



# **35 years of service**

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## **A HISTORY OF ROTARY CENTRAL MELBOURNE Inc**

**formerly**

**Rotary Club of Port Phillip-Melbourne 1987-1998**

**Rotary Club of Central Melbourne - Sunrise Inc 1998-2016**

**1987 – 2022**

**DISTRICT 9800, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA**

## PREFACE

In the year 2000 PP John Meehan OAM began to record the **Club's** history and with assistance from myself with the scanning of photos and layout the first printed edition titled **"the first thirteen years"** was published in hard copy. John relied on the fading memories of the early Presidents and laboured through the archives of past Club bulletins and board minutes. **The "pre-digital" or hard copy records were well preserved and stored.**

**A second edition was published in 2007 titled "the first twenty years of service" and this brought the historical records up to date and included many more photos.** We now have our own secure off-site storage unit for both records and memorabilia which should serve the Club well in future years. Digital photos are now stored on the internet and are readily available for members to peruse.

**The third edition titled "Twenty-Five Years of Rotary" was made available only on disk and not in hard copy in an endeavour to avoid the increasing printing costs and to make it freely available to members to read on their computers, mobiles or tablets etc.**

Since **John's** retirement I have continued the recording of the **Club's** history and this latest edition incorporates the first three and is titled **"one score and ten"** (for the **"youngins"** this means 30) or **"three decades young"**.

Enjoy travelling down memory lane.

PP Marjorie Gerlinger

Club Historian

Change is inevitable and Marjorie has now retired from active service with our club and moved interstate. The baton as Club Historian has now passed to me, with much early assistance from Marjorie. I have continued the practice of updating the history each year as a valuable record of the many services supported by our club.

PP John Ilott

## INTRODUCTION

Rotary began in 1905 with a meeting of four men in a bustling part of Chicago, Illinois, USA. On the evening of 23 February 1905, a young lawyer named Paul Harris felt somewhat lost and alone in the sprawling city of Chicago and met with three friends to discuss an idea that he had been developing. The idea was that businessmen would get together **periodically in the spirit of camaraderie to enjoy each other's** company and to enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances.

Out of their discussions came the idea of a club whose membership would be limited to one representative from each business and **profession. Weekly meetings would be held at each member's place of business in turn. This was designed to acquaint the members** with one **another's** vocation and to promote business. Hence the name "**ROTARY**" which was adopted later.

Word of this new organisation spread rapidly and soon membership increased to the point that it was no longer practical to meet at **a member's place of business. Thus began the practice to hold weekly meetings at restaurants, hotels and** public places. In 1910, Rotary held its first convention and Paul Harris was elected President of an association of sixteen clubs.

ROTARY became international, when in 1911, it established a club in Winnipeg, Canada followed by London and Ireland later that year. The Rotary organisation was the forerunner of other great service clubs, such as Kiwanis International in 1915, Lions International in 1917 and the **women's** service organisation - Zonta International in 1919.

## BIRTH OF A NEW CLUB

### ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA

Rotary stretched across the Pacific Ocean in 1921 when two Rotarians, James Davidson of Calgary, Canada and Lt. Col. Layton Ralston of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, reached Sydney on 22nd March. Because their arrival coincided with Easter holidays they proceeded immediately to Melbourne to meet Sir John Monash, Professor W. A. Osborne and other interested parties. As a result, on the 1st April 1921, with 37 charter members, the first Rotary Club in Australia - the Rotary Club of Melbourne - was admitted to what we now know as Rotary International.

Exactly one month later on 1st May 1921, the Rotary Club of Sydney was similarly admitted with a charter membership of 35.

Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, died in January 1947 at age 79 having visited Melbourne in 1935 at the invitation of his friend Angus Mitchell. The District then covered the southern parts of Australia known as District 65 comprising only 26 clubs.

The Charter President of Melbourne Club was Professor William Osborne and the Club provided Rotary with its first Australian as Rotary International President, Sir Angus Mitchell in 1948-49. Over a period of 78 years, the Melbourne Club has sponsored 27 Clubs by the process of ceding territory to new Clubs, to the stage where its territorial limits now do not extend much beyond the Central Business District (CBD).

### BIRTH OF A NEW CLUB

On 24th September 1986 the Melbourne Club took another significant step by voting at their Board to organise an additional club in the CBD. Soon after, the then District Governor John King appointed one of his Special Representatives (DGR) to direct the formation of the new club which would share its territory with the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

The DG Special Representative was Ray Forrest and his first task was to form a committee of Melbourne Club members that comprised a wholly supportive President in John Edmonds (1986-87), Les Bradley, the hard working Secretary of the committee, Geoff Cox, Peter Fraser, Ray Hornsby, Tony Kosky (organiser of the Charter Night), Ken MacDonald, Peter Parkin, Les Perrott (Master of Ceremonies at the Charter Night), Ken Power, Jeff Teele and Geoff Vine.

The committee considered many potential candidates for charter membership and a special interest meeting was held at Westpac Banking Corporation premises on 12th February 1987 which was attended by prospective members. The number, for one reason or another, was finally narrowed down to the 39 members listed in the programme for Charter Night. On the 2nd March 1987, the Provisional Rotary Club of Port Phillip, Melbourne met for the first time in the Duke of Edinburgh Room at the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV) in Queen Street, Melbourne.

On 23rd March, the Officers and Directors of the Provisional Rotary Club of Port Phillip, Melbourne were elected and the Club met regularly thereafter on a Monday morning at 7.45am for 8.00am under the leadership of Charter President Elect, Terry Cocks.

### CHARTER NIGHT

On Friday evening, 1st May 1987, at the Southern Cross Hotel, members of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and over 300 other Rotarians, not only from District 980 (now 9800) but from Clubs throughout Victoria, welcomed the new Club and celebrated its admission to Rotary International with 39 Charter Members. The Club's Charter and induction ceremony was carried out by the District Governor John King, assisted by Special Representative, Ray Forrest.

The **evening's** ceremony was in the capable hands of Melbourne Club Rotarian Les Perrott (who was later to become President of his Club in 1989-90). Speakers at the charter ceremony included the then President of Melbourne Club, John Edmonds; the popular and incoming World President of Rotary International, Royce Abbey; President of the Rotary Club of Flemington, Les Williams; and our own Charter President Terry Cocks and his Vice President, Dr. Barry Gilbert.

Each member of the new Club present at the charter ceremony was presented with a Charter Member's lapel badge and two special gifts from the Melbourne Club - an engraved egg cup (recognising the role of a breakfast Club) and an autographed copy of "**A History of Service 1921-1986**" - a record of the progress of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. It was quickly noticed from the history that the Port Phillip-Melbourne Club began its charter with 39 members - two more than Melbourne did 66 years before! It was remarked that "**if we continue to be a few in front of Melbourne then we are going to have a mighty future**"!

It is interesting to note that the actual Charter certificate dated 3rd April 1987 was not presented to the new Club at the ceremony and was not available until a month later. Although the number of charter members was 39 only 35 were present on the evening as a result of some being overseas or unable to attend because of illness. From the original list, potential members Des Powell and David Purchase did not proceed with charter membership.

#### FIRST GUEST SPEAKERS

The first guest speaker at the first official weekly meeting held at the RACV, Duke of Edinburgh Room was The Hon Mr Justice Trevelyan of the Family Court of Australia who spoke on family law. The previous Monday morning meeting was addressed by Rotarian Ian Robinson, **who was an adviser on real estate to a number of private superannuation funds. He told the members that “real estate is going** through a turbulent time. It does however still represent a sound long-term investment. The present real estate boom was producing an over-heated market! ” How many times have we heard those words!

#### FIRST OFFICIAL DISTRICT **GOVERNOR’S** VISIT

This occurred on the 14th September 1987 and was attended by 90 members and partners at the Roof Garden of the RACV. It took the form of a formal dinner and a video presentation by District Governor, Ian Knight. It was by all accounts an extravaganza night with invitees Les Perrott, John Edmonds and John Urbahns, Ray Forrest, Les Bradley and Tony Kosky – all members of our sponsor club, Melbourne. As a result of the good work of the membership chairman, Barrie Tassell, four new members were inducted into the Club that night.

#### FIRST BIRTHDAY

Held on 1st May 1988 in the surroundings of the Southern Cross Hotel. The **guest speaker was Katharine West who spoke on “New Directions for Australia”.** President Terry presented a cheque for \$2,500 to the Baker Institute for the purchase of a bench centrifuge unit, and fifteen members were presented with a rake in anticipation of their efforts for the **“Keep Australia Beautiful Council”.**

#### CLUB NAME

The original application to Rotary International was for the Club name, **“The Rotary Club of Port Phillip, Melbourne”** (note the comma) however, subsequent correspondence made it clear that a hyphen must separate the word Phillip from Melbourne because, officially, the **name of a club includes its state and country. “This would therefore indicate that your club was the Rotary Club of Port Phillip in the State of Melbourne”.** Accordingly, the full title of our club was ruled to be **“The Rotary Club of Port Phillip-Melbourne, Victoria, Australia”.** Our Club charter document was amended accordingly. This may have contributed to the delay of one month in receiving the charter certificate.

In the year 1996-1997 following a change of State Government and a re-alignment of municipal boundaries, a separate council of Port Phillip was created in the bayside area. This left our Club with a name that no longer identified with the locality of the Melbourne CBD. The Board determined to change the Club name to the **“Rotary Club of Central Melbourne”.** However, following representations from our mother Club, The Rotary Club of Melbourne, a compromise was reached the following year and a further name change was registered as **“The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise” to reflect both the locality and a breakfast club. The new name was formally** registered as from 1st July 1998.

During 2016 we commenced the process to again change the name of the Club to better describe who the club is and for the name to be simpler, clearer and more contemporary. After a detailed review of the process by which this could be achieved and a series of communications and discussions with members and other stakeholders the proposal to change the name to Rotary Central Melbourne was put to members in June 2016 and approved by Rotary International and Consumer Affairs in July 2016.

#### CLUB BOUNDARIES AND LOCALITY

The original boundary for the club is described as **“that portion of the Municipality of the City of Melbourne south of Victoria Parade and Victoria Street and its extension to the Williamstown railway line; and South of that railway line, excluding the area to the South of Dynon Road and West of Railway Canal”.** In 2004, Rotary International changed the standard Club Constitution to enable Clubs to redefine their boundary or territory that will identify it with its locality. Our Club locality was amended in our Constitution to replace the above to simply - **“Within the Greater City of Melbourne”.**



## The First Year – 1st May 1987 to 30th June 1988

**Charter President:**..... Terry Cocks  
**Vice President:**..... Barry Gilbert  
**Secretary** .....Richard Mitchell  
**Treasurer:** ..... Richard Stone

### COMMITTEES:

**Community**..... David Swanton  
**Club Service:**..... Barrie Tassell  
**Youth:**.....Cec Akerley  
**Vocational:** .....Peter Sharman  
**International/Foundation:** .....Brev Johnston



**Bulletin:** .....Greg John  
**Sergeant At Arms:**..... Andrew Forbes/Cec Akerley  
**District Governor 1986/87:** ..... John King  
**District Governor 1987/88:** .....Ian Knight  
**Special Representative:** ..... Ray Forrest  
**R.I. President 1986/87:** .....M.A.T. Caparas  
**R.I. President 1987/88:** .....Charles C. Keller  
**Rotary Theme 1986/87:** ..... “Rotary Brings Hope”  
**Rotary Theme 1987/88:** ..... “Rotarians - United In Service - Dedicated To Peace”

The presentation of the Charter to the Rotary Club of Port Phillip-Melbourne by the District Governor, John King was made at the Southern Cross Hotel, Melbourne on 1st May 1987.

**CHARTER MEMBERS:** Cec Akerley (Customs Agencies), Ian Angus (Education - Technical), Robert Bassat (Computers Distributing), George Bolitho (Hospitals Administration), Lou Butterfield (Medicine - Obstetrics), Tom Callander (Law - General Practice), Denis Cassidy (Petroleum - Distributing), Terry Cocks (Land - Valuing), Peter Comley (Insurance - Superannuation), Des Craig (Roofing Materials - Manufacturing), David Dodd (Professional Associations), David Farrell (Insurance - Broking), Andrew Forbes (Fire Fighting), Len Foster (Electricity Supplying), Barry Gilbert (State Government - Occupational Medicine), Herb Greenwood (Town Planning - Consulting), John Hall (Glassware Distributing), Greg John (Trade Associations - Manufacturing), Brev Johnson (Property Management), Bill Lockwood (Refined Oil Products Marketing), Bob Maughan (Financial Services), Dick Mitchell (Actuarial Services), Mel Moorfield (Banking - Savings), **Frank O'Brien (Trustee Companies)**, George Pitt (Tanning), Des Powell (World Trade Centres), Roger Pringle (Bathroom Fixtures - Distributing), Ian Rust (Real Estate Agencies), Peter Sharman (Insurance - Fire), Barry Sheehan (Education - Advanced Colleges), Neil Smart (Accountancy - General Practice), Geoffrey Stephan (Data Processing - Training), Richard Stone (Banking - Trading), David Swanton (Insurance - General), Barrie Tassell (Sharebroking), Reginald Thomas (Office Machines - Distributing), Les Webb (Religion - Salvation Army), John Wright (Travel Agencies).

