



**ROTARY CLUB OF MOSS VALE INC.
N.S.W. AUSTRALIA – DISTRICT 9705**

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President's greetings

Dear Members and Friends

As incoming President, I would firstly like to thank Margie for handing over a club that is in an excellent position with great membership involvement as well as being financially sound.

My focus during 2023/24 will be to maintain the membership enthusiasm and encourage our local business community to participate in our club meetings by way of guest speakers.

Rotary youth programs will certainly be high on my agenda, as well as maintain a close association with the local schools.

Every year, other Rotary programs as well as unplanned requests are presented to the club for consideration, and if we are in a position to assist, this will be done. Our fundraising programs will certainly be maintained, and if members are available, will be expanded.

I look forward to serving our members in my new role,

Malcolm Webber,

President, RCMV

Past President's greetings

Dear Members and Friends,

The Changeover Dinner was a great night. Thanks to Jacqui Bayley for doing the tables and room so beautifully, and Roger for organising such a lovely meal, promptly and professional served. Thanks to Peter Hammon the printing of the program and Reports. It was a great night all round and

I was impressed with the Services Club ability to cater for our event so professionally. And thanks to James for being the MC.

I was very pleased to present cheques on behalf of our Club to Roma Dix for the Braille Music Camp and to Neil Parker for the Moss Vale Show Society. A cheque was also presented to Mathew Fahey for the Tertiary Assistance Award (named after Lofty York this year because of a bequest he made in his will).

We are thrilled to be welcoming Ross Craig back to the fold, and John Macpherson will be joining us shortly with the winding up of the Berrima District Rotary Club. His experience and expertise with RAWCS programs will be very welcome.

Since then, last week Peter Nelson set up a radio interview for me with Graeme Day - I was able to give our club a plug and also to acknowledge past Presidents, and tell him about our donations on the night.

Work is underway on the preparatory steps in getting a new website established with a view to enhancing our profile both locally and more widely. I have discovered we do have a Facebook page and we plan to reactivate it and use for info on our activities.

I have discovered that we have a food bank in Moss Vale and I have volunteered as a driver so will be interested to be able to give members information as I learn more. Quite a lot is being done for homeless people or people doing it tough in our community.

Margie Stuart

Past President RCMV

CHANGEOVER PHOTOS!



Roma Dix accepts a \$5,000 cheque



Neil Parker accepts a \$7,000 cheque



Mathew Fahey accepts the Lofty York Award



New President and Past President



Past President and New President



Happy Rotarians and Guests



Malcolm's New Board

CHANGEOVER NEWS:

There were 45 happy people attending our Changeover dinner. Most of our members were able to be there as well as some happy guests. Rob Uhl (District Governor Elect), Adam de Ttoth (Assistant Governor District 9705), and Robert Shore (District 9705 publicity officer) were Rotary District representatives. Other guests included Neil Parker (MV Show Society), Roma Dix (Braille Music Camp), Katherine Hurst and Meredith Hines (Moss Vale Public School), Ross Craig and Melissa Johnson, Mathew, Carolyn and Andrew Fahey, Robyn Ferguson, Barbara Smith PHF and Jane den Hertog (former Inner Wheel members), John Macpherson, Shelley and Phillip Boyce (Berrima District RC), and Past President Tim McKinnon AM and Margie. We were also pleased to have partners of our members as well. I have included the official apologies at the end of the Changeover Report. The following pages are very informative about our past Rotary year. There were printed copied on the dinner tables but I have included these for the benefit of everyone. More Club information follows the Changeover information. Please give me the names of any prospective members who would enjoy being a part of our small, friendly and happy Rotary Club of Moss Vale.

Jim McAlpine (Hon Sec and Membership Director).

Changeover Reports 20th June 2023

President's report

The Rotary year 2022/23 has been one of recovery for our Rotary Club. With some judicious decision-making, we have managed not to succumb to the pressures of Covid and the advance of years, and have not only survived, but acquired some new members – this year welcoming Larry Asquith (and Laurelle) and Ian Mander (and Sian). It is a testament to the friendship and unity of our Club that we are able to attract members and make them feel a valued part of our efforts to contribute to those less fortunate in our community.

Two major initiatives this Rotary year have been critical to our success: the first, our relationship, fostered by **Chris Slade**, with the newly revived monthly Moss Vale markets, has enabled not only very productive catering for the market, but also collection of gold coin donations at the gate, a lucrative source of funds.

