

Rotary



**Central
Melbourne**

37 years of service

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A HISTORY OF ROTARY CENTRAL MELBOURNE Inc

formerly

Rotary Club of Port Phillip-Melbourne 1987-1998

Rotary Club of Central Melbourne - Sunrise Inc 1998-2016

PART 2

2022 – 2024

DISTRICT 9800, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

PREFACE

In the year 2000 PP John Meehan OAM began to record the Club's history and with assistance from myself with the scanning of photos and layout the first printed edition titled "the first thirteen years" was published in hard copy. John relied on the fading memories of the early Presidents and laboured through the archives of past Club bulletins and board minutes. The "pre-digital" or hard copy records were well preserved and stored.

A second edition was published in 2007 titled "the first twenty years of service" and this brought the historical records up to date and included many more photos. We now have our own secure off-site storage unit for both records and memorabilia which should serve the Club well in future years. Digital photos are now stored on the internet and are readily available for members to peruse.

The third edition titled "Twenty-Five Years of Rotary" was made available only on disk and not in hard copy in an endeavour to avoid the increasing printing costs and to make it freely available to members to read on their computers, mobiles or tablets etc.

Since John's retirement I have continued the recording of the Club's history and this latest edition incorporates the first three and is titled "one score and ten" (for the "youngins" this means 30) or "three decades young".

Enjoy travelling down memory lane.

PP Marjorie Gerlinger

Club Historian to 2020

Change is inevitable and Marjorie has moved interstate. The baton as Club Historian has now passed to me, with much early assistance from Marjorie. I have continued the practice of updating the history each year as a valuable record of the many services supported by our club.

After the 35-year history was completed, it was obvious that the file size necessary to fit future years was becoming unmanageable. Therefore, from 2022-23, the history has been divided into two parts – part 1 comprising 1987-2022 and part 2 comprising 2023 onwards. Both parts will be available on the club's web page.

PP John Ilott

Club Historian 2020 - current

INTRODUCTION

Rotary began in 1905 with a meeting of four men in a bustling part of Chicago, Illinois, USA. On the evening of 23 February 1905, a young lawyer named Paul Harris felt somewhat lost and alone in the sprawling city of Chicago and met with three friends to discuss an idea that he had been developing. The idea was that businessmen would get together periodically in the spirit of camaraderie to enjoy each other's company and to enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances.

Out of their discussions came the idea of a club whose membership would be limited to one representative from each business and profession. Weekly meetings would be held at each member's place of business in turn. This was designed to acquaint the members with one another's vocation and to promote business. Hence the name "ROTARY" which was adopted later.

Word of this new organisation spread rapidly and soon membership increased to the point that it was no longer practical to meet at a member's place of business. Thus began the practice to hold weekly meetings at restaurants, hotels and public places. In 1910, Rotary held its first convention and Paul Harris was elected President of an association of sixteen clubs.

ROTARY became international, when in 1911, it established a club in Winnipeg, Canada followed by London and Ireland later that year. The Rotary organisation was the forerunner of other great service clubs, such as Kiwanis International in 1915, Lions International in 1917 and the women's service organisation – Zonta International in 1919.

BIRTH OF A NEW CLUB

ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA

Rotary stretched across the Pacific Ocean in 1921 when two Rotarians, James Davidson of Calgary, Canada and Lt. Col. Layton Ralston of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, reached Sydney on 22nd March. Because their arrival coincided with Easter holidays they proceeded immediately to Melbourne to meet Sir John Monash, Professor W.A. Osborne and other interested parties. As a result, on the 1st April 1921, with 37 charter members, the first Rotary Club in Australia – the Rotary Club of Melbourne – was admitted to what we now know as Rotary International.

Exactly one month later, on 1st May 1921, the Rotary Club of Sydney was similarly admitted with a charter membership of 35.

Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, died in January 1947 at age 79 having visited Melbourne in 1935 at the invitation of his friend Angus Mitchell. The District then covered the southern parts of Australia known as District 65 comprising only 26 clubs.

The Charter President of Melbourne Club was Professor William Osborne and the Club provided Rotary with its first Australian as Rotary International President, Sir Angus Mitchell in 1948-49. Over a period of 78 years, the Melbourne Club has sponsored 27 Clubs by the process of ceding territory to new Clubs, to the stage where its territorial limits now do not extend much beyond the Central Business District (CBD).

BIRTH OF A NEW CLUB

On 24th September 1986 the Melbourne Club took another significant step by voting at their Board to organise an additional club in the CBD. Soon after, the then District Governor John King appointed one of his Special Representatives (DGR) to direct the formation of the new club which would share its territory with the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

The DG Special Representative was Ray Forrest and his first task was to form a committee of Melbourne Club members that comprised a wholly supportive President in John Edmonds (1986-87), Les Bradley, the hard working Secretary of the committee, Geoff Cox, Peter Fraser, Ray Hornsby, Tony Kosky (organiser of the Charter Night), Ken MacDonald, Peter Parkin, Les Perrott (Master of Ceremonies at the Charter Night), Ken Power, Jeff Teele and Geoff Vine.

The committee considered many potential candidates for charter membership and a special interest meeting was held at Westpac Banking Corporation premises on 12th February 1987 which was attended by prospective members. The number, for one reason or another, was finally narrowed down to the 39 members listed in the programme for Charter Night. On the 2nd March 1987, the Provisional Rotary Club of Port Phillip, Melbourne met for the first time in the Duke of Edinburgh Room at the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV) in Queen Street, Melbourne.

On 23rd March, the Officers and Directors of the Provisional Rotary Club of Port Phillip, Melbourne were elected and the Club met regularly thereafter on a Monday morning at 7.45am for 8.00am under the leadership of Charter President Elect, Terry Cocks.

CHARTER NIGHT

On Friday evening, 1st May 1987, at the Southern Cross Hotel, members of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and over 300 other Rotarians, not only from District 980 (now 9800) but from Clubs throughout Victoria, welcomed the new Club and celebrated its admission to Rotary International with 39 Charter Members. The Club's Charter and induction ceremony was carried out by the District Governor John King, assisted by Special Representative, Ray Forrest.

The evening's ceremony was in the capable hands of Melbourne Club Rotarian Les Perrott (who was later to become President of his Club in 1989-90). Speakers at the charter ceremony included the then President of Melbourne Club, John Edmonds; the popular and incoming World President of Rotary International, Royce Abbey; President of the Rotary Club of Flemington, Les Williams; and our own Charter President Terry Cocks and his Vice President, Dr. Barry Gilbert.

Each member of the new Club present at the charter ceremony was presented with a Charter Member's lapel badge and two special gifts from the Melbourne Club – an engraved egg cup (recognising the role of a breakfast Club) and an autographed copy of "A History of Service 1921-1986" – a record of the progress of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. It was quickly noticed from the history that the Port Phillip-Melbourne Club began its charter with 39 members – two more than Melbourne did 66 years before! It was remarked that "if we continue to be a few in front of Melbourne then we are going to have a mighty future"!

It is interesting to note that the actual Charter certificate dated 3rd April 1987 was not presented to the new Club at the ceremony and was not available until a month later. Although the number of charter members was 39 only 35 were present on the evening as a result of some being overseas or unable to attend because of illness. From the original list, potential members Des Powell and David Purchase did not proceed with charter membership.

FIRST GUEST SPEAKERS

The first guest speaker at the first official weekly meeting held at the RACV, Duke of Edinburgh Room was The Hon Mr Justice Treyvand of the Family Court of Australia who spoke on family law. The previous Monday morning meeting was addressed by Rotarian Ian Robinson, who was an adviser on real estate to a number of private superannuation funds. He told the members that "real estate is going through a turbulent time. It does however still represent a sound long-term investment. The present real estate boom was producing an over-heated market!" How many times have we heard those words!

FIRST OFFICIAL DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

This occurred on the 14th September 1987 and was attended by 90 members and partners at the Roof Garden of the RACV. It took the form of a formal dinner and a video presentation by District Governor, Ian Knight. It was by all accounts an extravaganza night with invitees Les Perrott, John Edmonds and John Urbahns, Ray Forrest, Les Bradley and Tony Kosky – all members of our sponsor club, Melbourne. As a result of the good work of the membership chairman, Barrie Tassell, four new members were inducted into the Club that night.

FIRST BIRTHDAY

Held on 1st May 1988 in the surroundings of the Southern Cross Hotel. The guest speaker was Katharine West who spoke on "New Directions for Australia". President Terry presented a cheque for \$2,500 to the Baker Institute for the purchase of a bench centrifuge unit, and fifteen members were presented with a rake in anticipation of their efforts for the "Keep Australia Beautiful Council".

CLUB NAME

The original application to Rotary International was for the Club name, "The Rotary Club of Port Phillip, Melbourne" (note the comma) however, subsequent correspondence made it clear that a hyphen must separate the word Phillip from Melbourne because, officially, the name of a club includes its state and country. "This would therefore indicate that your club was the Rotary Club of Port Phillip in the State of Melbourne". Accordingly, the full title of our club was ruled to be 'The Rotary Club of Port Phillip-Melbourne, Victoria, Australia'. Our Club charter document was amended accordingly. This may have contributed to the delay of one month in receiving the charter certificate.

In the year 1996-1997 following a change of State Government and a re-alignment of municipal boundaries, a separate council of Port Phillip was created in the bayside area. This left our Club with a name that no longer identified with the locality of the Melbourne CBD. The Board determined to change the Club name to the "Rotary Club of Central Melbourne". However, following representations from our mother Club, The Rotary Club of Melbourne, a compromise was reached the following year and a further name change was registered as "The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise" to reflect both the locality and a breakfast club. The new name was formally registered as from 1st July 1998.

