

Community Service Committee

Rotary year 2022 – 2023 Report

I have pleasure in presenting the report for the Community Service Committee for Rotary year 2022-2023. The committee members are Almond Royds, Sue Blacklow-Cahill, Sarah Davidson, Deborah Roberts, Ian Knight, Ray McLaren, Alan Sim, Fraser Bailey, Ray King, Roger Scammell and John Duncan

We have been very lucky to be able to have our committee meetings at the Rosebank rest home facility. The committee would like to thank Sue Prowse very much for making the community room available to us.

A brief summary of our major regular activities included:

Meals on Wheels: We completed meals on wheels 3 times, a week each time during the year, July, September and March. Thank you to all club members and associates who helped in making up the roster delivering the meals. We are scheduled to do the first roster for 2023/24 year during the week of 17th to 21st of July

Speech Contest: This popular project was completed in September with the junior and senior contests being held. Once again good support came from participating schools which also included awarding honour roll certificates to students at each contest. Again the standard of speeches presented by people so young continues to impress us all.

Boyle River: We sponsored a total of five students to attend the Boyle River camps, four students from Ashburton College and one from Mount Hutt College.

Science and Technology Forum: We were very pleased that our very worthy nominee Eddie Bessai from Mount Hutt College was selected to attend the Forum in Auckland in January 2023.

Life Education Trust: We received an application form the Life Education Trust to help with fitting a hydraulic ramp to the mobile classroom to allow disabled students to access and exit the room. We gave \$3000.00 to the \$37,000.00 total.

Young Totara: We had much pleasure in awarding a Young Totara to Amelia Swan in December she is a young person who is doing outstanding work in the community. Thanks to Ian Knight who has had an honours board mounted on the sign in Totara Grove with all awardees names included so far

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA): We sponsored Summah Rolston and Shannon Hislop to attend the RYLA programme in Christchurch in January.

Tertiary Scholarship: We awarded 4 Tertiary Scholarships this year the recipients were Tia McCallum, Hannah McDougall, Magdalene Haugh and Marlese Schoonderbeek. The standard of applicants this year was very high which made selection decisions difficult

Presidents Endeavour Award: We had a very good response, 6 nominations for the Endeavour awards this year from 5 schools which made it difficult to decide who to honour. We decided to make 4 awards instead of 2 due to the high standard of the nominees. The awards were made to Pearl Arrowsmith from St Joseph's school, Holly Burrowes from Longbeach school, Sheli Pascua from Hinds school and Isaac Mangubaat from Intermediate

Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus: We have made a donation for Rotary Year 2022/23 to the Rotary Foundation of \$2000.00 and to Polio Plus \$2000.00.

Shelter Box/ Emergency Response Kit:

We have supported both of these programmes with a donation to each of \$1500.00 (Shelter Box) and \$600.00 (Emergency Response Kit).

Interplast: We donated \$2000.00 to Interplast to recognise their 40 years of association in partnering with Rotary to provide lifesaving operations around the Pacific region.

J R McKenzie Youth Education Fund: We applied to the J R McKenzie Education Fund for assistance on behalf of two students for the purchase of school uniforms for which we were successful.

There have been a number of applications for individuals and organisations which I haven't detailed but I would like to acknowledge club members for supporting the recommendation's the committee have presented to the club business meetings during the year.

Finally I would like to thank all of the committee members for their support and dedication in working through our activities during the year and for taking on organising the various projects we have been involved with. It has been a pleasure for me to have worked alongside them. Also thank you to Almond who has been our committee secretary for putting together excellent minutes from some at times fragmented discussions.

John Duncan

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