge Site Visit Refer MAP |
| 08-Sep-22 | Ross Watt | Arnhem Land Hands on Project |
| 15-Sep-22 | Peter McLoughlin | Member Profile |
| 22-Sep-22 | No Meeting | Day of Mourning |
| 29-Sep-22 | Jen Shaw | Emerge Café |
| 06-Oct-22 | Interact | Interact Changeover |
| 06-09-Oct-22 | Fishing trip >>> Cancelled <<< | Fishing trip |
| 13-Oct-22 | DG Visit | Tim Keeler |
| 20-Oct-22 | Paul Hanna | Hannas Department Store |
| 22-Oct-22 | Garden City Race Day | Turf Club |
| 27-Oct-22 | Jim Charlton | Member Presentation |
| 03-Nov-22 | Lawrence Gavey | Working in Ireland |
| 10-Nov-22 | Jan-Marie Nicolai | Ronald McDonald House |
| 17-Nov-22 | Mark Murro | Toowoomba hospice |
| 24-Nov-22 | Alistair Webb and AGM | LWG Wrap-up |
| 01-Dec-22 | No Meeting | Christmas Party |
| 03-Dec-22 | Xmas Party | Docs Place |
| 08-Dec-22 | Graham Christensen | Member Presentation on SI and PNG |
| 15-Dec-22 | Shane Fisher | Member Presentation |
| 22-Dec-22 | No Meeting | Christmas holiday |
| 29-Dec-22 | No Meeting | Downs Club Shut |
| 05-Jan-23 | No Meeting | Downs Club Shut |
| 12-Jan-23 | Goog's Café | Downs Club Shut |
| 19-Jan-23 | Mouseproof | Downs Club Shut |
| 26-Jan-23 | No Meeting | Australia Day at Doc & Pam Smith |
| 02-Feb-23 | Martin Corkery | Children First |
| 09-Feb-23 | Marc Kennedy | The Downs Club |
| 16-Feb-23 | Bevan Betros | Betros Btos |
| 23-Feb-23 | Breanna Fraser | RYTS — Rotary Youth Transition Seminar |
| 02-Mar-23 | Barney | Member Profile |
| 09-Mar-23 | Karen McDonald Smith | PNG midwifery leadership buddy project |
| 16-Mar-23 | Graham Christensen | Presentation |
| 23-Mar-23 | Trevor Watts | Member Toowoomba North |
| 30-Mar-23 | Vincent Little | Hearing Loss |
| 06-Apr-23 | Nate Tairaoa | Adventure out Loud |
| 13-Apr-23 | Robin Tait | Book and Paper Conservation |
| 20-Apr-23 | Alex Burrell | Tentworld |
| 27-Apr-23 | Gaye McPhee | Thomas Transition House |
| 04-May-23 | Rod Brilliant | member presentation |
| 11-May-23 | Mayor Paul Antonio (Honorary Member) | TRC |
| 18-May-23 | Harry Spencer | member presentation |
| 25-May-23 | Margot Murray | Mm conservation |
| 1-Jun-23 | David Janetzki | Member Twba South |
| 8-Jun-23 | Interact | Great Debate |
| 15-Jun-23 | Rotary | Awards Day |
| 22-Jun-23 | | |
| 29-Jun-23 | No Meeting | |
| 30-Jun-23 | Changeover Picnic Point | |

MEMBER RECOGNITION HISTORY

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (PHF) RECOGNITION: Presented by RCTE

Miss Nell Robinson OBE, **Bob Dodd MC**, Mr. M.G. Phillips, Mr. Trevor Mclvor BEM, **Merv Quigley**, Dr. J. Syme, **Bill Klaassen, John Marsh (F2)** MBE, OAM, **Gordon Moffatt, Alan Dorr (F2)**, Sister M. Veronica, Mrs. Beris Broderick OAM, **Mal Just** OBE, Mrs. Lorna O'Brien, **Bruce Armstrong**, Mr. Bill Dent, Rev. Noel Park, **Rod Matheson, Steve Davis (F2), Tom Mitchell (F2), Geoff Somerville (F2), John Liley (F3), John (JA) Armstrong (F2), Ian Humphrey, Jim Hogan, Colin Davidson (F2)**, Mrs. Lynne Abell, Mr. Walter (Mac) Patterson, **Glen Postle AM (F3), Jeff Martin, Pat Broderick, Greg Rosbrook, Graham Christensen (F6) John Cook, Bruce McDonald**, Ms. Lucinda Bryant OAM, **Eean Thorne OAM, Don Christmas, Harry Spencer OAM (F3)**, Mrs. Patricia Stevens, Mr. Bernie Quinn, **Bob Cheesman**, Dr. George Tucker OAM, Mrs. Susan Yeates, **Ross Watt AM, Perry Dayas, Peter Burrows, John Creedon**, Sister Pierrette Gagnon, **Peter Nalder (F3)**, Mr. Ashley Coonan, **Ken Davidson, Jim Kennedy**, Ms. Dianne Thorley, **Graham King**, Mr. Robert Schull, Dr. Anthony Ferris, **John Tyson, Les Louis, Richard Black**, Mrs. Jane Dorr, Mrs. Pat Mayo, **Darrell Pierpoint, Neville Parkinson**, Ms. Maryanne Walsh OAM (F2), Mr. Graham Storey, Mrs. Mary McGilvray, **Don Huskisson, Alistair Webb (F2), Peter Sommer, Mark Paton**, Mrs. Sandra Martin, Mrs. Joanne Brennan (F2), Mr. Barry Mahony, **Mick Dolley, Henry Campey (F3), Allan Scheffe (F2)**, Mrs. Marlene Charles, **Phillip Charles F8+ PHS, Craig Mathieson, Andy Burke, Phil Gillam (F2)**, Mrs. Judy Antonio, Mr. Ross Savill OAM. **Chris Warmington (F3), Geoff Kapernick (F2), Roger Klaassen (F2)**, Mrs. Sheena Liley OAM (F2), **Cliff Hughes**, Mr. John F Armstrong, **Ron Bowden (F3)**, Mrs. Jan Humphrey, **Rod Brown, Andrew Kratzmann**, Ms. Jen Shaw, Mrs. Maureen Burke, Mr. Peter Collins, Mrs. Wendy Allen, Mrs. Judy Gillies, **Russell Manns, Harvey (Doc) Smith, Gavin Roberts, Toby Sandell, Steve Rees**, Mrs. Sheryl Patricia Weston,

[(F2) = multiple Paul Harris Fellow : Rotarians recorded in bold: PHS= Paul Harris Society]

PHF AWARDED TO OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS/CLUBS:

Ron Blomeley BEM, Alex Burrell, Roy Frost, Dave Mayo, Jock Psaros (F2), Mrs. Viola Psaros, Mrs. Margaret Christensen, Tony Jarroush, Lex Franks

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL- FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE CITATION:

2001, Ross Watt AM: 2003 Graham Christensen: 2006 Alan Dorr.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH:

John and Sheena Liley (\$6,000); Roy and Joy Frost, Chris & Adrienne Warmington (\$5,000)

Diamond Friend: (\$3,000) donated in name of Brian Shackleton (Life Education).

