



**Rotary**   
**ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON SUNRISE**

# **Annual Report**

## **2021 - 2022**

Rotary International President: **Shekhar Mehta**

District 9820 Governor: **Bill Degnan**

Outgoing Club President: **Jason Coppard**

Incoming Club President: **Peter Cracknell**



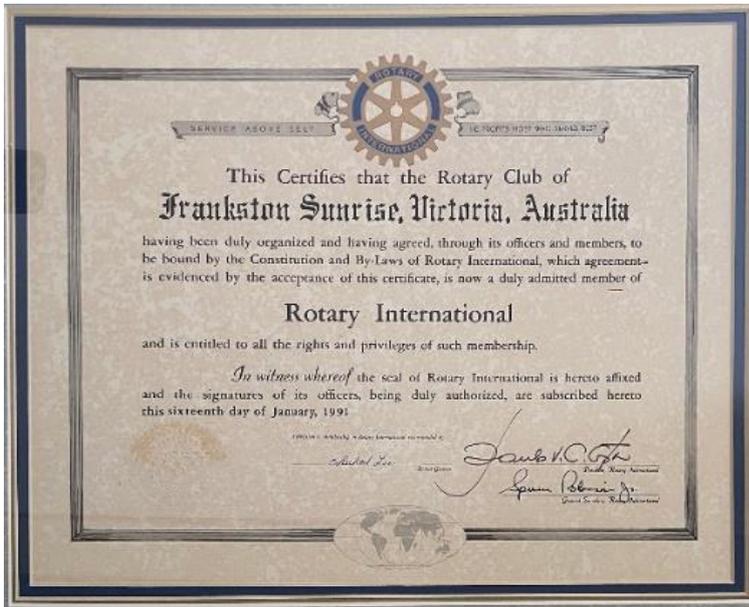
**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

**2021 - 2022**



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**2022 -2023**



### 2021-2022 Awards



### Refrigerated food delivery truck donated to Community Support Frankston



## President's Report

2021-2022 has been somewhat of a transitional year.

### How we started the year

It seems almost a distant memory now but let's recall how the year started.

We came out of lockdown late in Shane's year and managed to get together for a few meetings and for the 2021 Changeover. Optimism was building as we looked like we were heading back to normality and started looking to projects in which could participate going forward.

Then a few weeks later lockdown 5.0 took place and we were back in lockdown and limbo again.

Back to zoom meetings. Back to the uncertainty about the future. Back to putting activities on hold. Back to many people feeling a lack of enthusiasm.

The lockdowns have financially and emotionally affected many of our members especially those operating businesses and caused a lot of uncertainty in business, in family life and in Rotary.

We had a President Elect then we lost a President Elect when Mark Engwerda decided to relocate to Queensland and we were left without a succession plan.

And, if that wasn't enough, the news started coming through that our venue at the International would be closing down and the scramble started to find a new venue willing to accommodate a Rotary club with declining numbers of members attending meetings.

### How we dealt with the situation

It wasn't the best start to the year. However, despite the hurdles piling up against us, Mark Rees and Peter Cracknell and team managed to put together a very successful virtual treadmill challenge to support Very Special Kids and we raised an amazing \$37,000 for that charity despite being in lockdown.

Lockdown did eventually end and we were able to get back to face to face meetings again and optimism has (slowly) built in the community and in our club.

As we scrambled to cope with the post lockdown world and deal with ongoing Covid restrictions, we were able to put together another very successful Golf Day and many thanks go out to David McKenzie, Shane Thomas and Peter Cracknell as well as all the other Golf Day team for putting together such a wonderful event despite the complicated lead up to the day.

After a lengthy period with no President Elect, Peter (Mr Rotary) Cracknell put his hand up to be President again (twice in 4 years) thereby giving us a forward plan and Peter has come up with some great ideas to drive the club forward.

We have been able to complete another major project in supplying a new (and improved) refrigerated food delivery truck to Community Support Frankston. This project was initiated by former member Ross Augustine who applied for a federal government grant of \$20,000 to go towards the project. Through another former member, Rainer Feldgen, we were able to purchase a Toyota Hilux cab-chassis at cost price and through a contact of Greg Sharman we obtained a

generous donation from Prestige Truck Bodies who have donated the cabin (worth \$19,000) for free. Our club is contributing approximately \$15,000 for the balance of the car price and the refrigeration equipment and CSF will very soon be presented with a brand new food delivery truck which will save them around \$20,000 per year in rental payments. That money can be applied to assisting people in need instead.