*Footnote: Classifications shown may have subsequently changed or varied.*

**CLUB SERVICE:** The next new Club to be chartered was country WOODEND on 22nd May 1987 at the Kyneton Town Hall and was attended by President Terry Cocks and Charter member Cec Akerley. The next major function before the end of that Rotary year was the District Governor's Changeover hosted by the Balwyn Club at Chaucers of Canterbury on 26th June 1987. A Ladies Night was held at the RACV on 16th November and was well attended by over 30 members and partners. Guest Speaker was Dr. Phillip Opas QC, OBE, PhD, who spoke on “Racing-The Sport of Kings”. The first “Job Talk” from an existing Club member came from charter member, Greg John who, despite the customary short notice was able to give an “interesting and informative speech”. Greg John subsequently moved interstate and resigned from the Club. However, in May 1994, he revisited the Club, renewed old friendships and then re-joined in 1995-1996. He was the first editor of the Club Bulletin.

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	1st May 1987: ..... 36
	30th June 1988: ..... 44

**New Members:** On the evening of the District Governor's visit, four new members were inducted into the Club. The significance was that these were the first non-charter members to be introduced into the Port Phillip-Melbourne Club and the forerunner of many to follow. The new members inducted that evening were:

#### **Chris FERRIS (Janette)**

Classification: Finance - Commercial,

#### **John GUEST (Eve)**

Classification: Insurance - Employee Benefits,

#### **Bruce KING (Carolyn)**

Classification: Law - Litigation,

#### **Rob TAGGART (Trish)**

Classification: Financial Planning,

**Other New Members:** Jeff Clifton (Building Construction), Denis Hogg (Hospital Administration - Private Non Profit), Ron Lamont (Travel Agencies), Chris Lavender (Computers - Marketing), Hugh Lees (Religion - Salvation Army), Dr. Gordon Leckie (Medicine - Anaesthetics), Alexander McCosh (Shipping - Passenger Services), Kenneth Mountain (Medicine - Paediatrics), Robin Pleydell (Business Services - Trustee Companies) from RC Adelaide, Dr. Nick Radford (Medicine - Physician), Glenn Sedgwick (Accounting - Corporate Services), Brian Tappin (Computer - Management Services).

Reflecting the change in our membership over time, only one of the above-mentioned members remains with the Club, namely Robin Pleydell who was a former Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Adelaide.

The Club's plans for 1987/88 were to increase membership from 37 to 60! ... an ambitious target but indicated a supreme confidence and a challenge for every current member to **introduce one new member. This was called the "Five in One Membership Plan". Due to the Club's** city environment and the frequent transfer of senior business executives overseas and interstate, this target was not achieved until six years later in 1993/94.

**FIRST LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** The first request for a "Leave of Absence" from weekly meetings was received from David J Farrell who stated he would be overseas for meetings on 4th to 18th May 1987. This was the first of many from a dedicated member whose insurance broking activities had him in the air over London or Paris or Alice Springs most meeting times. It is characteristic of this Club that many members are periodically absent due to business commitments interstate or overseas.

**INITIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:** One of the first projects followed an address to the Club by Dr. Phillip Baxter of the Baker Medical Research Institute. It must have had a profound influence on the members as the then Secretary Dick Mitchell wrote to Dr. Baxter on 27th August 1987 stating **that "a number of members declined their hot breakfast and chose fresh fruit instead"**! The Club undertook to donate a bench centrifuge to the Institute at the cost of \$2,600 in conjunction with the Melbourne Rotary Club.

The major thrust by all Clubs in the District and throughout the western world was the POLIO PLUS Campaign. In its first year to 30th April 1987, Australian Rotary Clubs had raised \$867,000, which included \$145,000 from District 980. The first contribution from Port Phillip-Melbourne was \$261 forwarded proudly in December 1987. However, this was to be the first instalment on a project that welded this small Club together and called for hard work and dedication. By the end of that Rotary year, 1987/88, the Club had raised the creditable sum of \$7,800. In total, \$240 million US dollars was contributed by all participating Rotary Clubs throughout the world and it remains one of the greatest humanitarian causes of last century.

Other local community projects included the purchase of two typewriters for Vision Impaired Children at a cost of \$500 each and a major project of establishing a garden area and courtyard paving of the North Melbourne Day Centre for Frail Aged at a cost of \$3,700.

The committee quickly established contact and a good working relationship with the Melbourne City Council that has grown in strength over the ensuing years.

**CLUB BULLETIN:** The first Editor was a Charter Member Greg John who advised the Second Board meeting that he had **drafted** "a cover for the weekly Bulletin and also a Club **letterhead**". Greg John, however, was forced to relinquish his Bulletin duties in December 1987 as a result of his move to Sydney and his role as Editor was taken up by another Charter Member, Frank O'Brien. Frank put his stamp upon the Bulletin by giving it the name "Portsmouth" reflecting the Club's location at the mouth of Port Phillip Bay. Modern computer technology was applied to our Bulletin in 1994 to provide graphics, coloured inserts, cartoon characters and border lined notices to help us remember up-coming events, door duties etc.

**FUNDRAISING:** It was proposed by member Richard Stone at the Fifth Board meeting that the Club could raise funds with a "Rotary Wheel" at the Victoria Market on a number of Sundays. The first run with the wheel was on Sunday 27th September 1987 and by December was returning around \$500 from 40 wheel-spins. Labour however, was intensive with up to 16 members required for a three to four hour roster. Fines must have been heavy in this first full year of the Club as \$1,200 was raised from this source in less than 12 months. Perhaps this was greatly due to the new Sergeant At Arms, Cec Akerley, who took over the function following the resignation of Andrew Forbes.

Wine sales began as a fundraising event in March 1988 when member Dr. Barry Gilbert arranged a joint venture with Toorak Club for a Yalumba Red at \$42 a dozen, from which our Club earned \$10 per dozen. In this first instance, four pallets comprising 256 dozen bottles were sold producing a profit of \$2,560.

This was the forerunner to the modern day and extremely successful "Charity Auction" which raised almost \$100,000 in the two years 1993 and 1994. Charter Vice President Barry Gilbert had been a prime mover in every wine or charity auction held each year and gave tremendous service to his Club despite abnormal business demands.

(Barry Gilbert was a co-recipient of the Australian Rotary Health Research Award in 1994 for his fundraising efforts. Unfortunately he found it necessary to resign in 1995 due to his business commitments. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition in 1997 for his past **contributions to the Club's** development. A most challenging fundraising result of \$17,000 (against a plan of \$30,000) was achieved in the year through the efforts of an enthusiastic committee.

**YOUTH SERVICE:** Developed plans to assist Melbourne City Council with provision of a BMX portable track for youth. Records do not indicate if this proposal ever proceeded.

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:** Plan to conduct "mock interviews" for school leavers and arrange vocational tour for groups of school-leavers to visit wide range of local firms.

**INTERNATIONAL & FOUNDATION:** Investigating Sister Club relationships in USA, Japan and Philippines. Chairman of International Committee, Denis Cassidy wrote many letters to Clubs in Malaysia, USA and Singapore. Denis also circulated Club members for their choice of an overseas Sister Club and received 12 responses.

**CONCLUSION TO FIRST YEAR:** The Rotary Club of Port Phillip-Melbourne was fortunate to have such a dynamic, inspirational and dedicated leader as Terry Cocks as its first President. The changeover dinner on 23rd June 1988 (black tie) was attended by 76 people including the DG and guest speaker, Tony Staley. President Terry Cocks spoke of the Club's achievements during the fifteen months of his presidency and emphasised that Rotary was all about fellowship, business integrity and service to the local and international community.

There is no doubt in the minds of all charter members that his drive and charisma have been the foundation of the **Club's** success and elevated respect within District 9800 that the Club enjoys to this day. He set a pattern for enthusiasm that subsequent Presidents endeavoured to follow and he was recognised for his efforts in due course with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition at the Club Changeover in 1989 and then with a Sapphire in 1993/94. Watching Terry auction a football at that Changeover, one of the partners raised a chuckle when she asked, **"Why would anyone call him a poor harassed fellow?"**

No Club history can fail to pay respect to its founders and must continue to hold them in esteem because they knew very little, by their own admission, about Rotary convention and rules. They knew only that they had a mission to serve the community and develop strong bonds of fellowship within the Club membership.

In closing the chapter on the first complete year of the Club's operations, one cannot fail to observe that it created the positive attitude that prevails within the membership in subsequent years. It set the spirit for taking up the big challenges and becoming one of the most professional and skilled Clubs at planning and organising within the District. Whilst it may be felt that too much recognition has been given to the original charter members, the fact is that, as in most Clubs, they were the ones that formed the groundwork for many of the regular activities. Their involvement in Youth Exchange, Foundation giving, Sister Club arrangements, Peer Support, Industry Visits, support for medical research and in particular the active fellowship and partners' programmes for which this Club is well known made it attractive to new members.

**"Port Phillip Rotary"** was endowed with the talents and desire to serve from the beginning and was well led to become affectionately known as the **"upstarts"** from across the Yarra who are setting the **pace!**



*1987-1988 – Charter Certificate*



*1987-1988 – Rotary caravan and spinning wheel at Victoria Market. The Club's first fundraiser*



*1987-1988 – Typewriters for vision impaired children*

## The Second Year – 1st July 1988 to 30th June 1989

**President:** .....Cec Akerley  
**Vice Presidents:** .....Barry Gilbert, Reg Thomas  
**Secretary** .....John Hall  
**Treasurer:** .....Peter Comley

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Ian Angus  
**Club Service:** ..... George Pitt  
**International/Foundation:** ..... Herb Greenwood  
**Youth:** .....David Farrell  
**Vocational:** .....Chris Ferris



**Fundraising:** ..... Bill Lockwood  
**Bulletin:** ..... Frank O'Brien  
**Sergeant At Arms:** ..... Lou Butterfield  
**District Governor:** ..... David Wills  
**R.I. President:** ..... Royce Abbey  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... "Put Life into Rotary - Your Life"

**Membership:** 1st July 1988: ..... 44  
30th June 1989: ..... 33

**New Members:** John Meehan (Banking - Insurance), Marshall Irwin from RC Townsville, Peter Denham (Hospitality) from RC Aspley Qld, Graham Upton (Banking - Trading), Graham Abram (Executive Search).

**Members Lost:** Hugh Lees, Bill Lockwood (Charter Member), Major Les Webb (to RC Adelaide Light SA), John Guest, Ron Lamont, Gordon Leckie, Alexander McCosh, Ken Mountain, Dr. Nick Radford, Brian Tappin, Jeff Clifton, Graham Abram, Des Craig (Charter Member).

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** A donation of \$1,000 was made to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund at the instigation of RI President Royce Abbey. The current "Member's Badge Box" was hand made by Brian Tappin and presented by him to the Club. A substantial initial donation of \$7,000 was made towards the purchase of a bus for the Melbourne Day Centre for the frail in North Melbourne. Typewriters were donated by members to the Courtney Youth Services for use by wards of the State.

**CLUB SERVICE:** There were 61 clubs in District 980. Charter President Terry Cocks was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition at the Club Changeover on 19th June 1989. A guest speaker in October was Bill Dellar, (nicknamed "Shunter") the first National Director of Umpiring. Another guest speaker, in September, was Vance Hilton of the Royal Agricultural Show (Vance went on to become Governor of District 9800 in 1999/2000). A guest speaker in August was Mr. G. Ansell, High Commissioner for NZ who spoke on the aims of "CER" (Closer Economic Relations) to achieve completely free trade between our two nations. A November guest speaker was Ron Casey on "Olympics for Melbourne".

A Notice of Meeting for 6th February 1989 was circulated in the Club Bulletin to vote on a proposal that the Club become incorporated. All this was handled by member/solicitor Bruce King who was our first Public Officer.

**VOCATIONAL:** Our Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar nomination Jacqueline Willcox was transferred to Adelaide and therefore not eligible for District 980 selection. An inter-club visit was made to RC Canterbury in November and an industry visit to the Westpac Dealing Room in October. This was followed in February by a visit of 17 members to the Shell Oil Refinery in Geelong led by Denis Cassidy.

**INTERNATIONAL & YOUTH:** Our RYPEN nominee was Shane Anderson of Werribee. A donation of \$500 was forwarded to the RC of Comilla in Bangladesh to help restore its flood affected Fish Farming projects.

**FUNDRAISING:** A "Quiz Night" was held on Saturday 29th October 1988 at the East Malvern Central School at \$12.50 per head - BYO supper and drinks. Each member was allocated six dozen Yalumba red and white wines to sell at \$50 per dozen with a target to raise \$3,000.

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE:** District Assembly was held at Latrobe University hosted by RC Kew. (Total attendance 652). President Cec and PP Terry Cocks and partners attended the May Conference in Adelaide where Cec accepted the 1988 District "Joey" Award for Membership Development. This was for the best percentage increase in members for the calendar year in District 980.