Special Donations: Peter Burrows, AG Alistair Webb, PDG Phillip Charles.

Friends of ARH - all club members (\$200 per member)

PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION AWARD:

2000 : Peter Klease and Joe Brakels. 2001: Col Davidson and John Fergusson. 2002: Graham Christensen. 2003: Allan Scheffe. 2004: John Leigh.

2005: Henry Campey. 2006: Richard Black, Alex Burrell. 2007: Don Huskisson. 2008: Don Christmas. 2009: David Douglas. 2010: Glen Postle.

2011: Phillip Charles. 2013: Les Louis. 2014: Allan Scheffe. 2015: Peter Nalder. 2016: Ian Humphrey, Leanne Gillam, Col Davidson, Glen Postle,

Phil Gillam. 2017: Peter Sommer, John Liley. 2018: Geoff Kapernick, Doug O'Neil. 2019: Rod Brown. 2020: Roger Klaassen, 2021: Mark Winter,

2022: Henry Campey, Allan Scheffe 2023: Henry Campey, Craig Mathieson, Pete Burrows, Russell Manns

PDG DAVE MAYO AND PAT MAYO 'PATRIOT AWARD':

2013: Graham Christensen. 2014: Glen Postle. 2015: Geoff Kapernick. 2016: Harry Spencer. 2017: Henry Campey. 2018: Doc Smith. 2019: Steve Rees.

2020: Gavin Roberts, 2021: Gary Campbell, 2022: Phil Gillam, 2023: Geoff Kapernick

THE GOOD EGG AWARD:

1976 : Kev Joyce, Bob Dodd, 1977 : Greg Rosbrook, 1978 : Rod Matheson, 1979 : Eean Thorne, 1980: Jim Hogan, 1981:Terry Callaghan, Ian Broadfoot

1982: Eean Thorne, 1983: John Gibson, Roy Jones, 1984: Bill Klaassen, 1985 : Don Christmas, 1986 : Bill Cotter, 1987: Geoff Somerville, Max Busch

1988 : Col Davidson, Perry Dayas, 1989 : Tom Mitchell, 1990 : Pat Towler, Graham Neilsen, 1991: Barry Christ, Merv Quigley, 1992: John Marsh

1993 : Bob Mills, Alan Dorr, 1994 : Pat Broderick, Darrell Pierpoint, 1995 : Geoff Somerville, Max Mason, 1996: John Liley 1997: Ian Humphrey,

Harry Spencer, 1998: Jeff Martin, Mark Jamieson, 1999: Ross Watt, Barry Scarth, 2000: Graham Christensen, Toby Crockett, 2001: Allan Scheffe,

Richard Black, 2002: Jim Kennedy, Gary Adrian. 2003: Ken Davidson, Jim Kennedy, 2004: Roy Blakey, Brian Luttrell 2005 : Peter Nalder

2006: John Cook, Roy Frost, 2007: John & Gail Tyson 2008: Graham Christensen 2009: Robin Grundon, 2010 : Alex Terwijn, Allan Scheffe 2011:

Daniel Schimke, Phil Gillam, 2012: - Mark Paton, Steve Davis, Graham Christensen, 2013 : Craig Mathieson, 2014: Rod & Liddy Brown,

Geoff Kapernick. 2015: Ross Watt, Andrew Kratzmann. 2016: Allan Scheffe, Andy Burke, Peter Nalder. 2017: Ian Humphrey, Graham Christensen.

2018: Cliff Hughes, Ron Bowden. 2019: Adrian Bonica, Henry Campey 2020: Shane Herring, Russell Manns 2021: Dave Birrell, Matt Wentzel,

2022: Gary Campbell, Roger Klaassen. 2023: Matt Wentzel, Andrew Burrows, Toby Sandell, Doc Smith

OUTBACK GETAWAY—THE EAGLE AWARD:

1996: Alan Dorr. 1997: Col Davidson & Geoff Somerville. 1999: Bruce McDonald. 2001: Harry Spencer. 2003: Ian Humphrey. 2005: Peter Nalder.

2007: Ian Humphrey. 2009: Jeff Martin. 2011: Phil Gillam. 2013: Phil Gillam. 2015: Gavin Roberts. 2017: Gavin Roberts. 2019: Paul Stephenson.

2021(22): John Marangelli.

OUTBACK GETAWAY: THE John & Gail TYSON AWARD

2015: George and Margaret Tucker, 2017: Lex and Debbie Franks, 2019: Doc and Pam Smith, 2021(22): Henry Campey.

LONG WEEKEND GETAWAY AWARD:

2016: John Liley (Trixie). 2018: Roger Klaassen (King-a-Roy). 2020: Rod Brown (Well Protected). 2022: Jane Dorr

16/06/23



Community Services 2022-23

Russell Manns

COMMUNITY SERVICES PORTFOLIO YEARLY REPORT 2022 / 2023

1. RCTE continued its support of Teen Challenge with the building of a retaining wall / seating around the Volleyball court, constructed a paved fire pit area / yarning circle at the female residence. Club Members and Teen Challenge donated over 100 plants to this project. The residents were a great help and interacted well.



2. Members also helped with parking attendance at "Rumble for Rehab".
3. RARE, which is meticulously managed by Jeff Martin, acquired a bundle of Medical Equipment from St. Vincents Hospital and a large quantity of books from various schools. Thanks to all volunteers for collecting, sorting and storing these items. Andy Burke and Ross Watts kindly donated their time in delivering everything to Brisbane. Thank you to Alex Burrell for donating the truck and providing storage space.

4. The beds that were unfit for use, were sold for scrap @ \$250 per tonne.
5. In 2022, members donated plant vouchers to the value of 100 plants which were used by Robertson Scannell staff with a working bee at Sunrise Way.



6. Andy Burke & Co took over garden maintenance at Hospice. The Club donated maintenance equipment to the value of \$3500
7. In January, the Club carried out yearly maintenance of oiling the deck at Flexi School. Huge "Thank You" to Ron Bowden for organizing this.

8. The Club donated \$1000 to "The Larder" which is a project undertaken by the Anglican Parish of St. Luke and is for the distribution of food and basic hygiene essentials to the needy and homeless of Toowoomba.



9. Community Services Portfolio were very proud to present Katelyn Martini the "Pat Broderick Award" at the last lunch meeting of the year. Part of this award is \$1400 donated by RCTE, which will go towards a laptop for Katelyn as part of her personal development. We wish her all the very best for the future.



International Service 2022-23

Mark Winter

The Rotary Club of Toowoomba East kicked off the year on a positive note, leaving behind the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. With a return to normalcy, we seized the opportunity to expand our international projects and create a meaningful impact beyond our local community.

One of the notable partnerships we formed was with the Warrnambool Rotary Club. Together, we are supporting the PNG (Papua New Guinea) project, led by Tony Austin and his team from Warrnambool and Geelong. This project has a long-standing history of providing water wells and infrastructure to remote communities in PNG.

Our specific aim within this project is to renovate an existing building at the Popondetta Secondary School. The renovation plan includes recladding the exterior, installing new electrical lighting, fans, and 3-phase power. Once completed, this will result in two additional classrooms and a secure storage room for the students. It is a significant undertaking that will greatly enhance the learning environment and resources available to the students.