The partnership with the Moss Vale A H and I Show Society, fostered by **Colin and Laurelle Boland**, has given us access to the Showground canteen, and the opportunity to cater for many events at the Showground. Our Showground is a valued community asset, and one of only three in the State owned by the non-profit making Show Society, rather than by the local Council. The catering management expertise of Roger **and Jacqui Bayley** and their family, has been critical to the success of both of these initiatives.

Our Annual Charity Golf Day, for many years managed by Treasurer **Peter Hammon**, and now by capable member **Peter Nelson**, continues to be a major fund raiser and a great day for players and members alike.

President Elect **Malcolm Webber** has managed the Youth portfolio most effectively, considering the reduction in Youth programs due to Covid, and we are thrilled to be able to present the annual Tertiary Education Award tonight.

Our annual donation of five bountiful Christmas hampers to families in need at Moss Vale Public School, was enhanced this year by the considerable efforts of **Moya Brown** and the (retired) Inner Wheel members, who contributed beautiful handmade toys, as well as complete back to school bags and kits for every child in those families.

Honorary Secretary **Jim McAlpine** continues to be the glue that keeps our club functioning effectively, and his role in caring for the membership and following up members in need, is a critical part of our ethos.

A major aim of the Board of Directors, for 2023/24, is the enhancement of our profile in our community - if there are members with expertise in the creation of websites and social media exposure, your Board will be very grateful for your contribution! We are

anticipating moving from strength to strength for the next Rotary year and look forward to working with our members and friends to help to support those in need.

Margaret Stuart

President

Rotary Club of Moss Vale

Secretary and Membership Report

The role of the secretary has changed in recent times, and the use of email communications by most Rotary clubs as well as District and Rotary International has meant that 'snail mail' has effectively expired for our Club. The Board took the decision in March this year to dispense with our Post Office Box in Moss Vale and save over \$150 a year. Our internal club communications are now done by email, text messages and phone calls. This process seems to work effectively for our purposes. I have tried to keep current with email addresses although when my computer had a catastrophic collapse recently, I had to ask some members for their email addresses (I hope I have them all now).

In the last Rotary year, we have welcomed two valuable new members to our Club, Larry Asquith and Ian Mander. In both cases, their supportive partners, Laurelle Asquith and Sian Mander, have been made welcome and no doubt they will also contribute to our activities. We also lost a member when the then Treasurer Stephen Bradley decided to resign. Fortunately, Peter Hammon stepped into the role temporarily.

The death of Geoff Knapman this year was a loss of a valuable honorary member. Geoff had been a member since 1984 and had held many roles, including Past President. Our members catered for Geoff's funeral at Exeter, and it was a sad occasion, but it was also a time when many former members were able to catch up with each other and our current members. Christene Knapman was very grateful for our contribution, and we were also grateful for her ongoing support of our Rotary Club (her father Alan Strode, a past president, had proposed Geoff for membership in 1984).

New members are always welcome and I would be delighted to be given any names of people whom I could contact and encourage. I have enjoyed the company of all our members, honorary members and Friends of our club. The support of all the Board directors has been great, and Margie Stuart has made my role easier with her willingness to help out on all occasions. I am looking forward to the next Rotary year, my 34th year as a Rotarian.

Jim McAlpine AM

Club Secretary

Treasurer's Report

I was nominated to the position of Club Treasurer in September 2022, albeit in a caretaker capacity, when the former Treasurer, Stephen Bradley, suddenly and unexpectedly resigned as a Member of the Rotary Club of Moss Vale. I'm very pleased to advise that Jacqui Bayley has agreed to take over the position of Treasurer from July 2023 in Malcolm Webber's new Board.

The Rotary Club of Moss Vale is very fortunate to have an excellent relationship with the Moss Vale Show Society. The Club members regularly attend on Show days and serve food and drinks from the kitchen/kiosk. We are also invited to place a bucket at the Showground gates to collect donations from patrons wishing to assist the Rotary Club in our endeavours. In addition, Jacqui Bayley runs a stall to add extra money from our Showground presence.

The Club has entered into an Agreement between the Moss Vale Show Society and the Rotary Club of Moss Vale to give the Club permanent exclusive tenure at the Showground to cook and serve at all Show events in return for the payment to the Show Society of 5% of all the Club's turnover at the Showground.