**SECOND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Held in style, firstly with a tour of the Chinese Museum in Cohen Place and then to dining at the Bamboo Restaurant organised by Mel Moorfield.

**CHANGEOVER:** In his changeover speech at the Victoria Club, Rialto Building in June, President Cec said:

"It has been a privilege to be your President and at the same time witness a general stability in member growth. This growth recently has had pressure on it due to the transfer of members to other states. A challenge now exists for each member to ensure that our membership is replenished and developed".

"The quality of speakers, vocational visits, monetary assistance to various areas of need, and fellowship, has been of the highest order. To all those officers who assisted me during 1988/1989, I offer my sincere thanks".



“The year 1989/1990 is a challenge to all of us, and I urge you to get right behind Herb Greenwood and his officers and support their projects because any great organisation is only as good as its **members**”.

Cec went on to describe his presidency as “**10% drama and 90% fun**”. He was presented with a gold carriage clock by the Club.



*1988-1989 – Sergeant Lou Butterfield fines President Cec Akerley*



*1988-1989 – President Cec presenting PP Terry Cocks with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition*

## The Third Year – 1st July 1989 to 30th June 1990

**President:** ..... Herb Greenwood  
**Vice Presidents:** ..... Richard Stone, Reg Thomas  
**Secretary** ..... Tom Callander  
**Treasurer:** ..... Chris Lavender

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Ian Angus  
**Club Service:** ..... Mel Moorfield  
**International/Foundation:** ..... Chris Ferris/George Pitt  
**Youth:** ..... George Pitt  
**Vocational:** ..... David Swanton/John Wright  
**Fundraising:** ..... Peter Denham  
**Bulletin:** ..... Bruce King  
**District Assembly** ..... David Farrell  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Barry Gilbert  
**District Governor:** ..... Lawrence Atley  
**R.I. President:** ..... Hugh M. Archer  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Enjoy Rotary!”



**Membership:** 1st July 1989 ..... 33  
30th June 1990: ..... 39

**New Members:** William (Bill) Bowman (Oil Company - Management) from RC Sydney Cove, Don Blyth (Trustee Associations), Rob Gurney (Architecture), Norman Potter (Business Services - Administration), Max Ryan (Insurance - Underwriting), Aris Imbardelli (Hospitality).

**Members Lost:** Charter members - George Bolitho, Brev Johnson, Dr. Barry Sheehan, Greg John  
Other members - Marshall Irwin, Chris Ferris (Finance), Robert Maughan, Charles Macek.

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Took up the District environmental project of “Trees For Survival”. The Club assisted the RC Melbourne to establish and charter the RC of Melbourne Latrobe. Its charter night was to be held at the ANZ Pavilion, Arts Centre on Friday 21st July 1989 with about 30 charter members but the event was postponed until October. A special telephone costing \$750 was presented to the Nerve Deafness Appeal to assist the deaf in communication. A major donation of \$2,500 was made to the Glyn White Research Fellowship at the Royal Womens Hospital.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Began with a plan for 20 new members. Also recorded plans to review and expand fellowship activities. A proposal to amend the Club Constitution to provide for admission of women called for a vote on 14 August and was passed by absolute majority and members were encouraged to seek out and nominate professional and businesswomen for membership.

Some of the fellowship events proposed included a flight over Antarctica; a dinner cruise; an April Fool’s Night; a Halloween night; a Calcutta on the Brownlow Medal and a progressive dinner.

A guest speaker in October was Ruth Gilding of the Early Planning for Retirement Association. Ruth later went on to become a valued and hard-working member of this Club and eventually to be President of Ararat in western Victoria.

**MEMBERSHIP:** New members in August included Max Ryan of NZ Insurance and in October, Don Blyth who was national director of the Trustee Companies Association. Also nominated and passed by the Board was Robert Barnes of the Australian Institute of Bankers however, Robert went on to join the RC of Melbourne instead.

**VOCATIONAL:** The committee proposed that an informal “fellowship hour” be held at various member’s offices on a rotating basis once a month. The committee announced it would conduct a school-leavers’ “interview experience” program in conjunction with University High. Members were asked to conduct a simulated job interview with selected students and provide feedback.

**INTERNATIONAL & YOUTH:** It was proposed that the Club provide tangible assistance to youth from rural areas coming to Melbourne for study or employment. Chris Ferris who resigned to transfer to Sydney was a former Group Study Exchange (GSE) team member to Japan and before he left he spoke highly about this Rotary Foundation program to the Club. The committee set themselves a project of defining all schools and youth groups within the Club’s boundaries for future reference. A small refrigerator was donated to the Ashburton office of Peer Support Foundation and a recent inspection by the author confirmed it is still going strong.

In May 1990 the Club hosted the Japanese GSE team of five for one week of their five-week visit and our RYLA student attending the Mt. Evelyn camp was Anna Henderson of Melbourne University.

**FUNDRAISING:** Target \$15,000 set for the year including Progressive Dinner, Melbourne Cup Eve Function and wine sales (\$55 per dozen!). Proposal for a Quiz Night was considered and the Fundraising Committee wrote to all members in July seeking their ideas to raise funds that did not “hit the members’ pockets”. The Federal Budget in August this year announced that Rotary and other service organisations will be exempt from tax on all income.

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY:** Our Club was selected to organise and host the District Assembly on 20th May 1990 at Latrobe University. Led by David Farrell, a small team including Don Blyth, John Hall, Norm Potter and Cec Akerley together with partners did a superb job in hosting this training day for almost 700 Rotarians. Past President, Cec Akerley was appointed as one of 10 District **Governor's** Representatives.

**FELLOWSHIP:** A hardy group of members led by Reg Thomas, braved the very cold winds and rain to attend **"The Seekers Concert"** on 23rd August at the Melbourne Concert Hall which was a great success and raised over \$75,000 for VICSPAN (Victorians Against Child Abuse).

A family day at Werribee Park Homestead in November was attended by a party of 50 and included a full tour of the animal park and zoo. Another family day was held at Coolart on the Mornington Peninsula including a BBQ in the old stables. Forty-six people had a terrific night at the Sichuan Province Restaurant and true to form, President Herb received a rousing cheer when he arrived a little late! There were those brave enough to remind Herb about heading off to Mt. Sugarloaf for a family day the previous year instead of Sugarloaf Reservoir.



*1989-1990 – President Herb with a bus for the North Melbourne Home for the Aged*

## The Fourth Year – 1st July 1990 to 30th June 1991

**President:** ..... Mel Moorfield  
**Vice President:** ..... Reg Thomas  
**Secretary** ..... Don Blyth  
**Treasurer:** ..... John Meehan

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... John Wright  
**Club Service:** ..... Denis Cassidy  
**International/Foundation:** ..... Bruce King  
**Youth:** ..... Bill Bowman  
**Vocational:** ..... Ian Angus



**Fundraising:** ..... Chris Lavender  
**Bulletin:** ..... Bob Bassat  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Rob Taggart  
**District Governor:** ..... Colin Martin  
**R.I. President:** ..... Paulo V.C. Costa  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm”

**Membership:** 1st July 1990: ..... 39  
30th June 1991: ..... 51

**New Members:** Billie Boyd (Travel – Management), Tony Bowles (Insurance – General) from RC Mordialloc, Michael Dixon (Computer Service Marketing), Bernie Gerlinger (Risk Management), Bob Gilder (Insurance - Motor), Ruth Gilding (Retirement Planning), John Grigg (Executive Search), Steven Hallis (Management Consulting - Human Resources), Elizabeth Hatters (Property Management), Penelope Hughes (Cosmetics - Manufacturing), Paul Maguire (Architecture - Interior Design), Helen O'Brien (Law - Commercial Litigation), Alan Seale (Technology - Management) from RC Altona, Terry Shields (Real Estate - Consulting), Murli Thadani (Corporate Advisory Services), Brian Welch (Business Associations).

**Members Lost:** Rob Gurney

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** A donation of \$2,500 was made to the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind to purchase 10 “talking books” for the new library in Prahran. A cheque for \$3,000 was presented at an industry visit to the Epworth Hospital to purchase an anaesthetic monitor for the intensive care unit. An amount of \$5,000, resulting from the Supper Auction, was forwarded to the Bone Marrow Registry. Through charter member, John Wright, Shirley Osborn spoke to the Club on 27th May on “Looking after Street Kids”. This began a long and valuable association with Shirley and the Steps Ministry. It also began a regular annual program of members collecting and donating Christmas hampers for the homeless and disadvantaged. In 1997, the Club presented Shirley with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for her dedicated service to the homeless in our city.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Saw the commencement of most successful monthly restaurant dinners organised by Dick Mitchell. July saw the question first being raised on “pins on partners’ badges that damage fine material” - so began a saga that engaged much debate for years to come! Also began the offer of a free breakfast for potential new members as guests.

**VOCATIONAL:** Guest speaker/member Dr. Barry Gilbert spoke on his busy four months as a Churchill Scholar. “Operation Livewire” was introduced to our Club by Bill Bowman and quickly secured 15 members as mentors in addition to President Mel Moorfield as a judge. This has become a regular and successful program every year until discontinued in 2005. Bob Gilder arranged an industry visit by members to the RACV Service Centre at Noble Park. This was followed by a visit to Epworth Hospital. President Mel subsequently received a District “Special Service Award” for his co-organising of the Repair and Painting Volunteers after the Benalla Floods of 1993.

**INTERNATIONAL & YOUTH:** Our first Youth Exchange Student, Melissa Gilmour was confirmed for exchange with Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1991/1992. Melissa was presented with her Rotary blazer at the meeting on 26th November. A donation of \$200 was made towards the purchase of a portable sawmill in the Solomon Islands. We joined other Clubs in the District to collect used eye glasses to be sent to Bangladesh and our contribution to the Rotary Foundation was \$2,600. Our second Exchange Student, Daniel Harrison was also approved for Sweden in 1992-1993.

**FUNDRAISING:** The first eminent guest speaker for the year was Nobby Clark, recently retired MD and CEO of the NAB. His talk, “A Banker-40 Years On” was very well attended. Members approved of the new batch of wines after a “breakfast tasting”, especially at only \$52 per dozen.

Members were asked to bring 2 bottles (and friends 1 bottle) of premium wine to a Supper Auction to be held in March 1991 with all proceeds to the Bone Marrow Registry. It surprised everyone that a profit of \$4,000 resulted on the night, that was the highest single amount of any event to date.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Elizabeth Moorfield began regular “Ladies’ Lunches” for partners and as a means of introducing the partners of new members into the Club. The first was attended by over 20 partners and their special guest was Dorothy Martin, wife of our District Governor, Colin.



A black-tie dinner was held in February at the Athenaeum Club and Ian Rust was able to secure Richard Bock, Consul of the United States, as our guest speaker.

A really great night was held aboard the **“Puffing Billy Night Train”** in wintry November. All agreed it was one of the best social events held with **56 people carried up hills to dinner in elegantly restored carriages**. Highlight was the **“Thomas Tabernacle Choir”** led by Reg Thomas with the singers resplendent in choir **boys’** suits.

**MEMBERSHIP:** A major milestone was reached on 5 November 1990 with the induction of our 44th member but the first female member. Billie Boyd, whose classification was “Travel – Management” was introduced to our Club by Tim Acton of Cathay Pacific and of RC Melbourne.

On 4th February 1991, Bernie Gerlinger, sponsored by Robin Pleydell, was inducted as the 48<sup>th</sup> member. Bernie was Treasurer for a record 3 years before becoming President in 1999/2000. Our second female (and 49<sup>th</sup>) member was Helen **O’Brien** sponsored by David Swanton. **Helen’s** classification was Law - Commercial Litigation. Glen Sedgewick, who joined in our first year, was transferred to London but re-joined on his return to Melbourne a few years later.

***Note: Membership net increase of 12 equalled the increase in the Charter year and is the best since.***



*1990-1991 – President Mel with a talking book presented to the RVIB’s new library in Prahran*



*1990-1991 – “Thomas’ Tabernacle Choir” entertain at the Puffing Billy social event*



*1990-1991 – President Mel with a wheelchair for the North Melbourne Home for the Aged*

## The Fifth Year – 1st July 1991 to 30th June 1992

**President:** ..... Denis Cassidy  
**Vice President:** ..... Reg Thomas  
**Secretary** ..... Graham Upton  
**Treasurer:** ..... Neil Smart

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Bob Gilder  
**Club Service:** ..... John Meehan  
**International:** ..... David Swanton  
**Youth:** ..... Bill Bowman  
**Vocational:** ..... Rob Taggart



**Fundraising:** ..... Billie Boyd  
**Bulletin:** ..... Herb Greenwood  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... George Pitt  
**District Governor:** ..... Gregory Ross  
**R.I. President:** ..... Rajendra K. Saboo  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Look Beyond Yourself”

**Membership:** 1st July 1991: ..... 51  
30th June 1992: ..... 54

**New Members:** Alison Aphrys (Red Cross Fundraising), Terry Cleal (Industrial Relations), Brian Downie (Wine Broking), John Eddy (Import Export - Finance) from RC Brisbane, Keith Frampton (Catering Services), Mark Holland (Valuation Consultancy), Graham Maloney (Banking - Strategy), Marty Ralston (Marketing Consulting - Computers), Bill Sampson (Law - General Practice - Additional Active), Ken Waldron (Agribusiness - Consulting) from RC Kew East, Peter Georgiou (Scientific Engineering).

