



The Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong

Sow the Seeds of Love



ANNUAL REPORT
2002-2003



THE ROTARY CLUB OF
BAYSIDE GEELONG

District 9780, Club No. 410348, Chartered 21 May 1997

6TH ANNUAL REPORT

Rotary International President:	Bichai Rattakul
9780 District Governor:	Pat Robertson
Assistant Governor:	Roger Lavingdale

Supper Club Meetings

The Upperdeck – Cunningham Pier
Western Beach, Geelong 3220
Tuesday 7.45pm for 8.00pm

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President:	Sharyn Faulkner
President Elect:	Dan Furlan
President Elect Nominee:	Jo White
Secretary:	Eric Patterson
Treasurer:	Eric Stasinowsky
International Services:	Brian Burch
Vocational Services:	Wayne Astill
Community Services:	Allyson Willis
Youth Services:	Christine Sims
Fellowship and Fundraising:	JoWhite
Sergeant at Arms:	Karen Bartlett

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
PRESIDENT ELECT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
PAST PRESIDENT
SERGEANT AT ARMS
CLUB SERVICE

Sharyn Faulkner
 Dan Furlan
 Dan Furlan
 Eric Patterson
 Erica Stasinowsky
 Michelle Van Liessum
 Karen Bartlett
 Dan Furlan

MEMBERSHIP/CLASSIFICATION
ROTARY INFORMATION
ATTENDANCE
BOLLARD
PROGRAMS
FOUNDATION
STUDENT COUNSELLORS
COMMUNICATION/IT/WEB SITE
ENVIRONMENTAL/POCH
MEMBER INFORMATION/EVENTS
CONFERENCE-DISTRICT-INTERNATIONAL

John Faulkner
 Ken Wilks
 Eric Patterson
 Michelle Van Liessum/Matthew Fletcher/John Faulkner
 Patricia Slack
 Ken Wilks
 Andrea Hunt/Jacqui Morse/Karen Bartlett
 Jim Rimmer/Dan Furlan
 Jim Rimmer/Ian Rodger
 Patricia Slack
 Madge Stephen

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Allyson Willis (Chairman)

Patricia Slack
 Ken Wilks
 Harlan Winata
 Bernie O'Toole
 Jim Rimmer

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Wayne Astill (Chairman)

Andrew Barnett
 Ian Rodgers
 Andrea Hunt
 John Faulkner
 Mark Cass
 Marjorie Smith
 Madge Stephen

FUNDRAISING & FELLOWSHIP

Jo White (Chairman)

Frank Ianuzzi
 Tony Campigli
 Erica Stasinowsky
 Gavin Cole
 Matthew Fletcher
 John Spiteri
 John Virgona
 Peter Hynes

NEW GENERATIONS

Chris Sims (Chairman)

Jacqui Morse
 Karen Bartlett
 Peter Fisk

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Brian Burch (Chairman)

Robin Hunt
 Michelle Van Liessum
 Gavin Fitzgerald
 Michael Palmer
 Stephen Turner





A Leader By Example

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Where to begin! As you will see from the following reports it has been a fun-filled and varied year for The Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong in its 6th year.

There have been some highs and lows, some great successes and some great disappointments, but on the whole I would still consider 2002-2003 an extremely successful year.

Let's get the bad news out of the way first! One of the disappointments, for me personally, as it was a target that was not met, was the now infamous Blue Book. With all good intent by a number of people, unfortunately this year will be a blank in our history because the Blue Book was not produced. However, I am sure Dan will have that firmly within his grasp, in the not too distant future.

The death of at least 6 Rotarians' parents had an enormous effect on the Club. Many key members had a grieving period to go through, which, although they carried on valiantly, did, of course, impact on the morale and effectiveness of the Club. On the other hand it was at times like this that the caring nature of our members came to the fore and the support and love that was extended to each of those Rotarians allowed us to carry on as best we could. Unfortunately at the age that we are at, this will probably be a continuing occurrence that we will have to deal with. It is not easy but it is life, at least we all know how each of us is feeling.

My own personal injury also had a disrupting effect on the smooth running of the Club, once again the support, not to mention the food, John and I received was fantastic. With today's communication techniques available I was able to keep in touch with most people and keep my finger on the pulse. Thanks to all those concerned, especially Dan for taking the reins, good practice for next year and his Club Service was also a good introduction to his forthcoming duties.

We were lucky to have join us five new members, Bernie O'Toole, John Spiteri, Stephen Turner, Marjorie Smith and Peter Hynes. Unfortunately we lost two, Peter Fisk due to ill health and Matthew Fletcher, due to work commitments. Michael Palmer as an honorary member has paved the way for his continuing interest in Rotary and we are sure he will join us in his own right in the not too distant future.

The theme for the year was "Getting to know Geelong", and this was superbly developed by our **Programmes Officer**, Trish Slack. We not only had some brilliant Guest Speakers but also some very interesting vocational visits as well. Who can forget Karen hugging that tree at the Botanic Gardens and the fact that we could all forget our woes and become a kid again at the Carousel. Our cultural needs were also met with our tour of the Art gallery and Tea at "The Heights" with Ian Redpath.

The Fellowship and Fundraising Committee, came up with some real doosies. From galloping horses and not so small jockeys, to Rock 'n' Rolling bodgies and widgies, some looking more like "Con the Fruiterer" than Elvis Presley. Again there was disappointment when our planned Festival of Sail Bush Dance did not eventuate, mainly because of circumstances outside our control. But, ever-resilient Jo White again rose to the challenge and produced a

varied and entertaining bill of fare for us to enjoy. The fact that we managed to give away \$11,000 to worthwhile causes certainly helps with the warm and fuzzies. Who could forget the "Cabaret" at Christmas and the roll of toilet paper at our birthday party. It was a shame that we couldn't show off our talents at the Rotary Club of Geelong West's Talent Quest. Especially after all the work Bernie O'Toole put in. Maybe next year! Jo had a great team behind her this year and I'm sure she enjoyed having her three musketeers at her beck and call.