We have had some long running discussions with Council about getting the Boatshed monies (approximately \$300,000) released from the Council to the Sunrise Foundation so we can finally put that money to good use supporting local projects and hopefully leveraging those funds with Rotary and other grants. It is a slow process dealing with bureaucracies like a local Council but as I write this, I understand that the matter is finally being put to the Counsellors to hopefully give the final approval to transfer the funds. Hopefully some positive news will be coming soon.

We found a new venue at McClelland Gallery.

We made a historic decision to actively invite female members into the club and we have welcomed Kim Michod and Sonja Bottern as new members.

We sadly lost some valued members: Ross Augustine, Brendan Kincade, Mark Rees, David Morgan, Gary Morgan, Tony Carter, Mark Engwerda but we gained Dave Wilton as well as Kim and Sonja and we hope to soon be adding some corporate members.

Despite a rocky start, we have been able to provide the following support to these charities:-

Very Special Kids	\$33,000.00
Fiji Pandemic Relief Program	\$1,000.00
RSL Poppy Appeal	\$200.00
Community Support Frankston (Christmas Appeal)	\$500.00
Mums Supporting Families in Need	\$5,000.00
Wheelchairs for Kids	\$5,000.00
Frankston Football Club Community Fund	\$5,000.00
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World Central Kitchen (Ukraine)	\$3,000.00
Cancer Council (sponsor Grant Klaaysen)	\$500.00
Footscape	\$500.00

We have also left a significant bank balance going forward so support can be given to other causes as and when they arise.

Thanks for supporting me in this covid transition year. I know Peter's enthusiasm in the coming year will continue to drive the club forward.

Jason Coppard





## Membership Report

Sadly we have lost or are losing some great members this year. Ross Augustine, Brendan Kincade, Mark Rees, Mark Engwerda, David Morgan, Gary Morgan, Tony Carter have all been fantastically active Members and will be sadly missed.

On the positive side, Dave Wilton has joined us and has immediately made is mark getting involved in many activities. Together with other younger members who have joined in recent years and the ongoing enthusiasm of incoming President Peter, there is a feeling of positivity for the future of the club. The enterprising ideas of IP Peter, identifying corporate membership and driving the inclusion of female members as opportunities to move the club forward.

### Fellowship:

Covid did not help, leaving fellowship activities somewhat in the doldrums this year. Attendance at organized functions was mainly by the same members.

- Friday night footy club drinks, 6 - 8 members attended at different times.
- Christmas picnic, 9 members plus partners
- Wine Tasting, 6 members plus partners

### Meetings:

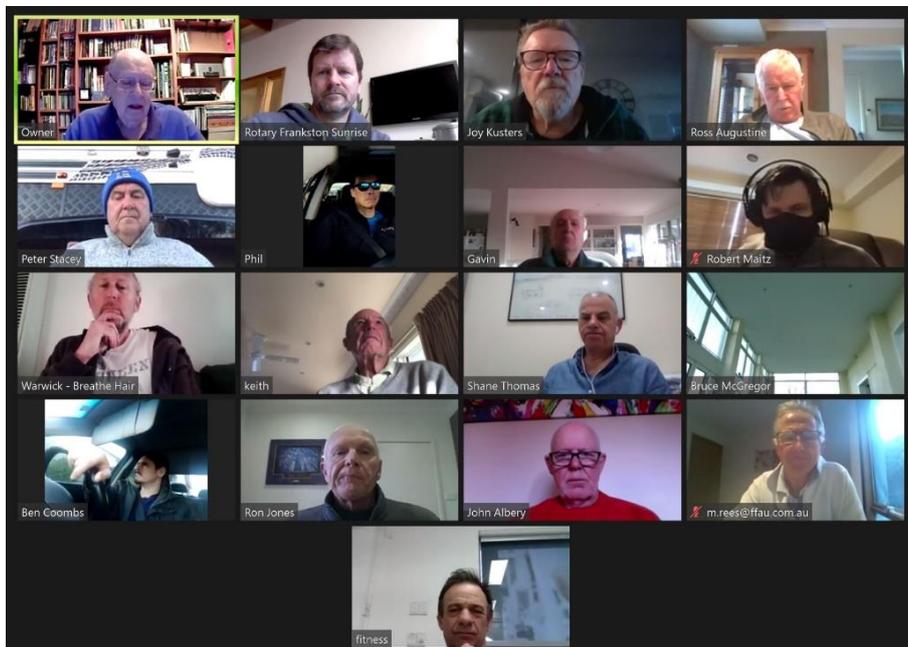
Changing our venue after many years at the International has reset the nature of our meetings, it is another change we need to adapt to.