The outcome of this relationship and our agreement with the Moss Vale Show Society is that throughout 2022/2023 we have received income totalling thousands of dollars for distribution to worthy recipients and in turn the Show Society has a steady source of income and reliable volunteers providing good food.

Sincere thanks to Laurelle and Colin Boland for their relationship with the Moss Vale Show Society and to "Caterer" PP Roger and Jacqui Bayley and their family, Chris Slade and all the Club Members who regularly give their time at the Showground; this is a wonderful arrangement for the Rotary Club from a financial point of view – well done all.

Earlier in the Rotary year the Club also conducted BBQ's at Coles in Moss Vale depending on the weather; this activity yielded some income and also provided awareness of Rotary in the local community.

The Rotary Club held our annual Charity Golf Day on Friday 25th November 2022 at the challenging and picturesque Moss Vale Golf Club. The event itself is the subject of a separate report so I'll leave the details of the day to that author; suffice to announce though, from a financial aspect the day was a great success and the recipient of the funds raised from the event, Can Assist Southern Highlands, benefitted by \$13,090 to assist their very valuable work in the local community.

In January 2023 the Rotary Club was pleased to contribute \$1,500 to the NSW Flood Appeal. Then in April 2023 the Club presented a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Award which financially benefits The Rotary Foundation; please refer to my International & Foundation report for further details.

The Rotary Club of Moss Vale is most grateful indeed for 2 bequests we received this year. Geoff Knapman PP PHF was an active and long serving Member of our Club; after Geoff passed away in April 2023 Christene Knapman made a very generous donation of \$2,500 to our Charity/Operational account. In addition, Christene generously makes a \$100 monthly deposit into our Charity/Operational account in Geoff's name; many thanks indeed Christene.

Lofty York PP PHF passed away some while ago, but we were very pleasantly surprised to recently receive a bequest of \$1,500 from local Solicitors dealing with Lofty's Estate. All these additional funds will be directed to worthwhile recipients, and we acknowledge the generosity of Christene, on behalf of Geoff, and Lofty, with grateful appreciation.

U Turn the Wheel (UTW) – the Rotary Club of Moss Vale established this road safety program for young drivers many years ago and Club member Sue Tyler PHF has actively and professionally managed this program on an annual basis over all that time; many thanks Sue! Setting up the presentations and conveying local Year 11 students to the various venues is a challenging but also expensive exercise.

I'm pleased to report that this very worthwhile program is in a healthy financial state; this Rotary year we received 2 grants of \$4,000 each, one from Mittagong RSL in August 2022 and then the other from the IMB Bank in October 2022, both courtesy of submissions by Sue; the current balance of our UTW bank account is \$15,265 which ensures the viability of this valuable ongoing program.

Sam Airey was a member of the Rotary Club of Moss Vale many years ago and he left a generous legacy to the Club in his name. Sam stipulated that this money was to be securely invested and that 50% of the annual interest earned from the investment was to be directed to an International project; I'm pleased to report that the current balance of this investment account is \$7,717.

The Board of the Club has resolved to move our banking facilities from CBA to IMB Bank for a variety of reasons; this change is well underway and the new and expanded IMB bank accounts will be operational in July 2023.

In closing I'm very pleased to report that the Rotary Club of Moss Vale is in a sound financial position and for a relatively small membership we should be very proud of our Club's role in the community; testimony to this situation is our ability to distribute a further \$13,500

tonight to very worthy recipients in addition to the funds we have already provided throughout 2022/23 as detailed in this report.

As we changeover to a new Rotary year I'm pleased to hand over the role of Treasurer to Jacqui Bayley; the Rotary Club of Moss Vale is fortunate to be in Jacqui's very safe financial hands from this Changeover moving forwards.

It has been a pleasure to work with President Margie and her Board during the 2022/23 Rotary year; thank you to all members of our Club for all that you have done for Rotary International, for our Club, and for your friendship.

Peter Hammon
Treasurer

Club Administration Report

I am pleased to report the 2022-2023 year has been more successful and settled than the previous couple of years we have experienced. Our most challenging task has been locating a stable and permanent place for our meetings. The Board researched a number of possible locations, finally deciding on the Moss Vale Services Club. Following negotiations with the Club, and a change of night to Tuesdays to suit the Club, we are now settled in well and enjoying the wonderful facilities made available to us.

Organising speakers earlier in the year was made difficult, until we were settled in our permanent meeting location, but we have been fortunate to have had some excellent speakers from outside and within the Club - all being very well received!