Our **Youth Service Committee** have been very successful, with the safe return of Jannah Gray from Thailand and Lisa Boyle's adventures now being half way through, in that very same country. We were again successful in fielding an outgoing student in Sam Cantwell, and I am sure Sam will continue the standard that has been set by all our students. Then of course there is Igor Lorget. What an impact he has had on our Club. This is the first time we have been able to get to know a whole family and we were very lucky to meet with Jack and Irene when they visited our country, oh and caught up with Igor as well. Igor's talents with a computer have been very handy on a number of occasions. We'll definitely miss him. But, of course, we are looking forward to welcoming Yayoi when she comes next month.

It was very pleasing to find out from District Assembly that we are one of only 16 Clubs in the whole District who sponsor both inbound and outbound Youth Exchange Students. No mean feat for such a small Club. We have also been successful in finding 3 candidates for RYLA, as well as finding 2 other Clubs to sponsor them. Well done to Chris Sims and her team.

Our influence at **District Level** continues to grow with Wayne Astill joining the Youth Services Team, in charge of USA and Karen Bartlett still involved in the Youth Science Services and our own webmaster, Jim Rimmer. But let's not forget the elevation in stature of Michele Van Liessum, Assistant Governor. Who said Bayside Geelong wasn't making its mark.

Community Services has seen us develop, what I believe to be, our best project yet. The sponsorship of the Geelong Post Natal Depression Group. Under the guidance of Lisa Miller this group has developed and grown enormously over the past year. It has been great for us to be associated with such a dedicated group of families. What a difference the GPNDG is making to the lives of women with Post Natal Depression. The Geelong group is the only support group outside of Melbourne. Lisa is now speaking to professionals about her experiences and alerting them to the fact that help and understanding is needed by a great more women than was first thought. Director Allyson Willis has put an extraordinary amount of time and effort into supporting Lisa in her endeavors. I also know that Jo White has given her time and expertise in making these women feel a whole lot better about themselves.

The work at "The Heights" continues and it is these hands-on projects that develop fellowship and a sense of satisfaction through doing something physical, practical and downright "get your hands dirty".

The Ken Wilks Award night was again, a most humbling and uplifting experience. Faye Dixon was an extremely worthy recipient and she was very appreciative of the award. I overheard her saying to Elaine Robb of Geelong Employability, "that things like this just don't happen to people like me". We sometimes become a bit blasé about what this award means to the general public and we grumble if we have a cold or an ache or a pain. What if we had to deal with these disabilities every day of our lives, I'm sure we wouldn't have the outlook that our nominees have, that is what makes them so special and well worth recognizing. Wayne Astill

and his **Vocational Services** Team put on a great night. Their ongoing work with the Careers Expo is also appreciate, thanks to John Virgona.

What a coup we pulled off in applying for and getting the GSE Team from India. It was a wonderful experience for all of us, but it was a massive amount of organizing done by **International** Director Brian Burch and Madge Stephen, with the help of the Rotary Club of Highton. Some of us are still in touch with the Team and now we are sponsoring Sally Gray for the nominations for the outbound Team to India. We wish Sally every success.

Who could forget the aforementioned French Night with the Lorget's, the red, white and blue costumes, oh la la it was a very "Gay Paris" night had by all.

Thanks also must go to my Executive, Secretary Eric Patterson; Treasurer, Erica Stasinowsky and Sergeant at Arms Karen. A great team of people to work with.

A final thank you to my wonderful husband, John. There is no way I could have survived this year without you. You are my rock.

There is one other project, which I must mention. Over the year we have auspiced and sponsored a number of functions and organizations outside the Club confines. What happened last Friday Night was one that I was extremely proud to have The Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong's name involved in.

The Dinner Auction Night for Christian Ali was an amazing success. Thanks to the hard work of Gavin Cole and his team, over \$45,000 dollars was raised on the night. This coupled with the almost \$150,000 worth of in-kind donations already received has made a little boy's life so much more bearable. It was great to see Christian's parents and family so touched by the help they have received.

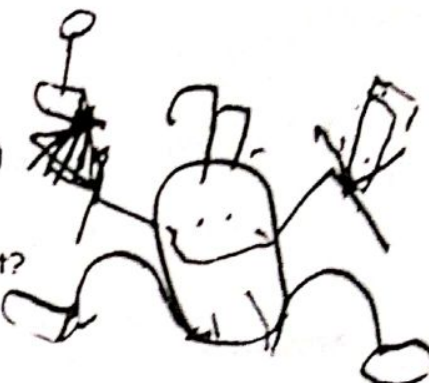
I know a lot of Rotarians say why should we lend our name to just one little boy, when there are so many worthwhile projects out there. Well I say, what should we do – nothing. At least by helping this one little boy we have made a difference. Maybe by leading by example we will encourage others to look at just one little boy. Just as Bichai Rattakul did in Thailand when he thought of Sowing the Seeds of Love.

Thank you all it has been a great year and one that I will never forget.

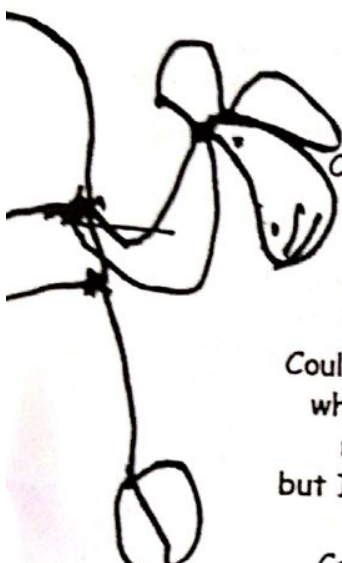
Sharyn Faulkner
President
Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong



Could you love?