**Members Lost:** Peter Denham, Helen O'Brien, Max Ryan, Norm Potter, Bill Bowman, Murli Thadani, Brian Welch, Gerald Ryan.

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Emergency financial support was extended to the Steps Ministry and items of furniture collected by members to assist the homeless. A programme to support the victims of child abuse through VICSPAN saw the Club take up corporate sponsorship of \$750. Another very worthwhile project was the preparation of toiletry kits etc for children discharged from protective care. District Governor Gregory Ross introduced a project “Paint Your Heart Out” (PYHO) which this Club took up enthusiastically, led by Bernie Gerlinger, and completed two homes and washed down another. The aim of District was to paint 200 homes of pensioners over three months. The Young People’s Health Service in Flinders Lane benefited from our donation of \$600 to purchase a lockable refrigerator for medications and a further \$500 for a liquified nitrogen container. Talking books were provided to the Blind Institute Library at a value of \$2,500.

**CLUB SERVICE:** A great evening at the Phantom of the Opera with a meal at the RACV beforehand. This was a good year for attendance with an average of 78% for the year reflecting a good speaker programme and great fellowship. Past President Mel Moorfield was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition and he was appointed as a District Governor’s Representative.

**VOCATIONAL:** The Club hosted the launch of “Operation Livewire” and eleven members acted as Mentors for the young candidates. Past President Mel became a member of the judging panel over the next three years. The 4-Way Test was promoted to members throughout the year and a confidential structure was put in place to assist Rotarians who may be retrenched. A Club visit was made to the RC of Kew lunch meeting and an industry visit made to ICI Yarraville through Alan Seale.

**INTERNATIONAL/FOUNDATION:** Applied for the first matching grant of \$8,000 from Rotary Foundation to establish a rice mill in Bangladesh for which approval took over six months of frustration and sometimes despair. An overhead projector costing \$500 was presented to International House. A tradesman, non-Rotarian, Wayne Devlin was sponsored by our Club to assist on a project in PNG. This was perhaps the first of the Club’s volunteer projects to PNG and Samoa where the problems of no power, no cement and few building materials are common difficulties. A vain attempt was made to establish a Sister Club relationship with Manila Central.

Many will remember the meeting of 2 February 1992 when, unknown to those present, a “special” breakfast without cereal or milk or toast or fruit or condiments etc was put before them. They all “enjoyed” a single bowl of rice as a reminder of the poor in Bangladesh who eat nothing else. A donation of \$5,200 was made to Rotary Foundation for the year representing \$100 per member.

**YOUTH:** Virginia Knight was our first nominee for the National Science Summer School, a student was sponsored to the RYPEN Camp and our outgoing Exchange Student, Daniel Harrison was farewelled to Sweden in January 1992. Incoming exchange student Dianne Mayberry arrived on 2nd February 1992 from South Africa (our first incoming student). Five children were sponsored to the Lord Mayor’s Camp at Portsea.

**FUNDRAISING:** Plan was to raise \$20,000 for the year through wine auction, wine sales, theatre nights, box dinner and sale of Christmas hams. Eminent Speakers breakfast with Prof. Geoffrey Blainey drew a large audience and raised \$2,300. Another eminent speaker on 24 February 1992 was the State Opposition Leader, The Hon. Jeff Kennett MLA. The \$2,000 proceeds from this breakfast, from 150 paying guests, went to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF).



In November 1991, the Club manned a stall at the “trash ‘n’ treasure” market at Camberwell and raised \$1,000. More should have been made, except many goods were pilfered before they could be unloaded from the trailers. The “Supper Auction” was attended by only 40 members and guests but raised \$4,000 from sale of wine brought along by the members. The Wine Connoisseur was the late Colin Richardson who gave wonderful support to our Charity Auctions in subsequent years.

**PARTNERS:** Continued to meet over lunch on a regular quarterly basis. In April 1992 about 15 partners enjoyed lunch at **Bennini's** Restaurant including two male partners in Reg Thomas and John Moore (Billie Boyd).

**FELLOWSHIP:** The Annual Changeover was held at the RACV Roof Garden with a “barber shoppe quartet” led by Lou Butterfield and a dance band. A Club excursion to Point Nepean National park followed by a BBQ at the Butterfields’ at Merricks was a wonderful day of fellowship and fun.

Meanwhile Dick Mitchell continued with his “Restaurant of the Month” outings with dwindling success.



1991-1992 – Fellowship function at Point Nepean



1991-1992 – Eminent speaker breakfast with the Hon. Jeffrey Kennett Leader of the Opposition



1991-1992 – Paint Your Heart Out in Carlton



1991-1992 – Our first Matching Grant provided a Rice Mill in Bangladesh



1991-1992 – Our first wine auction

## The Sixth Year – 1st July 1992 to 30th June 1993

**President:** ..... John Meehan  
**Vice President:** ..... Peter Comley  
**Secretary** ..... Rob Taggart  
**Treasurer:** ..... Bernie Gerlinger

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Steve Hallis  
**Club Service:** ..... Lou Butterfield  
**International:** ..... Paul Maguire  
**Youth:** ..... Ruth Gilding  
**Vocational:** ..... Neil Smart



**Fundraising:** ..... Keith Frampton  
**Bulletin:** ..... Herb Greenwood  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... John Hall  
**District Governor:** ..... Gordon McKern  
**DG Group Representative:** ..... Keswick Steel  
**R.I. President:** ..... Cliff Dochterman  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Real Happiness is Helping Others”

**Membership:** 1st July 1992: ..... 54  
30th June 1993: ..... 61

**New Members:** Robert Beekman (Telecommunications - Corporate Services), Richard Bergen (Mobile Communications), Russell Bresland (Insurance - General) Additional Active, Michael Bromby (Law - Commercial Property), Jim Cox (Philanthropy), Jennifer (Jenny) Davis (Computer Communications), Grania Fitzmaurice (Management Services - Personnel), Bruce McBain (Newspapers - Administration), Graham Rogers (Investment Management), Peter Routledge (Telecommunications - Strategy), Neil Roy (Paediatric Emergency), Ed Stockdale (Securities Registry), John Thomas (Insurance - Public Affairs), Margaret Weyl-Willett (Automotive Market Research).

**Members Lost:** Richard (Dick) Bergen, Russell Bresland, Elizabeth Hatters, Terry Cleal, Terry Shields, Chris Lavender, Alison Aphrys, Peter Georgiou.

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** A spectacular donation was the provision of 1,000 pairs of overalls to the Inside Out arm of the Salvation Army for use in a rehabilitation workshop for young first offenders. This donation was initiated by member Steven Hallis and supplemented later with blankets and warm clothing. Another initiative was to issue over 100 separation kits of toiletries and hygiene items to people leaving Turana Correction Centre. A facsimile machine was provided for Inside Out and some 44 Christmas Hampers were presented with cuddly toys for needy families. The Steps Ministry, operated by Shirley Osborn, was given an emergency allowance of \$500 and this began a long and productive relationship with our Club that continues to enjoy our support to this day. The Young People’s Health Service benefited from the supply of medical equipment and VICSPAN received a donation of \$1,000. The Healesville Sanctuary was presented with \$1,000 towards incubating equipment and four houses were painted in an amazing “Paint Your Heart Out” operation by 25 members and the “bikie group” of Hells Angels from the Inside Out team. Most projects were initiated by Steve Hallis, who later became President in 2000/2001.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Overall attendance for the year was 74% with a high of 80% in the month of October due to a special drive. Fifteen members attended the “infamous” District Conference held at Ballarat and 45 members and partners took part in the Melbourne International Convention. A successful Progressive Dinner held mainly for fellowship happened to raise \$1,100 for the “coffers” whilst other functions included a BBQ at Badger’s Creek and two golf days. The committee established a working relationship with Melbourne City Council to address community needs and was only one of 12 Clubs in our District to receive a RI Presidential Citation Award for a balanced programme across all Avenues of Service. The most memorable Partners Night saw Lorraine Meehan preside over a jovial gender exchange of roles and a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition to Reg Thomas.

**VOCATIONAL:** Our Club acted as mentors for the winning participants in “Operation Livewire” and industry visits were made to ICI factory at Yarraville and breakfast at J. B. Were Stockbrokers.

**INTERNATIONAL:** The first “exploratory” meeting was held with visiting members of our Sister Club, Osaka Hommachi. Our Club led five other District clubs in funding our second matching grant project to establish a Leather Training Centre in Bangladesh at a total cost of US\$12,000. A diathermy machine was purchased for Interplast Australia costing \$1,000 and President John’s wife Lorraine accompanied a voluntary team of surgeons and nurses to Borneo in the first of four such visits. She was presented with an Akubra hat for protection from the tropical sun.

**FOUNDATION:** This year saw the initial District Paul Harris Fellow annual breakfast, the brainchild of PP Mel Moorfield, and to become a regular function on the District calendar known as the “District Foundation Celebratory Breakfast”. The Club hosted a GSE Team from District 9050 from USA and President John proudly accepted the perpetual Foundation Trophy for best projects in District 9800. The inaugural District Foundation Celebratory breakfast was addressed by past RI President Royce Abbey with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition being presented on behalf of District to Sir Zelman Cohen. Proceeds of \$1,000 were donated to the Foundation resulting in a total of \$6,200 for

the year or \$100 per member for the fourth consecutive year. A PHF Sapphire was presented to Charter President Terry Cocks for his efforts with the Melbourne Convention.

**YOUTH:** Exchange Student, Miki Nambu arrived from Sapporo, Japan whilst Diane Mayberry left for home in South Africa. Two students



attended a RYPEN camp and one for RYLA. Another student from Carey Grammar attended the Siemens Science School whilst a donation of \$1,000 made it possible for students of the Boundary Road Primary School to travel on an excursion to Corryong for a week.

**FUNDRAISING:** The planned forecast of a \$20,000 fundraising target was more than doubled with a total of \$42,000 raised from a variety of projects under the direction of Keith Frampton. A Charity Auction at the MCG attended by 280 resulted in net proceeds of \$30,000 being paid direct to the Bone Marrow Research Centre. Richard Stone introduced the “Silent (or Tender) Auction” facet which gave an altogether different and extra dimension to previous years. Wine sales raised \$7,200 and monthly raffles of prizes ranging from wines to shoes raised \$1,250. Key-note Speaker, Ron Casey of the Seven Network, at a special breakfast, resulted in \$1,250 and sale of puddings and cakes another \$1,300. An innovative facilitation of the sale of 30 x \$50 building bricks through Tattersalls raised \$1,500 and a further \$3,000 through the National Mutual Charity Fund.



*1992-1993 – Lorraine Meehan on the first of her four Interplast visits to Indonesia*



*1992-1993 – The sixth birthday was celebrated with a Mad Hatters theme*



*1992-1993 – Margaret Thomas and Trish Mitchell fining Richard Stone at a reverse role dinner*



*1992-1993 – The House of Friendship, hosted by our Club, at the Melbourne Rotary International Convention*



*1992-1993 – Some of our volunteers at the House of Friendship*

## The Seventh Year – 1st July 1993 to 30th June 1994

**President:** ..... Lou Butterfield  
**Vice President:** ..... Richard Stone  
**Secretary** ..... Bill Sampson  
**Treasurer:** ..... Bernie Gerlinger

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Steve Hallis  
**Club Service:** ..... Mark Holland  
**International:** ..... Ian Rust  
**Youth:** ..... Graham Maloney  
**Vocational:** ..... Alan Seale



**Fundraising:** ..... Frank O'Brien  
**Foundation:** ..... Cec Akerley  
**Bulletin:** ..... Ken Waldron  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Keith Frampton  
**District Governor:** ..... Rob Dunn  
**DG Group Representative:** ..... David Jones  
**R.I. President:** ..... Robert Barth  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... "Believe in What You Do - Do What You Believe In"

**Membership:** 1st July 1993: ..... 61  
30th June 1994: ..... 63

**New Members:** Nicholas Brooks (Funds Management), Max Dumais (Community Services Consultancy), Peter Graham (Police Command), Doug Neilson (Accountancy - **Corporate Services**), **Andrew O'Hanlon (Optometry)**, **Max Ryan (Insurance - General)**, Glen Sedgwick (Management Consulting - Strategy) Re-joined, John Sullivan (Trustee Companies - Charitable Trusts), Judy Tonini (Travel Services), Sander Vandeth (Engineering - Management).

**Members Lost:** Penelope Hughes, Rob Taggart (to Balmoral Sunrise NSW), Robert Beekman, Neil Roy, David Swanton - deceased 2 August 1993 (Charter Member), Dennis Hogg, Jenny Davis.