Following negotiations with the Moss Vale A.H. & I. Society Inc., and Rohan McAlpine completing extensive work on a Formal Agreement with the Show Society, we have secured our future home base for the next five years, with use of the Canteen at the Showground and the opportunity to cater for multiple events at the Showground. We are most grateful to Rohan for his contribution and the Moss Vale Show Society for this successful outcome. I believe we as members of the Rotary Club of Moss Vale can look forward to a more settled year in 2023 – 2024 and continue to enjoy the friendships and relationships we have established, as members of the Club.

Colin Boland
Club Administration Director

Community Services Report

We have had a reasonably busy 12 months this year. Roger and I, together with numerous other members, have worked in partnership throughout the year.

Over the year, members have attended many events, which have contributed greatly to our funds. Our major event, on a monthly basis, has been our market day at the Moss Vale Showground. This has enabled us to build our funds substantially for the year. We also contributed to the Golf Day activity, providing breakfast before hit off, and helping to staff some of the course hole competitions.

U Turn the Wheel, our young driver education program, was held at Chevalier College, Oxley College, the Christian School and Moss Vale High School – member Sue Tyler organised and managed this successful program.

We attended a number of Coles BBQs, not so much to make a substantial financial return, as to fly the Rotary flag in our community. We also attended and catered for the Christmas Carols event at the old Moss Vale bowling green in December, as well as a very successful sausage sizzle at Moss Vale High School, a three day event.

Following the sad death of our past Member Geoff Knapman, we attended and catered for Geoff's funeral service at Exeter.

While the year had many busy occasions, all of our members and a number of partners attended and helped. In summary all of our functions were most enjoyable and contributed to our fellowship and enjoyment – many thanks to all and we look forward to our new Rotary Year.

Chris Slade
Community Services Director

Youth Report

With Covid still with us during the early part of the year, activity in the Youth Rotary program was basically put on hold, however in the second half of the year, some of the programs were again underway. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership program) was one of the first, but unfortunately our club was not in a position to find a suitable candidate.

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly), was held in May, with seven schools in the Highlands participating, resulting in 12 teams representing different countries. Schools participating in our area were Moss Vale High with two teams representing Egypt and South Sudan, and St Paul's International College,

representing Israel.

After much lively debate, the winner was a team from Southern Highlands Christian School and the runner up was a team from Frensham.

All was not lost however, as the team from Moss Vale High, representing Egypt, won the National dress competition. For anyone who has not attended this competition, I would thoroughly recommend it to you, just to see how well our young people conduct themselves and participate in lively formal debate.

Rotary Youth Exchange Program is again up and running, however our club is not able to host a student at the moment. We have indicated to The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong, that if they are happy to host a student, our club is willing to help provide supporting finance.

At tonight's Changeover Dinner, we will award the current Tertiary Education Award, to a student from Moss Vale High School, who is going on to tertiary study. We plan for our club to be in a better position this Rotary Year to participate in a greater range of youth programs.

Malcolm Webber
Youth Director

International & Foundation Report

Paul Harris Fellowship - This year the Rotary Club of Moss Vale presented a Paul Harris Fellowship award to Barbara Smith at our Dinner Meeting on 18th April 2023 at Moss Vale Services Club. Barbara was an inaugural member of the Inner Wheel Club of the Southern Highlands and was a stalwart member until the Club recently decided to hand in its Charter. The Rotary Club of Moss Vale sponsored the Inner Wheel Club of the Southern Highlands and was the only Rotary Club to assist in it's establishment - very well deserved and congratulations, Barbara Smith PHF!

The Rotary Foundation benefits financially every time our Rotary Club presents a PHF award.

Shelter Box Program - The Shelter Box program is a wonderful Rotary International initiative that provides assistance with emergency accommodation and invaluable aid to those people requiring assistance in countries affected by world-wide natural disasters. It is pleasing to note that our Rotary Club is in a sound financial position and could fund Shelter Boxes should they be required.

Foundation - Last year The Rotary Foundation funded more than 2000 global grants that empowered Rotary members to take on projects that they care about that make a difference in their community.

During the 2022/2023 Rotary year donations were made to The Rotary Foundation by some of our Club Members. Moving into the new Rotary year with more Club activity and hopefully an increased membership I will be more focussed on ensuring that the Club makes greater contributions to The Rotary Foundation at a member level by more actively encouraging the Centurion program.