Could you love someone who was different?
If you knew me I know you would.
Maybe I don't look like you
or do the things you think I should.



Could you love someone who was angry?
If you were I know I would.
Sometimes I get angry
and forget about being good.



Could you love someone who was frustrated?
who's worst enemy was their best friend
my wheelchair takes me every where
but I don't want to live with it until the end



Could you love someone who was loving?
That's easy everybody would.
I understand others like me
they want to be loved as God says they should.



Could you love someone who was challenged?
give up easy they don't
you must encourage them
and help them so they won't.



Could you love someone who was amazed?
too much, I feel, I need you so
my appreciation for others bounces back
as acceptance begins to flow.



Could you love someone who was hopeful?
who has their future protected
if we all work together believing
the best can be expected.



by Christian Ali

21/6/02



Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong Club Service Report

June 2003

Attendance:

Our meeting attendance for the year ended May 2003 has averaged 79.15% which has placed us 24th out of 59 Clubs in attendance for District 9780.

Bulletin:

The production of our Club Bulletin (The Bollard) has continued to be of a high standard thanks to Michelle Van Leisum and Mathew Fletcher. It is always produced on time, available to all attendees at our weekly meetings and is a valuable source of information for the previous meeting as well as future meetings and events.

Both Michelle and Matthew were unable to continue in this role after a few months and it was John Faulkner that volunteered his services and continued the production to the same high standard.

Any club members unable to attend a meeting are posted a copy of the Bollard so as they are kept informed of future events.

Membership:

In the past 12 months we have had an increase in membership of 5 plus 1 Honorary. Unfortunately we lost 2 members bringing our membership total to 34 a net gain of 3.

Our Club recognises the importance of Membership retention being as important to a successful functioning club as attracting new members.

A membership night is planned for the near future. I believe that a target membership of 40 by June 2004 is well within reach.

3 transfers Stephen, Peter, Marjorie

2 Inductees Bernie O'Toole and John Spiteri

1 Michael Honorary Rotarian

Lost Peter Fisk and Matthew Fletcher.

Programs:

Patricia Slack our programs coordinator has continued to provide an informative array of local speakers representing many varied organisations and giving our program a good balance. It was very pleasing to hear about the facilities that organisations such as Noahs Ark provide for Children with special needs and how Barwon Health is tackling the homeless problem.

Professor Gary Carnegie spoke on the National Trust and its relevance to Geelong with some of our classified buildings. Roger Grant representing the Geelong Otway Tourist Authority gave an interesting presentation on local tourist issues.

The meeting visit to the Geelong Art Gallery was well attended and most informative. We often forget what a treasure we have right here in Geelong.

Fellowship within the Club is always excellent due to our supper format, which enables members and guests to chat and mingle over supper for anything up to an hour after the close of our meeting.

As part of President Sharyn's "Getting to Know Geelong Theme" we had many interesting local identities as guest speakers such as,

Robert Ingpen, Garry Carnegie, Barry Bell, and Ian Redpath just to mention a few.

In keeping with the Geelong Theme, visits occurred to the Carousel, Botanical Gardens, The Heights, and the Geelong Art Gallery.

The Following District 9780 committee members provided rotary Information

PDG Eddie Loughnan – Rotary Foundation
PP Christopher Sims Youth Exchange
PP Jenny Monaghan Polio Eradication.
PP Barry Bell Donations in Kind.

Sergeant at Arms

Our sergeant Karen Bartlett was always on the lookout for any reason to extract loose change from members. It was always done with good humour and all members enjoyed the weekly fines sessions. (some more than others) A significant amount was raised during the year for the Rotary Foundation.

Dan Furlan
President Elect
Club Service

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TREASURER'S REPORT

FUNDRAISING INCOME

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Ken Wilks Award Trivia Night	1400.00
Xmas Puddings	1350.00
Fines	430.00
Slice Drive	48.00
Melbourne Cup Night	150.00
Triathlon, BBQ	730.00
Triathlon, Marshalling	360.00
BBQ for City of Greater Geelong	177.00
The Geelong Gift Catering	400.00
Dinner in the Gardens, The Heights	300.00
Wine Tasting, The Heights	370.00
Polio Pig	1200.00
Jailhouse Rock Dinner Auction	7000.00
Progressive Dinner	<u>420.00</u>

Total **\$14335.00**

DONATIONS

Ken Wilks Award, Prize for Recipient	600.00
Geelong Post Natal Depression Group	1500.00
Tricycle for Matthew Painter	750.00
Financial Assistance for modified van for Tristian Douglas	1000.00
Geelong Careers Expo	1500.00
Paul Harris Fellow – designated for Polio Eradication	2000.00
Rotary Foundation – designated for Polio Eradication	1200.00
Interplast (Bali)	250.00
Adopt a Family	200.00
Freshwater Creek CFA	250.00
The Homeless	250.00
Life Education Van	500.00
Fiji Rotahomes	<u>1000.00</u>