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** A washing machine and dryer, a foetal heart doppler machine at a cost of \$1,000 and \$5,000 for hygiene materials were presented to the Young People's Health Service. The house of an 87-year-old pensioner was painted at Caulfield by 15 members and a further five members travelled to Benalla for a weekend painting of flood damaged homes and a special accommodation house. A "Slim Australia" campaign resulted in at least two members losing a total of 8kg and raised \$400 for charity. Medical research equipment to the value of \$1,000 was donated to the Baker Research Institute and 25 members were assessed for cholesterol and glucose etc.

An emergency grant of \$1,000 was provided for Inside Out and 40 separation kits of toiletries etc were made available for youth exiting Turana. A new Apple computer valued at \$2,000 was given to the Inside Out offices and a rent subsidy of \$5,000 was made for homeless youth in North Richmond. Some 48 laden Christmas Hampers were collected for the Steps Ministry and others and this was supplemented by a donation from Coles Myer of 60 food vouchers to value of \$2,400. The Club was instrumental in obtaining a Federal Government Grant of \$162,000 for the Inside Out organisation to purchase a suburban house for young offenders and an amount of \$10,000, proceeds of our Charity Auction, was set aside to furnish this house. Regrettably, this provision was never taken up due to factors outside Rotary control but this \$10,000 became the basis for a corpus established by the Board to fund future selected projects from interest received.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Attendance average was 69% and six members attended the Adelaide Conference. This was a year of a variety of fellowship events including wine tasting, interclub visit to Albert Park Rotary, Christmas party at the Briars, Mornington, BBQ at Callanders, and restaurant of the month dinners. The Club participated in the "Great Rotary Quiz" with little success but much emphasis was placed on Rotary information talks throughout the year.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to Past President John Meehan and to Vice President Richard Stone at the Club's birthday party. President Lou introduced the "Rotarian of the Year" Award, the first of which was presented at the Changeover to Bernie Gerlinger.

On 2nd August 1993, Charter Member David Swanton passed away after a relatively short illness.

**VOCATIONAL:** A Special Breakfast with guest speaker, John Prescott of BHP was attended by 150 people and raised \$1,800. Nine members acted as mentors for "Operation Livewire" which was launched at our Club by former MP, Vince Heffernan. A most successful inaugural meeting with senior police officers at Airlie College was followed by an industry visit by members to the Qantas facilities at Tullamarine.

**INTERNATIONAL:** The administrative work for the previously applied for matching grant for a Leather Training Centre in Bangladesh was finalised when the grant was received. A further matching grant of \$3,800 was applied for from Rotary Foundation but the necessary assistance from the Government Agency, AIDAB was not forthcoming. This project would have funded an Educational and Health Centre



in Bangladesh. President Lou met with the Rotary Club of Osaka Hommachi and furthered negotiations on the establishment of a Sister Club relationship in the next year. A major event for the year was being asked to host a dinner in honour of the visit to District by R.I. President Bob Barth. This function was held at Moonee Valley Racecourse and was attended by 500 Rotarians.

Past Presidents John Meehan and Mel Moorfield were presented with Special District Awards for their part in organising the great “Paint Your Heart **Out**” working bee for the Benalla floods.

**FOUNDATION:** Successful in nominating a GSE Team member, Andrew Allan who visited Thailand to study crime prevention etc. Our association with Andrew began when he was undertaking a Police Inspectors’ course at Airlie College. This year’s District Foundation Celebratory Breakfast, although poorly attended, had an outstanding guest speaker in Sir Gustav Nossal.

**YOUTH:** Outgoing Exchange Student, Shannon Walker departed for 12 months to Belgium and two students from University High were sponsored for MUNA to represent Thailand. One student attended the RYLA course in April and three students were escorted to the RYPEN Camp at Lancefield. Other projects supported were Peer Support (\$540) and Boundary Road Primary School (\$1,000).

**FUNDRAISING:** The committee worked exceptionally hard with wine sales and Charity Auction to achieve an overall amount of \$40,000 with the major proceeds of \$20,000 being donated to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF).

*Note: This has been our largest single donation up to the date of writing this history.*



1993-1994 – A PHF breakfast with eminent speaker Sir Gustav Nossal, also present was former GG Sir Zelman Cohen



1993-1994 – President Lou and Frank O'Brien present a cheque for \$20,000 to the ARHRF



1993-1994 – President Lou and Frank O'Brien present a cheque for \$5,000 to the North Richmond Youth Accommodation



1993-1994 – Tom Callander presents Excellence Award to Dr David Warren, inventor of the 'Black Box' flight recorder

## The Eighth Year – 1st July 1994 to 30th June 1995

**President:** .....Tom Callander  
**Vice President:**..... Richard Stone  
**Secretary** .....Doug Neilson  
**Treasurer:**.....Bernie Gerlinger

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Steve Hallis  
**Club Service:** ..... Bill Sampson  
**International:**.....Peter Routledge  
**Youth:**.....Paul Maguire  
**Vocational:** .....Dick Mitchell



**Fundraising:**..... John Eddy  
**Bulletin:** ..... Ian Angus  
**Sergeant at Arms:** .....Graham Maloney  
**District Governor:** .....David Rosback  
**DG Group Representative:**..... Errol Caddaye  
**R.I. President:** .....Bill Huntley  
**Rotary Theme:** .....“Be a Friend”

**Membership:**      1st July 1994: ..... 61  
                             30th June 1995:        61

**New Members:** Daryl Browning (Real Estate), Norm Duce (Banking - Systems), Geoff Fairhall (Employer Associations - Management), Donald Gibb (Marketing - Trade Information) from Melbourne - Latrobe, Neville John (Accountancy - Taxation Consulting), David Payne (Catering and Facilities - Management), John Selak (Corporate - Advisory Services), Neil Shepherd (Sharebroking - Portfolio Management), Greg Woods (Banking - Business Banking), Graeme Young (Human Resources - Management).

**Members Lost:** Tony Bowles (to RC Sandringham), Billie Boyd, Nicholas Brooks, PP Denis Cassidy (Charter Member), Dr. Barry Gilbert (Charter Member), Peter Graham, PP Mel Moorfield (Charter Member) (to RC Croydon), Marty Ralston, Glen Sedgewick, Margaret Weyl- Willett (to RC Perth WA), Bruce King (Charter Member).

### EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** A donation of \$1,000 was made to the Victorian Farmers Relief Appeal, and a heart monitor for \$700 for the Aboriginal Health Service was purchased. A donation of \$1,000 to the “Rotary Remembers” appeal supporting restoration of the Shrine, whilst VICSPAN was again supported with a cheque for \$1,000. The substantial sum of \$9,230 was paid to the Royal Children’s Hospital to purchase an Air Filter & Cabinet for research purposes and \$300 to the Steps Ministry to produce ID cards. The Young People’s Health Service was again supported with ongoing funding of \$3,000 for the supply of hygiene materials and a video TV unit for health promotion.

Some 140 Christmas hampers were donated and distributed to needy families in conjunction with the Police Force.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Reg Thomas was appointed an Honorary Member. Board agreed to the purchase of the “Clubmate” software program for use by the Club. Attendance average was 69% for year.

Eleven members and partners attended the District Conference in Darling Harbour, Sydney.

**VOCATIONAL:** A major task undertaken was the involvement in the national “Employ Australia” campaign that was coordinated by PP John Meehan. Also a great contributor to the national campaign was Marjorie Gerlinger (who subsequently became a Club member) together with Ruth Gilding and Peter Comley. Our Club committee made phone contact with 665 of the 13,500 businesses Australia-wide to identify available jobs. The project won international recognition.

The Coburg Teaching Unit was supported to the extent of \$1,000 and two teams were sponsored at the annual Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) where our Exchange student Wendy (from Belgium) represented the USA. Another very worthwhile project arose through President Tom and was carried through by Peter Comley with the Victorian School for the Deaf. Five work experience positions were organised enabling deaf students to improve their ability to gain subsequent employment. This project inspired and motivated our members generally and continued into future years. An industry visit was made to the Dulux factory in Clayton followed by dinner.

**INTERNATIONAL:** International House was supported with \$500 to help a Fijian student to complete her studies and international disaster appeals were supported in Rabaul PNG and Rwanda. Member Graham Rogers and Lyn attended the charter dinner of the Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in May 1995 that enhanced a long-standing relationship first initiated by Dr. Lou Butterfield.

**YOUTH:** Placement of two work experience students from the Victorian School for the Deaf was described as a wonderful project. Ms Sing Jill Chou was nominated as our CRA Science School student and our inward Exchange Student was Wendy Nelissen. Members enjoyed a lively debate between students from MacRobertson Girls High and University High. The subject was “Youth should rule the world!”

**FOUNDATION:** Total contribution for the year was \$7,700 and this was assisted by a very successful Foundation Celebratory Luncheon that featured Sir Arvi Parbo as guest speaker. Sir Arvi was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition and was the first non-Rotarian to be recognised by this Club. The luncheon raised \$2,500 for the Rotary Foundation.



PHF Recognitions were made to Lou Butterfield and Bernie Gerlinger together with a Sapphire to PP Mel Moorfield. Our Club became a “100% Arch Klump Award” Club by donating \$26 per member to celebrate the initial contribution made by the Rotary Foundation founder.

**FUNDRAISING:** The Annual Charity Auction, which for the first time received corporate sponsorship, raised a net profit of \$30,200 and wine sales \$7,000 from over 360 dozen.

Christmas Puddings raised over \$400 whilst monthly wine raffles by Brian Downie earned a further \$1,400. In total, the committee raised almost \$40,000 for the year but mixed with loads of fun!



*1994-1995 – President Tom and DG David Rosback present a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition to Sir Arvi Parbo*



1994-1995 - Launching the Employ Australia campaign



*1994-1995– President Tom presents Rotary Awards to Shirley Osborne and Keith Walter of STEPS*

## The Ninth Year – 1st July 1995 to 30th June 1996

**President:** .....Graham Upton  
**Vice President:**.....PP John Meehan  
**Secretary** ..... Bob Bassat  
**Treasurer:** .....Bruce McBain

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Graham Rogers  
**Club Service:** .....Alan Seale  
**International:**..... John Wright  
**Youth:**..... John Selak  
**Vocational:** ..... Peter Comley



**Fundraising:** ..... Max Dumais  
**Bulletin:** ..... Don Blyth  
**Sergeant at Arms:** .....Bernie Gerlinger  
**District Governor:** .....Keswick Steel  
**DG Group Representative:** ..... Alan Freedman  
**R.I. President:** ..... Herbert G Brown  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Act with Integrity-Serve with Love-Work for Peace”

**Membership:**      1st July 1995: ..... 56  
                             30th June 1996:         53

**New Members:** Pat Conquest (Consulting - Graduate Recruitment), John Cowan (Environmental Management), Allan Driver (Electricity Regulation), Eric Estlin (Consulting - Financial Planning), Frank Gambera (Law - Commercial Litigation), Marjorie Gerlinger (Publishing - Production), Kathy Keele (Marketing - Corporate Identity), Andrew McColl (Digital and Offset Printing), Rhonda O'Donnell (Electricity - Customer Services), Larry Wilson (Banking - Human Resources).

**Members Lost:** John Eddy, David Farrell (Charter Member), Grania Fitzmaurice (to RC Adelaide), Frank Gambera, Ruth Gilding (to RC Ararat), Graham Maloney, George Pitt (Charter Member), John Sullivan, Graeme Young, Peter Routledge.

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** An association began with Court Network with \$7,900 donated to install a Statewide Telephone Court Support Booking Service. The Lighthouse Foundation received funding for a computer and furniture and also for educational expenses for homeless youth to a total commitment of \$10,000. Another major project was the Australian National Stroke Institute (ASNI) which received \$5,000 for an Ultrasound Patient Bed together with a further commitment of \$9,700 over two years to fund a Research Fellowship. A major contribution was made to ensure the success of the Steps Ministry “Stepping Out Ball” by underwriting the cost of tickets to an amount of \$6,500. The Young People's Health Service was again supported with emergency funds of \$2,700 and provided with resuscitation equipment for drug overdoses. Fifteen members applied their artistic talents to painting a pensioner's home in Kensington.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Kathy Keele implemented a Member Survey to gauge the satisfaction of members with Club activities, venue etc. Ian Angus was appointed Club Almoner.

Cec Akerley was appointed as an Honorary Member. Attendance average for the year was 71% and an “Invitation to Membership” booklet was initiated.

**VOCATIONAL:** Continued support for Operation Livewire by members acting as mentors for young people with a business or marketing idea. A donation of \$1,000 was made to support a journalist to attend the 1995-1996 Journalists in Europe programme and an industry visit was made to the ABC in Southbank. Another successful Club meeting was held at Airlie Police College with guest speaker John Ralph on “Ethics in Business”.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Donated \$1,600 in support of the “Posyandu” immunisation project in Ambon, Indonesia. Continued support for International House (\$500) and ROMAC (\$500) together with a donation of \$1,000 to ROMAC to assist with costs of recently separated Siamese twins.

Established a three year “Friendship Club” arrangement with RC of Samarinda, Indonesia in September 1995 which subsequently lapsed in 1998 through communication difficulties.

