

District 9510

District Governor: Paul Thomas

International President: Jennifer E Jones



President Graham Goode

59th Annual Report

2022 / 2023



Presidents Annual Report for 2022-2023

This year the Rotary Club of Clare has continued to serve our local, National and International Communities as it has done for many years.

This year's 2023 Rotary Club Art Show celebrated 25 years of Art Shows in the Clare Valley. It was a great event, beginning with our first-time Thursday Sponsor Night. The general public were very open with their compliments about all facets of the art show- a pleasing fact!

I must firstly thank all our many valued sponsors for their combined support both financially and with goods in-kind over many years. These include the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council who deserve a special thanks for their help and support. I would also like to thank all the members of our local community who offered their help and time during the event as packers, organisers, hangers of art works and general helpers. It was appreciated and helped contribute to its overall success. I would also like to personally thank all of the club's membership for their efforts leading up to, during and after the show- You have helped build what is an important community event.

One of our previous events, the Local Contact, was discontinued this year and was a loss but our bi-monthly paper drives continue on with community support. The Heinrich family have continued their support of this enterprise as they have for over 30years. They store our paper until the containers fill up and then they transport them to the processing plant in Adelaide for us. This activity does help our environment and does contribute a few dollars to our club.

The Rotary Centre (the Shed) at Melrose Park has continued to be a real asset to our club. Unfortunately, the inverter for the rooftop solar panels broke down and will need replacing soon. Its use by one of the local probus clubs as their meeting venue has proven successful and has increased the use of the meeting room venue. I see the connection between our two clubs increasing over time.

Our wine sales have continued as a source of club funds, and although this year they are down a little, they remain an integral component to the financial support we offer to our communities.

During the 2022-23 year we have unfortunately lost 3 of our members who have moved from the district. This has resulted in an increased work load on other members and I know that the club is on a course to attract new members.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me during my last 2 years of Presidency of this club, especially during those months when my health issues, and the results of the home fire incident were ever-present.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of this great club for their continued support at the Rotary events and functions as we now enter our 59th year as the Rotary Club of Clare.

Graham Goode
President
Clare Rotary Club

Rotary Activities during 2022-2023 - Some highlights

July	Changeover 11 th July 2022- Sevenhill Hotel
August	Stage 2 Rotary District 9510 Grants
September	BBQ at CVTC Park and NYSF students' applications
October	BBQ meeting with Waikerie Rotary Club at Shed. New Club shirts distributed
November	Morning Tea- Bike riders on PD#7 Neil Sache's (Clare- Wallaroo) Tour
December	Clare Xmas Pageant duties. Xmas dinner at Pikes winery
January	Aust Day BBQ celebrations
February	Tea at Margaret Kimber's home. BBQ Probus Club
March	Brinkworth Progress Association donation to mower races
April	Fundraising (raffle) for Art Show
May	Art Exhibition- Clare Town Hall
June	New dawn project introduced by District Governor

25th Rotary Art Exhibition 2022/2023

Open and Presentation evening Friday 19th May 2023.

Closed Sunday 28th May 2023

With 12 months of planning, a great committee of “never organised an art show before” and “others who have been involved for many years” we ended up having a very successful event.

There were many road blocks of varying shapes and sizes but we all pulled it off with help from the Lions, Wool Wine and Wheat, Art Collective, Apex, community members, members of our club, Partners, friends of Rotary.

A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO YOU ALL.

We did a lot of leg work in visiting surrounding art galleries and schools. By visiting or emailing schools in the 3rd /early 4th term certainly worked. We sold 500 raffle tickets over 6 weeks before opening night. This had a double win as we were also promoting the Art show and Rotary to our community and visitors to our town. Raffle prizes were sent to WA, VIC, Adelaide, Clare and surrounding towns.

We used a combination of Paper entry's and Gallery 247, which worked well especially for the Youth, Junior categories and schools. Entry numbers were up and standard higher. Thank you to Sharon Wallent our Gallery 247 art show web site, Facebook and artist contact and problem solver Thank You for much needed support.

Physical entries 438 Virtual 41 2022 Physical entries 352 Virtual 55.

The Clare and Gilbert Valley Council were able to fit in the installation of the new lights which certainly enhanced all of the art works. The council again has been very supportive with allowing rotary to use the Town Hall for the 2weeks and putting up the street banners. We are very grateful.



New
Lights

Judge
Melanie



As this was our 25th year of hosting the Art Show it was suggested we hold a special invitation only Thank You evening for all of our Sponsors, who have supported our art exhibition over the last 25 years. Thank you to Monica Trengove for all of her many, many hours over many years of work with our sponsorship, development of the catalogue and advertising.

Our Judge this year was Melanie Brown from the Adelaide Central School of Art. Mel Did a great job with so many works and of a higher standard receiving comments personally, via email, via other members, local community and visitors, sponsors Mel's judging was well received.

The committee decided to go with a Virtual show again this year. We tried a different set up this year but unfortunately the location didn't work, and lack of communication about it as well. A big thank you to Chris Lowe for putting it all together. Chris is from England and had been in Clare for only 3 months and offered his help.

We tried a few different ways of doing things. Some worked, some didn't. Once we have had the debrief the ball begins to roll again. We must be very aware of the cost of running the art show and look at alternatives .

Due to our low membership help was required from outside of the club particularly in the form of IT knowledge. We were very fortunate to have obtained this assistance again from Regina and Brian Haynes.

I think it's always dangerous to individually name people. but due to a medical curve ball that was thrown to me and President Graham along with Ian Howlett with Covid, I must sincerely thank my scribes Regina Haynes and Carol Virgin as over the 3 weeks from set up to close they were the links in the chain that enabled our art show to even get off the ground let alone be as successful as it was.