I have enjoyed working with President Margie and her Board during the 2022/23 Rotary year and I look forward to working with President Elect Malcolm and his Board in 2023/2024.

Peter Hammon
International & Foundation Director

2022 Charity Golf Day

The annual Charity Golf Day is the biggest single fund-raising event on the calendar for the Rotary Club of Moss Vale. All proceeds raised on the day of the 2022 event went to Can Assist Southern Highlands, which is the largest cancer support service in rural NSW, giving rural and regional families the immediate and ongoing support they desperately need. Can Assist Southern Highlands is our local branch and is run by an elected voluntary Executive supported by a dedicated team of members, volunteers and health professionals who share one goal – to support those affected by cancer in our local community. Fund raising from events such as our Charity Golf Day provides much-needed financial support during this time to families in our local area.

Planning is well underway for the November 2023 event with the Rotary Club Golf Day Committee meeting on a regular basis to address all matters such as sponsorship, raffles, auction and the running of the event on the day. We are pleased to advise that Moss Vale Motor Group, which has been our major sponsor for many years, has again come on board for our November 2023 event, to offer a Haval Jolion car for a hole-in-one on the 6th hole.

Due to the constraints of the Covid Pandemic, recent Golf Days have had to be rescheduled several times, but our next event is scheduled for Friday 24th November 2023 and will be played at the beautiful Moss Vale Golf Club.

Peter Nelson
Chairman, Golf Day Committee

APOLOGIES

Kevin and Sonja Worthington

David and Libby McKew

Henk den Hertog

Christene Knapman – *As always, wishing the Club a very successful year ahead full of great fellowship and happy, healthy days ahead.*

Wendy Tuckerman MLA - *Wendy extends her best wishes to you for this event and would welcome the opportunity to attend a Rotary Club meeting in the future.*

Craig Patterson

Noel and Gwen Crellin - *Unfortunately Gwen and I shall not be able to attend the Annual Changeover Meeting. We had left our decision until now in the hope that our situation might improve, but not to be. We both have had a flow on of problems from Covid added to other medical situations we have. Our best wishes to you and our Rotary friends for a most enjoyable evening. Congratulations on a very successful year.*

Club Directors For 2023/2024

President:	Malcolm Webber
Past President /Publicity Officer	Margie Stuart
Secretary:	Jim McAlpine
Treasure :	Jacqui Bayley
Youth:	Ross Craig
Community Service;	Chris Slade
Vocational:	Roger Bayley
Club Administration :	Colin Boland
Foundation & International:	Peter Hammon

OTHER NEWS:

Jim McAlpine - I was delighted to represent our Rotary Club last week at the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Concert at Moss Vale High School. It was a showcase of some very good talents that are in our local community. The school has great actors and musicians, and I was impressed with the range of talents of nearly 200 young people. This included dancers, singers, a jazz band, an orchestra and a grand piano. Our Rotary Club has contributed funds over the years to assist with the purchase of musical instruments and it was great to see the significant improvements that the high school has made in this important area of learning and development in our community.

CLUB MEETING VENUES FOR 2023:

Our dinner meetings will be held at the Moss Vale Services Club from now on, unless we have any other special functions elsewhere. Please arrive at 6.00pm for a prompt start to our meeting and an enjoyable meal together. The standard cost for dinners will be \$25.

2023 CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	Notes
3 July	Golf day committee	tba	
4 July	New Rotary Year	MV Services Club	Dinner
11 July	New Board meeting	tba	
18 July	Dinner meeting	MV Services Club	
1 August	Dinner Meeting	MV Services Club	
3 August	U Turn the Wheel	Mittagong RSL	Sue Tyler
8 August	Board meeting	tba	
15 August	Dinner meeting	MV Services Club	
18 August	U Turn the Wheel	Mittagong RSL	Sue Tyler
2 September	SH Running Festival BBQ	tba	Mike Walker
tba	GOLF DAY!	MV Golf Club	Peter Nelson/team

**APOLOGIES MUST BE SENT TO ROGER BY 4.30PM ON MONDAY.
ANYONE WHO DOESN'T ATTEND AND WHO HASN'T APOLOGISED
WILL BE CHARGED!**

Roger Bayley will continue to be the contact person for most dinners. Please show him the courtesy of contacting him with any apologies so that accurate numbers can be reserved for our dinner meetings. Roger's mobile number is **0439 642 717** and his email address is roger.bayley65@gmail.com.

President: Malcolm Webber

Treasurer: Jacqui Bayley

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