Given the weather conditions and the need to avoid the monsoonal rains, meticulous planning has been crucial for the success of the trip. I would like to express my gratitude to Ron Bowden, Andrew Burrows, Col Davidson, Adrian Bonica, Doc Smith, and Geoff Somerville for their unwavering support and commitment to joining the team in PNG. Their dedication exemplifies the spirit of Rotary and the impact we can make when we work together.

As the trip to PNG approaches, we are excited about the possibilities and the positive change we can bring to the students and the community. This partnership exemplifies the Rotary Club of Toowoomba East's commitment to international service and our determination to extend our impact beyond our immediate surroundings.

In conclusion, the Rotary Club of Toowoomba East has embraced the new year with enthusiasm, seizing the opportunity to engage in impactful international projects. The collaboration with the Warrnambool Rotary Club in supporting the PNG project reflects our commitment to making a difference globally. We look forward to the journey ahead and the transformative impact we can achieve by working together.

The PNG Project

Proudly helping PNG schools & communities help themselves



One of the PNG Project Group's objectives is to work with, train and provide infrastructure to PNG schools.

The PNG Projects Group is currently a partnership of 7 Rotary clubs and 4 other organisations. One of our project objectives is to assist with infrastructure upgrades, provide and distribute teaching materials, books & sports equipment to PNG schools.

Planned work

Currently, as a consequence of a lack of a suitable classrooms and equipment, the Popondetta Secondary School does not have a vocational education program. To address this we have been asked by the Principal for assistance in rebuilding and equipping two vocational training workshops on the school site. These facilities would be used for teaching students building and metal working practices.

The school has two extremely dilapidated structures (see images to the right) that we have committed to rebuild and re-equip as training workshops.

In July 2019 a team travelled to PNG to commence the project. As funds are extremely limited we were only to replace the roof only on one of the buildings.

It is our intention, during 2019-2023, to raise additional funds for the completion of the first building and purchase workshop machinery, equipment and hand tools.

We need the funds to purchase roofing materials for the second structure, cladding and lining materials for both structures, electrical wiring, plumbing and the purchase of machine and hand tools.

Can you help us help the PNG communities help themselves?

To find out more about our work and how you can be involved contact:

Tony Austin

PNP Projects Group Coordinator
taustin@westvic.com.au
+61 400 688 941



- The PNG Project is supported and/or endorsed by:
- Mr Sakias Tameo, PNG Deputy High Commissioner
 - Rotary Club of Warrnambool (Victoria)
 - Rotary Club of Geelong (Victoria)
 - Geelong DIK (Victoria)
 - Rotary Club of Warrnambool East (Victoria)
 - Rotary Club of Warrnambool Daybreak (Victoria)
 - Rotary Club of Mount Martha (Victoria)
 - Rotary Club of Wyward (Tasmania)
 - Rotary Club of Boroko (PNG)
 - Warrnambool Water (Victoria)
 - Aussie Broadband
 - The Medical Re-purposing Network Inc. (NSW)
 - The Ora Communitas Service Foundation (PNG)

The PNG Project is an endorsed project of Rotary Club of Warrnambool, District 9780, Victoria, Australia.
Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS) project Number 37-2017-2018

Scholarships In Kathmandu, Nepal

The Club has been supporting four students at The Annapurna School of Science and Management in Kathmandu, Nepal. These scholarships were awarded to Ms. Shiwani Bhatta, Ms. Sashika Ghimire, Ms Khusi Shrestha and Mr. Abhishek Lama, when Past President Steve Rees suggested to his Board that this funding would greatly assist students from families struggling to provide an educational path for their children. Each year the within the International Director's role, the Club's Board considers the school's request for funding for these students who span year groups from Grade seven to Grade 10. AUD \$2,500 was provided in April 2023 as funding for the next years scholarship for the four students.

Steve Rees Scholarship

Funding of a scholarship for one female student to progress from Grade Seven to Grade 12 commenced in April 2023 following the agreement of the terms of the scholarship by the Rees family and the Annapurna School on 9 November 2022. Funds for this scholarship were raised as a meaningful way of continuing Steve's legacy to support these scholarships following his untimely death in 2022. The Rees family are committed to ensure the future viability of these funds held in trust by the Club.

Steve Rees and Susan Academic Excellence Award

In honour of Past President Steve Rees, the creation of the Academic Excellence Award as an initiative by The Annapurna School is greatly appreciated by the Rees family and the Club. In the words of the School Principal, Chandra Prakash Rajbhandari, "The school family will remember Stephen Rees forever. That is why, the school management has established one academic excellence award in the name of Stephen Rees as "Stephen Rees and Susan Academic Excellence Award." The inaugural Excellence Award recipient was Miss Bebina Poudel, Grade 6 student.

Funding

The Scholarship amounts are transferred to the RC Thamel, Kathmandu, Nepal, the Club once the amount required to fund the scholarships is determined each year. These funds are then transferred to the Financial Controller of the Annapurna School to sustain the scholarships in the name of the recipients.

Reports

The Club's Board has asked that a report on each student's progress is provided every six months. Additionally, a photo of the scholarship recipient with a brief personal description of the student has also been requested so that RCTE members are fully aware of the scholarship program and its recipients.

Mark Winter



An Email from the school In Annapurna School of Science and Management in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Dear Henry
Namaste
Good Greetings

Hope everything is well over there. We are very much delighted and thankful for the support that your club has provided to sponsor the underprivileged students. We have received the funds from the president that you sent through RC Thamel. You are very well known about the four students; however in short, we would like to introduce them once again.

1. Ms. Siwani Bhatta, Grade X, Gorkha district, at present living in rented room, no father. Mother is working as a supportive staff.
2. Ms. Khusi Shrestha, Grade VI, Dolakha district, at present living at Mahaboudha in a small rented room. Father's both kidneys failure and treatment under hemodialysis twice a week. Mother is working as a maid.
3. Ms. Sashika Ghimire, Grade VI. She has no mother and living with father and is doing job on a daily nominal-wage basis.
4. Abhishek Lama, Grade V. He has no mother and father and staying with his grand-aunt.

Regarding the Steve Rees Scholarship, we have selected **Ms. Sarita Pahari** of Grade 7 as per the criteria given. She has no father and is living with her mother. Her mother works as a maid and living in a rented room. She has been doing well in her studies.

Please convey our good wishes to Susan for her philanthropic work for girl child education. May god bless her and entire family and once again the family of Annapurna always remember Late Stephen Rees. We pray to God that his soul always rest in peace.

We have attached the photographs of the students with their guardians.

Best regards,
Chandra Prakash Rajbhandari





Fellowship Service Report 2022-23 Toby Sandell

Fellows, as the Fellowship and New Membership director I feel we have had a great year with so many opportunities to meet and further develop friendships within the many members of the club and their partners.

Some of the events Over the past year have been President's Drinks at Rosalie House Vineyards, the Royal Hotel, Muller Bros rooftop bar and again on the deck of Toowoomba Golf Club after our annual Rotary Golf Day in May.