Attendance has been spasmodic, but we generally have had somewhere in the high teens, with generally the same mix of approx 20 members. We have had a variety of interesting speakers including several members and some very funny and interesting mornings.

Thanks to the members who have helped me organise speakers and programs for each week.

A special thank you to Jason, who has always had his finger on the pulse of the club, and has no doubt been the inspiration to many of us this year.

Robert (Bob) Smith



## Finance & Fundraising Report

Another successful year for the club and one in which we responded to the different circumstances that Covid inflicted on us to deliver great outcomes for multiple causes.

### **Treadmill Challenge:**

Our Treadmill Challenge supporting Very Special Kids went ahead in October, but as a virtual event, rather than in person. With a planning pivot, we were able to switch everyone to a 1 hour event with our sponsored teams and wonderful runners/walkers/riders/swimmers etc combining to raise a whopping \$33,000! Our teams and sponsors included Willerbys Solicitors & Conveyancers, Ray White Frankston, Breathe Hair Frankston, Frankston High School Interact, Peninsula & Casey-Cardinia Rotaract Clubs, Focus Individualised Services, St John of God Hospital Frankston, Blue Runners (Frankston Police) and of course Core24. A special mention should also be made of Nepean Industry Edge Training, who contributed a very generous sponsorship of \$3750.

We managed to turn on an event that was engaging and fun with everyone getting right into the spirit of things. Thanks also to James Rees for helping out with hosting duties and bringing his own unique energy to proceedings. At the time of writing, planning is well advanced on this year's event, Sunday 11 September, back as an "in person" event at Core24 – thanks Joe!

### **Golf Day:**

Our major annual event, the Annual Corporate Charity Golf Day was another huge success, back at Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club. With a full playing field, the return of many long term sponsors and the opportunity to welcome a number of new corporates, Frankston Sunrise again turned on a great event. With perfect weather, the hard work of Macca and his team, and the full club support on the day, we continued our tradition of delivering a great event and net proceeds for the day exceeded \$45,000.

Golf Day beneficiaries included Mums Supporting Families in Need, Focus Individualised Support Services, Wheelchairs For Kids, Peninsula Kingswood Foundation, Frankston Football Club Community Programs and of course a contribution to a very important project for Community Support Frankston, which I am sure is being reported on elsewhere in Jason's Annual Report!

There are too many individuals and companies that come together to support the success of our golf day to mention in this report. Suffice to say, it truly is an event that unites us as a club in support of the community and a tradition we plan to continue into the future.

### **Bunnings BBQ's**

We unfortunately lost Roscoe to warmer climates during the year and as things opened back up we were able to return to Bunnings BBQ's for which we generally raise a net profit of around \$2000 each day. We were fortunate that Bruce agreed to step up and into Roscoe's very large shoes in coordinating the logistics of the days. Thanks Bruce and of course everyone else who jumped on board.

## Lego Donation

Via a very generous donation by a local resident, we were able to donate some \$10,000 worth of brand new Lego products. It was spread across Ray White Frankston's Christmas toy drive, Mums Supporting Families in Need and the Refugee Resource Centre. A donation that will have brought joy to a large number of children at Christmas time.

The success of the Finance & Fundraising Committee is truly a team effort across the club and my sincere thanks to everyone for the support across the year. Shane will be taking the reigns of this committee for the coming year – so we could not be in better hands.

Finally, a special congratulations to Jason for his work in steering the club forward. Beyond his role leading the club, Jason has done great work behind the scenes sorting out a range of issues for the club that many people probably don't realise. That work, such as what he is doing on the Foundation, he will be continuing to drive in the future. So Jason, congratulations on another successful year for Rotary Frankston Sunrise.