During 2016 we commenced the process to again change the name of the Club to better describe who the club is and for the name to be simpler, clearer and more contemporary. After a detailed review of the process by which this could be achieved and a series of communications and discussions with members and other stakeholders the proposal to change the name to Rotary Central Melbourne was put to members in June 2016 and approved by Rotary International and Consumer Affairs in July 2016.

CLUB BOUNDARIES AND LOCALITY

The original boundary for the club is described as "that portion of the Municipality of the City of Melbourne south of Victoria Parade and Victoria Street and its extension to the Williamstown railway line; and South of that railway line, excluding the area to the South of Dynon Road and West of Railway Canal". In 2004, Rotary International changed the standard Club Constitution to enable Clubs to redefine their boundary or territory that will identify it with its locality. Our Club locality was amended in our Constitution to replace the above to simply – "Within the Greater City of Melbourne".

The 36th Year - 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023

President:	Rohan Williams
Vice Presidents:	Therese Robinson; Neville Taylor
Secretary:	Paul Fowler
Treasurer:	Doug Robertson
President Elect:	Michelle Crawford

COMMITTEES:

Community Club	Michelle Crawford
International	Suvam Ganguli
Vocational	Cecily Neil
Youth	Ignacio Inchausti
Foundation:	Rhys Williams
Fundraising:	Elias Lebbos
Membership:	Campbell Chambers
	Neville John



President Rohan Williams

Bulletin:	Daniel Lim
District Governor:	Amanda Wendt
Assistant Governor:	Murray Anderson
R.I. President:	Jennifer Jones
Rotary Theme	<i>Imagine Rotary</i>

Membership:	1 st July 2022:	58
	30 th June 2023:	62

New Members: Annet Brouwer (Civil Law – Non-Profit), Amir Dast Aviz (Tertiary Teaching), Grace Davidson (Education), Puja Ganguli (Innovation Consulting and Lecturer), Jo Garretty (Engineering – Traffic Management), Kerrie Hicks (Leadership Development – Organisational Coaching), Nicholas Oei (Engineering).

Members Lost: Amir Dast Aviz (relocation), Des Benjamin (health), Adele le Roux (relocation).

Cec Akerley, one of our Charter members and second President, passed away at the age of 91. As shared by our Charter member Herb Greenwood, “Cec took on a great challenge in leading our young club in his quiet and unassuming way”.

Excerpts from Annual Report:

CLUB SERVICE:

Meetings

One of the biggest changes this year has been the way our members attended in-person and online meetings. The club service team was very aware of the efforts members had to make to get used to the new way of doing things.

With rising costs and changes to the contract at RACV the team has had to constantly adapt to facilitate regular meetings and special events such as the Paul Harris Breakfast, Christmas Breakfast and Victoria Police Mentoring Breakfast, without significant cost implications for members.

The club service committee, along with President Rohan Williams worked hard to negotiate with the RACV Club to come up with innovative ways to limit costs for members in the coming Rotary year. On the back of the feedback received from a members’ survey and conducting some research around alternate venues, the RCM board resolved for 2023-24:

- implement a trial period to use the RACV Theatre with optional breakfast in the Bistro, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month and online meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month;
- use of RACV rooms on levels 2 and 17 for the Paul Harris Breakfast, Christmas Breakfast and Victoria Police Mentoring Breakfast at an increased cost of \$43 per head.

The Club received a **Rotary International Presidential Citation** for helping imagine Rotary in the lives of people all over the world, and two **District 9800 People of Action Awards** for (1) the South Sudan Menstrual Health program, and (2) the Youth Mental Health program.

The **Rotarian of the Year Award** was presented to Roger Thornton and **Family of Rotary Award** to Pippa Thornton. **Distinguished Service Citations** were presented to Paul Fowler, Doug Robertson, John Ilott, David Jones and Daniel Lim. The **Royce Abbey Award** was presented to Peter Duras.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Donation by Caprice

Caprice continues to be a generous supporter of the club, donating an estimated value of \$25,000 in goods for distribution to various community partners. Donations were also shared with the Rochester club who distributed items through their Op Shop to people in need.

As always, the Community Service year covered a diverse range of activities:

- Once again, the club supported fundraising for mental health, raising \$725 as part of *Lift the Lid on Mental Illness* during October. *Lift the Lid* is Australian Rotary Health's overarching campaign brand for mental health research.
- Rotarians and friends generously donated 90 Christmas hampers to families supported by Concern Australia STEPS and UnitingCare Lentara. With Covid-19 restrictions lifted, we were able to return to our tradition of delivering the hampers to representatives of Concern Australia and UnitingCare at our Christmas breakfast.
- Our collaboration with Youth Projects has gone from strength to strength throughout the year. The club has supported activities including a working bee in partnership with Woodend Rotary which installed new shelving in the sorting room and created a more functional area. A call for financial support to purchase new sleeping bags resulted in \$1,325 being donated by members. Through this generosity and the donation of unwanted sleeping bags, the club was able to provide Youth Projects with a total of 48 sleeping bags.
- **Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network:** Our financial and practical support for RIMERN allows a unique avenue of service for club members, with regular days set aside for working bees which have been well-attended. Rotary Central Melbourne also provides financial support for overheads and has committed to this contribution into the 2023-24 year. RIMERN has experienced a dramatic increase in demand over the past six months, with an ever-increasing customer base and need for practical support from vulnerable members of the community.
- We were delighted again to partner with Travellers' Aid to provide practical support to patrons of the 2023 Flower and Garden Show, who expressed great appreciation for the services provided.
- After a few years break due to the pandemic, we reconnected with TAL Insurance who actively supported the success of the **Tree of Joy** with 70 gifts donated to Concern Australia's STEPS and UnitingCare Lentara.

YOUTH SERVICE:

The Club continued to fund the long-running Rotary Silk-Miller Scholarship. The scholarship covers 50% of the individual's tuition fee for each of the four units in the University of Melbourne's Graduate Certificate in Adolescent Health and Wellbeing. During the past year the Club funded two scholarship holders.

The Club was successful in its application for a grant of approximately \$8,000 from the City of Melbourne to offer the **Youth Mental Health First Aid** course to persons working with young people in the geographical area of the city. The Club was able to offer five courses to approximately 70 persons. Reported course satisfaction was very positive.

Bernie Gerlinger Hope for the Future Scholarships

In partnership with Steps Outreach Service, the Club provided scholarships to assist disadvantaged young people to overcome barriers to educational success. Over the year, the scholarships provide financial support and mentoring and support for six primary and secondary students. Considering the generous donations in Bernie's memory, it was decided to increase the support to scholarship recipients. There will be five recipients of the scholarships in 2022-23 with \$1,000 allocated for each child or young person. This includes \$500 in material aid and \$500 for support hours and activities with their youth workers and volunteer mentors.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a young adult leadership program offered for candidates aged 18 and above. We succeeded in providing one person for the RYLA program.

The Club has formed a partnership with Victoria Police Legacy which supports the families of police members who have died. The major initiative will be an international community service and leadership development tour in the following year for a group of approximately 25 legatees between 18 and 25 years of age. The tour will be run by Rotary World of Difference and visit Cambodian Rotary project sites.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

Building on last year the Vocational Service Team was able to remain active through and coming out of Covid. Another successful year.

Mentoring programs

- **Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program** is a joint project of Rotary, Victoria Police and the business community. It involves all Rotary districts in Victoria and has two streams, one of which matches Rotarians with Senior Sergeants with a focus on community engagement and ethical leadership. The continuing commitment from mentors and positive feedback from mentees is testament to the solid, effective and efficient teamwork and stewardship on display. The 2022-23 program concluded with a celebratory breakfast on 6th June 2023 at the RACV Club, Melbourne.
- **Ambulance Victoria** decided to pause the AVLMP for 2023 to allow stakeholders to conduct an evaluation of all AV's leadership program outcomes.
- **The International Student Mentoring Program** is intended to help international students acclimatise to Melbourne and integrate successfully as Melburnians during their studies. The venture is led by MentorMatch and Rotary Central Melbourne recruits Rotarian mentors. This year the program comprised a cohort of Indian students. Regular feedback indicated all mentor/mentee relationships were successful and participants were happy with their experiences.

New Generations Service Exchange

We hosted David Rosenberg (violinist from Germany) and Charly Brielmaier (final year medical student from Germany). In the coming Rotary year, the Club will be sending mezzo-soprano Olivia Federow-Yemm to Germany to further her professional career. The Club is also expecting the arrival of inbound musician from Germany, Charlotte Hornauer who will be hosted during a 6-week period by two of our members.

The NGSE program has potential to develop across various vocations and industries and is seen as an important element of the Vocational Service program.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

With the waning impact of the pandemic, the International Service Committee has been able to become fully active again in 2022-23, with past plans reignited, and new projects completed.

The Clean Water and Sanitation Project, Cambodia

Last year a District Grant, together with a donation from Rotary Central Melbourne, helped fund the provision of potable water, sanitary toilets, and sanitation training in the village of Kok Tnoth, about 30 minutes from Siem Reap, Cambodia – a project initiated by the NGO Cambodian Clean Water and Toilets. This year, again supported by Rotary Central Melbourne, and by our Sister Club in Cork, Ireland, the Cambodian Clean Water and Toilets Project expanded into the neighbouring village of Kok Benh.