The construction began of a motorised river boat (“ketinting”) for use on the Maharkam River in Borneo by medical staff at a cost of \$1,000, and Indonesian Doctor Din Kharuuddin was home hosted by the Meehans and Gilders during a six-week study of TB diagnostics.

November 1995 saw the completion of the largest international project the Club had yet tackled. A 40ft container of new and used hospital equipment and medical supplies was collected with the support of other clubs in the District. CRA in Indonesia met the cost of the freight and arranged the delivery upon arrival at Samarinda, East Kalimantan (Borneo) The equipment was valued at A\$60,000 for duty purposes and was used to re-equip an emergency operating theatre at the Samarinda General Hospital.

Two Mongolian doctors arrived in December 1995 to study for six months at the Royal Women's Hospital. The Club agreed to support their personal finances to a total budget of \$4,000 and offer fellowship opportunities during their stay. President Graham and Yvonne, PP Richard Stone and Rhonda O'Donnell visited Japan to attend the fifth birthday of the Rotary Club of Osaka Hommachi and to sign the Sister Club Agreement with them.

**FOUNDATION:** PP Tom Callander was appointed as District Chairman of the Foundation Publicity and Contributions Committee. The District Foundation Celebratory Luncheon was held at the MCG with guest speaker the Governor of Victoria, Richard McGarvie. The District Foundation Patron and former Governor General, Sir Zelman Cohen attended with almost 300 Rotarians. The \$3,000 proceeds formed part of the Clubs overall contribution of \$6,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Our Club was selected as a host of the visiting GSE Team from Brazil in District 4680 in March 1996 which involved home hosting and arranging educational and cultural visits to industry, and social functions.

**YOUTH:** Three female students were sponsored for the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) with our Club representing Kuwait. Student Sing Jill Chow of MacRobertson Girls High was sponsored to the CRA Youth Science Forum in Canberra. A donation of various computer equipment was coordinated to the Boundary Road State School. Our incoming Youth Exchange Student, Marilyn Henschel arrived from Brazil and outgoing student Daniel Bendrups departed for Argentina.

**FUNDRAISING:** Achieved a total of \$35,000 for the year principally from another successful Charity Auction which for the first time featured the special key game and table auction of flowers. Teams were set up within the Club membership to fill tables and secure donations.



*1995-1996 – President Graham signing the Sister Club Agreement with RC Osaka Hommachi*



*1995-1996 – The Posyandu immunization project in Ambon, Indonesia*



*1995-1996 – PP Lou greets two doctors from Mongolia to study at the Royal Women's Hospital and supported by the Club*



*1995-1996 – Packing hospital equipment for Samarinda Hospital in East Kalimantan, Indonesia*



*1995-1996 – President Graham with the GSE team from Brazil hosted by our Club*



## The Tenth Year – 1st July 1996 to 30th June 1997

**President:** ..... Richard Stone  
**Vice Presidents:** .....PP Herb Greenwood, Bill Sampson  
**Secretary** .....Neville John  
**Treasurer:** .....Neil Shepherd

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** .....Michael Bromby  
**Club Service:** .....Mark Holland  
**International:**.....Don Gibb  
**Youth:**.....Kathy Keele  
**Foundation:** ..... Marjorie Gerlinger



**Vocational:** .....Barrie Tassell  
**Fundraising:**..... Doug Neilson  
**Horizons/10th Anniversary**..... John Meehan  
**Bulletin:** .....Rhonda O'Donnell  
**Sergeant at Arms:**.....Frank O'Brien  
**District Governor:** .....John Reddish  
**DG Group Representative:**..... Robert Read  
**R.I. President:** ..... Luis Vincente Gay  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Build the Future with Action and Vision”

**Membership:** 1st July 1996: ..... 53  
30th June 1997: ..... 58

**New Members:** Ian Bowen (Petroleum Marketing), John Cottrell (Investment Management), Craig Dres (Financial Services - Project Management), Bernadette Egan (Banking - Private), Paull English (Hospitality), Roger Foenander (Consulting - Corporate Taxation), Alan Grant (Wholesale Markets), Greg John (Human Resources - Industrial Relations), Robert Korte (Telecommunications - Audit), Monica McAninly (Travel - Transport and Distribution), Capt. Wayne Pittaway (Religion - Salvation Army) from Burnie, Tasmania, George Robinson (Share Registry - Management), Rob Thomason (Education - Management), Greg Trainor (Electricity - Business Strategy), Chris Malkin (Consulting - Superannuation).

**Members Lost:** Bob Bassat (Charter Member), Ian Bowen, Daryl Browning, Michael Dixon, Norm Duce, Max Dumais, Bernadette Egan, John Hall (Charter Member), David Payne, John Thomas, Judy Tonini, PP Graham Upton, Don Blyth.

### EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** An amount of \$4,000 was committed to the Lighthouse Foundation to purchase furniture and in addition they were given personal and professional assistance during the year. The National Stroke Foundation (ASNI) was given \$4,700 towards a research fellowship and the Court Network received continued funding in this year of \$2,000. The Association for the Blind was supported with \$2,700 to assist with the purchase of an Easy Listener FM System, and Steps Ministry was able to fund the cost of lodging and essential items with a donation of \$4,500. A **pensioner's** home in Flemington was painted by 18 members, and \$1,000 was given to the Salvation Army in support of its Operation Wesley - a young boy from PNG needing medical treatment. For the first time we gave support of \$2,000 for **setting up the “Big Issue” metro newspaper sold by homeless street vendors and Workskill Australia received \$1,000 to raise industry skills levels and work standards.**

**CLUB SERVICE:** A concerted effort inducted 16 new members and attendance average for the year was 70%. Four members and partners attended the District Conference in Canberra. Fellowship events were entertaining and fun and in particular an enjoyable dinner held with **members of the Soroptomists International Club through their president, Ann Fairhall. “Rotarian of the Year” Award was presented to Doug Neilson.** The Club resolved to change its name to the **“Rotary Club of Central Melbourne”** following a discussion with and verbal concurrence of our mother club, Melbourne.

**VOCATIONAL:** At Airlie Police College on 5 March 1997, the Guest Speaker was Ross Greenwood who, at age 25 became Editor of **Australia's largest investment** magazine, Personal Investment. The course attendants included 13 senior sergeants of police from throughout Australia.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Began an involvement with Rotarians Against Malaria in Solomon Islands and continuing projects with the Ulaanbaatar Hospital in Mongolia with our sister club. Brigadier Terry Holland AM was appointed an Honorary Member to facilitate our Indonesian projects.

**FOUNDATION:** Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were awarded to Ian Angus, Peter Comley, Frank O'Brien, Barrie Tassell and a sapphire to Lou Butterfield. Non-Rotarians to also receive a PHF were Dame Phyllis Frost (Sapphire) Sir Rupert Hamer, Shirley Osborn of Steps Ministry and former member Dr. Barry Gilbert. Over 250 people attended a most **successful “Foundation Celebratory Brunch” at the World Congress Centre** with guest speaker and Lord Mayor, Ivan Deveson. A contribution of \$8,000 was made to the Rotary Foundation this year being \$138 per member.

**YOUTH:** An innovative “New Generations Conference” was held on 2 June 1997, in conjunction with the City of Melbourne, at the lower Melbourne Town Hall. It was a forum for dialogue to identify the critical factors facing young people and the support they need to achieve their goals. Following an opening address by then Lord Mayor, Ivan Deveson, Paul Sheehan, Headmaster of Melbourne Grammar and former Test Cricketer spoke on the “Challenge for Schools” and Phil Ruthven of IBIS Business Information Systems on “Future Trends”. A formal report was subsequently issued from the brainstorming discussions and was forwarded to the employers who sponsored their young employees to attend. Outgoing Exchange student Marcus Cumming left for Brazil.

**FUNDRAISING:** A total of \$48,000 was raised in the year comprising \$8,000 from wine sales (350 dozen) and \$40,000 from the Charity Auction. The Auction featured entertainment from the Cosgriff Irish Dancers and was attended by 260 people at Leonda. A major sponsor was Eastern Energy.

**HORIZONS:** The major assignment given this first Horizons Committee was to suggest to all other 10-year-old clubs throughout the world to contribute a special donation of US\$100 or more to the Rotary Foundation. Almost 1,400 letters were posted through 420 District Governors in 44 countries in eight major languages. The result was US\$16,000 donated by 19 clubs chartered in 1986 or 1987 and each featured in a “memento album” presented on our behalf to the Foundation at the Glasgow Convention. The other task was to organise the Club’s 10th Birthday Celebratory Dinner at the Australian Club. Attended by 140 members and guests including 15 past members and 19 from our Sister Club of Osaka Hommachi, this was a night to remember and to feel proud.



*1996-1997 – Superintendent Grigg and President Richard at the Club’s annual Vocational visit to Airlie College*



*1996-1997 – A Ketinting donated by the Club for use on the Maharkam river by medical staff*



*1996-1997 – Current and Past Presidents celebrating the 10th birthday at the Australia Club*



*1996-1997 – Members and partners from the RC Osaka Hommachi are greeted by our Club as they arrive for the 10th birthday celebrations.*

## The Eleventh Year – 1st July 1997 to 30th June 1998

**President:** .....Keith Frampton  
**Vice Presidents:** ..... Kathy Keele, Frank O'Brien  
**Secretary** ..... Steven Hallis  
**Treasurer:** ..... Eric Estlin

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... John Selak  
**Club Service:** .....Graham Rogers  
**International:**.....Doug Neilson  
**Youth:** .....Bruce McBain  
**Foundation:** ..... Barrie Tassell



**Vocational:** .....Mark Holland  
**Fundraising:** ..... Neville John  
**Horizons:** ..... Greg Trainor  
**Bulletin:** ..... Wayne Pittaway  
**Sergeant at Arms:** .....Peter Comley  
**District Governor:** ..... Jeffrey Bird  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... Gad Kolsky  
**R.I. President:** ..... Glen Kinross  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Show Rotary Cares”

**Membership:**      1st July 1997: ..... 58  
                             30th June 1998:        67

**New Members:** Rod Norman (Victoria Police - Community Liaison), Dianne Berlin (Human Resources - Office Recruitment), Austin Ley (Local Government - Strategic Research), Richard Bowen (Banking - Electronic Funds Management), Ian Murray (Recruitment - Expatriate), John Barker (Engineering - Design), Andrew Fegan (Utilities - Business Development), Scott Kroeger (Religion - Presbyterian) from RC Knox, Lewis Stephens (Dispute Resolution - Work Cover).

**Members Lost:** Andrew McColl, Greg Woods.

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** The Club purchased television sets and VCRs for \$5,200 to be installed in the remand cells of the Melbourne Children's Court. Steps Ministry again benefited from the purchase of a portable public address system for \$1,700, collection and distribution of Christmas hampers and a donation towards their annual Christmas party for disadvantaged families. The National Stroke Foundation (ASNI) received financial assistance of \$3,000 and many Club members volunteered to help with the Variety Club Christmas Party. Formal criteria were developed by the Club Board against which requests from Charity Organisations could be objectively evaluated.

**CLUB SERVICE:** A major milestone was the change of name of the Club from 1st July 1997 to better reflect its area of influence in the Melbourne CBD and as a result of government changes to municipal council boundaries and city names. A further name change was negotiated with the RC of Melbourne to adopt and formally register the name of Central Melbourne-Sunrise from 1st July 1998. The Club was well recognised by various District Awards including the District Horizons Award; District Significant Achievement Award; a RI **Presidential Citation for a balanced program and a “Shine-On” Successful Nomination Award**. Attendance average for the year was 67% and nine members with partners attended the District Conference at Broadbeach, Queensland.

A Club website was set up by Robert Korte and new magnetic type badges were introduced for partners. An Administration Officer was appointed. Ten new members were inducted including two women and a formal Member Survey was conducted. This was a great year for fellowship based on variety and member choice determined by a **survey of members**. The **“Rotarian of the Year” Award was presented to Neville John**.

**VOCATIONAL:** Industry visits included a tour of the teaching and cookery facilities of the William Angliss College followed by dinner. An **“Ethics Debate”** was conducted at one meeting that gave some humorous and insightful views on ethics in **today's** business world. Our nomination of Steven Jolley for the national **“Shine-On” awards was successful**. Steven received recognition for running the Association for the **Blind's** community radio. The committee initiated and worked hard to prepare a Youth Entrepreneurial Forum for next year.

**INTERNATIONAL:** A major achievement this year was the approval of a Matching Grant of A\$45,000 from the Rotary Foundation to erect thirty-seven 28,000 litre water tanks to rural villages in the Western Highlands of PNG. The project was co-sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Malvern, Prahran, Camberwell and Essendon at a total project cost of A\$90,000. Another grant of A\$9,000 was applied for in May to supply a foetal monitoring machine to the Ulaanbataar Child Research Centre in Mongolia. Other activities included the arranging of an extremely successful meeting at Airlie Police College for visiting international senior police officers.

