

Annual Report Ashburton Plains Rotary Club

Projects Committee

2022/23

The Ashburton Plains Rotary Projects Committee has had a very busy year.

Working with a group of proactive energetic forward-thinking committee has been enjoyable, having achieved much for the club through short meeting with good working structures for a common goal, to serve our community.

Special thanks to Project Committee, Owen Moore, Colin Bryant, Philip Young, Alasdair Urquhart, Roger Snowden, Ken Leadley, John O'Brien, Sue Prendergast, Stuart Mitchell.

Christmas Potato Project 'In the season of goodwill among men' helped by Ashburton Alturas Cub, having good systems in place, willing club member, good local street and West Coast sales has brought the iconic new murphy's to the Christmas dinner table. We have achieved a good result of \$23,000.00 for our club coffers.

This short project over a 10-day window has very good public support.

Linseed Straw Project This project is now fully automated with excellent commercial partners from outside the club. We now have quality dry straw stacked on Craig Ingold's Farm Rd. close to town where club members distribute over 7 months, May to November. The market has accepted linseed over pea straw as a garden mulch for its longer life.

Rotarian Colin Bryan has added to this project by managing, supplying a further 187 medium square bales.

Small Bales baled 2,562 @ \$8 - Medium Square 187 bales @ \$45 delivered.

Income of \$28,811.00 Less cost \$6,385.00 = \$22,426.00 for club coffers.

Silage Sales Farm Rd. land 19 bales sold from 2 cuts @ \$15 = \$285.

Car Rally Held at the start of Ashburton Wheels Week. 177 cars registered with the rally hosted by Graham Carr, Peel Forest Est. the largest red deer stud in the world.

We had 8 local prizes donors, making this event massively successful on such a nice sunny autumn day. Full support by ALL club members, resulting income of \$3,540.00 to the club with minimum cost. A club donation of \$2,500.00 to the Peel Forest Preschool has been made.

Car Boot Sales this new Plains Rotary/District Council project was set up to test the local need. To bring people into the centre of town and as a public face for Plains Rotary. Fully permitted, 3 out of 4 sales were held. (One sale cancelled because of heavy rain) Being held on the first Sunday of each month, Feb to May 2023. Rotarian Ken Leadley provided much of the compliance to allow us to obtain an operating council licence, thanks. This project has just broken even.

Carefully management should see profit in the future, allowing for wet days.

I would make a strong recommendation to the incoming project committee to further develop the Car Boot Sales model, with the knowledge learnt.

It has been an enjoyable 12 months, thanks to all club members and the committee for your help and support.

Best wishes to the new incoming committee.

A busy club is a fun club.

Allan Lill Director.