We had a great Christmas Party thanks to our hosts Doc & Pam Smith at their home in Burns St with so many members attending and the entertaining was complete with the puppet show organised by our very own Craig Mathieson. (Although Doc tried his best to steal the attention that night, we all had a great time and I would like to extend a massive thank you from us all to the Smith's for opening up their home and all the preparation work that went in to make this happen.)



A special mention also goes out to Craig Mathieson for organising the Observation Drive which was a great day out and concluded at Gav & Jacque's home in Hampton. Well done, Craig on a well planned and executed event.

Craig was also instrumental in putting together the Whiskey with Wendy evening. From all reports this was another successful evening and lots of fun was had by all who attended.



This year we have sadly lost 2 of our members, Steve Rees and Cliff Hughes. We all miss them both very much and both were very much loved by us all.

We have had resignations from:

Richard Black

Doug Trenham

Chase Tydings

Chris Warmington.

We thank them all for their contribution to the club over the years and wish them all the best in the future.

On a brighter note, we have had a great number of new members join the club. These are Jim Charlton, Shane Fisher, Rob Baryla, Andrew Beck, Matt Service, Mark Redman, Cameron Ashmore & Wayne Barnett.

Overall, In the words of the great Perry Dayas, we have the best little Rotary club in the world, and it has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to help bring us all together throughout the year and I am sure you all agree!

Thank you for an amazing year in Rotary.

Toby Sandell

Director

Fellowship & New Membership.



Outback Getaway 23(OBG) Henry Campey and Philip Gillam



Outback Getaway 2023 Report

Phil Gillam

The theme for OBG 23 is 'Way out West' (where the rain don't fall....')

Following the challenging drama's (Covid 19 lockdowns) and setbacks (significant rain events) experienced during the running of OBG 21, the OBG 23 committee were keen to plan a trip that could run free of hassles. Planning began early in 2022 with a reconnoiter of the proposed trip completed in July. The planned route was to have seen the tour conclude at Adele's Grove (Lawn Hill Gorge) but damage to roads and facilities in the region has forced us to make late changes.

The tour has been reduced to 7 days instead of the usual 8.

The Route starts in Toowoomba on Saturday 5th August with stops in Dunkeld, Morven, Eromanga, Windorah, Diamantina Lakes, Boulia, Mt Isa, Mary Kathleen, Cloncurry, Winton, Lake Dunn and concludes at Barcardine on the evening of Friday 12th August



Some new faces on the committee have brought fresh ideas, enthusiasm and a committed work ethic that will see OBG retain its position as RCTE major fundraising event.

Phil Gillam – Chairperson, Route, Promotion

Matt Wentzel – Logistics.

Russell Mann – Assistant Logistics, Marshall, Merchandise,

Peter Burrows – Sponsorship, Auction and raffle.

Doc Smith – Assistant Sponsorship, Auction and raffle

Toby Sandell – Auctioneer, Entertainment / Sergeant- assisted by **Gav Roberts**

Henry Campey – Administration, Promotion, Treasurer

Dave Birrell and Gavin Roberts – Assistant Administration.



We are again fortunate to have the special talents of Steve and Barney to entertain each night.

Thanks to Mick Marangelli from Anzac Avenue Service Centre for the security of having a competent mechanical backup and sweep vehicle.

At the time of writing this report, we expect to have 50 people participating on the 2023 tour.



Sponsors and Supporters

Without the generosity of sponsors and supporters, OBG could not achieve the results it does. **MTA Travel** (Wendy Allen) have again supplied a fabulous prize for our major raffle.

Toowoomba Toyota (Brett Motton) have again committed 2 vehicles for official duties.

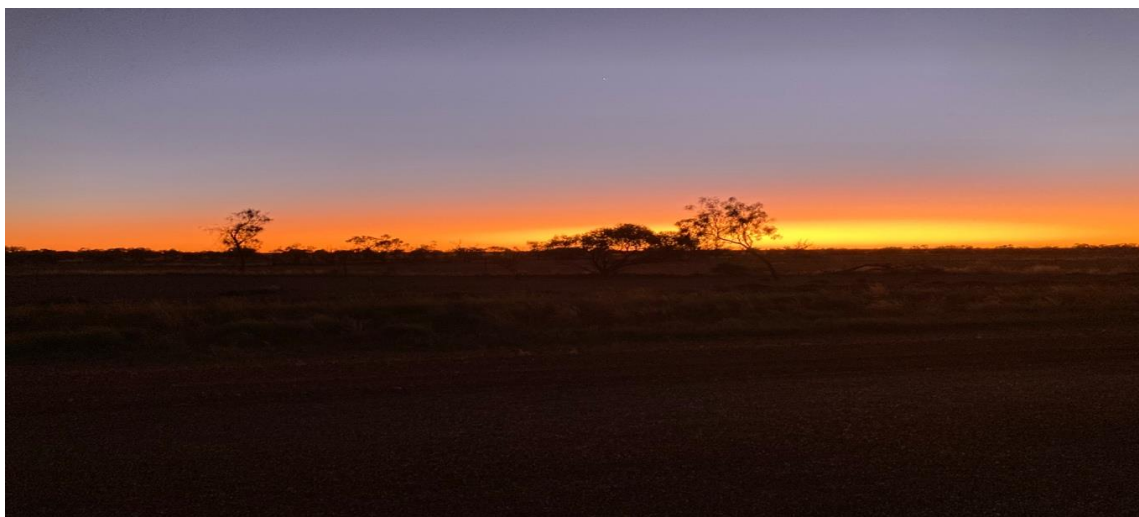
To avoid the risk of leaving any names out, I will leave the recognition of all remaining supporters until the event has been completed. The OBG committee appreciate the donations of auction and raffle items, the selling of tickets and the support from members and the general public.

The Departure dinner will be held at the Toowoomba Golf Club again this Year on the evening of Friday 4th August and we expect a good rollup and support from the RCTE members to make it a great social event as well as a financial success.

Major Beneficiaries

Base Services inc., Riding for the Disabled, Tony's Community Kitchen Ltd.

Funds raised by OBG support many of the community projects that the Rotary Club of Toowoomba East become involved in.



OBG 25

As always, some preliminary discussions occur regarding route options for the next OBG.

It may be time that the whole concept gets a makeover to better reflect the preferences of the average participant. OBG 25 may alter significantly from the last 5 or 6 tours, so **'watch this space'**.

Phil Gillam

OBG 2023 Coordinator

Many thanks to all our supporters without whose generosity OBG could not be a success.

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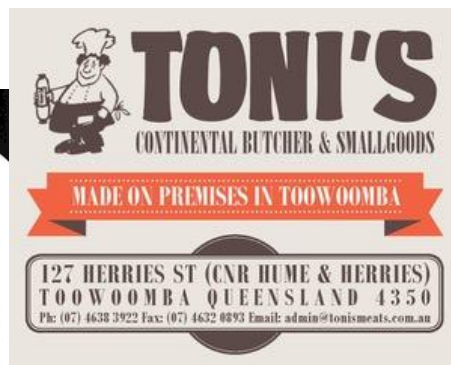
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14TH CHARITY GOLF DAY- FRIDAY 5 MAY 2023

RCTE Foundation and Fundraising Director:

Matt Wentzel

Committee:

John Liley, Andy Burke, Graham Christensen, Rod Brown and Henry Campey

On the Day Helpers:

Sue Reynolds, Ian Humphrey, Harry Spencer, Doc Smith, Rod Brilliant, Craig Mathieson, Doug O'Neil, Jim Kennedy and Jeff Martin.



