

19 June 2022

# Annual Report



## Club Details

**D9800 District Governor:**  
**Dale Hoy**

**President:**  
**Danny Civitico**

**Secretary:**  
**Mandy Dayal**

**Treasurer:**  
**Ray Lipscombe**

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**Meets Fortnightly**  
**6.00 for 6.30pm**  
**Altona RSL**  
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## Highlights of the 2021-2022 Rotary Year

### *A.C.R.C. Board Members 2021-2022*

<b>President</b>	Danny Civitico	<b>Community</b>	Margaret O'Neill
<b>PE &amp; Club Service</b>	Charlie Hommelhoff	<b>International</b>	Charlie Montebello
<b>Vice President</b>	Frank Landells	<b>Vocational</b>	Bryan Goodwin
<b>Secretary</b>	Mandy Dayal	<b>Membership</b>	Leon Mancini
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ray Lipscombe	<b>Foundation</b>	Charlie Montebello
<b>Sgt at Arms</b>	Charlie Montebello	<b>Youth &amp; Environmental Sustainability</b>	Bronwyn Fanning



**Judith Coghill being inducted into the club at the District Governor's visit.**



**Anne Morton receiving her Paul Harris Fellow at the District Governor's visit.**

# President Danny's Report

It has been an absolute pleasure to be the president of this great club this year. As a rookie President I learned so much about rotary and my leadership team made sure I was informed and kept things ticking over. I have seen many great projects and fundraising activities going on as we move to a COVID normal.

At the start of the year I laid out a few action items that I wanted to achieve during the year that included strengthening and maintaining our membership base as well as raising the profile of our club. I think that we achieved all these aims and I feel that the club is in a good position as the end of my year approaches.

Whilst we said goodbye to three members we also were able to pick up three new and energetic members who are all contributing significantly to the club and rotary purposes.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the directors this year who all went above and beyond and assisted me during a very difficult period for me in August last year. They all ensured the club ran smoothly and that I had one less thing to worry about. Thank you all. Thank you club members for your confidence and trust in me as you have all encouraged me to become president again which I will do in 2023 - 24 I look forward to that. It would be remiss of me to not make special mention of several members of the club that have made my year special.

Charlie Montebello - As the Sergeant you made our meetings fun and in the process helped raise lots of money with your questionable fines sessions. Again you were a dynamo and helped to make fundraising activities such as the golf day and sausage sizzles huge successes.

Bryan Goodwin - As always a powerhouse of the club and managing successful projects such as Wynspeak, Teachers Awards, website and getting new projects on the way as well. When ever I had a management question, Bryan was always happy to help me out and provide wise council.

Jan and Barry Douglas - Jan and Barry are stalwarts and monuments to our club and were very supportive of me when I had some challenging times.

Ray Lipscombe - If there was a way to save the club expenditures, he would find a way to keep our club in the black.

Marg O'Neil - A real Rotarian living the values of rotary and despite having a full work life manages to contribute to the club in meaningful ways.

I hope that I have been able to serve the club faithfully this year and fulfil the rotary theme of serve to change lives and that I leave it in good shape when Charlie Hommelhoff takes over.

Danny Civitico

President 2021 -22



# Secretary's Report

## **Secretary / Public Officer Report**

The club currently has 28 members, 18 active members and 10 honorary members.

It was a mixed year for membership with three members leaving the club but three new members Anne Morton, Lenore Thornton and Judith Coghill joining and immediately having a positive impact on the club.

Our average face to face attendances were in the vicinity of 14 to 16 attendees plus guests and guest speakers.

Our teachers awards night which was an online event attracted many attendees and had a widespread effect.

## **Board Meetings**

There were 4 Board Meetings conducted throughout this year and as required we also conducted an AGM in November 2021 where office bearers for the upcoming year were elected.

A couple of our newer members have put their hand up to be a director next year so that is an exciting development for the club.

## **Secretarial Obligations**

The secretary is required to provide a financial statement to Consumer Affairs detailing our fundraising status and activities. As in previous years, our main benefactor has been Very Special Kids and we continue to support that organisation.

## **Venue Change and Meeting Frequency**

Due to a number of issues, we changed our meeting venue to the Altona RSL late in the rotary year. We will continue to meet on a Tuesday evening as we did this rotary year. We will see how things go with the new venue but the early signs are promising.

## **Moving to Fortnightly Meetings**

A survey of members wholeheartedly supported the idea of moving to a fortnightly meeting regime and into the new year we will follow that format and review its viability and success.

It is envisaged that should the need arise extra meetings in between can be arranged in person or via Zoom.

And for those who need an extra Rotary fix, then they have the option to go to other clubs such as Altona and Williamstown who meet on the alternate week.