Total **\$11000.00**



INTERNATIONAL/GSE VISIT

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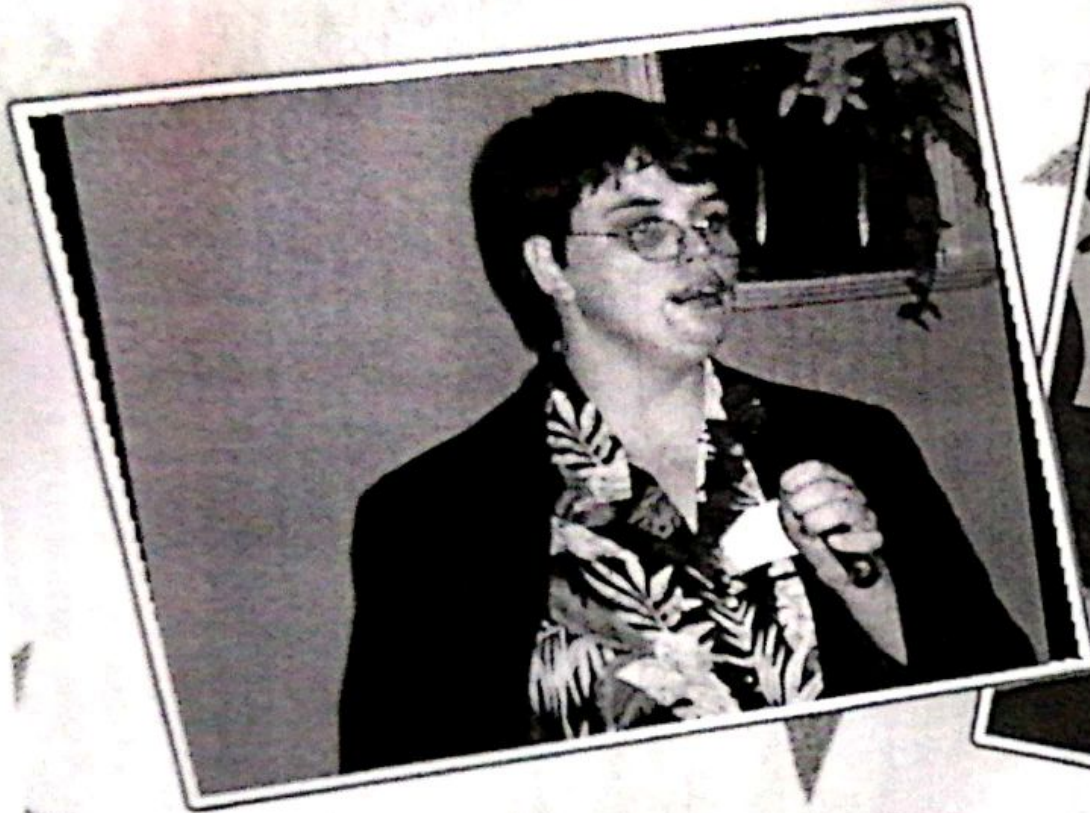
During the year the International Service Committee was responsible for the organisation and running of the following:

1. An "International" cricket match fundraiser at Bellbrae between us and The Rotary Club of Torquay, which was followed by a spit roast dinner. It was a great fellowship evening and although our French Exchange Student's impromptu introduction to the game resulted in some handy runs, we were outclassed by Torquay.
2. A free concert featuring the Welsh Male Choir was held at St Mary's Church, to celebrate Senior Citizens Week. The attendance at this concert was far beyond expectations with a "full house" and many turned away. The Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong auspiced the application for funding from the City of Greater Geelong and assisted with the seating and the afternoon tea. A very successful concert organised by Michele Van Liessum, which is set to become an annual event.
3. The Group Study Exchange Team from district 3050 India, was hosted by our club, with the assistance of The Rotary Club of Highton. They stayed in Geelong from 26-31 March 2003. Although the official report from the Indian team has not as yet been received, from all indications their accommodation, vocational visits and social activities in Geelong were much appreciated.

Many thanks must be extended to Highton Rotary members, Keith Slee and Bill Rush and to our Madge Stephen (Bayside Co-ordinator) for their organisation assistance. Madge along with Jo White took care of the team's visit to Melbourne. Michele Van Liessum, John Spiteri, Tony Campigli, Robin Hunt and Allyson Willis conducted a trip around the Bellarine Peninsular. Robin Hunt's assistance in the Architectural Vocational Visit to Deakin University, and Helen Burch's assistance with the medial visit to the Melbourne Eye and Ear Hospital, was much appreciated. Thanks must also go to those that contributed to the organisation and running of the Presentation Dinner and Farewell Barbecue at Bellbrae. All these contributions created a successful Exchange Visit and everyone's efforts were greatly appreciated.

4. Our International evening was conducted during April and to honour our Exchange student, Igor Lorget and his parents, Jack and Irene, who were concluding their Australian holiday, we had a French theme. With Igor as chairman, introducing his parents and calling on his father as guest speaker. The pre meeting music, general knowledge competitions and supper were fitting in their French "flavour". Thanks to the organisation committee of Michele Van Liessum and new member, Stephen Turner.
5. The Club has agreed to sponsor Sally Gray as a nominee for the GSE Tour to India in 2004. Sally is a teacher and Belmont High. Final selection is in Aararat on 5 July 2003.
6. Several Rotarians assisted The Rotary Club of Corio in loading containers for Donations in Kind.

**Yours in Rotary
PP Brian Burch PHF**



KEN WILKS AWARD

Vocation Committee Annual Report 2002/2003

This year the vocation committee continued with the three major projects that previous vocation committees have commenced. The committee began the year with a fun filled Trivia evening held at the Hub at Grace McKellar. The night saw lots of laughs and a keenly contested competition. The night was a huge success and raised over \$900.00. This money is to be used for the 'Ken Wilks Award' and other the other projects that the committee undertook for the year.

School Interview Program

The committee again took part in the Mock Interview program conducted by The Sacred Heart School. This program is held in August each year and is organised by Ms Sue Miles. The program assists the year 9 students to practice and refine their resume writing and interview skills. I would like to thank all the Club Members who attended the evening for giving up their evenings to make this a very worthwhile program.