Menstrual Hygiene and Education for Girls in Lou-Ariik Village, South Sudan

The Menstrual Hygiene and Education for Girls in Lou-Ariik Village Project in South Sudan was a collaborative project between Rotary Central Melbourne, the South Sudan Health Matters Inc (in Australia), the Chagai Foundation (in South Sudan), and Rotary Australia World Community Service. An MOU was signed with the Chagai Foundation to distribute 800 'Days for Girls' sanitary kits (sourcing the hygiene kits made in Uganda) to schoolgirls in three locations and to provide menstrual hygiene training to these girls, as well as to some health providers and some boys.

The SkyHydrant Project, Philippines

Two SkyHydrants have been donated to the RC of Ortigas Central for installation in communities with no access to water other than deep wells, the water from which is not potable. A strategy for sustainability has also been discussed with the local Rotary Club, including issues such as budgeting for asset maintenance.

Involvement with Sister Clubs

Rotary Central Melbourne has four Sister Clubs: RC of Echuca-Moama, RC of Rabindra Sarobar, Kolkata, India, RC of Cork, Ireland, and RC Osaka–Midosuji Hommachi, Japan.

A hospitality dinner was also organised for Sister Club members attending the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne in May.

Donations In Kind (DIK)

Rotary Central Melbourne has provided assistance to Donations-in-Kind via rental support and working bees on site at the warehouse in West Footscray.

Other activities

Other activities throughout this year have included:

- donation of \$3,000 for medical aid for Ukrainian citizens, and
- funding of four ShelterBoxes for disaster relief in Turkey and Syria.

FOUNDATION:

The Foundation Committee continued to focus its work on November as Foundation month to host a range of events and speakers to inform and engage Rotarians and non-Rotarians and subsequently broaden the general awareness of The Foundation. The committee placed a significant amount of effort on reinvigorating the ‘in-person’ Paul Harris Breakfast event as we emerged from multiple pandemic lockdowns.

Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution

Rotary Central Melbourne once again supported District 9800 in supporting the Rotary Foundation Peace Scholarships in the 2022-23 Rotary year. We were thrilled to be able to support two successful candidates for Peace Scholarships.

1. Sadia Bibi of Pakistan has accepted a scholarship to complete the Masters degree at Uppsala University, Sweden
2. Kristine Tey of Australia was successful in being offered a scholarship in the Professional Development Certificate course at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. Unfortunately, that course has since been postponed indefinitely by the university. Kristine has since been offered a Global Scholarship by D9800 to continue her higher education studies abroad.

Charitable Giving & Foundation Grants

Rotary Central Melbourne continued to support giving to The Foundation as a part of its commitment to the constitutional obligation. In the club giving we donated \$10,700 to the Trust of The Foundation, thus meeting the RI Presidential Citation target of US\$100 per active club member.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to: Elias Lebbos, Cecily Neil and Rhys Williams.

FUNDRAISING:

After a couple of disjointed years our members got back in the swing of fundraising in earnest. The Garden DesignFest was the centrepiece of our efforts. The Club owes the Chair of the event, Roger Thornton a debt of gratitude for his meticulous planning and commitment over many months to make it a financial success.

We have secured regular spots at both Collingwood and Port Melbourne Bunnings sausage sizzles, and these have become a meaningful source of funds for the club.

The committee also supported the annual Paul Harris Breakfast. The raffle and virtual auction were very popular, and many members contributed items or were the winning bidders.

In addition to the above the Club ran a number of other fundraising activities in support of specific causes including Lift the Lid on Mental Health, Youth Projects and medical aid for Ukraine citizens. Members were very generous in supporting these events. Finally, we thank those who made individual donations to the club.

As a result of all the hard work from members, the Club was able to raise \$70,000 during the year.



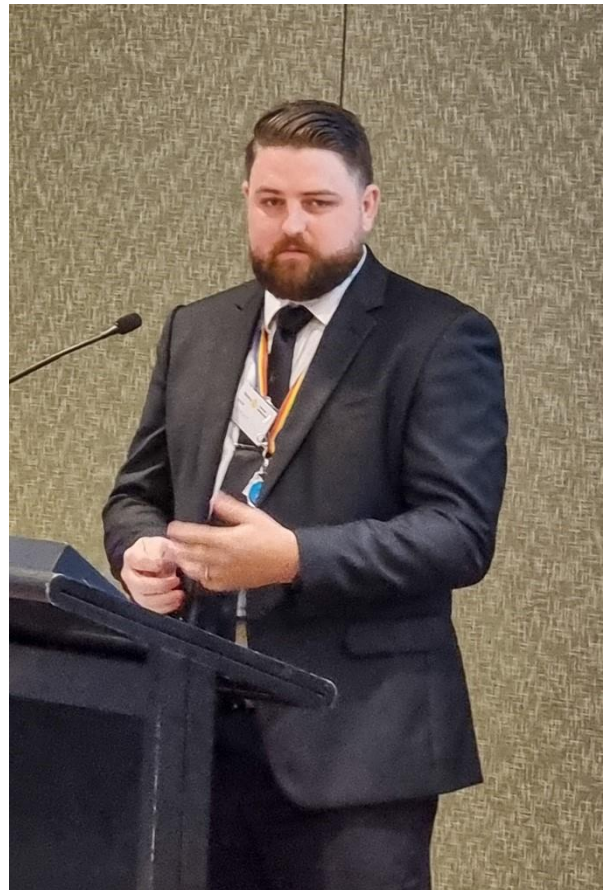
Pres Rohan Williams, PDG District 3291 Uttam Ganguli,
DG Amanda Wendt, PDG Neville John



Michelle Crawford, Sue Williams, Suzette and Neville Taylor, DG
Amanda Wendt at our Christmas breakfast



Christmas hampers donated to Concern Australia



Silk-Miller Scholarship awardee, Joshua Guy



Peter and Sue Duras with Pres Rohan Williams celebrating Peter's 50 years in Rotary and presentation of the Royce Abbey Award



Rotarian Susan Archibald from Arizona visiting Melbourne for the RI Convention. Hosted by Kevin and Veronica Love, Allan and Athina Driver and Marjorie Gerlinger.



The Port Melbourne Bunnings sausage sizzle team.
John Ilott, Kerrie Hicks, Millie Swann, Raylee Ilott, Paul Fowler, Rob Hines, Sue and Peter Duras.



The volunteer team at Donations-in-Kind warehouse, West Footscray



Working bee at Rochester, teaming with sister club Echuca-Moama to restore gardens after the floods.



Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program.
Mentee Tania Vanston, DG Amanda Wendt, mentor Paul Fowler, Asst Commissioner Kevin Casey.

The 37th Year - 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

President: Michelle Crawford
Vice Presidents: Anne King, Elias Lebbos
Secretary: Rohan Williams
Treasurer: Doug Robertson
President Elect: Rhys Williams

COMMITTEES:

Community Club: Rebecca John, Suvam Ganguli
International: Cecily Neil
Vocational: Ignacio Inchausti
Youth: Rhys Williams
Foundation: Rohan Williams
Fundraising: Campbell Chambers
Membership: Neville John

Bulletin: Koren Harvey/Nicholas Oei

District Governor: Ron Payne
Assistant Governor: Fabienne Nichola
R.I. President: Gordon McInally
Rotary Theme: *Create Hope in the World*

Membership: 1st July 2023: 62
30th June 2024: 59

New Members: Marjorie Gerlinger OAM (Publishing – Management), transferred from Honorary Membership, Benjamin Lee (Investigator), Fleur Maidment (Environmental Scientist).

Members Lost: Alison Chan, Trevor Dymond, Malcolm Fielden, Martin Langton, Rob Soros.

During the year we were saddened by the deaths of former members, Barrie Tassell and Robin Pleydell. We also farewelled honorary members Keith Frampton and Geoff Fairhall.

Excerpts from Annual Report:

CLUB SERVICE:

Meetings

The Rotary year 2023-24 signified the year RCM members and the community in Melbourne moved to consolidate a new normal post-pandemic. The Club Service committee negotiated our yearly contract with RACV for two in-person meetings a month at the theatre and access to the bistro for a buffet style hot breakfast for the members who wanted to stay back after the meeting.

The new meeting formats are as stated below.

Week 1: In-person at RACV Club followed by buffet breakfast at the bistro

Week 2: Online morning meetings

Week 3: In-person at RACV Club followed by buffet breakfast at the bistro

Week 4: Online evening meetings

Week 5 (every three months): Social dinner

The Club received a Rotary International *Presidential Citation* for helping Rotary create hope in the world, and a District 9800 *Recognition Award for Community Service*, for the sleeping bags for the homeless project.

The Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Neville John and Family of Rotary Award to Susan Williams. Distinguished Service Citations were presented to Suvam Ganguli, Yanpu Zhang and Justine Murphy. The Royce Abbey Award was presented to Kerrie Hicks.



President Michelle Crawford

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Donation of clothing and footwear by Caprice

Caprice continued to be a generous supporter of the club, donating many thousands of dollars in value of goods distributed by RCM to various community partners. The club delivered countless items of clothing and footwear to various charities throughout Melbourne.

Support for Youth Projects – The Living Room

Our collaboration with Youth Projects continued to develop throughout the Rotary year. RCM has been supportive of activities including the following.

Facing an increased demand through homelessness in Melbourne, The Living Room underwent a significant refurbishment of its Hosier Lane centre in 2022. The refurbishment enabled significant social and economic impact for thousands of people and changed homelessness in the heart of Melbourne. Members responded to a call for toiletries and other personal hygiene items resulting in three large suitcases of items being delivered as well as ongoing donations of these items from members and friends.

