

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. For purposes of the Inland Revenue, being a Trust Fund, the financial year is the tax year.

During the Rotary financial year 2017/18 the Trustees of the Fund were:

David Harrison – Club President
Robert Coon – Club Secretary
Philip Everett - Club Treasurer
Jeffrey Fawcett – Past President and Gift Aid Administrator was co-opted as a
Trustee

During the current financial year 2018/19 and at the date of this Annual Report the Trustees are:

Nick Capron– Club President
Robert Coon – Club Secretary
Philip Everett – 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.R. Burgin, Accountant, 4 Greenacres Park, Plumpton, 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 £12,596 compared to £10,263 last year. The more substantial **net** amounts were raised by the following; – the **annual golf competition raised** £2740; **Trail Run** £2673; **Burns Night** £1600; **Penrith Swimmathon** £882; members donations for **Rotary Foundation** £414; £3118 was received from HMRC in respect of **Gift Aid** refunds; £976 was raised from a showing of the film ‘Breathe’ at The Rheged Centre for Rotary’s polio elimination campaign and this amount will be enhanced to almost £3000 by the Gates Foundation; £91 was raised from members by their weekly fun **’Fines Box**; the majority of the remaining income was raised from corporate sponsorship and members donations. Within the income generation indicated above Club members contributed a total of £2365.

Total expenditure was £12,672 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. £1700 was used to purchase three **Shelter boxes** 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; £250 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 held for sending to any disaster in the world; £750 was granted to the **Juniper Trust** towards improvements at the Sanjiwani Blind Hostel, in Dhulikil, Nepal; £500 was awarded to the **British Red Cross**; £500 was provided to the District Governor’s charity appeal on behalf of **Mary’s Meals** which arranges food feeding programmes in some of the world’s poorest communities; and £250 was given to **Hope Romania** which helps to raise and educate orphan children in Romania; finally £150 was awarded to **two local teachers** to purchase equipment for use during their attachment to a school in Ghana

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 £414 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. At the time of writing of this report (Nov. 2018) only 27 cases of wild polio have occurred in 2018. 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 £2,400, in addition to the £5455 in the nine previous years.

LOCAL PROJECTS

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. Penrith Rotary Club also works with the schools in the town, and particularly the two senior schools, to help with the development of pupils. From the Club's Benevolent Fund a number of projects are funded such as a **Ready Steady Cook competition** with over 200 pupils taking part; **Youth Speaks** to develop public speaking skills; a **Young Linguist** competition testing skills in French and Italian; both senior schools were supported in their entries to the **Rotary Regional Technology Tournament**; £240 was expended to purchase 180 trees from the Woodland Trust to support a U.C.C **project of tree planting**; likewise Q.E.G.S pupils were financially supported to create a '**Buddy**' bench area within the school grounds; in partnership with the Herald a **Young Reporter** competition was arranged with two junior schools; one pupil from UCC was selected to attend **Rotary's Youth Leadership Awards course**, which enables young people with potential to develop leadership skills.

The accounts of the Trust for 2017/18, were approved by the members of Penrith Rotary Club at their Special General meeting held on 12th November 2018

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