Ken Wilks Award

The Ken Wilks award is named after long serving Rotarian Ken Wilks and it seeks to acknowledge and applaud an individual person with a disability who has shown exceptional personal effort to meet the challenges of their employment.

The award also seeks to raise the public awareness of the outstanding contributions, which are made by many persons in our community who face great difficulties in achieving their goals and dreams of fulfilment in their chosen arena of work.

The award is in its 5th year and this year we received 5 nominations. I have been involved with the award for the past 4 years and even with a small number of nominations the calibre of the nominees this year made the committees decision one of the hardest that I have been involved with.

The award evening was again held at Capri Receptions and the evening was an outstanding success. The night was attended by about 70 people and the past award recipients attended as well.

The recipient of the 2003 'Ken Wilks Award' was Faye Dixon; Faye was nominated by Jim Robinson at Geelong Employability and was employed at Deakin University with Geelong Employability. The Agency award was presented to Elaine Robb from Geelong Employability.

The Award was again supported by Geelong Employability and TAP into Employment. A huge thank you must go to Elaine Robb and Ray Sykes at the disability support agencies for their advice, support and assistance with this year's award.

I believe the award has the potential to grow within Geelong and beyond and as with the majority of Rotary projects it starts with the vision of one person.

CAREERS EXPO 2003

The Club is again involved with the Careers Teachers Association in staging the Careers Expo. The Expo is now in its third year and the club now plays major role in the organisation and staging of the event. This year we have committed \$1500.00 to the organisation of the Expo.

Rotarian John Virgona has been attending the committee meetings on behalf of the Vocation Committee, John's efforts together with other club members has seen 17 new vocations added to the night.

The 2003 Careers Expo will be held at the Deakin University Waterfront Campus, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. The major sponsors this year are Deakin University, Area Consultative Committee, Ford Australia and The Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong.

Over 120 stalls will be on display ranging from training providers, tertiary education providers and individual vocations.

Although the committee did not achieve all the objectives we set out to do for the year I believe we provided a well-rounded program in the Vocational Services area. In closing I wish to thank my fellow committee members for your efforts and assistance during the year and I wish the 2003/2004 committee well for the upcoming year.

Wayne Astill
Director
Vocational Services Committee

IT'S OK TO TALK ABOUT IT

LISA Miller knows the pain of post natal depression - and she is determined to do her bit to make it easier for other mothers.

After her experiences, Lisa and a friend established the Geelong Post Natal Support Group, the region's only such group.

And on Thursday, Lisa is inviting anyone who has been touched by the illness to "come and have a coffee".

Held as part of national Post Natal Depression Week, with the theme *It's OK to Talk About It*, Lisa hopes the open coffee morning will encourage women to talk about the challenges of being a new mother and their experiences with depression.

She said one of the most important things about the group was that there was no medical professionals offering advice.

Mothers come to talk about their experiences with other mothers who have experienced post natal depression.

Lisa doesn't pretend that being a mother is always wonderful and she knows that sometimes mothers need the support

by **Lauren Ware**

of someone who has been through the same thing.

"The focus is on social healing," Lisa said.

"When you have PND and a doctor or counsellor tells you you will get better, you don't really believe them.

"When someone who has had it says to you: 'I have had PND, I am now over it and enjoying my kids and you will too', then you believe it."

The support group meets as often as members require, usually over a coffee in a child-friendly place.

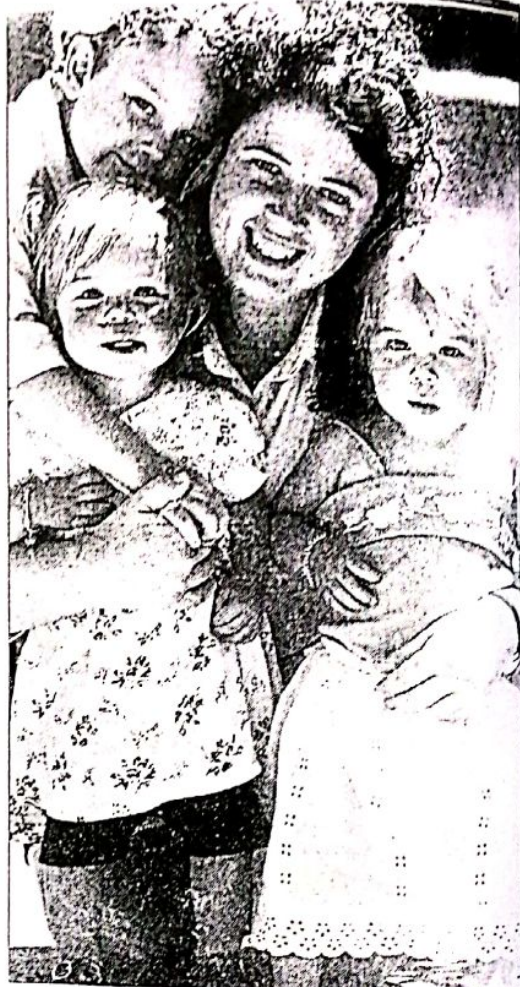
Lisa said a typical meeting was about getting everyone laughing and relaxed.

"We speak openly about the hardness of being a mum and not pretending that is all OK," she said.

The group can also direct people to specialist counsellors and parenting workshops.

The Rotary Club of Bay-side Geelong has funded the support group since March and president Sharyn Faulkner said the group was a "big step forward" in support for Geelong mothers.

"We had no hesitation



About mums and children: Lisa Miller with Jake and twins Aimee and Holly. Picture: MIKE DUGDALE

in sponsoring the group," she said.

"This was an area that needed work and I think it is fabulous."