Assistance was also provided in sourcing and partially funding a new commercial Speed Queen washer/dryer for use in The Living Room.

Sleeping bags

A call by the club for support to provide winter quality bags resulted in \$1,748 being donated by members and a further 29 bags. Through this generosity, the club was able to accumulate a total of 100 sleeping bags which were distributed to Youth Projects (75) and St Mary's House of Welcome in Fitzroy (25).

Thank you to members and Bunnings Port Melbourne and Collingwood for their generosity.

Christmas Hampers and Tree of Joy

RCM members generously donated 100 food hampers for distribution to people in need via Concern Australia Steps Outreach service and UnitingCare Lentara Asylum Program.

TAL Insurance again actively supported the Tree of Joy with 52 Christmas gifts which were distributed to Concern Australia's Steps Outreach Service and UnitingCare Lentara Asylum Program by team members from the TAL Melbourne office.

Australian Rotary Health - "Lift the Lid" on Mental Illness

Once again, members supported fundraising for mental health, raising \$410 as part of *Lift the Lid on Mental Illness* campaign in October. *Lift the Lid* is an Australian Rotary Health campaign aimed at raising awareness of adolescent mental health research.

Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network (RIMERN)

This partnership with RIMERN allows an opportunity for hands-on service for members, with regular days set aside for working bees which have been well-attended. Rotary Central Melbourne also provides \$1,000 in financial support toward the annual operating costs of RIMERN and has committed to continue this in the 2024-25 Rotary year.

Diversity and Inclusion – Iftar friendship dinner

A successful grant application of \$7,500 was approved by the City of Melbourne to cover the cost of hosting a *Dinner of Friendship* during Ramadan on 6 April 2024. Approximately 100 people attended the dinner at William Angliss Institute in Melbourne. Held in conjunction with the Australian Intercultural Society, the occasion brought together people from different cultural communities and provided the opportunity to learn more about each other's communities.

Protecting the Environment – Tree Planting Day

In August 2023 our members joined with volunteers from the Land Care Group at a property in Ventnor, Phillip Island. The project resulted in the planting of 1,400 tree seedlings in a plan to restore the land to its original habitat.

Domestic Violence Safe Phones

In April 2024 we focused on a project to support the Domestic Violence Safe Phone Group which has a national plan to end violence against women and children and to end gender-based violence within one generation. We collect discarded mobile phones, which are cleaned and given to women in need who are victims of domestic violence.

YOUTH SERVICE:

Silk-Miller Scholarship

The club continued to financially support the long-running Rotary Silk-Miller Scholarship program. To enhance their capability and that of Victoria Police as an organisation, the scholarship provides financial support to Victoria Police or Transit Service officers involved in youth services. The financial support covers 50% of the scholar's tuition fee for each of the four units in the University of Melbourne's Graduate Certificate in Adolescent Health and Wellbeing. During the 2023-24 year the club funded units for two scholarship holders.

Youth Mental Health First Aid

A total of five courses were offered for approximately 60 participants under this City of Melbourne funded program. The program is the nationally recognised two-day program designed to enable graduates to apply effective mental health first aid for youth, in comparable fashion to the way physical first aid courses are designed.

Bernie Gerlinger 'Hope for the Future' Scholarships

Bernie Gerlinger Hope for the Future Scholarships provide support to young people who are clients of Concern Australia's Steps Outreach Service. They are funded through club fundraising augmented by donations to the club in memory of Bernie Gerlinger.

Steps Outreach Service provided the five recipients of the scholarship program with ongoing relational and practical support. The scholarships enabled the young people to obtain appropriate school supplies, books, uniform and shoes as well as participating in extra-curricular activities with their youth workers and volunteer mentors.

Rotary Youth Programs: RYLA, RYPEN and MUNA

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) and Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) are youth leadership programs offered in developmental camps for 18 and above and 15–18-year-olds respectively. The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is a mock United Nations General Assembly meeting. The club sponsored a RYLA participant for the leadership camp held in December and our sponsored team from Casey Grammar School participated in the MUNA assembly in May.

Partnership with Victoria Police Legacy

The club's partnership with Victoria Police Legacy involved the successful offering of a youth leadership and community service tour of Cambodia for 25 legatees. The trip was Rotary World of Difference's first program post-covid and was very successful. The group participated in Rotary sanitation projects funded by the club. As part of the preparation, legatees raised \$30,000, some from club sausage sizzles, much of which they donated to Cambodian projects.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program

VPLMP is a joint project of Rotary, Victoria Police and the business community. It involves all Rotary districts in Victoria and has two streams, one of which matches Rotarians with Senior Sergeants with a focus on community engagement and ethical leadership. Over the 2023-24 Rotary year the participants have enjoyed active and fruitful relationships. The continuing commitment from mentors and positive feedback from mentees is testament to the solid, effective and efficient teamwork and stewardship on display.

New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE)

Mia Fornasaro, a young physiotherapist from northern Italy, is the current inbound participant in this program. She has been home-hosted by members of the club and has been working at the Neurological and Physical Abilitation (NAPA) Centre, located in Forest Hill.

Elias Lebbos has taken over from Alan Seale as NGSE Coordinator for the club from July 2024.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

The Clean Water and Toilets Project, Cambodia

This project is one initiated by an NGO, Cambodian Clean Water and Toilets, which is providing potable bore water and sanitary toilet/washrooms to all residents of a number of communities in the vicinity of Siem Reap, Cambodia. An important element of the project is the use of local supplies and labour, to ensure that access to improved water and sanitation, and its impact on health and quality of life can be sustained.

RCM has now decided to be involved in a major new follow-on project in the region, one involving a Global Grant and collaboration between Rotary Clubs in Australia, the USA, Thailand, Ireland, and Cambodia.

The overall objective of this new project is to create a safe and dignified space in which women can bathe their children and themselves and attend to their sanitary needs, along with providing an engineered proper septic tank toilet facility for the whole family (a washroom/toilet). Approximately 129 washroom /toilets will be built in this new project.

Menstrual Hygiene and Education for Girls in Lou-Ariik Village, South Sudan

Many girls in Lou-Ariik Village in South Sudan lack adequate means of protection during menstruation. As a result, they may miss school for five or more days a month or face social stigma. The Menstrual Hygiene and Education for Girls in Lou-Ariik Village Project was a collaborative project between Rotary Central Melbourne, the South Sudan Health Matters Inc. (in Australia), the Chagai Foundation (in South Sudan), and Rotary Australia World Community Service. It had the goal of distributing 800 'Days for Girls' sanitary kits (sourcing the hygiene kits made in Uganda) to schoolgirls in three locations, and providing menstrual hygiene training to these girls, as well as to some health providers and some boys.

The project has been completed this year. Not only were the 800 reusable menstrual hygiene kits distributed, but in addition, 400 donated Modibodi leakproof menstrual kits. An education program on menstrual hygiene and women's sanitary hygiene was carried out prior to distribution, designed using a train-the-trainer model developed to help women in the village gain sanitary hygiene knowledge that would remain with the area as human capital for the future.

The great news is that in recent exams, 17 girls from the schools participating in the project were in the top 10% in region. This has never happened before.

The SkyHydrant Project, Philippines

Two SkyHydrants have been donated to the Rotary Club of Ortigas Central for installation in communities with no access to water other than deep wells, the water from which is not potable. Both SkyHydrants are now installed.

The School Library, Laos

This project has been in the pipeline for some time, the start having been delayed due to the impact of the pandemic. However the opening finally took place in March, attended by a number of RCM members and their spouses who were participating in a fundraising tour of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos organised by Roy Garrett.

Vietnam Foundation Build for the Future Scholarship Program

This year, RCM has contributed AU\$4,000 to the running of two camps by the Vietnam Foundation. One is a three-day employability and English skills summer camp for approximately 30 scholarship recipients from years 10 and 11 who are attending two central Vietnam high schools or are graduates of these schools, currently in university. The other camp is a three-day adventure/recreation summer camp in Ho Chi Minh City, which will be for approximately 15 seriously disadvantaged scholarship recipients, between the ages of 10 and 16, who attend a private, philanthropic school in Ho Chi Minh City.

Involvement with Sister Clubs

Rotary Central Melbourne has four Sister Clubs: RC of Echuca-Moama, RC of Rabindra Sarobar, Kolkata, India, RC of Cork, Ireland, and RC Osaka-Midosuji Hommachi, Japan. The RC of Cork is participating in funding the new Clean Water and Toilet Project in Cambodia.

Donations-in-Kind

Rotary Central Melbourne has helped Donations-in-Kind via rental support and warehouse working bees.

FOUNDATION:

The Foundation Committee continued to focus its work on November as Foundation month to host a range of events and speakers to inform and engage Rotarians and non-Rotarians and subsequently broaden the general awareness of the Rotary Foundation.

Charitable Giving & Foundation Grants

Rotary Central Melbourne continued to support giving to the Foundation as a part of its commitment to the constitutional obligation. Further to the club giving, individual members of Rotary Central Melbourne have continued to choose the Rotary Foundation as a charity of choice and contributed as follows.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to: Campbell Chambers, John Ilott (3rd Sapphire), Doug Robertson (4th Sapphire) and Rohan Williams.

FUNDRAISING:

2024 can be best described as the year of the BBQ with both Collingwood and Port Melbourne Bunnings providing regular monthly slots for our dedicated crews. Recent price increases for both the sausages and drinks have really helped with the profitability of the events, and we regularly generated over \$3,000 each month.

The committee also supported the annual Paul Harris Breakfast. The raffle and virtual auction were very popular, and many members contributed items or were the winning bidders.