**FOUNDATION:** The annual **“Foundation Celebratory Breakfast”** was held on 15 June 1998 with 136 in attendance. Guest speaker was John Kennedy of the AFL and the net income of \$2,300 formed part of the Club's overall contribution of \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation. This represented \$153 per member and was a record level for our Club. A GSE Team from UK District 1090 was home-hosted by our Club and



taken on various industry tours and social and sporting functions. Non-Rotarian Prof. Richard Smallwood received a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition at the Changeover Dinner whilst the Club birthday was celebrated with PHF presentations to members John Wright, Steven Hallis, Brian Downie, Paul Maguire and President Keith Frampton.

A PHF Sapphire was presented to PP Richard Stone.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** An outstanding achievement was the formation of the Rotaract Club of Central Melbourne. The Club was chartered on 3rd March 1998 with 28 new members. Its Charter President, Darren Park was supported by an enthusiastic committee and a steering committee from our Club led by Bruce McBain and Monica McAninly. Exchange student Masaya Aono arrived in January from Osaka, Japan and our outbound student, Hugh Anderson left for Japan. Links were re-established with University High School and awards were given to two outstanding Humanities students of the 1998 VCE year. The committee underwrote the leadership camping program of the Coburg Teaching Unit and sponsored two students from the Unit to RYPEN and VUT Summer Sports School. Two students from Broadmeadows were also sponsored to MUNA in May.

**FUNDRAISING:** Exceeded its challenging target of \$54,000 by raising a record \$59,200 for the year through eminent speakers' breakfasts (\$8,200) wine sales of 250 dozen (\$6,000) raffles (\$800) and the Annual Charity Auction which raised \$44,000 on the evening at Leonda.



*1997-1998 – Charter night of the Rotaract Club of Central Melbourne*



*1997-1998 – Club members and partners enjoying fellowship and Jazz at the Zoo*



*1997-1998 – A Youth Entrepreneurial Forum developed over two years and hosted by our Club*



*1997-1998 – Eminent Speakers Breakfast with Kevin Sheedy*

## The Twelfth Year – 1st July 1998 to 30th June 1999

**President:** ..... Bill Sampson  
**Vice Presidents:** ..... Doug Neilson, Roger Foenander  
**Secretary** ..... Bruce McBain  
**Treasurer:** ..... John Wright

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Rod Norman  
**Club Service:** ..... Frank O'Brien  
**International:** ..... Marjorie Gerlinger  
**New Generations:** ..... Monica McAninly  
**Foundation:** ..... Ian Murray



**Vocational:** ..... Pat Conquest  
**Fundraising:** ..... Neville John/Chris Malkin  
**Horizons:** ..... Richard Stone  
**Bulletin:** ..... Scott Kroeger  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Steven Hallis  
**District Governor:** ..... Colin Gibbons  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... Keith Moore  
**R.I. President:** ..... James T. Lacey  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... "Follow Your Rotary Dream"

**Membership:** 1st July 1998: ..... 67  
30th June 1999: ..... 63

**New Members:** Aris Imbardelli (Hospitality) Re-joined, Maureen Vercoe (Retail - Property Management) from RC Adamstown, NSW, Kevin Walklate (Planning - Retail) from RC Frankston Central, Tony Thomas (Journalism) from RC Maribyrnong-Highpoint, Gillian Farrell (Higher Education - Public Relations), Elizabeth Hall (Education - Administration), Kevin Love (State Government - Management), Gary Tong (Export - Dairy Products).

**Members Lost:** Kathy Keele, Sander Vandeth, Dianne Berlin, Paull English, Eric Estlin, Don Gibb, Alan Grant, Neil Shepherd, John Cottrell, Austin Ley, Larry Wilson.

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** The main initiative was a multi-committee support for the training vessel the "Alma Doepel" through painting the upper decks and financing four youths to undergo a nine-day training voyage on leadership. A special Lycra body suit was purchased for the Deal Communication Centre for sufferers of Rett Syndrome. In conjunction with the Soroptomists Club, assistance was given to the Ross House for a feasibility study on a Cyber Café project. As well as numerous Christmas Hampers and voluntary help with the Variety Club Christmas Party, the Club funded an excursion for refugee families from the "Horn of Africa" countries.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Eleven members and their partners attended the District Conference in Adelaide and Geoff Fairhall was appointed the Club's first Public Relations Officer to "spread the word". The Bulletin was enhanced with digital photographs and the return of "member profiles" and a back-page diary of forthcoming events. Nine new members were inducted including four existing Rotarians from other clubs. Another well organised Fellowship programme provided a variety of social outings including a country visit to Geoff Fairhall's property at Buxton and the "Soiree" at Sampsons which has become an institution. Average overall attendance was 60%.

The President's "Rotarian of the Year" Award went to Allan Driver. Members were asked to vote on the format of the "Loyal Toast" at meetings that stimulated healthy debate. The preferred toast was to "Australia" or to the "Queen of Australia". Most members also re-affirmed that the most appropriate time for our weekly meeting is breakfast. Two brass wall plaques were installed at the RACV promoting our weekly meetings and through the initiative of President Bill, the Club earned \$1,500 for participating in market research and assisting at an external function. A R.I. Presidential Citation for a balanced programme was a proud achievement as was having eight members serving on various District committees. An Administration Manual was commenced.

**VOCATIONAL:** A new initiative of a Youth Entrepreneurial Forum assisted by the Melbourne City Council was a resounding success. Another excellent meeting held at Airlie Police College. Member Kathy Keele introduced a new programme in "Young Achievement Australia" in conjunction with KPMG and the Rotaract Club of Central Melbourne. Workskill Australia received a donation of \$3,000 to enable them to compete in their national competition and "Operation Livewire" was again well supported with mentors.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** Sponsorship of the Coburg Teaching Unit and University High continued through the sending of students to RYLA, RYPEN, and MUNA. As Exchange Student Hugh Anderson returned from Osaka, Japan, Masaya Aono returned home to that country. Eliza Davidson departed in January 1999 for Poland.

**INTERNATIONAL:** The Club became truly international when President Bill and Doug Neilson spent two weeks as volunteers to install 37 water tanks in Mt. Hagen, PNG. Gymnastic equipment to the value of \$1,500 was donated to International House together with over \$500 for books for their House Library. A Foetal heart Monitoring Unit was sent to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in conjunction with our Sister Club and \$2,000 was given to Rotarians Against Malaria towards a microscopist house in the Solomon Islands.



**FOUNDATION:** Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to Bill Sampson and Doug Neilson on their return from voluntary service in PNG. Paul Maguire, Mark Holland, Neville John, Bob Gilder, Bruce McBain and Marjorie Gerlinger also received a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for serving the Club in at least three committee directorships. A PHF Sapphire was presented by the Club to District Governor, Colin Gibbons at the District Conference in Adelaide. The District Foundation Award was received for being the second highest contributor and also per capita to the Foundation. A further contribution of \$10,000 was made this year to the Rotary Foundation

Eminent Speaker, Campbell McComas **“strutted his stuff”** at the Foundation Celebratory Breakfast that raised a record \$4,800 for the Rotary Foundation. A major achievement was to have member Paul Maguire lead the GSE Team to District 2720 in Japan but to also have two members, Karen Jemison and Aaron Mathieson selected as team members.

**FUNDRAISING:** \$45,000 was raised for the year including the Annual Charity Auction that raised over \$32,000 on the evening. Eminent speaker was Malcolm Speed. Overall, \$35,000 was donated to charities and appeals including the PNG Tidal Wave.



*1998-1999 – A working bee on the ‘Alma Doepel’ youth training ship*



*1998-1999 – GSE team leader to Japan, Paul Maguire with team members Karen Jemison and Aaron Mathieson*



*1998-1999 – Presentation of gym equipment to International House*



*1998-1999 – Young Achievement Australia company “Phobiya” are assisted with their planning by Club members*



*1998-1999 – President Bill and Doug Neilson with other RAWCS volunteers building water tanks in Mt Hagen, PNG*

## The Thirteenth Year – 1st July 1999 to 30th June 2000

**President:** .....Bernie Gerlinger  
**Vice Presidents:** ..... Roger Foenander, Bruce McBain  
**Secretary** .....Allan Driver  
**Treasurer:** ..... John Wright

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Pat Conquest  
**Club Service:** .....Neville John  
**International:**.....Richard Bowen  
**New Generations:**..... Rod Norman  
**Foundation:** .....Frank O'Brien



**Vocational:** ..... Gillian Farrell  
**Fundraising:** ..... Chris Malkin  
**Horizons:** ..... Keith Frampton  
**Bulletin:** ..... Marjorie Gerlinger  
**Sergeant at Arms:** .....Mark Holland  
**District Governor:** .....Vance Hilton  
**Assistant Governor:** .....Peter Blundell  
**R.I. President:** ..... Carlo Ravizza  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Rotary 2000: Act with Consistency, Credibility, **Continuity**”

**Membership:** 1st July 1999: ..... 63  
30th June 2000: ..... 60

**New Members:** Ted Todd (Retail - Consultancy), Bruce Heron (Leasing Services) from RC Hobart.

**Members Lost:** Wayne Pittaway, Greg Trainor, Jim Cox (to RC Canberra), Margot Sharpe, Lewis Stephens.

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Sun hats and sunscreen valued at \$1,000 were delivered to the Kosovar Safe Haven Project at Bandiana, facilitated by Pauline O'Brien, and presented to the Kosovar Refugees. A large donation of rice was delivered to Ozanam House (home for homeless men and women) at Christmas time through the generosity of the Chinese Restaurant Association. A large donation of \$5,000 was made to the Children's Protection Society and Court Network was supported with equipment to the value of \$1,700. A new project was initiated with the provision of “starter kits” to street kids through Care and Communication Concern. The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund benefited from a \$1,000 sponsorship of our Exchange Student, Kristian Hedegaard (Denmark) on a bike ride to the District Canberra Conference.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Attendance improved by 12% to a year average of 72% reflecting the excellent speaker programme and a well-balanced range of stimulating projects. The Club won the District “Horizons Award” for a professional approach to developing Plans and Objectives. Fellowship included two “Guess Who's Coming To Dinner” evenings, a fantastic Trivia Night that raised \$1,500 (as well as many eyebrows!) together with Jazz at the Melbourne Zoo and other events.

For the second time since May 1990, our Club was selected to host the District Assembly 2000 for 600 Rotarians and did it with a surplus of \$3,356. An inaugural District Award, the “Vance Hilton Trophy” was won by the Club for the Best District Awards Submission and President Bernie was also presented with an RI Presidential Citation for a Balanced Programme. PP John Meehan was awarded a “Four Avenues of Service Citation” being the only such award presented by a Club in this District in 1999-2000. The Rotarian of the Year Award was won by Aris Imbardelli. A healthy surplus of \$65,000 was carried over into next year.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** For the first time, the Club hosted one of the semi-annual RYPEN camps at Lancefield through the valued assistance of RACV City Club catering volunteers, and also donated, in conjunction with the RACV, sporting equipment to the value of \$1,500 to improve future RYPEN camps. Our close involvement with our Rotaract Club earned us the District Rotaract Involvement Award presented at the District Conference. We welcomed Exchange Student Kristian Hedegaard from Denmark as we farewelled our outgoing student Annie Sloman to Denmark for one year.

**VOCATIONAL:** Perhaps the greatest success for Vocational was the joint project with Rotaract to win several awards presented at Government House for Young Achievement Australia. A company named “Phobiya” was formed and operated with financial success by 25 young students who were mentored by Rotaract and Rotary. In addition, one student, Angie Wong won Runner-Up Business Person of the Year (Victoria). The Club conducted another very successful Airlie Police College meeting including 25 members and the same number of visiting international and local senior police officers. The committee sponsored a Year 10 student, Robert Mandanici to Canberra for an “Adventure in Citizenship” and a vision impaired young woman, Kathy Fawcett was sponsored for the Shine-On Awards and received a Certificate of Commendation. Another major achievement was to win the District Vocational Service Trophy together with a cheque from Orica for \$1,000. The cheque was donated on to our Rotaract Club for their worthy participation.

**INTERNATIONAL:** The purchase, delivery and installation of the Foetal Heart Monitor was completed in Mongolia during the year. This project was also sponsored by RC of Osaka Hommachi with a team of nine members of that club flying to Mongolia to make the official



presentation. The committee donated US\$1,000 to assist in famine relief in Mongolia and detailed planning for the installation of eight water tanks and other works in West New Britain continued with the submission of a Matching Grant to the Rotary Foundation. Another new project was the establishment of a \$1,000 Tutorial Bursary at International House. The recipient of the first Bursary was Isabelle Hoong who was chosen from six excellent candidates.

**FOUNDATION:** Another successful Annual Celebratory Breakfast with speaker, Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Peter Costigan, raised \$2,000 and a further \$648 was earned from ticket sales for the **"Top Spin Project"** for the Australian Tennis Open. Four strong candidates were nominated to District as GSE Team Members without success but a record \$10,648 was the overall contribution for the year to the Rotary Foundation. This equated to \$150 per member. The first of our partners to be recognised with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition were Lorraine Meehan and Molly Frampton. PHF Sapphires were also awarded on our 13th birthday to PP John Meehan and PP Keith Frampton.