The coffee morning will be at the Geelong West Maternal and Child

Health Centre foyer, Virginia Todd Community Centre, 9 Clarence St. West Geelong on Thursday from 9.30am-11.30am.

Inquiries to Lisa on 5277 1412.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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The Community Service year began with enthusiasm and optimism amongst all members of our group. They agreed we should, as part of our Club goal of "Getting to know Geelong", focus on assessing the needs of our community; participate in at least one community service project; provide effective community service projects which are relevant to the needs of the community and arrange for appropriate, interesting and experienced guest speakers to visit our club and keep members informed.

The group decided to continue to become involved in a range of community focused activities which were of an ongoing nature, through combined and committed efforts during our Club's existence. Later during the course of the past year, new initiatives would be added to these successful and established projects.

Our annual **Do-Care Theatre Evening for Elderly Citizens** was the first of the ongoing projects. A theatre night was carefully planned for the end of November. Rather than go to a large theatre complex, our group decided we could accept the generous offer from St Mary's Cathedral to use the Regent Theatre adjacent to the Cathedral grounds as our venue.

Unfortunately, the theatre night did not proceed as there was little interest in it. Discussions with Do-Care staff, before the night was cancelled, revealed several factors or causes for the cancellation, which need to be addressed if an evening of this kind is to be planned in the future. It was also proposed that we "Make a Wish come True for a Do-Care resident", possibly at Christmas time but this did not eventuate. It was deemed that it would be difficult to select only one resident to receive the wish considering the enormous range of needs the residents could have.

The **Blood Bank** has been an ongoing commitment for members who donate blood to replenish and maintain supplies of blood in the local and extended community. Generally, throughout the year, the donors within our Club kept to this commitment and have regularly presented at the Blood Bank to give their donation. A special effort was conducted during Rotary Awareness Week in late September.

During September, Heather Lyle, from the Rotary Club of Geelong West passed on some **Polio Plus Campaign Donation Booklets** for us to sell to the public, family and friends. Ten of our members are still endeavoring to sell these tickets, with little success. Within the near future they will be recalled and the monies collected.

Also in September, one of our committee members mooted an idea, which involved the beautification and ongoing maintenance of some vacant land adjacent to Latrobe Terrace in Geelong West. This land is unsightly and detracts from the adjacent business and residential area. Although the group has collectively and individually endeavored to communicate and make contact with the appropriate authorities during the past nine months, we have received no positive outcomes or even on response to our correspondence. It is hoped negotiations will continue during 2003-2004, as we believe the land is compact and an ideal size for our Club to develop and regularly maintain. It is hoped that as a result of our efforts the site would be aesthetically pleasing to residents, traders and people passing through the area.

Preserve Planet Earth – "The Heights" the task of painting the fence at "The Heights" was assessed and a roster drawn up. Many Club members have since contributed to this project, which has involved an enormous commitment in the area of time, considering most of our members work six days a week in their businesses or employment. Much of the painting was

done during the quarter September to December and then only a few times since the beginning of this year. We still have much work to do at "The Heights" to ensure the job is completed as planned. The garden brochure was published but we still need to identify and label some of the trees and plants in the garden – when the fence painting is completed.

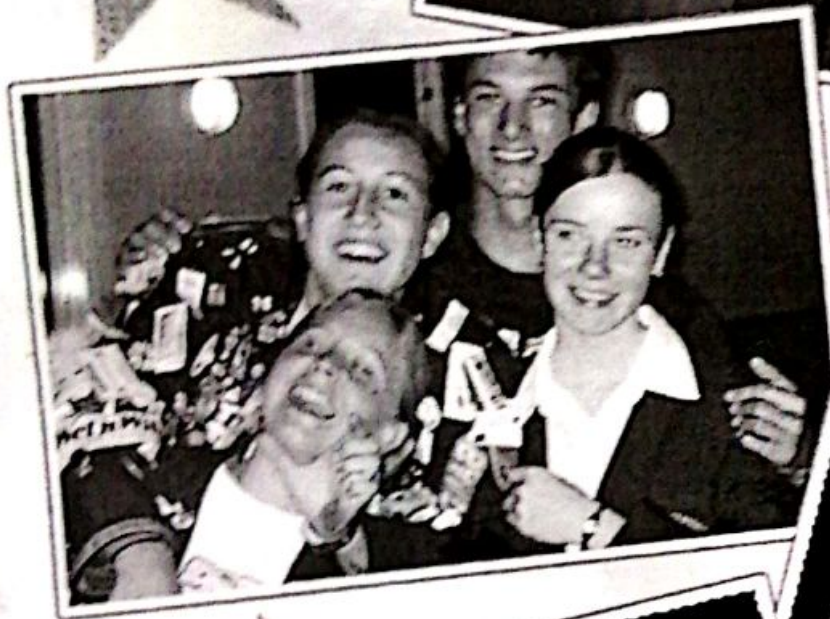
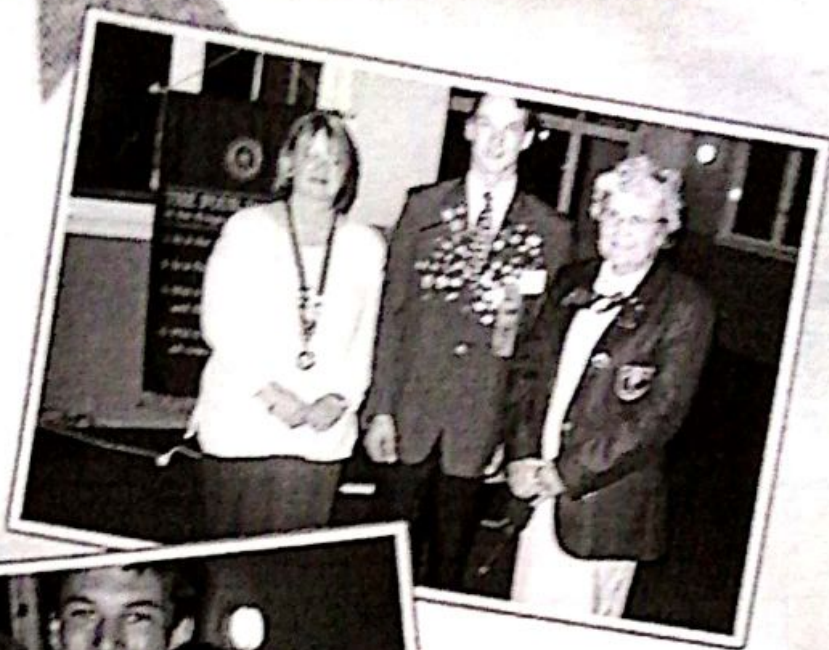
Also this year, many of our Club members were witness to two young mothers who were invited to our Club as guest speakers. Their purpose was to inform the Club of the newly formed **Geelong Post-natal Support Group**. These young mothers spoke poignantly and honestly about their experiences with post-natal depression and its impact on their husbands, family and friends and indeed, their lives after giving birth to beautiful babies. Our group response was one of silence, followed by disbelief, as the stories of these two young women were recounted. Many tears were shed, as we too, remembered the difficulties association with becoming a parent. Post-natal depression is a medical condition they had to work through to claim back their lives. Lisa Miller, together with her friend Kylie initiated the formation of the Geelong Post Natal Support Group as a result of her experience. The most significant needs that the GPNSG recognised was "a lack of awareness" of the condition; a confused/mixed concept of the condition and very little support for sufferers. These were the early days and their efforts have since progressed enormously to the point where they are invited to speak to groups of people, both the medical profession and the community, about Post Natal Depression. With the information packs that Lisa developed, she is broadening community awareness of the condition. Her walking and coffee groups are enabling new families to Geelong to meet and communicate with supportive friends who can share and talk about their experiences in a non-threatening environment. Lisa has now become a regular and welcome face at Bayside meetings. Our Club has supported Lisa and her group since its instigation and we have donated \$1500 towards her administration costs. This particular community project has been a most successful venture. We are proud of Lisa's achievements and we look forward to continuing our commitment to her group during the next year.