The club again ran a limited number of raffles in support of specific causes including *Lift the Lid* and members were very generous in getting behind these events.

As a result of all the hard work from members, the club was able to raise nearly \$40,000 during the year.

MEMORIES OF 2023-2024



2023-24 President Michelle Crawford with Alan



Suzette Taylor, Alan Crawford, Annet Brouwer, Nicholas Oei enjoying the family day



Rebecca John presenting Christmas hampers



Neville John, Fleur Maidment, Olivia Federow-Yemm, Annet Brouwer at Olivia's presentation



Australia Day 2024 Honours awardees, Peter Duras AM and Marjorie Gerlinger OAM



Peter Duras, Tom Callander, Neville John with donated goods for Youth Projects



The Collingwood Bunnings team - Frank O'Brien, David Jones, Peter Duras



Opening ceremony for the new XiengNgeun Library, Laos.

Attended by Roy Garrett, Tess and Rob Hines, Rebecca and Neville John

Recognising many years of service to Donations-in-Kind by Laurie Fisher and Bob Glindermann

Presentation of certificates by Frank O'Brien and Peter Duras



PAST AND CURRENT HONORARY MEMBERS

PAST

AKERLEY, Cec (Deceased)
ANGUS, Ian (Deceased)
BUTTERFIELD, Lou Dr. (Deceased)
FAIRHALL, Geoff (Deceased)
FRAMPTON, Keith (Deceased)
GERLINGER, Bernie (Deceased)
GERLINGER, Marjorie (rejoined as an active member)
HOLLAND, Brigadier Terry (CRA Foundation) 1996-1997
JONES, Brett
MEEHAN, John (Deceased)
THOMAS, Margaret
THOMAS, Reg (Deceased)

CURRENT

BENJAMIN, Des
DOWNIE, Brian
HALLIS, Steven
McBAIN, Bruce
MEEHAN, Lorraine OAM
WALKLATE Heather

CHARTER MEMBERS (Current)

COCKS, Terry (Charter President)
CALLANDER, Tom GREENWOOD, Herb O'BRIEN, Frank

PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES and TREASURERS

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1987-1988	COCKS, Terry	MITCHELL, Dick	STONE, Richard
1988-1989	AKERLEY, Cec	HALL, John	COMLEY, Peter
1989-1990	GREENWOOD, Herb	CALLANDER, Tom	LAVENDER, Chris
1990-1991	MOORFIELD, Mel	UPTON, Graham	MEEHAN, John
1991-1992	CASSIDY, Denis	BLYTH, Don	SMART, Neil
1992-1993	MEEHAN, John	TAGGART, Rob	GERLINGER, Bernie
1993-1994	BUTTERFIELD, Lou	SAMPSON, Bill	GERLINGER, Bernie
1994-1995	CALLANDER, Tom	NEILSON, Doug	GERLINGER, Bernie
1995-1996	UPTON, Graham	BASSAT, Bob	McBAIN, Bruce
1996-1997	STONE, Richard	JOHN, Neville	SHEPHERD, Neil
1997-1998	FRAMPTON, Keith	HALLIS, Steven	ESTLIN, Eric
1998-1999	SAMPSON, Bill	McBAIN, Bruce	WRIGHT, John
1999-2000	GERLINGER, Bernie	DRIVER, Allan	WRIGHT, John
2000-2001	HALLIS, Steven	JOHN, Neville	McBAIN, Bruce
2001-2002	SEALE, Alan	TONG, Gary	WALKLATE, Kevin
2002-2003	JOHN, Neville	BROMBY, Michael	WALKLATE, Kevin
2003-2004	GERLINGER, Marjorie	CONQUEST, Pat	WALKLATE, Kevin
2004-2005	BROMBY, Michael	HOGAN, Gerard	MIRAMS, James
2005-2006	McBAIN, Bruce	ILOTT, John	STEVENS, Kay
2006-2007	BELL, Sue	MEEHAN, John	GERLINGER, Marjorie
2007-2008	ILOTT, John	KING, Anne	GERLINGER, Marjorie
2008-2009	THORNTON, Roger	JONES, David	GERLINGER, Marjorie

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
2009-2010	LOVE, Kevin	JONES, David	RIEBELING, Rebecca
2010-2011	KING, Anne	JONES, David	GERLINGER, Marjorie
2011-2012	WALKLATE, Kevin	SALVANO, Neil	ROBERTSON, Doug
2012-2013	STEVENS, Kay	SALVANO, Neil	GERLINGER, Bernie
2013-2014	ROBERTSON, Doug	McBAIN, Bruce	ZHANG, Yanpu
2014-2015	GARRETT, ROY	THOMAS, Tony	ZHANG, Yanpu
2015-2016	MACKEY, George	SALVANO, Neil	ROBERTSON, Doug
2016-2017	MURPHY, Justine	SALVANO, Neil	WALKLATE, Kevin
2017-2018	O'BRIEN, Frank	SALVANO, Neil	WALKLATE, Kevin
2018-2019	TAYLOR, Neville	HARVEY, Koren	GERLINGER, Bernie
2019-2020	CAVELL, Warwick	FRASER, Paul	KING, Anne
2020-2021	ROBINSON, Therese	FRASER, Paul	LANGTON, Martin
2021-2022	LEBBOS, Elias	FOWLER, Paul	LANGTON, Martin
2022-2023	WILLIAMS, Rohan	FOWLER, Paul	ROBERTSON, Doug
2023-2024	CRAWFORD, Michelle	WILLIAMS, Rohan	ROBERTSON, Doug

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITIONS

Paul Percival Harris, the founder of Rotary was born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA on 19 April 1868. A man with varied academic qualifications and experience, he worked as a newspaper reporter, a business teacher, an actor in a stock company, a cowboy and as a salesman for a marble and granite concern before finally settling in Chicago in 1896 to practise law. In 1910, he married Jean Thompson, a Scottish girl. In February 1905, he formed the first club with three young businessmen, Silvester Schiele, Gustavus Loehr and Hiram Shorey.

Paul Harris was the first President of the National Association of Rotary Clubs (in 1910) and of Rotary International in 1912. Paul was active in Rotary until his death on 27 January 1947.

This award is presented in recognition of Paul Harris and to also recognise the work and dedication of the recipients. A Sapphire or Ruby is a further recognition for consistent or outstanding contribution to community needs.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1988	COCKS, Terry OAM (Sapphire x 4)
1988	DURAS, Peter (Sapphire x 3)
1991	AKERLEY, Cec (Deceased)
1991	GREENWOOD, Herb (Sapphire x 2)
1992	MOORFIELD, Mel (Sapphire) (Deceased)
1992	THOMAS, Reg (Deceased)
1993	CASSIDY, Denis
1993	UPTON, Graham
1994	PARBO, Sir Arvi*
1994	MEEHAN, John OAM (Sapphire x 5) (Deceased)
1994	STONE, Richard OAM (Sapphire x 2) (Deceased)
1995	BUTTERFIELD, Lou (Sapphire x 2) (Deceased)
1995	GERLINGER, Bernie (Ruby x 3) (Deceased)
1996	CALLANDER, Tom (Sapphire x 3)
1996	FROST, Dame Phyllis* (D9800)
1996	HAMER, Sir Rupert* (D9800)
1997	COMLEY, Peter (Sapphire x 2)
1997	TASSELL, Barrie (Sapphire x 2)
1997	GILBERT, Dr Barry
1997	OSBORN, Shirley (Sapphire)*
1997	ANGUS, Ian OAM (Deceased)
1997	FRAMPTON, Keith (Sapphire x 2)
1997	O'BRIEN, Frank (Sapphire)
1998	DOWNIE, Brian (Sapphire)
1998	SMART, Neil
1998	WRIGHT, John
1998	HALLIS, Steven (Sapphire x 5)
1998	MAGUIRE, Paul
1998	SMALLWOOD, Prof. Richard*
1999	GIBBONS, PDG Colin (Sapphire)
1999	SAMPSON, Bill
1999	NEILSON, Doug
1999	HOLLAND, Mark
1999	JOHN, Neville (Ruby x 3)
1999	McBAIN, Bruce (Sapphire)
1999	GILDER, Bob

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1999	GERLINGER, Marjorie (Ruby x 3)
2000	MEEHAN, Lorraine OAM*
2000	FRAMPTON, Molly OAM* (Deceased)
2001	GRIGG, Supt Don*
2001	COOMBS, Christopher*
2001	RUST, Ian (Deceased)
2001	SEALE, Alan OAM (Ruby x 3)
2002	NORMAN, Rod
2002	BROMBY, Michael (Sapphire x 2)
2002	PLEYDELL, Robin (Sapphire x 5)
2002	SELAK, John
2002	MITCHELL, Richard (Sapphire x 2)
2002	ROGERS, Graham
2002	WILLIAMSON, Prof Bob*
2003	BARKER, John
2003	BOWEN, Richard
2004	CONQUEST, Pat (Sapphire) (Deceased)
2004	FAIRHALL, Geoff
2004	LANGFORD, Elizabeth*
2004	McANINLY, Monica
2004	TAN, Dr Jeffrey*
2004	WALKLATE, Kevin (Sapphire) (Deceased)
2004	DRIVER, Allan (Sapphire x 2)
2005	GARDNER, Julian*
2005	SALVANO, Neil (Sapphire x2)
2005	THOMAS, Tony (Sapphire x 2)
2005	THORNTON, Roger (Ruby x 3)
2005	TONG, Gary
2006	BAILEY, Kevin*
2006	GREENWOOD, Leonie*
2007	DURHAM, Judith* (Deceased)
2008	BELL, Sue
2008	NOSSAL, Sir Gus (Sapphire)*
2008	BOYD, Billie
2008	FOWLER, Paul (Ruby x 3)
2009	ILOTT, John (Sapphire x 2)
2009	KING, Anne (Sapphire x 3)
2009	ROLLS, Russell
2010	McBAIN, Lyn*
2010	DIXON, Michael*
2010	LAPINA, Michael
2010	GALBALLY, Rhonda AO*
2010	JONES, David (Sapphire)
2010	PLEYDELL, Janice (Sapphire)*
2011	PARK, Darren (Sapphire)
2011	LOVE, Kevin (Sapphire x 2)
2011	BATAGOL, Cheryl

