

**Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills  
(aka MASH)**

**2021-2022 Annual Report**



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

## Office Bearers 2021-2022

### Board Members

Co-Presidents	David Winter and Joe Somers
Immediate Past President	Valmai Crees (withdrew during year)
President Elect	Anne Teese
Secretary	Simon Barnard
Treasurer	Nigel Cooper
Board Member	Kai-Xing Goh

### Service Co-ordinators

International	Nigel Cooper
Youth Services	Rob Teese
Fundraising	David Winter
Membership	David Winter
Public Image and Social	Rob Teese
Community	Joe Somers

### Other roles

President Nominee	Patt Gagliardi
On the Radar Editors	Jon Yoon, Rob Teese, Patt Gagliardi
Guest Speakers	Alex Starr
Website	Richard Groom/ Rob Teese
Social Media	Rob Teese, David Winter
Certificates of Appreciation	Alex Starr
Foundation	Richard Groom
Whitehorse Farmers Market	Patt Gagliardi, Joe Somers
Mont Albert Market	David Winter, Patt Gagliardi
Tong Masters	Graeme Battersby, Rob Teese
Peace Poles Project	Richard Groom
Interact Liaison and Co-ordination	Joe Somers, Nigel Cooper
Hybrid Meeting Technology	Rob Teese, Simon Barnard, Murray Nielsen

## The Club's Challenges, Activities, and Successes

MASH had a successful year and conquered many challenges along the way. This may sound a little dramatic, but it has to be considered in the context of pandemic related lockdowns, restrictions on meeting in person, and a smaller membership list. The club moved away from some Rotary traditions while still embracing the vision and all the principles embodied in the Rotary movement. MASH moved to fortnightly meetings, with additional meetings when required and agreed to by the membership, and the fifth Tuesday becoming a social night. Because of the small number of members formal committees were not set up. Board meetings became unnecessary with all issues being discussed by the entire membership at meetings, decisions being made on a majority vote. Details of the club's financial position were available to all members. Instead of the conventional structure for office bearers of the club, MASH operated with two co-presidents, a treasurer and a secretary.

Another challenge for MASH is the appetite of members to travel. As overseas travel for holidaying was impossible during lockdowns members used every opportunity for trips around Victoria and Australia. Management of event and activity calendars and rosters took on a greater importance. Throughout the year all commitments were met, resources were found for all activities. We are grateful for the help we received from "friends" of the club, as well as from Rotaractors and Interactors.

Several new initiatives were commenced during the year. The Peace Poles project managed by Richard generated a lot of interest and demand from local schools. The project provides a 160cm tall aluminium pole with four sides, each side bearing the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in four different languages. One side is in English, and the schools nominate the other three languages based on languages taught at the school or the school demographic. A total of nine poles were erected by Graeme and Mick, with the project continuing into the next Rotary year.

David and Patt were the drivers behind a new fund raising and community building project. The concept started as a car boot sale, gradually morphing into Mont Albert Market. David and Patt had to navigate around many obstacles and had to persuade Whitehorse Council as well as the Level Crossing Authority to secure the use of the car park as the venue for the market. The process continued for over ten months before the first market was scheduled for late in June. Due to some delay in final agreements coming through, the first market had to be rescheduled for the following Rotary year. David showed remarkable vision and persistence to get the agreement and support from so many different organisations and residents. Patt focused on securing stall holders and assuring them this would be worthwhile opportunity to create some additional income.

Kai-Xing stepped forward to ensure the Primary School Speech Competition would continue despite the lockdowns. Many schools were keen to participate in this event that was held over "zoom". Not only the speeches of the students were performed via zoom, but also the judging as were the speeches by MCs and DG Daryl.

In previous years when lockdowns commenced MASH had been quick to move into conducting meetings over zoom. When in-person meetings were allowed, the club had then moved to using a laptop's camera and microphone at the venue thus allowing online participation. During the first half of 2022 we were one of the first clubs in the district to receive the "Hybrid-in-a-box" equipment made available by a grant from the district. This new technology was put to use at the 19 April 2022 meeting. The better camera and audio equipment improved the meeting experience for all in the meeting room

as well as members and presenters joining on zoom. For those unable to attend in person the hybrid mode was a boon allowing them to participate in the life of the club and keep up relationships.

In February we were sad to farewell Jon Yoon who left to take up a senior position in Korea. Jon had been the editor of our newsletter, regularly injecting humour that brightened up our reading.

