

PENRITH ROTARY CLUB



PENRITH ROTARY CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

CHARITY NO. 1091676

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Penrith Rotary Charitable Trust Fund was established by Trust Deed on 23 November 2001 and was registered with the Charity Commissioners on 19 April 2002. The Trustees of the Trust Fund hold and apply monies of the Trust Fund to and for the relief of the poor and needy or such other charitable purposes as the Penrith Rotary Club shall in duly constituted meetings from time to time direct.

The Trustees of the Trust Fund are the Club's President, Secretary and Treasurer for the time being of the Club and they may co-opt any other Club members as Trustees as they consider necessary. The Club President changes annually on 1st July and the financial year of the Trust Fund is 1st July to 30th June.

During the financial year 2014/15 the Trustees of the Fund were:

Heather Clark – Club President
Michael Hunter – Club Secretary
Tim Southorn - Club Treasurer
Jeffrey Fawcett – Past President and Gift Aid Administrator was co-opted as a
Trustee

During the current financial year 2015/16 and at the date of this Annual Report the Trustees are:

Martin Montgomery – Club President
Robert Coon – Club Secretary
Tim Southorn – Club Treasurer
Jeffrey Fawcett – co-opted

The Trustees do not receive any expenses or remuneration for undertaking this role and the disbursement of the monies within the Trust Fund is decided by the membership of the Club at duly constituted meetings.

The bank account of the Trust Fund is held with Barclays Bank plc, Market Square, Penrith and the independent examiner of the Fund's accounts is Mr. M. Coen, Accountant, 17 Juniper Way, Penrith. The Fund does not have a principal office but correspondence in relation to the Fund should be sent to:

Mr. J. Fawcett
'Candia'
Carleton Village
Penrith CA11 8TP

Charitable income generation during this financial year was again successful and totalled £12,317 compared to £14,121 last year. The more substantial **net** amounts were raised by the following; – the **annual golf competition raised** £4178 of which £3178 was given to the charitable trust fund and £1000 to the Club's Benevolent Fund to support benevolent local good causes/individuals which may not necessarily be charitable within the terms of the Club's Charitable Trust Fund's objects; **Trail Run** £1139; **Burns Night** £3288; **Penrith Swimmathon** £500; members donations for **Rotary Foundation** £600; £650 was raised from a 'bag pack' in a local store; a further £101 was raised by members not sending each other **Xmas cards**; £307 was raised from members by their weekly fun '**Fines Box**'; £590 from surplus funds in the **Benevolent Fund** and £462 from the **Members account**; the remaining income was raised from corporate sponsorship, donations and bank interest.

Expenditure was £15,007 and the more major disbursements were made as follows:–

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

- Rotary continues to be active in helping to relieve the plight of the disadvantaged of the world and works towards making the world a better place for the many who have no hope other than from our Rotary movement. In support of this ideal the following grants were made for overseas aid. £2360 was used to purchase 4 **Shelter boxes** each of which contains one ten-person tent, ten sleeping bags and ancillary associated equipment for use when disasters occur throughout the world; £200 was given to the **Kaloko Trust UK** which works to advance education and to promote the healthcare of communities in rural Zambia through the development and support of a training centre, schools and health clinics; £625 was used for the purchase of **Aqua boxes** which each provide water purification systems to produce 1100 litres of water and the boxes are then sent by the charity to other voluntary organisations to be filled with added welfare aid items such as tools, clothes and hygiene equipment which are then held for sending to any disaster area in the world; in last years report we reported joining with other Rotary Clubs in a **minor finance initiative** in Ethopia to assist small farm coffee growers to help them become self sufficient and, last year, we donated £650. This year we contributed a further £400 to the project which is becoming very successful.

- Since its formation in 1905 Rotary International has progressed to be the world's largest service organisation for business and professional people with some 1.2 million members in 168 countries. In 1917 Rotary formed the **Rotary Foundation** which sponsors international educational and humanitarian programmes amounting to some US\$90 million annually. Merely as an example, the educational programmes include more than 1,300 Ambassadorial Scholarships for study in another land. Humanitarian programmes improve health care systems, support

sustainable sources of food and water, and provide literacy and vocational training – particularly in developing countries. Members donated £500 to the Foundation..