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2011	FRANKLIN, Sister Trish*
2012	SCOTT, Assistant Commissioner Kevin*
2012	McGORRY, Prof Patrick*
2012	NOLAN, Garry*
2012	JOHN, Rebecca (Ruby x 3)
2012	CARDELL, Stuart (Sapphire x 2)
2013	HINRICHS, John
2014	GARRETT, Roy (Sapphire)
2014	MURPHY, Justine (Sapphire)
2014	HINES, Rob (Ruby x 3)
2014	LEONG, Dr James*
2014	MILLER, Alice
2015	JONES, Wendy*
2015	LIM, Daniel (Sapphire)
2015	ROBERTSON, Doug (Sapphire x 3)
2015	MACKEY, George (Sapphire x 4)
2017	WELLS, Steven*
2017	LOVE, Veronica*
2017	THOMAS, Margaret* (Sapphire x 2)
2018	DURAS, Sue* (Sapphire)
2018	CAVELL, Warwick (Sapphire x 2) (D9800 x 2)
2019	O'BRIEN, Pauline*
2020	TAYLOR, Neville
2022	ROBINSON, Therese
2023	LEBBOS, Elias
2023	NEIL, Cecily
2023	WILLIAMS, Rhys
2024	CHAMBERS, Campbell
2024	ILOTT, John (Sapphire x 3)
2024	ROBERTSON (Sapphire x 4)
2024	WILLIAMS, Rohan
2024	HICKS, Kerrie (D9800)

* Non-Rotarians

DONORS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Further to the club giving, individual members of Rotary Central Melbourne have continued to choose the Rotary Foundation as a charity of choice and given:

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) - 8 members	Contributions to the Annual Fund
Sustaining - 7 members	Centurions who have given US\$100 or more to the Annual Fund
Paul Harris Society eligible - 8 members	Annual contribution of US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus or an approved Foundation Grant
Major Donor Level 1 - 4 members Major Donor Level 2 - 2 members	Recognition levels are defined as: Level 1 - US\$10,000 to \$24,999; Level 2 - US\$25,000 to \$49,999; Level 3 - US\$50,000 to \$99,999; Level 4 - US\$100,000 to \$249,999

CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED ON DISTRICT COMMITTEES 1988-2024

AKERLEY, Cec	DG Group Representative 1989-1990 Member, Foundation – GSE Exchange 1991-1993
BUTTERFIELD, Lou	DG Group Representative 1994-1995 Chairman, Australian Rotary Health Research 1995-1996 Community Service Committee 2003-2006
CALLANDER, Tom	Chairman, Foundation Contributions Committee 1995-1998
CARDELL, Stuart	Chair, District National Youth Science Forum 2018-2019 Chair, Youth Service Committee 2019-2020 Chair, Science Programs, Youth Service Committee 2020-2021
CAVELL, Warwick	Learning and Development Committee 2016-2019 Learning and Leadership Development Committee 2019-2020 Chair-elect Learning and Leadership Development Committee 2020-2021 Chair Learning and Development Committee 2021-2022 Member, Vocational Service Committee 2019-2021 Chair, Vocational Champions Group (Vocational Service Committee) 2021-2022, 2023-2024 District Strategic Planning Resource 2020-2024
CONQUEST, Pat	GSE Committee 2003-2006
DUMAIS, Max	Member, Club Service – Computer Services 1994-1995 Member, Foundation – Contributions Committee 1994-1995
DURAS, Peter	Member, District Homelessness Committee 2018-2020
EBRAHIMI, Rana	Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee 2023-2024
ELLIS, Stuart	Deputy Chair, Honours and Awards Committee 2020-2022
FENBY, Emma	New Generations Committee – Youth Exchange and RYPEN 2003- 2006
FRAMPTON, Keith	Member, International – Save Water Save Lives 1994-1995 Member, Training Committee 1994-1995 Member, Welcoming Committee, RI President 1997-1998 Assistant Governor, Ascot Group 1999-2001 Member, GSE Committee 2002-2003 District Director, Community Service 2003-2004 District Protection Officer 2004-2006
GANGULI, Suvam	Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group 2020-2023 RI Convention 2023 Sustainability Action Group 2020-2022 Inter-district Environmental Sustainability liaison 2021-2022 Melbourne Pollinator Corridor project team liaison 2021-2022
GERLINGER, Bernie	Member, Youth Service – RYPEN Committee 1996-2006 District Attendance Officer 1996-1997 Assistant Governor, Westside Cluster 2001-2003 Chairman, District Membership Committee 2003-2005 District Treasurer 2005-06, 2006-07, 2009-10, 2012-13, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-2018 District Training Committee 2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program Steering Committee 2017-18, 2018-2019

GERLINGER, Marjorie Member, International – Rotarians Against Malaria 1997-1998
Member, International – Donations In Kind 1998-1999
Member, International –Volunteers 1999-2000
Assistant Governor, Auburn Cluster 2004-2005, 2005-2006
Assistant Governor, Yarra Cluster 2006-2007
District Directory Committee 2006-2017
District Training Committee 2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018
District Club Liaison Officer 2007-2009
District Secretary-Elect 2023-2024
District Secretary 2009-2010, 2016-2017, 2017-2018
District Director Resources 2012-2013
District Chair Community Service 2014-2015
Member, District Membership Committee 2018-2019
Member, District Programs Review Committee 2018-2019
Member, District Vocational Committee 2018-2019

GIBB, Don Chairman, International – Save Water Save Lives 1998-1999

GILDER, Bob Member, International – Rotarians Against Malaria 1998-1999
Chairman, International Rotarians Against Malaria 1999-2000

HARVEY, Koren Member, District Foundation Committee 2012-2013

HICKS, Kerrie Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program steering committee 2023-2024
RCM representative, Victorian Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA)
Steering Committee 2022-2024

HINES, Rob Chair, World of Difference Committee 2016-2019
World of Difference Committee 2015-2016, 2019-2021
Vice-Chair, World of Difference Committee 2021-2024

HOLLAND, Mark Member, Operation Livewire Committee 1997-1999

ILOTT, John Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program Steering Committee 2007-2010 2017-2024

INCHAUSTI, Ignacio Member, Vocational Service Committee 2023-2024

JOHN, Neville District Governor 2016-2017
Member, Community Service Committee 2003-2004
Member, GSE Selection Committee 2003-2004
Chairman, District GSE Committee 2004-2007
Assistant Governor, Yarra Cluster 2010-2012
District Chair, New Generations Committee 2012-2014
Chair, RYPEN Committee 2012-2015
Chair District Membership Committee 2017-2018, 2018-2019
Foundation Grants Auditor 2020-2024
Vice Governor 2020-2021, 2022-2023
Youth Exchange Ambassador 2020-2024

JONES, Brett Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program Steering Committee 2019-2022

KING, Anne Member, Vocational Service Committee 2010-2016
Assistant Governor 2016-2017, 2017-2018
SES Leadership Mentoring Program establishment assistance 2020-2021
District Secretary 2022-2023

LAPINA, Michael Member, Storm the Stage Committee

LIM Daniel Social Media Adviser 2020-2022

LOVE, Kevin	Assistant Governor Eastside Cluster 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2014-2015 Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program Rotary Coordinator 2017-2024
McBAIN, Bruce	District Treasurer 2002-2003
MAGUIRE, Paul	Member, GSE Committee 2001-2003
MEEHAN, John	DG Group Representative 1993-1994 Director, Vocational Service 1994-1996 District Governor's Assistant 1996-1997 Assistant Governor 1997-1999 Director, Training and Development 1999-2001 Director, Club Service Committee 2002-2003 District Membership Chairman 2002-2003 District Administration Officer 2003-2005 District Training Committee 2005-2007 District Resources Officer 2007-2013 Member, District Vocational Committee 2012-2013
MOORFIELD, Mel	DG Group Representative 1991-1992 Member, Foundation – Promotion/Information 1992-1993 Director, Community Service Committee 1993-1995
MURPHY, Justine	Member, Vocational Service Committee 2010-2012 District Director Vocational Service 2012-2015 Assistant District Secretary 2022-2023 Member, District Strategic Planning Committee 2022-2023 2024-25 District Leadership Capability Lead 2023-2024
NEIL, Cecily	Member, World of Difference 2018-2019 RAWCS D9800 Sanitation and Hygiene Coordinator 2021-2023
NEILSON, Doug	Chairman, International – Save Water Save Lives 1999-2000
NORMAN, Rod	Member, Community Service Committee 2003-2004
OVERTON, Sarah	Director, District Vocational Service 2022-2023 Chair, New Generations Service Exchange Committee 2023-2024
ROBINSON, Therese	Assistant Governor, Eastside Cluster 2022-2023
RUST, Ian	Member, Youth Service – Art Exchange Committee 1992-1993 Member, Shell Livewire Committee 2002-2004
SAMPSON, Bill	Member, International – Save Water Save Lives 1999-2000
SEALE, Alan	Member, Operation Livewire Committee 1994-1995 Director, Vocational Service Committee 2002-2003, 2013-2014, 2016-2019 Assistant Governor, Yarra Cluster 2007-2009 Director, International Service Committee 2009-2011 Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program Steering Committee 2017-2020 New Generations Service Exchange Committee 2019-2020 Chair, New generations Service Exchange Committee 2020-2023 District Vocational Committee 2012-2015 SES Leadership Mentoring Program Rotary Coordinator 2020-2021
STONE, Richard	Member, District GSE Committee 2005-2007