Not everything undertaken by MASH was new. The regular sausage sizzles at Hamilton Street continued our exposure to the local community, as well as establishing a link with some of the LXP workers engaged in removing the level crossing. As usual the Bunnings sausage sizzle was a logistical and resourcing exercise and was completed successfully. Production and sales of Fruit Mince Pies (FMP) for Christmas and Hot Cross Buns (HCB) for Easter were both well managed fund-raising projects, especially the HCB sales exceeding expectations and previous records. We are much indebted to David for generously supplying both the FMPs and HCBs. On top of these, David also donated HCBs and many loaves of bread which were sold at the Storm Recovery Festival at Monbulk with more than \$1000 raised for their projects.

MASH continued its support for a number of local and overseas projects by providing funding. Notable ones include the family generic toilets project in Indonesia, Pakistan Mobile Medical Unit, Umoja School in Tanzania, and Defying the Drift program that encourages rural youth in Victoria to build their future in the country by highlighting careers and opportunities.

In March the second Lift The Lid Walk took place at Gardiners Creek Reserve. After months of planning and negotiation with Australian Rotary Health and the St Kilda Football Club the turnout was smaller than hoped for, probably due to the long time it took to complete the agreements, leaving little opportunity for promoting the event. It was successful in bringing together parts of the community and working together with members of Rotaract and Interact, with participants and workers all looking forward to the following year's event.

ANZAC Day Dawn Ceremony is another local project where MASH's contribution is vital to the community. Again, MASH members worked closely with the Surrey Hills and Mont Albert Progress Association and the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre to arrange the ceremony for upwards of two thousand residents. It involved months of planning to obtain the necessary permits, the required infrastructure, and to secure the participants and performers. That was followed by a 4.30am start on the day for setup and handing out thousands of sprigs of rosemary. The weather was kind to us. It was a wonderful ceremony that was appreciated by those attending and remembering family members.

ANZAC Day celebration at Koonung Secondary College included MASH representatives, culminating in presentation of Citizenship Awards to two students, and the book "Art of Sacrifice" by local artist and historian George Petrou to be added to resources of the library.

It is hard to cover in an end of year report all the activities, projects and undertakings by the club's members. Some members took part in projects of the Whitehorse Rotary Clubs cluster. There were also projects that were started but had to be abandoned due to the pandemic or changing circumstances. These are all covered in the On the Radar weekly newsletters that can be found on the club website. The financial report that is part of this Annual Report provides more detail on deployment of funds and donations made.

The success of the club is due to the contribution made by members and friends of the club who were prepared to pitch in when resources were needed. We owe thanks to all who participated in any way, by putting in hours of work or providing funding to a project.

*Joe Somers – Co-President*

## Overview of Fund Raising

2021-22 was an important year for MASH fundraising. Planning had seriously begun to move the emphasis away from Bread Street and onto new sources of funding.

The most important new initiative is the monthly Mont Albert Market. Facts outside our control meant that the opening of the market that had been scheduled for late June 2022 had to be delayed until the 2022-23 Rotary year. However, the groundwork had been prepared.

MASH is grateful for the initial input from Rotary Club of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale who have been running their market for 28 years. They provided the templates that saved a great deal of time and enabled us to get an agreement with Whitehorse Council, and a Memorandum of Understanding with the LXP for the use of the Hamilton Street carpark once a month.

Patt Gagliardi stepped up as our market coordinator. Her contacts and knowledge have been invaluable.

We are hoping to achieve a profit of \$15,000+ per annum through Mont Albert Market. It is also a wonderful opportunity to be involved with our community and the Council.

We are also bringing the steam train to Mont Albert to farewell the 132-year-old Mont Albert station in October 2022. This significant event is being run with the Surrey Hills and Mont Albert Progress Association and Steamrail Victoria. When the new Union Station opens in 2023, we should certainly consider making it an annual community event and a club fundraiser. The synergies with the market are obvious.

In 2022-23, we must continue to explore new fundraising opportunities to ensure the future viability of our club.

Even if Bread Street becomes unavailable at some future time, there is no reason why fruit mince pies and hot cross buns cannot continue as significant club fundraiser exercises.

Hamilton Street sausage sizzle certainly felt the impact of the downturn in Hamilton Street resulting in a drop in sales. The LXP work, post COVID changes and the general economic situation all affected sales. However, ably led by Tong-masters Graeme and Rob, we maintained a MASH presence in the street each week which has been incredibly important during this time of change. Well done, team!

The fruit mince pies fundraiser was again a successful event. MASH members were responsible for the manufacture of the goods and selling them at the Whitehorse Farmers Market in November and December. Post COVID-19, the sales at the market in both months were well up on previous years. This ensured that our final sales figure of about 450 dozen matched our 2020 sales performance. A great team effort!