In November, our Committee again supported the Geelong Advertiser's "**Adopt a Family**" initiative. Christmas gifts to the value of \$178 were bought for a local father who is rearing three growing sons. As well as purchasing gifts, members of the Club generously donated a wide range of food and drinks, in the form of a Christmas hamper, to the family so they could celebrate the Christmas season in the traditional manner along with everyone else.

Annually, during May, **Bowel Scan** is conducted and with input from our Club pharmacists and guest speakers we are now aware of and understand the importance of early detection of bowel cancer. Once we communicate and acknowledge of deaths caused by this disease, we can be assured of many people's lives being saved by purchasing a kit and completing the test as directed. Many people in our Club have consistently, each year assisted with the delivery and distribution of the kits for this very worthwhile project. Our objective for the future is to continue to educate the community and bring awareness and action to participating in the programme.

The above projects could only have been conducted with the support and input of the Community Services Committee and contributing members of our Rotary Club. Their efforts have been appreciated and we look forward to moving forward, taking on new and supporting current Rotary Community service ventures and seeing projects which have begun, completed successfully during 2003-2004

Allyson Willis
Director
Community Services



YOUTH EXCHANGE

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Youth Exchange

The Club continues to be an active supporter of the Youth Exchange Program, and I thank all of the counsellors and host families for their participation that makes this possible. In February 2003 the Club participated in a joint selection process for 2004 outbounds with four other Geelong region clubs.

Inbounds

Lo Larnesson (Counsellor Wayne Astill) returned home to Sweden in July 2002 after her year with the Club.

Igor Lorget (Counsellor Karen Bartlett) arrived from France in August 2002 with his host families being Dan & Deb Furlan, Robin & Andrea Hunt, Michele Van Leissum and Colin Benson, and Wayne & Julie Astill.

Yayoi Kiyokawa (Counsellor Ken Wilks) is due to arrive from Japan in late July 2003 and will have as host families Robin & Andrea Hunt, Karen & Rob Bartlett, Sharyn & John Faulkner and Christine & Chris Sims.

Outbounds

Jannah Gray (Counsellor Andrea Hunt) returned home in January 2003 after her year in Thailand.

In the same month Lisa Boyle (Counsellor Jacqui Morse) departed for her year, also in Thailand.

Sam Cantwell (Counsellor Frank Iannuzzi) has recently been selected as an outbound and will leave for Switzerland in January 2004.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

The Club sponsored Alice Bartlett to attend the RYLA Camp at Kangaroobie in April 2003. Alice will be spoke to the Club on 3 June 2003 about her experiences at the camp. As the Club had more RYLA candidates than we could sponsor were able to "pass on" Michael Palmer and Megan Williams to the Rotary Clubs of Highton-Kardinia and Torquay respectively. Both students benefited from the RYLA experience and have spoken to their sponsoring clubs.

General

Whilst we were unable to obtain a candidate for the RYPEN Camp, the Club was able to assist the Rotary Club of Highton-Kardinia with the Geelong Eisteddfod in August 2002.

I thank all members of the Committee for their support during the year.

Christine Sims
Director
Youth Services



FELLOWSHIP & FUNDRAISING

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We have had many great times this year and I tried to make it a little different.

We have had many smaller fundraisers such as raffles and our slice drive. Melbourne Cup we celebrated with our very own race meeting and we all went along to the Bayside Cup. We had great looking jockeys, horses and trainers. The style of some of the jockeys was a little different and I think a few of the trainers might have had dealings with a certain bookie called "Outhouse".