Peter Cracknell

## Virtual Treadmill Challenge



**over \$33,000.00 raised.**





ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON  
SUNRISE  
Pay MUMS SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN NEED  
The sum of \$5,000.00



ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKSTON  
SUNRISE  
Pay FRANKSTON F.C. COMMUNITY PROGRAM  
The sum of \$5,000.00





## Community Service Report

Covid and the transition out of lockdown has had a big impact on our ability to get involved in community projects this year.

Our big project was the provision of the food supply truck for Community Support Frankston. By delivering a new and upgraded vehicle, CSF will save over \$200,000 over the next 10 years in rental payments and that money will instead be available for food and relief programs for CSF's clients.

We did manage to get involved with some other projects:-

- Cleaning and painting at Community Service Frankston
- Beautification works to the common areas at the old Ambassador residences
- Sausage sizzle for ANZAC Day
- Sausage sizzle for Orwill Street Community Centre

Some further hands on projects are in the pipeline for next year and we can hopefully get back to some bigger and better projects and get our hands dirty.

Warwick Smith



## **International & Youth Report**

Covid has had a very significant impact on International and Youth services this year but we still managed to sponsor some programs.

### **RYLA**

We sponsored Michaela Goggin (formerly President of the Interact Club) as a participant and member from Peninsula Rotaract as a mentor for this event. The event was postponed due to Covid but is due to go ahead soon.

### **MUNA**

We sponsored a team from Frankston High School. The event was to proceed as a virtual event but unfortunately our team had some family issues and were not able to participate. We look forward to sponsoring a new team next year.

### **NYSF**

We sponsored two Frankston High School participants. The event proceeded as a hybrid online/in person event. We hope to see it back to “normal” next year.

### **Ghana Ball**

Cancelled due to Covid

### **Youth Without Borders – SPARK**

This year we have supported a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) camp in July for disadvantaged secondary students run by YWB. We look forward to having participants give us a presentation about the camp soon.

### **Interact Club (Frankston High School)**

In the 2021 school year, our Frankston High School Interact Club completed it's first year and what a result. With an original first year target of 20 members, we finished the year with over 50 members and our students driving a range of successful projects – a donation drive in support of Community Support Frankston and Lifegate, an awareness project and support of the Butterfly Foundation focussed on eating disorders and body image. There was much more besides this, but our Interact Club, driven by an outstanding team of student leaders and under the watchful eye of coordinating teacher, Jon Christie, exceeded all expectations.

In the current year, they are going from strength to strength. They have run a “kindness Cards program, designing and selling cards offering positive wellbeing messages and focussing on positive mental health outcomes, with funds raised targeting mental health. They are working on exciting 2nd half initiatives and continuing to grow their impact. Our Interact Club at Frankston High is held up as the model across our District as they aim to grow Interact Clubs elsewhere.