Hot Cross Buns was also a great success with sales exceeding previous years. The regular customers at the Farmers Market now look forward to the buns, and the delicious aroma also attracts many new buyers. Buns were sold out at the two markets in March and April. A very good result indeed.

*David Winter – Co-President*

## MASH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30.6.2022

### Summary of our Income and Expenditure:

	Admin	T/Deposit	Fundraising	WFM	Total
<b>Balances 1/7/21</b>	\$14,526.06	\$5,423.30	\$ 5,871.53	\$5,771.74	\$31,592.63
<b>Income for year</b>	\$ 7,034.50	0	\$44,176.54	\$7,710.47	\$60,109.31
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$21,560.56</b>	<b>\$5,423.30</b>	<b>\$50,048.07</b>	<b>\$13,482.21</b>	<b>\$91,701.94</b>
<b>Expenditure for year</b>	\$ 8,467.13	\$5,423.30	\$33,391.22	\$3,830.00	\$52,299.45
<b>Balances 30/6/22</b>	<b>\$13,093.43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$16,656.85</b>	<b>\$9,652.21</b>	<b>\$39,402.49</b>

### Comment

Despite our endeavours to reduce our funds on hand we finished the year with total funds of \$39,402, that is \$7,809 more than the previous year. On the basis that we donated nearly \$31,000 it shows that we are still a hard-working and successful club at raising funds.

### Funds Donated to projects/activities during the year were as follows:

ARH - Lift the Lid	\$ 7,500
ARH - Speaker fees	\$ 400
Citizenship Awards	\$ 150
Cluster project – Eastern Health, Kara house,	\$ 2,407
Days for Girls	\$ 250
Disaster Aid	\$ 1,000
Donations in Kind	\$ 1,000
Indonesian Toilets	\$ 500
Meals on Wheels	\$ 1,000
Monbulk Storm Recovery	\$ 1,105
Peace Poles	\$ 1,822
Polio eradication	\$ 2,780
Rotarians Against Malaria	\$ 500
Rotary Foundation	\$ 2,380
Rotarians Oceania Medical Aid	\$ 1,000
Rotary Youth Leadership	\$ 1,599
Umoja school – Tanzania	\$ 5,000
Wheelchairs for Kids	\$ 1,000
<b>Total funds spent</b>	<b>\$31,393</b>

We withdrew \$3,830 from the Whitehorse Farmers market account to support the community projects of the Cluster project (\$2,000) and Peace Poles (\$1,830). However, we still ended up with \$9,652 in the WFM account which it is recommended we spend on other community projects in the 2022-2023 year.

The term deposit was transferred into our Fundraising account upon maturity.

Lift the Lid shows we donated \$7,500 to Australian Rotary Health (ARH), however our target of \$12,000 was met as the RC of North Balwyn donated \$4,500 in support of our project. This was paid direct to ARH.

A District grant of \$5,000 was approved for the Umoja Tanzania project. \$2,500 of this has been received and along with the \$2,500 of our own committed funds this has been remitted via RAWCS. A Bendigo bank grant of \$2,000 was received towards purchasing a defibrillator for the Hamilton Street traders.

**A summary of Income and Expenditure in the Administration and Fundraising accounts is as follows:**

**Administration account**

**Income**

Membership fees	\$5,960
Centurion donations	\$ 800
Sundry items	\$ 275

**Total** **\$7,035**

**Expenditure**

Rotary Dues/Levies	\$4,518
Centurion remittance	\$ 800
Changeover dinner	\$1,280
Sundry items	\$1,869

**Total** **\$8,467**

**Fundraising account**

**Income**

Car raffle	\$ 940
Collection tins	\$ 1,917
Bendigo bank grant	\$ 2,000
District grant	\$ 2,500
Face mask	\$ 2,018
Hot Cross buns	\$ 3,804
Lift the Lid	\$ 8,824
Mince Pies	\$ 6,540
Monbulk Hot Cross Buns	\$ 1,105
Polio donations	\$ 412
Sausage sizzle – Bunnings	\$ 897
Sausage sizzles Hamilton St	\$ 3,815
Term deposit transfer	\$ 5,430
WFM income transferred	\$ 3,830
Sundry items	\$ 144

**Total** **\$44,176**

**Expenditure**

Donations as per list above	\$31,393
Lift the Lid	\$ 1,345
Speech competition	\$ 224
Bank/Square fees	\$ 201
Centenary – hall hire	\$ 108
Sundry items	\$ 120

**Total** **\$33,391**

***Nigel Cooper (Treasurer)***



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3 October, 2022

**Independent Review of Finances for the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills**

**For the Financial Year 1/7/2021 to 30/6/2022**

As requested I have carried out a review of the financial transactions of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills for the financial year 21/22.