TAYLOR, Neville

D9800 Peace Committee 2019-2020

District Peace Scholarship Sub-committee 2021-2024

Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program Rotary Coordinator 2020-2022

RCM representative on Victorian Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA)

Steering Committee 2022-2024

THORNTON, Roger

Paul Harris Society Deputy Chair 2015-2020

District Foundation Club Adviser Batman Cluster 2016-2017, 2017-2018

PRESIDENT'S ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

(Initiated by PP Lou Butterfield - Honorary Member)

1993-1994	Bernie Gerlinger	1994-1995	Ian Angus
1995-1996	Bill Sampson	1996-1997	Doug Neilson
1997-1998	Neville John	1998-1999	Allan Driver
1999-2000	Aris Imbardelli	2000-2001	Pat Conquest
2001-2002	Sue Bell	2002-2003	John Selak
2003-2004	Anne King	2004-2005	Leon Walker
2005-2006	Michael Bromby	2006-2007	Gay Edgecombe
2007-2008	Marjorie Gerlinger	2008-2009	Frank O'Brien
2009-2010	Gillian Farrell	2010-2011	Michael Wells
2011-2012	Neil Salvano	2012-2013	Alan Seale
2013-2014	Roger Thornton	2014-2015	Greg Cuthbert
2015-2016	Peter Duras	2016-2017	Paul Fraser
2017-2018	Elias Lebbos	2018-2019	Rebecca John
2019-2020	Rob Hines	2020-2021	Rana Ebrahimi Suvam Ganguli
2021-2022	Frank O'Brien	2022-2023	Roger Thornton
2023-2024	Neville John		

FAMILY OF ROTARY PERPETUAL TROPHY

(Initiated by PP Sue and Chris Bell)

2006-2007	Lorraine Meehan	2007-2008	Leonie Greenwood
2008-2009	Annie Garrett	2009-2010	Niña Lapiña
2010-2011	Dianne Holberry	2011-2012	Lyn McBain
2012-2013	Annie Garrett	2013-2014	Margaret Thomas Pippa Thornton
2014-2015	Rebecca John	2015-2016	Sue Duras
2016-2017	Leonie Greenwood	2017-2018	Nicole Lebbos
2018-2019	Robyn Seale	2019-2020	Veronica Love Suzette Taylor
2020-2021	Not awarded	2021-2022	Leonie Greenwood
2022-2023	Pippa Thornton	2023-2024	Susan Williams

ROTARY ALUMNI

YOUTH EXCHANGE – INWARD

1992-1993	South Africa – Diane Mayberry
1993-1994	Japan – Miki Nambu
1994-1995	Belgium – Wendy Nelissen
1995-1996	Brazil – Marilyn Henschel
1997-1998	Japan – Masaya Aono
1999-2000	Denmark – Kristian Hedegaard
2000-2001	Germany – Jana Fetzer
2001-2002	Poland – Maciek Wronecki
2002-2003	Poland – Paula Dziasko
2003-2004	Norway – Trude Johnsen
2005-2006	Brazil – Renata Brandao
2006-2007	Philippines – Phillip Golez
2017-2018	Switzerland – Flavia Minikus

YOUTH EXCHANGE-OUTWARD

1991-1992	Brazil – Melissa Gilmour
1992-1993	Sweden – Daniel Harrison
1993-1994	Japan – Adam Townsend
1994-1995	Belgium – Shannon Walker
1995-1996	Argentina – Daniel Bendrups
1996-1997	Brazil – Marcus Cumming
1997-1998	Japan – Hugh Anderson
1998-1999	Poland – Elisa Davison
1999-2000	Denmark – Annie Sloman
2001-2002	Brazil – Fiona Tse
2002-2003	Poland – Bridgette Couper
2004-2005	Finland – Seren Charlton-White
2005-2006	Germany – Emily Leversha
2010-2011	Sweden – Oscar Clift

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (CHANGED TO GROUP VOCATIONAL EXCHANGE IN 2016)

1993-1994	Thailand – Andrew Allan (Team Member)
1998-1999	Japan – Paul Maguire (Team Leader)
1998-1999	Japan – Karen Jemison (Team Member)
1998-1999	Japan – Aaron Matheson (Team Member)
2000-2001	Canada – Cate Gatt (Team Member)
2003-2004	Ireland – Neville John (Team Leader)
2003-2004	Ireland – Alice Miller (Team Member)
2004-2005	New Mexico – Sarah Gales (Team Member)
2007-2008	USA – Bronwyn Flanagan (Team Member)
2011-2012	USA – Adam McKie (Team Member)
2012-2013	UK – Steve Bourke (Team Member)
2016-2017	Philippines – Michael Lapiña (Team Leader)
2016-2017	Philippines – Emily Brown (Team Member)

INDIVIDUAL RI or DISTRICT AWARDS

MOORFIELD, Mel	Rotary International Service Award (1994)
MOORFIELD, Mel	District Foundation Service Award (1994)
COCKS, Terry	District Foundation Service Award (1994)
CALLANDER, Tom	District Foundation Service Award (1994)
MEEHAN, John	Rotary International Service Award (1994)
MEEHAN, John	District Special Service Award (1995)
GILBERT, Barry	Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (1995)
PITT, George	Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (1995)
O'BRIEN, Frank	Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (1995)
AKERLEY, Cec	District Foundation Service Award (1997)
GIBB, Don	District Foundation Service Award (1997)
MEEHAN, John	Four Avenues of Service Citation (2000)
MEEHAN, John and Lorraine	District Special Service Award (2001)
MEEHAN, John	Rotary "Service Above Self" Award (2002)
GERLINGER, Bernie	Four Avenues of Service Award (2003)
FRAMPTON, Keith	Four Avenues of Service Award (2005)
FRAMPTON, Keith	District Special Service Award (2006)
CONQUEST, Pat	District Foundation Service Award (2006)
FENBY, Emma	Royce Abbey Award (2006)
WALKER, Leon	Royce Abbey Award (2006)
LAPINA, Michael	Royce Abbey Award (2008)
MURPHY, Justine	Royce Abbey Award (2009)
GERLINGER, Bernie	District Special Service Award (2010)
GERLINGER, Marjorie	District Special Service Award (2010)
STEINER, Kerstin	Royce Abbey Award (2011)
GERLINGER, Marjorie	Avenue of Service Citation (2011)
TAYLOR, Neville	Royce Abbey Award (2012)
ZHANG, Yanpu	Royce Abbey Award (2013)
GERLINGER, Bernie	District Special Service Award (2013)
GERLINGER, Marjorie	District Special Service Award (2013)
CUTHBERT, GREG	Royce Abbey Award (2014)
SEALE, Alan	Avenue of Service Citation (2014)
HINES, Rob	Royce Abbey Award (2015)
THOMAS, Tony	Avenue of Service Citation (2015)
CAVELL, Warwick	Royce Abbey Award (2016)
O'BRIEN, Frank	Avenue of Service Citation (2016)
GREENWOOD, Herb	Avenue of Service Citation (2017)
OVERTON, Sarah	Royce Abbey Award (2018)
SOROS, Rob	Royce Abbey Award (2018)
WALKLATE, Kevin	Avenue of Service Citation (2018)
GERLINGER, Bernie	District Outstanding Service Award (2018)
GERLINGER, Marjorie	District Outstanding Service Award (2018)
CHAN, Alison	Royce Abbey Award (2019)
GANGULI, Suvam	Royce Abbey Award (2019)
FEDELE, Francesco	Royce Abbey Award (2020)

INDIVIDUAL RI or DISTRICT AWARDS (continued)

SEALE, Alan

INCHAUSTI, Ignacio

WILLIAMS, Rhys

DURAS, Peter

LEBBOS, Elias

OVERTON, Sarah

TAYLOR, Neville

HICKS, Kerrie

Royce Abbey Champion of Change Award (2020)

Royce Abbey Award (2021)

Royce Abbey Award (2022)

Royce Abbey Award (2023)

District Governor's Mentorship Award (2023)

District Governor's Mentorship Award (2023)

District Governor's Mentorship Award (2023)

Royce Abbey Award (2024)