Another successful Charity Golf Day event was held in perfect weather at the Toowoomba Golf Club's magnificent Middle Ridge golfing facilities. With 24 teams including 18 Sponsors, a team from YellowBridge and the Rotary Club of Cleveland, this year's event attracted 96 players and raised \$12,347. The support of all sponsors and individuals is very much appreciated, but particularly those sponsors who have supported the event since its inception in 2008. One of these being the Heritage Bank, which has certainly assisted in securing strong financial results.

The Heritage Bank Putting Competition, with the finals at the end of play, was very popular with all attending and proved a great boost to income on the day. The first prize-winner and two runners up were presented with Heritage Bank 'pink pig' banks with coins to the value of \$160 in total. Unbeknown to the putting golfers at the time, a fourth prize "piggy bank" consisting of two or three non-legal tender coins was awarded for the shortest putt.



Rod Brown weaved his raffle magic and was ruthless on the day for his "in the circle" golf shot onto the 18th green. In total, the 16 prize Raffle, putting and "in the circle" competitions raised over \$3,800, thanks to the generosity of local businesses and individuals. The first prize being generously donated through Club Member Peter Nalder of Storey's Auto Electrical and Air Conditioning.



The major beneficiary for the event this year was YellowBridge Queensland's program for emergency assistance for elderly local residents, especially assistance with restoring hot water supply. A cheque for \$7,000 was presented to YellowBridge CEO, Adrian Bonica to support this initiative.



RCTE sincerely thanks all the sponsors, players and particularly the Heritage Bank for its willingness to financially support this event. This support is never taken for granted and is greatly appreciated.

Long Weekend Getaway (LWG) 2022



The Rotary Club of Toowoomba East conducted the fourth Long Weekend Getaway from the 19th to the 21st of August. The success of the first three biennial events ensured that interest in this LWG was strong and 59 participants in 27 cars set off on the 3 day **fun, fellowship and fundraising** project.



The weather Gods were being kind and we had the best August weather possible for the event and a lovely crisp morning for the departure. Despite trying to maintain a “veil of secrecy” about the route, speculation among participants was pretty strong that we would be heading into Northern NSW and they were correct. Lex had delivered a new format for the trip notes

and that combined with the observation drive photos proved too much of a challenge for some and there were quite a few lost or “temporarily confused” LWG vehicles wandering the back roads of the Lockyer Valley as we headed for morning tea at the Summerland Camel Farm in Harrisville.



We then headed via some of the magic roads of the scenic rim to the Mount Lindesay Highway and lunch at the pub in Woodenbong. The afternoon drive took us via Kyogle and Lismore to our overnight digs in Ballina. A complementary

margarita

greeted the participants as we walked into our dinner venue. Everyone got into their best Hawaiian gear and sang along to the Jimmy Buffett songs to thoroughly enjoy the “Margaritaville” theme for the evening.

After breakfast the cars all headed up the hill and saw first hand some of the very demoralising flood damage in South Lismore before venturing onto Casino for “morning tea to share”. The next observation drive had us looking



only for letter boxes much to the frustration of those competitive souls on the trip. Lunch was on the magnificent deck of the Royal Hotel overlooking the Clarence River in Grafton. A busy Saturday afternoon had us driving up through the Gibraltar range towards the overnight stop at Glen Innes. Before the sun could go down a wee dram greeted the LWG participants with a tour of the Standing Stones. The Celtic theme didn't finish there as the “Tartan” theme dinner commenced with an amazing Haggis ceremony. It was a cracker of a night and the band of Chilli and Barney had us up singing and dancing until very late!





The frosty Sunday morning in Glen Innes was such a contrast to the barmy shorts weather of the coast the morning before. First stop this morning was the interesting Mining Museum in Emmaville before a morning tea stop in Tenterfield. The weekend concluded with a lovely lunch at the Granite Belt Brewery in Stanthorpe.

The LWG was also a success financially as the profit for Club Service project coffers was a touch over \$9,500. A lot of time and effort went into making the weekend run

smoothly thanks to the great committee. Many of the LWG participants had roles and contributed to the success of the weekend. Rod "Raffles" Brown was having a ball collecting money from people for the multi-draw raffle and AG Roger Klaassen along with John & Sheena Liley were very thorough as the sergeants for the weekend.

Plans are in the germinal stage for the next LWG in August 2024. Make sure you plan to come along!

Alistair Webb – Event Director

(LWG Committee – Alistair Webb, Craig Mathieson, Matt Wentzel and Lex Franks)



Youth Services Report 2022-2023 Geoff Kapernick



Youth Services – Rotary Year 2022 – 2023

| Project | Budget | Actual |
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| Interact St Saviours | \$1,000.00 | \$240.00 |
| Toowoomba Anglican School (Tentative) | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| RYDA - Rotary Youth Driver Award | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Award | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| RYPEN - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment | \$700.00 | \$700.00 |
| RYTS - Rotary Youth Transition Seminar | \$300.00 | \$0.00 |
| Science & Engineering Challenge | \$3,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) | \$1,000.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Pat Broderick Award | \$0.00 | \$1,600.00 |
| Total: | \$8,500.00 | \$3,940.00 |

The possibility of establishing an Interact Club at the Toowoomba Anglican School was taken up by another Rotary Club in Toowoomba.

Two students from the St Saviour's College, Amelia Interact President and Kiara, College Captain were supported to attend the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment Camp (RYPEN), which was held from 15 to 17 July 2022 at a cost of \$350.00 each.

President Gav is working with Adam Wenitong from Young Brutha, Geoff McDonald and myself regarding a mentorship program and On Country experience that they offer. This is a long term project which is likely to require the support of other Toowoomba Clubs.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable oversee the Youth Services Directorate during the period October 2022 till January 2023 and I would like to acknowledge the late Cliff Hughes who stepped in and did his usual brilliant job of managing this role.



Sharon Collins, Principal, Geoff Kapernick Rotary, Kirra Baker Interact President and Teacher, Adele Stretenovic

The ladies at St Saviour's College Interact Club were once again highly active in raising funds for various projects, including \$1,000 in their Pies for Polio and \$500 through of their Girls Night In, which they donated to the AEIOU Foundation. Recent research has indicated that this donation will provide assistance valued at \$3,000 to young people suffering with Autism.

The young ladies have already set themselves a significant target of \$2,400 towards providing a Midwife Buddy to assist mothers in Papua New Guinea.

I understand that some teachers from St Saviour's may find themselves in a sticky situation as they seek to assist in this goal.

The Science and Engineering Challenge is one of our Club's figurehead projects having been involved for 19 years. In 2023, UniSQ decided to fully fund the Challenge from its own resources and the usual contribution from our Club of \$3,000 was not required. This year a new category was introduced for students from year 5 and 6 as an introductory program. A total of 200 students from 8 schools attending this program on Monday 21 May 2023.