I have reviewed the Bank transactions on the Bank Statements for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 and established that all supporting paperwork was available and accurately recorded. I have reviewed all transactions carried out during this period and have no concerns with these transactions.

The Bank accounts both Fundraising and Administration are reconciled by the Treasurer on a regular basis and Financial Statements are prepared for the Committee meetings as they are required and reviewed by the Committee.

Meeting fees are no longer charged and the float which was once held for this has been deposited into the Administration account.

The Treasurer has prepared Financial Statements for the financial year detailing Income and Expenditure for both accounts. The Balances are in agreement with the Bank Statements.



Jill Turner

## Sponsors and Supporters

Thank you to our sponsors and supporters, without whose generosity and assistance over the past years we would not have been able to successfully run our activities and projects.

<b>Sponsor and supporter</b>	<b>Program supported</b>
AHP Dental & Medical, Med Con and Concept Amenities	Birthing Kits
Bendigo Community Bank	Provision of sponsorship of projects - KARA House and Literacy Grants
Box Hill Institute	Provision of room at Nelson Road campus for weekly meetings
Bread Street	Provision of mince pies, supply of bread and onions for our sausage sizzles, supply of bread and other products for the First Friday Dinner.
City of Whitehorse	Venue for Whitehorse Farmers' Market and use of Box Hill Town Hall for the International Women's Day
Eastsider News	Publishing articles and notices about our club
Fletchers Real Estate	MC for Trivia Night
Holy Trinity Surrey Hills	Venue for the Centenary Project Awards
Interact Club of Koonung	Students assisting at the First Friday Dinner
Koonung Secondary College	Information night venue and provision of location for Real Estate board display for the Trivia Night
Kwik Kopy Burwood	Printing of MASH Annual Report as well as other documents/promotional material
Leader Community Newspapers	Contribution of articles about MASH projects
Box Hill North Primary School	Provision of venue for Primary Schools Speech Competition
Ross Hunt Real Estate	Supply of Real Estate boards for Trivia Night
Rotary Cluster Clubs in Whitehorse	For ongoing commitment and support in the running of the Whitehorse Farmers' Market and other projects as they arise.
Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre	Surrey Hills ANZAC Day Dawn Service
Taralye	Venue for Trivia Night
Whitehorse Rotaract Club	Project partners First Friday at The Barn, payment of rental and ongoing assistance at The Barn, partnering on other projects
1 <sup>st</sup> Mont Albert Scout Group	For allowing us to use part of their outdoor space for our club's container storage facility

## Membership of the Club as at 30 June 2022 – including 4 Charter Members

Jeff Anderson	January 2020	
Simon Barnard	August 2014	
Graeme Battersby	Charter Member	
Nigel Cooper	August 2007	Past President 2014-15
Val Crees	June 2017	Past President 2020-21
Patt Gagliardi	February 2015	
Barb Gay	August 2018	
Kai-Xing Goh	July 2019	
Richard Groom	May 2014	
Damien Hudson	July 2021	
Anjali Marcou	June 2020	
Murray Neilson	Charter Member	
Joseph Somers	Charter Member	Past President 2010-11
Alex Starr	March 2013	
Anne Teese	May 2006	President 2019-20
Robert Teese	May 2006	Past President 2016-17
Michael Willis	April 2005	Past President RC of Burwood 2004-05 Past President MASH 2007-08
David Winter	Charter Member	Past President 2015-16

## Club Presidents

2004-05	Phillip Pearson (Charter President)
2005-06	Leonie Moran
2006-07	Ern Hermeler
2007-08	Michael Willis
2008-09	Roger Coburn
2009-10	Shia Smart
2010-11	Joe Somers
2011-12	Tony Kuc
2012-13	Jenny Coburn
2013-14	Annette Kiernan (resigned December 2013), Tony Kuc – Acting President
2014-15	Nigel Cooper
2015-16	David Winter
2016-17	Rob Teese
2017-18	Jan Cook
2018-19	Nicole Osner
2019-20	Anne Teese
2020-21	Val Crees
2021-22	Joe Somers and David Winter as co-presidents

## Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Recognitions

At MASH we recognise members and others who contribute “above and beyond” to the activities and projects of our club by awarding those members with a “Paul Harris Fellow Recognition”. This award is also made to those who contribute \$USD1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation.