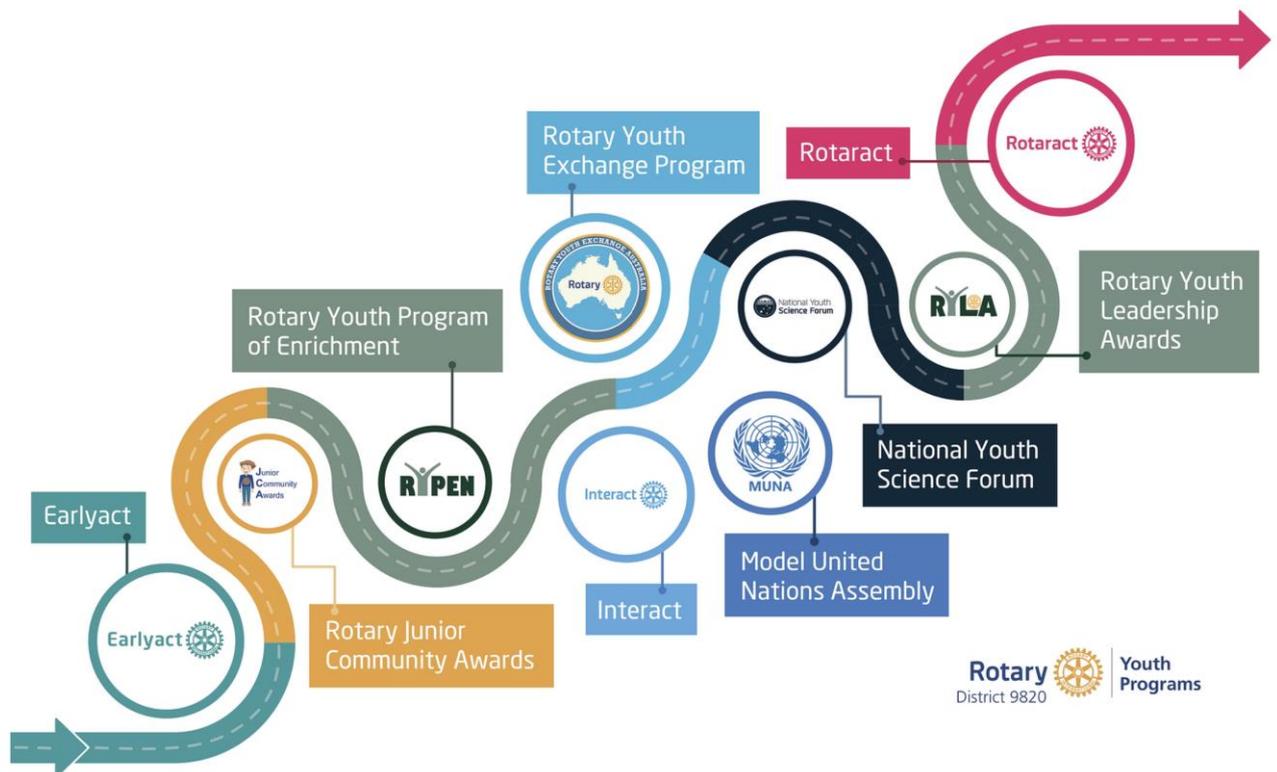
Our role with Interact is as facilitators and mentors. We continue to have great school support and the program continues to be student led, with a focus on both the local community, but also increasing international awareness and understanding. Expect to hear lots more about Interact over the coming years.

Phil Tang

## Interact leaders speaking at Rotary



## Rotary Youth Pathway



## **Frankston Sunrise Foundation Report**

The Trustees of the Foundation have gone through a learning experience as the goals of the Foundation have evolved. The original plan had been to build up a perpetual fund and to apply the interest from the fund to charitable purposes each year. Legislation however requires that a minimum amount be distributed each year. Some of the funds from the Golf Day are diverted through the Foundation to meet this requirement.

In 2021, in conjunction with the Mayor of Frankston, the Foundation was used as a vehicle to provide sanitary goods to Fiji for pandemic relief. The project was run in conjunction with the Fijian President's Charitable Fund. There were some hiccups in terms of the process and compliance procedures but that has all been sorted out now and the Trustees have a full understanding of compliance procedures going forward.

We are hoping that the Boatshed monies (approx. \$300,000) will be transferred from Frankston City Council to the Foundation soon which will give the Fund a solid financial base to be able to provide community grants to support local programs and achieve some real outcomes from the Foundation.

## **Awards**

### **Rotarian of the Year**

I know there is a feeling that awards should be shared around and Peter Cracknell's name already appears several times on this award but credit where credit is due. Peter (Mr Rotary) Cracknell was part of the main team for the Golf Day, part of the main team for the Treadmill Challenge and has taken on a leadership role for this year's Treadmill Challenge, is the primary Rotary liaison for the Interact Club, gets involved with everything, instigated corporate membership and taking a more inclusionary position with female members AND when no one else would put their hand up, he agreed to be President for the second time in four years. Mr Rotary deserves (again) to be recognised as Rotarian of the Year.

### **Paul Arthur Quiet Achiever Award**

Again someone who has been previously recognised for his contributions to the club, David McKenzie has been the main driver behind the Golf Day for some 20 years and this year he again did his exceptional work quietly in the background putting together another exceptional Golf Day under difficult circumstances as we emerged from Covid lockdown. Dave together with Shane bring in many of the Golf Day contributors through their personal contacts. The Golf Day is our main project for the year and our main fundraising event. Thanks again Dave M as a quiet achiever for the club.