The remaining 4 days provided students exposure to a range of projects during which they were able to achieve project results with limited resources.

This project assisted approximately 1,000 year nine and ten students from 30 schools from Ipswich to St George to "dip their toes into" various STEM projects. It was particularly pleasing to see the students from Chinchilla and Warwick State High Schools take out their respective days.

I am very keen to celebrate our Club's 20-year involvement next year. Watch this space.

RYDA is a joint project of the local Rotary Clubs and I recommend that we continue our involvement both in a financial and labour basis. Unfortunately, in 2023, a RYDA experience clashed with the National Youth Science Experience making Ron Bowden's task of recruiting volunteers very hard indeed.

In 2022, the Rotary Club of Toowoomba east received only one application for the Rotary Youth Science Forum (RYSF). This applicant was taken under the wing of another Club.

RYSF in 2024 will be held in Canberra and in Brisbane for local participants. Early bird applications will close on 24 July 2023 with final applications closing on 14 August 2023. Over the past few years, we have supported some incredibly talented students and I recommend that we consider any worthwhile applicants should they be seeking assistance.

I have been promoting the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) to the Interactors. This program will be held from 13th to 15th October 2023 at Luther Heights Youth Camp - 1592 David Low Way, Coolumb Beach, as a couple of the club members attended last year and have spoken highly of the experience, there seems to be a level of interest.

Unfortunately for the Club we have once again failed to defeat the Debating team, I have been unable to recruit enough experienced members to take on the might of the St Saviour's Interactors Debating Team and despite the best efforts of Gary Campbell and Jim Charlton, they had to carry me as Number 2 in the team, but to no avail.



Geoff Kapernick, Director, Youth Services

President Elect 2023-2024

Andrew Kratzmann

The first major event was PETS.

I attended President Elect Training over the weekend of 11th and 12th of March 2023

It was held in the conference room at Oaks Hotel and was well attended with over 80 clubs represented as well as the Area Governors and the District Leadership Team.

Training topics included:

- The Role of the President
- Compliance – RI Requirements, Club Dues, Reporting
- My Rotary
- Youth Programs
- Club Runner
- Working with the District Leadership Team
- Strategic Plans – both District and at Club Level
- District Insurance

The incoming District Governor Paul talked about how Rotary is great at raising funds for other charities, but why don't we think about supporting our own Rotary Programs and Charities first.

In compliance they talked about the importance of Youth Declaration Forms, linking Blue Cards to the portal, logging projects in Club Central and checking if our club had a Sanction TO Collect submitted to the Office of Fair Trading.

Also talked at length about Insurance and managing risk and submitting any requests for insurance certificates of currency in plenty of time prior to any events.

It was both a daunting and an inspiring weekend. I felt like I learned a lot and enjoyed the interactions with the other incoming Presidents and members from the District Leadership Team.

Andrew Kratzmann



HONORARY MEMBER RECOGNITION



Chris Warmo Boet Warmington

Chris is a very worthy recipient of an Honorary membership to the Rotary Club of Toowoomba East. Not only has he an impressive track record with Rotary he has an equally long and comprehensive record of achievement in his chosen vocation, in professional associations of that vocation and in other community organisations.

Chris was a Charter member of the Rotary Club of Toowoomba Garden City in 1986. He then joined the Rotary Club of West Toowoomba in 1999. He was twice their President. He has served on the Board of Nakuru and on just about every other Club committee and Board Directorship that was humanely possible until West Toowoomba folded in 2011. He has been District Assistant Governor for three years between 2006 and 2010, District Probus Chairman, and member of several other district committees including Probus, GSE, PR and the District Training Scheme.

When Warmo realized we were the greatest little Rotary Club in the World he joined us in April 2011. Warmo was the diligent and thorough District Secretary to PDG Phillip Charles in 2014-2015 and has been the Club's Youth Protection Officer until current 2023. I know how much Chris has helped me with organizing two changeovers with all the invites and Programs and I am sure he has been doing this for the last thirteen years. There is no doubt that there is a lot that I have missed out about him as he is a man that can't and never says no to anything or anyone. He will be sadly missed at every club meeting, but I know he will visit us often!

It is with this outstanding history in Rotary that I wish to bestow Honorary Membership upon Chris Warmington.

A Paul Harris Fellow recognition is awarded to Rotarians and individuals who have exemplified the ideals of Rotary, through work in their clubs or through community work and achievements.

A Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) 'Sapphire award' is made to those who have continued to do outstanding works. The recognition pin contains one or more sapphires.

The PHF recognition is made only after a club or person has donated \$1000 USD to the Rotary Foundation for worldwide humanitarian works.

Our club has made more than 100 PHF recognitions since it was chartered in 1976.



PHF Recognition – TOBY SANDELL - 8 SEPTEMBER 2022



The Rotarian we know as 'Toby' was born on 23 February 1976 in Sweden. His real name is Torbjorn Bengt Sandell.

To firstly introduce the Toby many of us don't know too well Born to Bengt and Gunilla and brother to Anna-Karin, Toby attended most of his school years in his birthplace, Sunne, with senior years in Torsby, a small town not far from Sunne. In his youth he played ice hockey and football (soccer).

Toby completed his national service in Sweden and then went to Bosnia with the UN peacekeeping force for nearly 12 months.

In 1997, after his first posting in Bosnia, he embarked on a backpacking journey with his mate, Freddy. They spent time in Byron Bay and journeyed up the east coast including some banana picking in Tully. Toby also spent time scuba diving on his travels, gaining his qualifications as 'dive master'. He eventually arrived in the NT, where he (literally) camped with a few other backpackers at the famous Darwin Ski Club befriending some of the locals and doing some bar work there.

Of greater importance to the rest of Toby's story, he also met his now wife Alison, who was also backpacking around Australia and had friends working at the Ski Club. They were actually introduced by

Alison's son Zac, who was 5yrs old at the time. Zac would kick the soccer ball around with Toby on the grass near the tents. About a month later, Toby and Alison parted - Alison was continuing her backpacking; Toby was due to return home to Sweden. But they kept in contact and made plans for Alison to go to Sweden to see Toby at Xmas. More planning ensued and To-by came back to Australia to be with Alison and Zac in our Autumn, 1998.

During this trip, Toby was called up to do another term of peacekeeping service in Bosnia. Before leaving for Sweden, he and Alison were engaged with plans to marry after he had served his time in Bosnia. Alison Fraser and Toby were married in Toowoomba on 25 September 1999. All of Toby's family came from Sweden for the wedding.

Toby joined the West Wanderers soccer club as a player for several years and also coached Zac's soccer team for the next 3 years.

Toby and Alison have three daughters born 2002, 2003 and 2004. ('No mucking around', to quote Alison!) They are Mia, Isabella and Emma. Mia and Isabella are both university students studying nursing in Brisbane and residing at Women's College. Mia will finish her degree in a couple of months and has plans to travel back to Sweden next year to work, live and travel. Emma is in year 12 at St Ursula's and will be happy to finish school in a couple of months.