- The greatest project being undertaken by Rotary is its commitment to eradicate polio from the world. Started in 1985 the **polio eradication programme** provides funding for vaccine and transportation for mass immunization campaigns as well as support for social mobilization, surveillance, and laboratories to help carry out the final stages of global polio eradication. Rotary is a spearheading partner with the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Rotarians have raised over \$800 million in support and provided hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours. To date 2.5 billion children under five have received the polio vaccine, five million people who might otherwise be paralysed are walking today. In March 2014 India was declared polio free and also the South East Asian Region of 1.8 billion people in 11 countries was certified polio free. Polio infected nations have dropped from 125 to just 3, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. UNICEF are hopeful to finally eradicate polio in the next few years. Rotary International and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to raise a further \$525 million towards this final phase of **polio eradication**, and Penrith Rotary donated a further £790, in addition to the £3917 in the six previous years.

LOCAL PROJECTS

- For many years Penrith Rotary has been very supportive of local young people and endeavour to lend the hand of Rotary to enable young people to fulfill their needs, to extend their aspirations, and to help them achieve their goals. The £3288 proceeds from our Burns Night was shared equally between **The Friends of Penrith Hospital and Hospice at Home Carlisle and North Lakeland**; £604 was used to send a disabled young person to the **Calvert Trust for the Disabled**. Each year we contribute to a day's outing for members of the **Eden District Mencap** and £750 was provided; £530 was used to fund the attendance of a senior school pupil on **Rotary's Youth Leadership Awards course**, which enables young people with potential to develop leadership skills; **Rotary's Life Education Caravan**, which is manned by two trained educators, visits junior schools within this Rotary District and delivers guidance on making healthy life style choices, received £400; £100 was awarded to the **Penrith Mountain Rescue**, in addition to the £1500 in the last 2 years.

- **Eden Community Alarms** was awarded £500, in addition to the £1500 in the last 2 years, towards their valuable work; a sum of £112 was spent providing 2 **coffee mornings** for senior citizens and members of care homes; in recent years, to promote **Rotary's End Polio campaign**, we have **planted purple crocuses** in the central carriageway from Haweswater Road towards the junction 40 roundabout. The colour purple is that painted on a child's fingernail to indicate it has received the polio vaccine – bulbs and signage costs this last year were £300; £200 was given to the **Eden Riders Disabled Association** to support their valuable work; and £500 was given to the amenities fund for the home, **21 Huntley Avenue, Penrith**, which provides respite care for disabled and special

needs children; the **Salvation Army** received £500 in addition to the £550 in the last 2 years; **Cruse**

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Bereavement Care, Cumbria received £250; other **small donations** totalling some £600 were also distributed to a number of organisations.

Penrith Rotary Club also works with the senior schools in the town to help with the development of pupils. The sum of £1300 was spent on:-, **Young Artist/Writer** (£78), **Young Enterprise Northwest**(£450) which is to inspire and educate young people to understand the role of business through practical business projects and develop attitudes and skills for personal success, lifelong learning and employability; **young musician** (£149); **Ready Steady Cook competition** (£275); and **youth speaks** (£149); providing financial support to a young person who undertook **voluntary work overseas** (£200).

The accounts of the Trust for 2014/15, were approved by the members of Penrith Rotary Club at their Special General meeting held on 23rd November 2015.

There is a requirement of the Charity Commissioners that all charity trustees should periodically review the major risks to which their charity is exposed and the systems established to mitigate those risks. The Trustees of the Penrith Rotary Charitable Trust Fund are satisfied that the Trust is not exposed to any major risks and that their grant making is solely dependent on the extent of fundraising received. All accounting practices are in accord with the Charity Commissioners requirements.

This Trust Fund is very dependent on the local community for their support and generosity and the Trustees would like to take this opportunity of expressing sincere appreciation to all who contributed to this last successful year.

Signed.....
(Heather Clark)
Club President & Trustee

Signed.....
(Mike Hunter)
Club Secretary & Trustee

Signed.....
(Tim Southorn)
Club Treasurer & Trustee

Signed.....
(Jeffrey Fawcett)
Past President & Trustee

The above Report was presented to and accepted by Penrith Rotary Club Council at their meeting held on Monday 18 January 2016