This year we also cancelled our PO Box at the Post Office due to the fact that hard mail is barely used these days. Any club related mail is now redirected to our Treasurer Ray.



# Golf Day Report (20th Annual Charity Golf Day)

25th of February 2022

As in past years the dedication and hard work put in not only by the members of the Golf Day Committee but also by those members who make themselves available prior to the day canvassing for donations, prizes and sponsorships and again on the day helping to set up and run the event all contributed to a successful outcome.

Those combined efforts resulted in our 20th Charity Golf Day Event proving to be our most successful yet setting new records in number of players, numbers attending the presentation dinner, Gross Profit and amount distributed to Very Special Kids and to our own Charity Account.

No doubt the increase in numbers is due in part to several members being persistent in their efforts to persuade new groups to enter but it has also become evident that our event has over time gained a reputation for being very well run and organised.

Again the Golf Course was in first class condition, of which we received quite a number of very favourable comments and we were fortunate to once again have ideal weather, as ordered by Charlie.

The new records; 28 teams ( 118 players ).

Number at Dinner 136.

Gross profit \$20,048.00

Funds Distributed;

Very special Kids \$12,000.00

RCAC Charity A/C \$8,000.00

Since inception the Golf Day Event has now raised a total of \$214,088.00 with \$130,300.00 of that being donated to Very Special Kids.

Frank Landells

On behalf of the Golf Day Committee



**Cheque for \$12,000 handed over by club member Jan Douglas to Director of Very Special Kids, Michael Wasley**



**Patrick the Very Special Kids Piggy Bank**



# Program Chairperson

This year we had a wide range of speakers and presentations to our club. We were able to meet in person and that certainly allowed us to have more speakers present to our club and provide interesting and inspirational stories.

As a result of some of these presentations, the club was able to make donations to some of these presenters or at the very least, spread awareness, make linkages of the issues and challenges the speakers presented on.

Many of these speakers linked in with the current rotary year theme ***Serve to Change Lives***.

The topics covered this year were many and varied and a few of those highlights are reproduced here.

Anjan Bhattaral - Motor Neurone Disease

Richard Harrison - Umpiring Women's Cricket

Tim Webster - History of the Victoria Market

Michael Dorahy - Burke & Wills / Lewis & Clark

Cherrie Osborn - Water Project for India

Joan Roose - Jacob's Well

Michael Wasley - Very Special Kids

Brian Noordenne - Recent Holiday

Christine Stow - Grant Applications

Judith Coghill - Behind the Badge

Michaela Stafrace - Women Can

Vicki Zhou - Volunteer Driving

A pretty impressive list of topics and speakers!



**Cherrie Osborne and Debra Sloggett receiving a cheque from club member Bronwyn Fanning for a water for Cambodia Project**



**Joan Roose (Jacobs Well Project) receiving a cheque from club member Lenore Thornton**



**Michaela Stafrace and Kerry Kornhauser of Women Can**

# Fundraising & International PP Charlie Montebello

Once again we had an interrupted year with COVID 19 but still managed to have a few speakers regarding International Projects.

I am proud that our club have been able to donate monies to some Water Projects.

We had a presentation by Past ADG Cherrie Osborn and President Elect Deb Sloggett from the Keilor East Rotary Club regarding Project W. Water for Education- bringing clean, safe drinking water to high schools.

As background, 57 out of 90 high schools In rural Siem Reap province do not have clean drinking water. The purchase of and installation of Sky Hydrant filtration systems enable those areas to have clean drinking water for 40,000 students & 20,000 families and 130,000 rural Cambodians.

Another project we donated to was Jacob's Well, The Founder of Jacob's Well, Joan Roose came to our club as a guest speaker and speak about the need for water wells. Joan visited India in January 2004, with the team she travel within the states of Andhra and Pradesh.

Her story began with: *"One day we were with some health workers visiting tribal villages in Orssa. I was shattered when she held a baby that I though was only a few days old but was told the baby was 9 weeks old. The baby had thrush when I asked for the mother to wash the baby that's when I found out that there was no water and no wells to draw from".*

Joan decided to do something about this unacceptable situation After a lot of talking, planning ,research and prayer,12 months later (May 2005 ) Jacob's Well in India began. Since then Jacob's Well has partnered with many local

Indian people who share the same vision allowing Jacob's Well to grow and develop.

We also made a donation Of \$500.00 to (DIK) DONATION IN KIND after a visit there on 31st May this year.

DIK is very close to our hearts as PP Barry Douglas has been a volunteer for almost 18 years.