The Christmas Dinner was amazing. The quality of the entertainment at our Cabaret was second to none. All of our members got behind it and made it a night to remember. Will we ever forget the Shoop Shoop Song or the Big Bopper and Mustang Sally, but I think we would all agree the Big Spender will go down in club history.

This year we only had one Triathlon, but it was very successful. We had a great turn out from the club members, so as well as helping with the athletes; we were able to have a sausage sizzle, raising enough money in a few hours to buy our own BBQ. A comment came from another Rotary Club on the day that we all looked great in our Bayside shirts and hats.

Our Dinner in the Gardens night was very interesting with Ian Redpath as our guest speaker. We also christened our new BBQ on this evening.

We had to use our sausage sizzle skills again this year, thanks to Frank, as he was able to get us into the Skilled Stadium again for the Geelong Gift. We supplied everybody that passed with a choice of hamburgers, egg and bacon rolls or the sausage in bread. Well done Frank. Again the turn out from club members and partners was great.

The dinner auction this year in May was our second attempt to have our major fundraiser. The first one scheduled for January had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers and the support promised from the Festival of Sail organising committee. I still feel that an Australia Day function could be very worth while for the club, perhaps it was a little ambitious. Maybe we need to look at something different for future Australia Days.

Our Jail House Rock night went very well. Considering the amount of items we had to auction, we raised a considerable amount of money. But more to the point we had fun. The dinner was very different but very enjoyable and did you taste that ice-cream? The rock n roll dance group did a fantastic job, and really set the theme of the evening. The Old Geelong Jail never looked so good. Thank you to all of my fantastic team for this one, and to all those helping hands.

Our birthday party is always a good night, and this year was not exception. We as a Club were 6 years old and the room looked like it was set for a 6th birthday party, complete with smarties and jelly beans. The party game was a little different but we all learnt a little more about our fellow Rotarians.

The last function of the year was our progressive dinner. We started at my home in Lara for nibbles and pre drinks then off to Karen Bartlett's home in Fyansford for dinner. After dinner back into Newtown to Patricia Slack's home for sweets and coffee. Thank you ladies for making your homes available to us.

This year has been very busy but very enjoyable. I was very fortunate to have an amazing team beside me that put in so many hours to help make this a memorable year, for this I thank them, especially my three musketeers.

JO WHITE PHF
CHAIRMAN



PROGRAM

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BAYSIDE GEELONG
 CLUB PROGRAMME – 2002-2003
 PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR – PATRICIA SLACK

July 2	Club Assembly
July 9	Club Committees
July 16	Roger Grant, Geelong Otway Tourism
July 18	Careers Expo
July 23	Geelong Art Gallery
July 30	Jenny Monahan, Rotary Club of Corio, Polio Eradication
August 6	The Mayor, Cr Barb Abley Visit by Rotary Club of Booroondara, Rotary Club of Ballarat Young Ambition
August 13	Hilary Hoevenaars, The Myths of Dieting
August 20	Membership, Committees
August 27	
August 31	Assistance at the Eisteddford
September 3	RYPEN
September 10	Prof Gary Carnegie, National Trust
September 17	Board Meeting & Committees
September 19	Brigadoon
September 24	District Youth Services, Christopher Sims & Barbara Cox -Noah's Ark
October 1	Maree Jane – Vision Australia
October 15	Board Meeting with AG Roger Lavingdale, David Lun – Geelong Radiology Barwon Health
October 19	Trivia Fundraising for Ken Wilks Award
October 22	District Governor Pat Robertson Official Visit
October 29	Committees
November 5	Melbourne Cup Night
November 12	Geelong Botanic Gardens
November 19	Kate Scaddan – Marketing Manager Bay City Plaza Club Annual General Meeting
November 26	Committees
December 3	Lisa Boyle – Outbound Youth Exchange Student Presentation before departing for Thailand. Lisa Miller – Geelong Post Natal Depression Group Update.
December 10	Igor Lorget – Inbound Youth Exchange Student – This Is Your Life.
December 17	Christmas Function – Cabaret Extraordinaire. Visit from Santa.

January 7	International Cricket Challenge with Rotary Club of Torquay. They won.
January 17	Committees
January 21	Club Assembly
January 29	
February 4	The Collapse of Ansett
February 9	Triathlon Portarlington
February 11	Carousel
February 18	Ken Wilks Award
February 25	Board and Committees
March 5	Lorrain Hubble, Heritage Architect
March 11	Jannah Gray, Returning Exchange Student, Presentation on her return from Thailand
	Elaine Robb and Liz Carroll – Recmates
March 18	Board and Committees
March 21,22,23	District Conference
March 27	GSE Team Presentation Night
March 29	GSE VegieQ at Brian Burch's
April 1	Monica Evans, Gordon Institute of Technology, Tourism and Hospitality
April 8	Eric Von Einem, Magistrate
April 15	Geoff Boyle – Barwon Prison (Lisa's Dad)
April 22	International Night – Igor, Jack and Irene Lorget
April 29	Peter – Geelong Advertiser
May 3	Jailhouse Rock
May 6	Zia Mcleod – Depression Research and Awareness
May 13	Board and Committees
May 20	6 th Birthday Party and Lisa Miller, Geelong Post Natal Depression Group – Update
May 27	Robert Ingpen – Poppykettle
June 3	Alice Bartlett – RYLA and Barry Bell – Rotahomes in Fiji
June 11	Marjorie Smith – This is Your Life and Jo White – What to do after a Hard Day's Night – relaxation therapy.
June 17	Jamie Macdonald – Rotary International Undergraduate Scholarship
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