### **Honourable Mention**

I would like to recognise Dave Wilton who has really come in with all barrels firing and got involved in all activities. He is fighting with Bruce for the title of "Mr Sausage". Thanks Dave W for your enthusiasm and I am sure you will be a stalwart of the club in the years to come.

## Treasurer's Report

**Balances of Accounts as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.**

**General Account**

**\$18,816.49**

**Community Service Account**

**\$11,357.05**

**Frankston Sunrise Foundation Account**

**\$72,081.96**

**Frankston Sunrise Foundation Trading Account**

**\$804.74**

**TOTAL CASH RESERVES**

**\$103,059.24**

## Donations/Sponsorships

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$114,799.00</b>

## Profit and Loss

Account	2022
<b>Trading Income</b>	
Breakfast receipts (excludes cash payments)	627.15
Bunnings BBQ Receipts	4,785.15
Donations Received	33,308.46
Golf Day Auction	6,965.00
Golf day Raffle	2,670.00
Golf Day Sales	4,064.59
Golf Day Sponsor	43,080.00
Interest Income - Frankston Sunrise Foundation	251.72
Members Subscriptions	9,500.00
Sergeant	1,044.70
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>106,296.77</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>	
Bunnings BBQ Payments/Expenses	605.00
Golf Day Other Costs	2,924.43
Golf Day Player Costs	10,536.92
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>14,066.35</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>92,230.42</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
Fiji Donations	15,260.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>15,260.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Badges and Rotary pins etc	166.53
Bank Fees	504.40
Breakfast Payments	160.00
Changeover Food	3,312.10
Consulting & Accounting	1,122.40
Death Notices/Funeral/Florist	364.85
District annual fees	4,224.66
Donation president	42,190.61
Fiji expense	15,505.00
General Expenses	466.99
Golf Select	2,000.00
Printing, Stationery and Postage	213.98
RDU Magazine subscription	1,120.00
Rotary International dues (RI)	3,607.00
RYLA	1,599.00
Trust Board Donation	36,471.60
Web Site Hosting	320.00
Youth National Science Forum	2,000.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>115,349.12</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(7,858.70)</b>

## Board & Committees 2022-2023

<b>President</b> Peter Cracknell	<b>Past President &amp; Treasurer</b> Jason Coppard <b>Asst. Treasurer</b> Greg Sharman	<b>Secretary</b> Peter Richards	<b>Community Service</b> Warwick Smith <b>Deputy/Mentor</b> Greg Sharman
<b>Finance &amp; Fundraising</b> Shane Thomas	<b>Membership Growth and Marketing</b> Dave Wilton <b>Deputy/Mentor</b> TBA	<b>Member Engagement</b> Phil Tang <b>Deputy</b> Robert Maitz	



### Committee Membership – 2022-2023

Our members are allocated to a specific committee, and are encouraged to support their Director. But don't limit your engagement to that committee – get involved whenever and wherever you like!

<p><b>Community Service:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Warwick Smith (Director)</li> <li>- Greg Sharman (Assistant Director)</li> <li>- Sherif Balic</li> <li>- Hank Brakele</li> <li>- Ben Coombs</li> <li>- Ron Jones</li> <li>- Keith Norris</li> <li>- Dave Platten</li> <li>- Sonja Bottern</li> </ul>	<p><b>Finance &amp; Fundraising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shane Thomas (Director)</li> <li>- Golf Day Committee – members drawn from throughout the club</li> <li>- VSK Treadmill Committee – members drawn from throughout the club</li> <li>- Bruce McGregor (Bunnings BBQ)</li> <li>- Gavin Saunders</li> </ul>
<p><b>Member Engagement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phil Tang (Director)</li> <li>- Robert Maitz (Asst. Director)</li> <li>- John Albery</li> <li>- Bob Smith</li> <li>- Cliff Leckning</li> <li>- Peter Stacey</li> <li>- Ian Stapleton</li> </ul>	<p><b>Membership Growth &amp; Marketing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dave Wilton (Director)</li> <li>- Sjaak Kusters</li> <li>- Ross Luxford</li> <li>- Joe Russo</li> <li>- Kim Michod</li> <li>- Ash Weston</li> </ul>