**Visit to Donations in Kind**

After 5 years as International director I will be stepping down and handing the reins to Lenore



## Community Services

Community activities focussed on the purchase and supply of fresh fruit and vegetables to those in need during the COVID crisis. Some of these activities included:

450 kilos of Fruit & Veg's 15 Dozen Eggs 24 Tubs of Butter, 24 Tubs of Margarine, 36 tubs of Yoghurts, Breakfast Cereals and Long Life Milk. All these items were distributed through local Salvation Army networks

Our New Members Lenore Thornton and Anne Morton sourced ladies and men's toiletries items from PINCH A POO which were also delivered to those in need.

Frank Landells also delivered 15 dozen Eggs and a load of groceries Plus 50 bags of Ladies and 60 bags of Men's PINCH A POO products to St Vincent's De Paul, Laverton.





## Vocational Services & Teacher Awards Night - Bryan Goodwin

In 2021/22 we focused on enhancing Rotary Programs for Schools through the following projects, often working in collaboration with members of other Clubs. An application has been made for a D9800 Vocational Service recognition for the Club- the outcome of which will be announced at the coming District Changeover. Key projects included:

**Developing a “Rotary Programs for Schools”** section on the Rotary Altona City Website. The aim was to provide an integrated, easy to use interface to showcase “Rotary Programs for Schools” using generic/key program names that schools might search for. E.g., “Developing Leadership Skills” instead of RYPEN, and “Public Speaking and Debating” instead of “WYNSPEAK, BAYSPEAK, AINGER PECK and MUNA.” In the first week these website changes were implemented, there were 694 hits on the Club website, 40% from India, illustrating the value of using key words in plain English rather than using Rotary acronyms.

**Hosting the second Hobsons Bay Wynspeak Heat** at the Altona Theatre on 5 May 2022, supported by a \$2300.00 Grant from the Victorian Government’s West Gate Neighbourhood Fund. Erin Godfrey from Mount St Joseph Girl’s College was the Junior Winner and Stanley Webb of Footscray High School was the senior winner.

Other schools represented were Bayside P-12 College, Williamstown HS and Victoria University Secondary College. **Marg O’Neill was blown away...**  
*“With teenagers of the calibre I heard, the future of our country is in good shape. They spoke on topics from climate change, child marriage, airplane food, Facebook, profit versus environment, if you had an extra hour each week and lots more.”*  
All available Club members were involved, and a

big thank you to adjudicators Danny Civitico, Judith Coghill, Charlie Montebello, and Marg O’Neill.

Also, thanks to timekeeper Mandy Dayal, Bell Ringer Barry Hanson, Student Liaison and Photography Bronwyn Fanning and Venue Setup Ray Lipscombe and Charlie M. President Danny gave the welcome and presented participation certificates and vouchers to winners. Thanks also to Damien Hynes (Williamstown RC) and Joanne Philippe (Toastmasters) for being part of the adjudicating Team. And finally, thanks to Wynspeak Founder Des O’Shanassy (Hoppers Crossing RC) and the rest of the Wynspeak Committee which organised the eight heats and a Final, covering over 40 Secondary Schools in the Western Suburbs.

**Pilot Mock Job Interviews:** Following development of a District 9800 Template for Mock Job Interviews, in collaboration with PP Nia Holdenson of Richmond RC, we provided a Student Manual and 18 Simulated Job Ads for Year 10 Students to Altona College and Bayside College. The Principals, Nolene Symons and Julie Krause, together with Nia, briefed the Club, and we are now waiting for their respective Careers Teachers to develop their plans, prior to recruiting the required Rotary Interview panels.

**Rotary Citizenship Award:** We arranged to sponsor a Rotary Citizenship Award (value \$500) for Altona College’s graduating year 12 class for a minimum of 5 years. The inaugural award was presented by PP Jan Douglas to Alex Gatt.

**Rotary D9800 Foundation Scholarship Grant:** Jan Douglas has arranged a \$1000 scholarship grant (2 years) at Bayside P-12 College.



## Vocational Services & Teacher Awards Night Cont.

**Rotary Teacher Awards:** The pandemic sent everyone into a spin where suddenly, we were all forced to adapt to a socially isolated world. Teachers adopted new modes of teaching that embraced the family unit.

The Hobsons Bay Rotary Teacher Awards program focusses on early career stage teachers, experienced teachers, and teams. The awards recognize and encourage outstanding performance in local schools. Award founder, Past District Governor Julie Mason says that it's never been more important to support and honour teachers.

"The requirements we've put on teachers in the COVID environment have been extraordinary so it's particularly relevant to acknowledge their work.