Committee members. Graham Goode, Carol Virgin, Carol Bennett, Monica Trengove, Julianne Pulford, Ian Howlett, Hermann Weber, Treasurer.

Josie Paine,
Director Art Exhibition 2023
Rotary Club of Clare.



Best in Exhibition 2023
"Three Generations" by James McFarlane

2023 WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Best in Exhibition

"Three Generations" by James McFarlane
Sponsored by Pikes & Rotary Club of Clare

Icons of the Clare Valley

"It's Time I'm Honest" by Alexia Prokopec
Sponsored by Senator Don Farrell

Watercolour & Gouache

"Play of Light" by Haley O'Shea
Sponsored by Ray White Clare Valley

Pastel

"Red Dragonfly" by Larissa Rogacheva
Sponsored by Skillogalee Winery & Restaurant

Oil & Acrylic

"Daly Head Shallows" by Henry Cockington
Sponsored by GP Architects, SC Heinrichs, Clare Valley Dental, MacKenzie Homes & Commercial

Outdoor Sculpture

"Ovals Trio GJ Style on Limestone" by Rod Manning
Sponsored by Clare Valley Toyota, Anama, IKC Sheds, H Weber, Penny Pratt MP

Indoor Sculpture

"You Can't Sweep Me Under The Carpet" by Raewyn Spinks
Sponsored by Clare Hotel, Federal Member Hon Rohan Ramsay

Drawing **Joint Winners

"Bill and Milly" by Wendy Pfeiffer
"Willing" by Rebecca Hill
Sponsored by Sevenhill Hotel, Johnston-Withers, Clare Medical Centre

Youth 18yo or under

"Hand Forged Gothic Breast Plate" by Thomas Cook
Sponsored by Calaby Real Estate, Clare Chemmart Pharmacy

Junior 12yo or under

"Oceans" by Ella Wehr
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Clare

Youth Encouragement Awards:

"The Dining Room Table" by Ashleigh Curnow
"Still Life With Quince" by Emma Cook
Sponsored by Arts Collective Clare Valley

Junior Encouragement Awards:

"Mushroom" by Amalie Leditschke
"Tommy's Farm" by Tom Duncan
Sponsored by Arts Collective Clare Valley

Gabby O'Sullivan Award

"Killing Our Roots" by Dannan Isherwood

International Committee

Annual Report 2022/2023

This year saw our club continue to support our Bhutan project by financially supporting Dr Sonam Jamscho to continue his final year of study and working in Queen Elizabeth Hospital to obtain his Fellowship in Reconstructive Plastic Surgery. He will be the first Reconstructive Plastic Surgeon in Bhutan.

With a very generous donation from one of our Rotary members and a matching amount from our Club we were able to pay for the flight to Australia for Dr Sonam and his wife plus assist with their living costs while they are in Adelaide till February 2024.

Rotary and Interplast {International Plastic Surgeons} work together in training Dr's, Nurses, Anaesthetists and other Allied Health professionals including Hand Therapists, to provide life changing surgery and medical training around the world.

Dr Sonam and Suzanne Caragianas, Hand Therapist who volunteers with Interplas , were presented with a surprise cheque for \$4000 at the opening of the Art Show thus promoting Rotary and our contribution, to all communities.

I hope our Club will continue to support Dr Sonam during his time in Adelaide.

Josie Paine

Director

International Committee 2022/2023

Dr Sonam and Suzanne Caragianas
and Rotary Visitor in Bhutan



Christmas Pageant report 2022

We Had another great Float last year,

A Big *Thank You* must go to Carol Virgin, a most talented and multi skilled person. She can turn her hand to anything, which she did.

Carol single handed made wooden kangaroos, emus, and koalas. Painted, feathered, with eyes to boot. Rudolph was most impressed to be part of Australian themed Christmas Float.

We had hay, eucalyptus leaves, gum flowers, gum nuts and gifts.

The float was towed by the official Rotary ute all decorated up.

There were 4 young girls dressed in shirts, shorts, boots and cork brimmed hats to keep the flies away. Very Ozzie. The girls handed out lollies to the kids and made sure they were behind the safety line. Thanks to Bruce for the loan of his granddaughter and friends

Thanks to Matt Hart for the Australian Christmas carols and Chris Paine for the car trailer.

To top things off we still had our bubbles.

A Big *Thank You* to Carol Virgin, Bruce Reichstein, Matt Hart and Chris Paine.

Josie Paine

Pageant Project Coordinator 2022



Youth Report

During the past year we were able to have 2 students from Clare High School attend the altered sessions of the National Youth Science Program. Covid was still having its effect!!

At our February meeting club members and family enjoyed the reporting back by our 2 NYSF students (Gemma Schultz & Annabelle Kruger) who enlightened us with a summary of their activities both online and in Adelaide. They also discussed the impact that the experience has had on their vocational decisions moving forward. Students were thanked by Chair Josie and awarded a pen as thanks.

We are fortunate that Clay Reid (high school teacher) is our active source promoting this activity at Clare High School, and we look forward to more students in the future.

We were not successful in finding any RYLA or RYPEN applicants this year and we should pursue this more actively into the future.

Wine Sales 2022/23

Wine Sales were slower this year than in the Past. It is a worrying trend, as the wine is our major fundraiser, without it we would be struggling to have an impact on our aims.

The Sales this year to date are \$22,225.00.

Our costs including freight are \$15,469.00.

Our stocks are at Retail Value \$12,085.00

Normally at this time we would have ordered at least another two pallets of Shiraz and Riesling. Not so this year and the next vintage is on the way.

Let's hope things are looking up.

Hermann Weber