Toby and the girls have all only recently returned from spending some time in Sweden. Apart from 2020 and 2021, this has been an annual trip by Toby to Sunne during the northern Summer to spend time with his family. There was a wedding to celebrate there, but there was also sad-ness from the recent loss of Toby's grandmother at 102. Toby and Emma had spent Xmas 2019/2020 celebrating her 100th birthday. Alison describes her as an amazing woman and big influence on the family. Toby was extremely close to her.

As we all know, Toby loves keeping fit and he has continued to be involved in sport in some way or another since settling in Australia: Soccer, Coaching and Triathlons all over the place. Toby participated in the Steve Waugh 'Captains Ride' in 2019 as part of a team to raise funds for charity. After he hung up his cycling cleats some years ago he took up Muay Thai (Thai boxing), meeting at and working with the residents of Teen Challenge. He trains and assists with grading students. Nearly every year he receives an award and recognition from this sport. As an ex-servicemen, Toby has also been involved with Mates4Mates and Legacy.

Our Toby is not a man to be trifled with!!! He has even taken up the rugged sport of golf!!!!

Toby has always supported his children in their sports – Zac's soccer, athletics, futsal, cricket, rugby, and Mia, Bella and Emma's swimming, netball, touch and rugby.

Toby as businessman

If we hadn't already been thrashed by Toby in a sporting comp, some of us first came across him when he entered the world of real estate with Peter Snow & Co in 2003. Toby was a natural and in 2012 ventured further afield to open his own business franchise with McGrath's Real Estate and, more recently, The Agency. His success and reputation for fair dealing made him an ideal candidate for Rotary and John Liley was proud to nominate him for membership of Toowoomba East. He was inducted on 19 May 2016. Toby's enthusiasm for the Club and community service knows no bounds and since then Toby has served the Club as Director Community Service, International Service, Vocational & Membership, member of the OBG Committee for the last 3 events (Auctioneering, Marketing, Entertainment and Sergeant). As we all know, the most recent one in 2022 (postponed from 2021) was hugely challenging.

A postscript

On New Year's Day 2016, Toby and Alison became grandparents to Zac's son, Bjorn, named in honour of Toby. Zac told Alison that he only hoped he could emulate the father that Toby is and has been to him. To name his son after Toby was a way, he felt he could honour him. There probably is no greater tribute than that.

Congratulations Toby on your Paul Harris Fellow.



PHF Recognition Presented at Awards Day.

PHF citation for Sheryl Weston.

Apart from undertaking educational activities to further her working qualifications, she worked in various roles in Toowoomba.

In 2011, Sheryl joined Inner Wheel and has been an active volunteer in almost every project the club has undertaken.

After retirement, Sheryl volunteered by escorting Fairholme students to medical appointments and also drove for Meals on Wheels. Sheryl now assists in the office of St James Anglican Church and commenced as a driver for Angel Flight in 2017. She has achieved over 100 individual driver 'pickups' for Angel Flight and is now also President of the St Andrews Hospital Auxiliary committee.

Overall, it is great to see such a humble and active volunteer, never hesitating to assist others.

In recognition of a true community volunteer, we nominate Sheryl as a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow.



PHF Recognition Presented at Changeover.

PHF Recognition 2nd (1 Sapphire) – ROGER KLAASSEN



Roger was born in Lismore a long time ago and moved to Queensland almost straight away. Roger has always been adventurous and at about three and a half, the police dropped him home after finding him climbing the bridge railing over East Creek in Hume Street! Roger was educated at St Joseph's Primary School, Downlands College and then at the DDIAE (USQ and more recently UniSQ). It was at DDIAE that Roger was first exposed to computers and what was to become a lifetime interest and now a career.

Another of Roger's interests was cooking and he trained with chefs at the various Lords Restaurants. This training culminated in the opening of a seafood restaurant in Bell St called "The Galley". When the partnership around the Galley foundered, Roger spent a stint in Cairns with his brother Michael. Roger returned to Toowoomba where he got married, was head chef at Colonial Motel, Withcott Hotel and then in 1989 bought the Coachman Hotel. With the pending arrival of a family, twins Nick and Rheanna the decision was made to sell the Coachman in 1995. Then with the birth of their son Mathew, Roger became a stay-at-home Dad in a house built in Carnation Court and did a lot of cooking at night in various establishments. A critical moment came in 2007 when assisting his father managing Eastgate, Roger set up the computer system and used the skills he had learnt at UNI and realized that his knowledge and passion in the area was something he wanted to explore further. He started working from home and in 2011 he bought the "Computer Troubleshooters" franchise. The rest, as we say is history!

During all this time Roger's generous nature shone through and he was guilty of not charging for a lot of small jobs or the supply of some spare part that came from out the back. Roger joined Rotary in 2011 and ever since has been deeply involved by taking on various roles such as President 2018-19, Bulletin Editor, Sergeant at arms, photographer and the general technology bloke keeping everyone connected when general and Board meetings had to be held via Zoom during the Covid-19 pandemic shutdown periods. To put it briefly Roger is a very busy man who doesn't seem to me to get enough daily hours of shut eye!

Since I joined Rotary in 2015 the "Computer Troublemaker" has given so much of his time to not only our Club but also Rotary as a whole. Although I was aware of his good deeds, I did not actually realize how much he does until this year when I became President! Roger has served on my Board as the Director of Marketing and Communications, he continues to produce and circulate the Easterly bulletin each week, he looks after keeping our website running and updated, he organizes the presentation for our guest every week and he does all the official photography.

He gives free time to many charitable organisations by helping them with their computer troubles. This is done on the quiet and he does not ever seek any recognition. He is our current Area Governor (AG) and in this role attends his cluster of Club's meetings on a regular basis not to mention conducting a monthly meeting of the Cluster Presidents so we can all keep in touch with what's happening in our area. I can phone Roger any time of the day for advice or a favour and he always says "not a problem, I'll do it."

Roger compiles the annual Report each year under immense time constraints and pressure but somehow, he finds those extra hours in his days to get it to the printers on time! Roger is just a really good bloke and dedicated Rotarian and a very worthy recipient of a PHF (F2).

Congratulations Roger.

PHF Recognition 3rd (2 Sapphires) – PETER NALDER



Peter joined our Club in 2000 and has been an outstanding contributor ever since. He has been a Board Member and Committee Chair almost every year since 2004, serving in many different roles and often stepping in to fill vacancies at the last minute to help out the incoming President (like me!).

He was recognized as a PHF in 2007 and 2019. He has served many years on the Committee of Outback Getaway (OBG) which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars since it's inception. He has been a great support to many Presidents in various administrative activities.

Ever since I joined Rotary in 2015 Piston Pete has been heavily involved in Rotary be it in background work or holding various positions on the Board.

2016-17 – Club Administration

2017-18 – Club Care Officer

2018-19 – Club Care Officer

2019-20 – Club Care Officer

2020-21 – Membership & Fellowship

2021-22 – He thought he had hung up his boots!

2022-23 – After much persuading and pushing and mostly thanks to Kim for putting pressure on the other side, he agreed to become my trusted Secretary.