Teachers had to pivot between onsite and remote learning while supporting student's families and in many cases, having to home-school their own children." The Zoom award ceremony took place, on 18 October, 2021. It was a powerful event telling stories of passion, dedication and relationship building that went beyond the student teacher relationship and into the families. Nine teachers from Altona College, Bayside P-12 College, Emmanuel College and Wembley Primary School were recognised with Encouragement Awards. Three teachers from Wembley PS were recognised with Achievement Awards, and two teams of 6 teachers each were recognised with Team awards. In total, 24 teachers were recognised in 2021. Grateful thanks to MC Charlie Hommelhoff, to award presenters Marg O'Neill, Jan Douglas, Anne Morton and Lenore Thornton, and to key collaborators from other clubs: PDG's Julie Mason and Murray Verso, Susie Cole (Keynote speaker-Prahran RC), and Stuart McArthur (Southbank).

With assistance from Jeanette Leigh (Balwyn RC) Teacher Award Stories were published in Rotary Down Under (March 2022 ed.) Star Weekly, and Networker.

### Wynspeak Winners



**Erin Godfrey Junior Winner Representing  
Mt St Joseph's Girls College, Altona**



**Stanley Webb Senior Winner Representing  
Footscray High School**

Bryan Goodwin  
Vocational Director 2021-22

## Treasurer's Report / Youth Report

This year has had a few interruptions but some of our fund raising efforts went ahead and proved to be very successful.

Our reserves of funds built up over years enabled the club to maintain its strong support for our planned community programs to be fully funded.

We did transfer some funds from one of our term deposits to the Charity Acc.to ensure we had funds for the second half of the Rotary year.

We still have two very good term deposits which will keep us buoyant for many years to come. As members will know by now the clubs annual subscriptions have been held at \$330.00 for a third year.

The current year subscriptions are all up today. We still offer a range of payment option to make it easier for members.

The club has added some items of expenditure to assist in running the club ie Club runner and MYOB, we have also arranged the use of a storage unit to store much of the equipment used in our fundraising activities.

We have tried to make savings when the opportunity is there , as part of these savings we canceled the PO Box which cost \$144.00 per year for us to receive two or three items of mail a month.

Most of our mail comes as E mail, even most of our bills. Bryan Goodwin has been very successful at getting funds from council and state government, this could be the future of much of our fund raising.

As our membership is getting older we are not able to get people to perform manual tasks as they did in the past to raise money.

Our club is financially well placed for the next few years. Overall our club is in a very strong financial position.

Our expenditure in support of planned programs has been very strong but I will leave that for the other director to report on.

Prepared by Ray Lipscombe

Treasurer 2021/2022

Once again we sponsored the Westbourne Junior School Citizenship Award. This year Park Barklamb ( Head Junior School) has advised, that due to the outstanding work by these students, they are happy to split the award to the following recipients: Isabella Tabone and Krish Vohra

A huge thanks to Jan for all her help with this.

Rebecca Vassallo – NYSF

We sponsored Rebecca Vassallo to attend the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) held online and in Melbourne rather than Canberra due to COVID.

Rebecca is a year 12 Student at Mount St Joseph Girls College and hopes to study a double degree in Law and Engineering at Monash Uni where after a gap year where she'd like to help build schools in Africa. She works part time at Macdonald's and is training to take a managerial role there. Outside school and work – she enjoys netball and surfing.

We were to sponsor Aremel Von Uan to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Unfortunately with COVID – the program was cancelled. We hope to revisit this in November.

Aremel is currently studying architecture and construction management at Deakin. He writes *"I find the creation and design of building to be a rewarding and challenging process. I knew I wanted to study architecture before starting high school."*

He is passionate about Song Writing/Performing/ Music Production: In his words *"Music's a big part of my life! I enjoy listening to any type of music. In my spare time, I enjoy creating songs which provides a great way to express my feelings in a creative way."*

Outside of Uni & work ArYes, I volunteer for Ardoch as a Classroom Assistant. I've also volunteered as a Gardener at Milparinka Disability Centre, Vice President of Competitions and Events for the Student Organised Network of Architecture (SONA) and a Peer Support Network Mentor at Deakin University.

Prepared by Bronwyn Fanning Director Youth

## 2021 - 22 Year Highlights



**Anne Morton Receiving her Paul Harris Fellow**



**Kevin Sheedy Night**



**Clean Up Australia**



**Danny Civitico and Marg O'Neill receiving their Royce Abbey Awards**



**Charlie M and the Ice Bucket Challenge**



# 2021 - 22 Year Highlights



**Club Christmas Function**



**Golf Day Winners**



**Australia Day at Central Square**



**Golf Day Auction**



**Celebrating and recognising International Women's Day**



**Sausages for hungry golfers**