### MASH Members and Past Members

Name	Level	Years
Geraldine Battersby	PHF	2007-08
Graeme Battersby	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2007-08, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2017-18
Kevin Chewlun	PHF	2006-07
Jennifer Coburn	PHF & Ruby	2008-09, 2012-13 RC MASH, Box Hill Central & District 9810
Roger Coburn	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2004-05, 2006-07, 2012-13
Jan Cook	PHF	2016-17
Nigel Cooper	PHF & 4 Sapphires	2010-11, 2014-15, 2016-17, 2019-20, 2020-21
Michael Crichton	PHF	2011-12
Val Crees	PHF	2018-19
Kay Dunn	PHF	2014-15
Patt Gagliardi	PHF	2015-16
Anita Galileos	PHF & Sapphire	2010-11, 2012-13
Richard Groom	PHF & 4 Sapphires	1997-98, 2001-02, 2005-06 (RC Hawthorn), 2015-16, 2018-19
Ern Hermeler	PHF & Sapphire	2007-08, 2012-13
Annette Kiernan	PHF & Sapphire	2011-12, 2012-13
Rosemary Knight	PHF	2010-11
Tony Kuc	PHF & Sapphire	2011-12, 2013-14
Marilyn Lambert	PHF	2008-09
Shane Milroy	PHF	2010-11
Greg Moran	PHF	2006-07
Leonie Moran	PHF & Sapphire	2006-07, 2009-10
Murray Neilson	PHF	2012-13
Nicole Osner	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2004-05 (RC Burwood), 2008-09, 2011-12, 2013-14
Phillip Pearson	PHF & Sapphire	2008-09, 2015-16
Robyn Pearson	PHF & 4 Sapphires	2005-06, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16
Shia Smart	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2010-11, 2013-14, 2015-16
Gillian Somers	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2009-10, 2013-14, 2016-17
Joseph Somers	PHF & 5 Sapphires	2009-10, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2016-17 (District 9810), 2017-18
Alex Starr	PHF & Sapphire	2017-18, 2020-21
Robert Stamp	PHF & Sapphire	2013-14, 2016-17
Anne Teese	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2009-10, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2017-18
Rob Teese	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2009-10, 2011-12, 2014-15, 2019-20
Jill Turner	PHF	2014-15
Michael Willis	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2006-07, 2010-11 (District 9810), 2012-13 (RC Alice Springs), 2018-19
David Winter	PHF & 5 Sapphires	2004-05, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2012-13, 2018-19, 2020-21

## Community & Beyond the Club

Susan Anderson	PHF	2008-09 Antiques Fair & Bush Fire Auction
Hon. Anna Burke MP	PHF	2012-13 Support of club and community
Allira Howe	PHF	2018-19 Support for Rotary Youth programs at Koonung Secondary College, in particular the Interact Club.
Shima Ibuki	PHF	2020-21 Recognition of contribution to community and inclusion of other local organisations
John Maddock	PHF	2005-06 Recognition for Box Hill Institute
Trevor Rowe	PHF	2018-19 contribution to preventing family violence
Marlene Sinclair	PHF	2010-11 Toastmasters – Primary School Speech Competition
Sandra Willis	PHF	2013-14
Bev Winter	PHF & Sapphire	2011-12, 2019-20 Recognition for contribution to Blaze Aid and Fostering Children
Peter Wright	PHF	2015-16 Recognition for Koonung Secondary College
Annie Wysham	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2016-17 Recognition for coordinating “Friends” & strong support of MASH (previous PHFs from RC Richmond)

## Other Significant Achievement Awards

### Avenues of Service Citation

Jennifer Coburn – 2005-06

Robyn Pearson – 2010-11

### The Ken Scheller Award (for a literary contribution of outstanding merit)

PDG Jennifer Coburn 2009-10 Honourable mention for article in Rotary Down Under

### Companion of Australian Rotary Health

David and Bev Winter 2013-14

### Achievement Awards for MASH

Presidential Citation 2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 (Gold Distinction), 2019-20

District 9810 Award for Outstanding Rotary Club for Club Building, Club Projects, Club PR and Communication 2018-2019

District 9810 Award for Club PR and Communication 2016-2017

District Award for Club Building 2014-15

District Club Award for Strategic Planning 2013-14

Rotary International Significant Achievement Award 2012-13

District 9810 Outstanding Rotary Club in 2012-13 for Club Building, Club Projects and Club Public Relations/Communication (two only awarded in District). The Club also received certificates in each of the three areas.

District 9810 Award for Public Relations and Marketing 2010-11

District 9810 Award – Best Club Newsletter/Bulletin and Best Club Web Site 2009-10

Note: Awards received prior to 2009-10 have not been included