Those of you who know me and how organized I am will know that without such a dedicated man like Piston as my Secretary I wouldn't have been able to get through this year. Nothing was ever a problem for him. His friendship, organizational skills and his biggest nemesis being he always wanted to help me. As

far as Rotary goes, he is a font of knowledge and if he did not have an answer, it was not long before he gave it to me. He is the most dedicated behind the scenes Rotarian I know. With all these good attributes he is a very worthy recipient of a PHF (3)

Congratulations Piston Pete you deserve this award.

PHF Recognition 3rd (2 Sapphires) – HENRY CAMPEY



Henry was born in Sydney but as young boy he moved to Brisbane. He completed his high schooling at Balmoral High where he was Head Boy in his final year. His love of the water developed as a teenager being a sea scout and crewing on several Brisbane to Gladstone yacht races.

He joined the Navy in 1967, more to fulfil his father's wishes than his own, as he dearly would like to have been an architect. So he duly enlisted for the minimum requirement and left some 25 years later! He trained as an Aircrew Officer and so was able to combine his love of the sea and flying. As a young naval seaman in 1968 he was selected to join the American Navy in Pensacola USA, to train as a Navigator/Observer. On his return to the Royal Australian Navy, he continued his observer training and was posted to Wessex Helicopters and here his passion for helicopters really began. The next few years saw tours on frontline squadrons on board HMAS Melbourne. In late 1974 he was part of the emergency Navy group sent to Darwin on board the HMAS Melbourne to help with the recovery after Cyclone Tracey.

The following year he was posted to the United Kingdom to do a Helicopter Warfare Instructor's Course. He was the first Australian Naval Aviator to be selected which was followed with a two-year posting to the Royal Navy in helicopter squadrons. It was in England that Kate his first child was born. He returned to Nowra in late 1977 and was soon posted to the Navy Headquarters in Canberra. In 1980 Henry was selected to be Equerry to HRH Prince Charles for his 1980 visit to Australia. Then in 1981 he was honoured to be asked to be an usher at the Royal wedding of HRH Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer in the UK. With all this excitement over it was back to Navy Headquarters for Henry. During these years two more daughters were born, Sarah and Alice.

In 1982 Henry became Commanding Officer of a squadron in Nowra followed by a posting back to Canberra as Chief Officer Operations to the Military General of Defence. This role led to extensive travel throughout Asia and America with the General. Henry's final role in the Navy was back in Nowra as Commander Air of the Naval Air Station. As this time, he took up a very strong interest in the development and funding of the Naval Aviation Museum and became its first Director after raising the millions needed for its establishment.

After leaving the Navy Henry joined the Dept of Arm (Public Service side) but this was short lived. It was at this time that the family decided to move to Brisbane where he took up his first role in a school namely St Pauls as Fundraising Director. This followed with a similar role in Adelaide at Seymour College which is where he and Sue began their lives together and three daughters then became six daughters! In 1999 they moved to Toowoomba for Henry to take up his role at The Glennie School where he worked until his retirement some 18 years later in 2017! It was through my connection with The Glennie School that I had the good fortune to meet Henry when we became part of the wonderful school community in May 2001.

Henry joined the Rotary Club of Toowoomba East in 2001 and his skills were very soon in action as Director of Fundraising. He served the Club in several other capacities ie Social Director, coordinator of the weekly bulletin, co-author of the Oracle (Club policies), Club President 2015-16, International Director and Tour Director of OBG in 2018. Henry helped organize and run many Club International Dinners which again

highlighted his exceptional organisational ability and tenacity to produce events of a very high quality. Whether in the Navy, in schools or in our very own Rotary Club Henry has always worked with great professionalism and absolute dedication.

After many years of asking me to accompany him to a Rotary meeting Henry was finally my sponsor to his great club in 2015 after attending my first OBG in the same year. He was Vice-President 2020/2021 for Steve Rees, Vice President 2022/2023 for me and incoming Vice- President for PE Andrew 2023/2024. In 2015 was his first position in the OBG committee as entertainment Director, then 2017 he commenced his current role as Bossman! From then on he was unstoppable his extraordinary work for the Outback Getaway (OBG) biannual events nothing short of absolute dedication to his task at hand. His attention to every detail is perfect. From his correspondence to his checks and balances, nobody can fault a single thing and the events run like clockwork. He puts in hours and hours of work to these great Club fundraising events. He has rewritten the oracle which is a great reference book of the Club's Policies. He has organised two emerging leaders meeting with follow up correspondence to ensure the continuity of our Club.

Most recently Henry has worked tirelessly to set up the Late "Stephen Rees Scholarship" at the Annapurna School of Science and Management in Kathmandu , Nepal. Henry has been such a knowledgeable and most professional Vice President for me during my term for which I am most grateful. I have no doubt that he will also be the same for PE Andrew in 2023-24.

I thank you and I salute you Henry. Congratulations on receiving your PHF recognition.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION (PHF) – STEVE REES POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED



Steve commenced work as a solicitor in 1982 after completing a law degree at what was then known as the Queensland Institute of Technology. He worked at Cleary and Lee and became a partner after only two years. before setting up his own practice, Rees Law in 1994. Steve was a practicing lawyer in his 40th year when he passed away.

He was a president of the Downs and South Wester Law Association. Always the leader and wanting to contribute. He was an accredited specialist in Family law with the Queensland Law Society (QLS) for over 25 years. At one time Rees Law was the only law firm in Toowoomba which had two family law specialists on staff.

He was a senior counsellor for over 12 years. This was his way of giving back to the law. He was always available to provide guidance and assistance to other lawyers who needed help. He did this willingly and went further than many would have otherwise to assist those in need. Steve was also a mediator for the Queensland Small Business Commissioner. In the final two years of his life, he mediated over forty disputes between landlords and tenants in this role. He had a very high success rate in the mid 90 percents, when his fellow mediators were only achieving in the mid-50s. He was very proud of this record.

Steve co-founded the Toowoomba Community Legal Service, now known as TASC in 1982 with a group of other lawyers. The aim of this organisation was to provide legal advice to those who would not otherwise be able to afford it. This organisation has grown into a community service organisation which assists over 3000 people per year across Southwestern and Southern Queensland.

Steve "Sir Barry Gibbs" joined our Rotary Club on 18 Oct 2017 being introduced by Perry Dayas. From the minute he joined the Toowoomba East Rotary Club he totally immersed himself in all things Rotary. To those of you who knew Steve, nothing was ever done by half. In 2020/2021 he held the position of International Service Director. In 2020/2021 Steve put his hand up to be President of the club as there were no other takers. A brave and bold move as he had only been in the club for two and a half years. What a great job he did during his term.

In 2021/2022 he was Immediate Past President on the board. On the 8th of July 2022 the world lost a truly great human being when Steve passed away. At Steve's funeral it really made us realize as to how little we really knew of Steve's extremely full life. The Eulogy read by his business partner Lindsay at his funeral really opened our eyes as to how much good work he done his whole life for humanity and the local Toowoomba community.

Not only did I always consider Steve to be my good friend but the whole Club loved Steve. If ever there was a worthy recipient of a posthumous PHF our friend Steve "Sir Barry Gibbs" deserves it.







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