INTERNATIONAL and DISTRICT AWARDS/TROPHIES/RECOGNITIONS

1993/94/95/97/98/99/00/01/03/04/05/06/07/08/09/10/11/12/13/17/18/19	R.I. Presidential Citation for Balanced Program
1987-1988	Membership Development ("Joey") Trophy
1992-1993	District Foundation Trophy
1994-1995	Rotary Image Award (with Brighton North)
1994-1995	International Service Trophy (with Albert Park)
1997-1998	Horizons Award
1997-1998	Significant Achievement Award (Highly Commended)
1999-2000	Orica Vocational Service Award
1999-2000	Horizons Award
1999-2000	Rotaract Involvement Award
1999-2000	Vance Hilton Trophy for Best Awards Presentation
2002-2003	Strategic Planning/Horizons Award
2002-2003	Best Bulletin Award (Clubs 51-150 members)
2003-2004	Vance Hilton Trophy for Best Awards Submission
2004-2005	Public Relations Trophy
2007-2008	District Governor's Benchmark Award
2007-2008	Innovation Trophy
2008-2009	Community Service Award
2008-2009	Vocational Service Award
2009-2010	Rotary International Membership Recognition Award
2009-2010	Rotary International Membership Development and Extension Award
2012-2013	District Peace Award
2013-2014	Rotary Foundation End Polio Now certificate
2014-2015	Rotary Foundation End Polio Now certificate
2014-2015	District 9800 Club Citation
2014-2015	Rotary International Significant Achievement Award - Awarded for Community Village program
2014-2015	Certificate – Service Recognition Programme – Rotary Foundation Giving
2015-2016	Rotary Foundation End Polio Now certificate
2015-2016	District 9800 Club Citation
2016-2017	District 9800 Club Citation
2017-2018	District 9800 Club Service – Public Image and Communication Recognition
2017-2018	District 9800 Club Service – Membership Recognition
2018-2019	District 9800 International Service
2018-2019	District 9800 Vocational Service
2019-2020	RI Citation (Gold) for helping Rotary connect the world
2020-2021	District 9800 Youth Service – Bernie Gerlinger <i>Hope For The Future</i> Scholarship
2021-2022	District 9800 Recognition Award for International Service
2022-2023	District 9800 <i>People of Action</i> Award for South Sudan Menstrual Health Program
2022-2023	District 9800 <i>People of Action</i> Award for Youth Mental Health Program
2022-2023	Rotary International Presidential Citation for helping imagine Rotary in the lives of people all over the world
2022-2023	Club Annual Donor Level 1 for support of The Rotary Foundation
2023-2024	Rotary International Presidential Citation for helping Rotary create hope in the world
2023-2024	District 9800 Recognition Award for Community Service, for the sleeping bags for the homeless project

SISTER CLUBS

Rotary Club of RC Osaka Midosuji Hommachi, Japan (D2660)

Rotary Club of Echuca Moama, Victoria (D9800)

Rotary Club of Rabindra Sarobar, Kolkata, India (D3291)

Rotary Club of Cork, Ireland (D1160)

SOME OF THE MANY CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE RECEIVED SUPPORT

Rotary Foundation	Airlie Police College
Arthritis Foundation	Chernobyl Youth
Steps Outreach Service	Rotaract Club
Young People's Health Service	Rotary Exchange Students
Lighthouse Foundation	North Melbourne Aged Care Day Centre
Open Family	Water tanks for Mt Hagen, PNG
Alma Doepel Training Ship	Hospital in Mongolia
Care and Communication Concern	Shine On Awards
International House	Youth Entrepreneurs' Forum
Rotarians Against Malaria	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
East Gippsland Floods	Samarinda Hospital, Borneo
PNG Tidal Wave Appeal	Bone Marrow Research Institute
Operation Livewire	Spastic Society of Victoria
Association For The Blind	Healesville Sanctuary
The Big Issue	Baker Research Institute
Coburg Teaching Unit	Rotary Polio Plus Campaign
Model United Nations Assembly	Rice Mill in Bangladesh
University High School	Victorian School for the Deaf
Melbourne Children's Court	Rwanda Famine Appeal
Court Network	Rabaul Earthquake Appeal
National Stroke Foundation	Shrine Auditorium Appeal
Peer Support Foundation	Australians Against Child Abuse
Interplast Australia and New Zealand	Boundary Road Primary School
Work Skill Australia Foundation	Salvation Army
Redundancy Support Seminar	Leather Training Centre Bangladesh
New Generations Workshop	ROMAC
Royal Children's Hospital	Epworth Hospital
Children's Protection Society	Young Achievement Australia
Missing Persons' Contact Program	Turkish Earthquake Appeal
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment	Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Hospital
Young Adult Migrant Education Course	Camp Getaway for the Disabled
Kids' Helpline	Bowel Scan
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation	Variety Club Christmas Party
Ambulance Service Booklets	Support for Drought Affected Families
One Umbrella (Food for Poor)	Youth at Risk
Turning Point	Reading Glasses for West Papua
Adopt a Village in PNG	Reading Desks for West New Britain
Water tanks for West New Britain	Royal District Nursing Service
Hanover Welfare	Ovarian Cancer Research
National Youth Science Forum	Adventures in Citizenship
English as a Second Language course for Sudanese women	Books for Somalia
School of St Jude	Siemen's Science Summer Schools
Rotary Health Research Fund (Australian Rotary Health)	Visiting Pets as Therapy
Hotham Mission Asylum Seekers	Group Study Exchange Teams Inward/Outward
Community Village Project	Silk Miller Police Scholarship

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Know Your Numbers	Koori Girls at Echuca College
Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program	Disaster Aid Australia
3E - Enterprise, Education and Environment	Rotary ANZAC Peace Tour
Our Community	Homeless World Cup
Echuca Steam Rally	Storm the Stage
Donations in Kind	Regina Coeli Homeless Women's Centre
Hue Kang High School, Laos	Kampuchea House, Cambodia
McAuley House	Ban Houy Thao School, Laos
Lentara Uniting Care Asylum Seeker project	Federation Square
Shine for Kids	Men's Shed
Fitzroy Crossing Indigenous project	Bo Children's Hospital, Sierra Leone
Youth Projects Inc	Ban Buam Aor School, Laos
Princes Hill Secondary College Scholarships	End Trachoma 2020
Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program	Hope Scholarships, Steps Outreach
Voice of the World, India	Ban Heuthan School, Laos
Medical Clinic, Chizula Village, Malawi	Vocational Skills and Development Program, India
Phillip Island Landcare	Kok Tnoth Village, Cambodia
Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Response Network (RIMERN)	Victoria Police Legacy
Travellers' Aid	Concern Australia
Menstrual hygiene and education in South Sudan	Clean water and sanitation projects in Cambodia
Medical aid for Ukrainian citizens	SkyHydrant installation in the Philippines
Vietnam Foundation	ShelterBoxes for disaster aid in Turkey and Syria
	St Mary's House of Welcome, Fitzroy

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME	YEAR	R. I. PRESIDENT	CLUB PRESIDENT
"Rotary Brings Hope"	1986-1987	M.A.T. Caparas	Terry Cocks
"United In Service – Dedicated To Peace"	1987-1988	Charles C. Keller	Terry Cocks
"Put Life Into Rotary – Your Life"	1988-1989	Royce Abbey	Cec Akerley
"Enjoy Rotary"	1989-1990	Hugh M. Archer	Herb Greenwood
"Honour Rotary With Faith And Enthusiasm"	1990-1991	Paulo V.C. Costa	Mel Moorfield
"Look Beyond Yourself"	1991-1992	Rajendra K. Saboo	Denis Cassidy
"Real Happiness Is Helping Others"	1992-1993	Cliff Dochterman	John Meehan
"Believe In What You Do, Do What You Believe In"	1993-1994	Robert Barth	Lou Butterfield
"Be A Friend"	1994-1995	Bill Huntley	Tom Callander
"Act With Integrity, Serve With Love, Work For Peace"	1995-1996	Herbert Brown	Graham Upton
"Build The Future With Action And Vision"	1996-1997	Luis Giay	Richard Stone
"Show Rotary Cares"	1997-1998	Glen Kinross	Keith Frampton
"Follow Your Rotary Dream"	1998-1999	James Lacy	Bill Sampson
"Rotary 2000: Act with Consistency, Credibility and Continuity"	1999-2000	Carlo Ravizza	Bernie Gerlinger
"Create Awareness – Take Action"	2000-2001	Frank K. Devlyn	Steven Hallis
"Mankind Is Our Business"	2001-2002	Richard D. King	Alan Seale
"Sow The Seeds of Love"	2002-2003	Bhichai Rattakul	Neville John
"Lend A Hand"	2003-2004	Jonathon B. Majiyagbe	Marjorie Gerlinger
"Celebrate Rotary"	2004-2005	Glen E. Estress Snr	Michael Bromby
"Service Above Self"	2005-2006	Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar	Bruce McBain
"Lead The Way"	2006-2007	William B. Boyd	Sue Bell
"Rotary Shares"	2007-2008	Wilfred J. Wilkinson	John Ilott
"Make Dreams Real"	2008-2009	D.K. Lee	Roger Thornton
"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"	2009-2010	John Kenny	Kevin Love
"Building Communities Bridging Continents"	2010-2011	Ray Klingensmith	Anne King
"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"	2011-2012	Kalyan Banerjee	Kevin Walklate
"Peace Through Service"	2012-2013	Sakuji Tanaka	Kay Stevens
"Engage Rotary Change Lives"	2013-2014	Rob Burton	Doug Robertson
"Light Up Rotary"	2014-2015	Gary C.K. Huang	Roy Garrett
"Be a Gift to the World"	2015-2016	K.R. Ravindran	George Mackey
"Rotary Serving Humanity"	2016-2017	John F. Germ	Justine Murphy
"Rotary Making A Difference"	2017-2018	Ian H.S. Riseley OAM	Frank O'Brien
"Be The Inspiration"	2018-2019	Barry Rassin	Neville Taylor
"Rotary Connects The World"	2019-2020	Mark Maloney	Warwick Cavell
"Rotary Opens Opportunities"	2020-2021	Holger Knaak	Therese Robinson
"Serve To Change Lives"	2021-2022	Shekhar Mehta	Elias Lebbos

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"Imagine Rotary"

2022-2023

Jennifer Jones

Rohan Williams

"Create Hope in the World"

2023-2024

Gordon McNally

Michelle Crawford