**FUNDRAISING:** The main focus was again the Charity Auction with an Irish theme on St. **Patrick's** Day that raised net \$25,000 which, together with the usual wine sales, resulted in a total of \$30,000 for the year. However, it is estimated that a further \$11,000 was raised in kind.



*1999-2000 – PP Tom Callander and Pat Conquest presenting sun hats and sunscreen to Kosovar refugee children*



*1999-2000 – Preparing dinner at the RYPEN camp*



*1999-2000 – Inbound exchange student Kristian Hedegaard and outbound student Annie Sloman, to and from Denmark*



*1999-2000 – Young Achievement Australia 'Phobiya' winners of three awards with coordinators Gary Tong and Darren Park*



*1999-2000 – Hosting the DGE Des Jones presentation ceremony at the University for DGE Des Jones*

## The Fourteenth Year – 1st July 2000 to 30th June 2001

**President:** ..... Steven Hallis  
**Vice Presidents:** ..... Keith Frampton, Rod Norman  
**Secretary** ..... Neville John  
**Treasurer:** ..... Bruce McBain

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Allan Driver  
**Club Service:** ..... Marjorie Gerlinger  
**International:** ..... Michael Bromby  
**New Generations:** ..... Kevin Love  
**Foundation:** ..... John Meehan



**Vocational:** ..... Tony Thomas  
**Fundraising:** ..... Chris Malkin  
**Bulletin:** ..... Bruce Heron  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Graham Rogers  
**District Governor:** ..... Des Jones  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... Jillian Thomas  
**R.I. President:** ..... Frank J. Devlyn  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Create Awareness - Take Action”

**Membership:** 1st July 2000: ..... 60  
30th June 2001: ..... 61

**New Members:** Cheryl Batagol (Environmental Consultancy), Sue Bell (Information Technology - Incubation) from RC Wendouree Breakfast, Trevor Bew (Banking - Credit Management) from RC Langwarrin, Peter Daniels (Risk Management - Consulting), Anne King (Banking - Private) from RC Wagga Sunrise, Graeme Raper (Manufacturing - Mineral Products), Mary Voice (Meteorology).

**Members Lost:** Roger Foenander, Robert Thomason, Ted Todd, Ed Stockdale, Ian Murray, Reg Thomas (deceased-Charter Member).

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Both physical and financial support was given to help organise the Steps Outreach “Black & White Ball” that raised \$25,000. Seventy Christmas hampers were packed and distributed through various agencies. Court Network received \$1,500 to enhance their computer database and a further \$1,500 was given to the Children’s Protection Society towards running a two-day workshop for young men. Kids Helpline received \$1,500 to purchase a computer and \$1,000 was donated to the ARHRF. Finally, two “Values for Life” seminars were funded with \$1,200 to run programs on drugs, alcohol, bullying and body image in Footscray and Northcote schools.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Attendance was maintained at a year average of 66% reflecting the variety of interesting speakers that included many of our own members. Fellowship included a “Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner” evening, a fun and frivolous Trivia Night that raised \$1,500, a snooker afternoon, Christmas BBQ at Lorne, Jazz at the Melbourne Zoo and a fellowship night at the Republic Tower. We launched our own Club website and a digital camera was purchased. The Club’s history “The First Thirteen Years” was published in December 2000 by the Club’s historian.

Pat Conquest was selected for the Rotarian of the Year Award and John and Lorraine Meehan were awarded a joint “Special District Service Award”. A reduced surplus of \$37,000 was carried over into next year.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** We welcomed Exchange student Jana Fetzner from Ulm in Germany. For the second year, we presented the “Silk Miller Scholarship (named in memory of Constables Silk and Miller who died in the line of duty) to Sen. Con. Tim Foster. The Club had the honour of presenting the Humanities Award to two exceptional students from University High School. We worked closely with President Luke Farrugia of our Rotaract Club of Central Melbourne on some joint projects.

**VOCATIONAL:** Our Club was represented on the District “Operation Livewire” committee and in conjunction with KPMG, we sponsored the “Young Achievement Australia” program with workshops and guiding advice to a group of 22 students. They called their company “Dynamite” and produced handmade jewellery. Total sales of \$1,300 realised a shareholder return of \$2.79 per share on wind-up. Another successful social meeting was conducted at Airlie Police College where 28 of our members sat down with senior police, both local and international, to promote goodwill and enjoy a speaker on Australia’s role in the Asia Pacific Region.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Without a doubt, the most significant event for the year was a visit by 22 of our members/partners to Osaka in Japan. They joined the 10th birthday celebrations of our Sister Club of Osaka Hommachi. These were a spectacular success and long remembered. The highlight was the ceremonial signing of the joint Matching Grant Application for the installation of eight water tanks in West New Britain, PNG. We built on our Friendship Club relationship with RC Echuca-Moama by a weekend visit to Echuca and assisting them with their annual Steam Car Rally.

**FOUNDATION:** Another most successful Annual Celebratory Breakfast was attended by 205 people and raised net \$5,000 for the Rotary Foundation (against target of \$2,500). The guest speaker, Professor Bob Williamson of the Murdoch Institute spoke on stem cell research, a subject that was both inspiring and controversial. He was subsequently presented with a PHF at the Club’s birthday in May.

A donation of \$1,000 was made to Interplast Australia to purchase medical equipment and a total of A\$10,126 was contributed this year to the Rotary Foundation.

**FUNDRAISING:** Wine sales were generally well supported as were Christmas Cake sales however, the Annual Charity Auction was deferred into the following Rotary year due to a host of other conflicting events. Sponsorship funds of \$4,000 raised were held over to the next year.

**GENERAL:** This year saw the death of Charter Member, Reg Thomas on 7th April 2001. Reg was viewed by all as one of nature's gentlemen. His work behind the scenes and his dedication to the ideals of Rotary were admirable. He was the Club's first Archivist and a past Vice President for a record three years.



*2000-2001 – Signing of Matching Grant Agreement for water tanks in West New Britain with RC Osaka Hommachi*



*2000-2001 – President Steven receiving a Samuri Helmet as a commemorative gift at Osaka Hommachi's 10th birthday dinner*



*2000-2001 – Members and partners visiting Japan to help celebrate the 10th birthday of Osaka Hommachi*



## The Fifteenth Year – 1st July 2001 to 30th June 2002

**President:** .....Alan Seale  
**Vice Presidents:** .....John Meehan, Bernie Gerlinger  
**Secretary** .....Gary Tong  
**Treasurer:** .....Kevin Walklate

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** .....Marjorie Gerlinger  
**Club Service:** .....Rod Norman/Sue Bell  
**International:** .....Richard Bowen  
**New Generations:** .....Frank O'Brien  
**Foundation:** .....Bruce McBain



**Vocational:** .....Monica McAninly  
**Fundraising:** .....John Selak  
**Bulletin:** .....Peter Daniels  
**Sergeant at Arms:** .....Michael Bromby  
**District Governor:** .....Ann White  
**Assistant Governor:** .....Jillian Thomas  
**R.I. President:** .....Richard D. King  
**Rotary Theme:** .....“Mankind Is Our Business”

**Membership:** 1st July 2001: ..... 61  
30th June 2002: ..... 65

**New Members:** John Ilott (Hospital Management) from RC Appin Park, Heidi Snell (Consumer Protection), Roma Dolphin (Nursing - Extended Care), Terri Hopkins (Education Assessment), Dr. Kay Stevens (Education Management), Phillip Martin (Telecommunications - Applications), Robyn Clark (Digital and Offset Printing), Rev Douglas Robertson (Religion - Presbyterian).

**Members Lost:** Trevor Bew (to RC Cranbourne), Craig Dres, Rhonda O'Donnell, Andrew Fegan.

### EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** : 100 “survival kits” were assembled consisting of personal care needs at cost of \$1,000. These were presented to Steps Outreach in individual bags donated by Baird Publications and Circle Credit Co-op. Ltd. A further \$1,500 was provided to assist a homeless mother and child to relocate to Brisbane. Over 110 Christmas hampers were distributed to Steps Outreach Service, Royal District Nursing Service and Hanover Welfare. Eminent Speaker breakfast with Hon Jeffrey Kennett of “Beyond Blue” raised \$3,300 for the ARHRF. Ovarian Cancer Research benefited by \$1,000 and Rotary Child Guardianship received \$3,000 for counselling of abused children and \$2,000 went to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Our Past President, Herb Greenwood provided his architectural talents to design and cost the refurbishment of the main hall and dining areas of Camp Getaway at Axedale in country Victoria. This was in preparation for a full weekend working bee that followed involving some members and partners in an overnight stay at Bendigo.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Attendance was held to a year average of 72% reflecting a highly entertaining speaker programme. The Club celebrated its 15th anniversary with a birthday breakfast and Robyn Clark became our 15th female member. A rare Rotary honour was awarded John Meehan with a RI “Service Above Self Award” presented by PDG Des Jones at a special ceremony attended by the only other District awardee, PDG Jack Nankervis. Such an award is presented to no more than 150 Rotarians annually world-wide. The Rotarian of the Year was Sue Bell and the year was studded with film nights, “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner”, a trivia night and an “observational rally”. We achieved the difficult feat of having articles published in RDU and launched into the world of digital photography with a brand new digital camera. Our Sergeant Michael Bromby instilled culture into meetings with limericks and an endless supply of trivia. Net funds as at the 30th June 2002 were \$44,000.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** We welcomed Exchange student Maciek Wronecki from Poland as we farewelled our outgoing student Fiona Tse of Colac to Brazil for one year. A unique experience was to host 32 incoming exchange students and counsellors from the Northern Territory at our weekly breakfast. The Club supported a student to attend RYLA and two students for the MUNA programme. The sum of \$3,500 was provided for the Silk-Miller Scholarship to assist two police officers study for a Diploma in Adolescent Health enabling them to help young people at risk. A prize of \$250 was made available to the student of University High School that topped the VCE Mathematics for the year.

**VOCATIONAL:** Young Achievement Australia was again sponsored jointly to the sum of \$3,900 with co-sponsor Stockford Ltd. This involved mentoring and funding. Another very successful Airlie Police College meeting was held including 25 members and the same number of visiting international and local senior police officers. Members volunteered as mentors for Operation Livewire for the 13th consecutive year.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Detailed preparation and submission of a “Save Water-Save Lives” Matching Grant Application to supply and install eight water tanks in West New Britain culminated in approval by RI. The Grant was a joint submission by RC Osaka Hommachi and RC Kimbe, PNG. A donation of \$1,000 to International House was to assist in re-equipping students’ facilities with much needed computer chairs.

**FOUNDATION:** Another successful “Annual Paul Harris Fellow Breakfast” was attended by 185 people to hear Chief Police Commissioner,

Christine Nixon. It enabled our Club to make a total contribution of \$10,000 to the Foundation. A PHF was presented to Chris Coombs FRACS for services to medicine and surgery and Constable Cate Gatt was our successful nominee for the GSE Team to Canada. \$1,000 was donated to Interplast Australia for purchase of surgical equipment. **PHF's** were presented to Charter Members Richard Mitchell and Ian Rust. Also to Michael Bromby, Graham Rogers, John Selak and Robin Pleydell. Bernie Gerlinger received a Sapphire whilst a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to John Barker for his groundwork planning for the Save Water-Save Lives project and grant.

**FUNDRAISING:** The Charity Dinner Auction raised an impressive \$40,000 before GST and was attended by 270 people. This was the second highest auction result to date with the main beneficiary being Camp Getaway. Together with the wine sales of over 40 cases, this resulted in a total of \$45,000 raised for the year.



*2001-2002 – Our first working bee at Camp Getaway painting one of the new units*



*2001-2002 – PP John Meehan receiving a 'Service Above Self' Award from PDG Des Jones and President Alan Seale*



*2001-2002 – Young Achievement Australia group in action mentored by Gary Tong and Allan Driver*



*2001-2002 – Members and partners sorting goods and packing Christmas Hampers for the needy in our Community*

## The Sixteenth Year – 1st July 2002 to 30th June 2003

**President:** .....Neville John  
**Vice Presidents:** .....Bernie Gerlinger, Mark Holland  
**Secretary** .....Michael Bromby  
**Treasurer:** .....Kevin Walklate

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** .....Keith Frampton  
**Club Service:** .....Rod Norman/Sue Bell  
**International:** .....Allan Driver  
**New Generations:** .....Scott Kroeger  
**Foundation:** .....Steven Hallis



**Vocational:** .....Frank O'Brien  
**Fundraising:** .....John Selak  
**Bulletin:** .....Tony Thomas  
**Sergeant at Arms:** .....Monica McAninly  
**District Governor:** .....Des Hosking  
**Assistant Governor:** .....John Mollison  
**R.I. President:** .....Bhaichai Rattakul  
**Rotary Theme:** .....“Sow The Seeds Of Love”

**Membership:** 1st July 2002: ..... 65  
30th June 2003: ..... 68

**New Members:** Gerard Hogan (Project Management - Building), Lisa McMeeken (Victoria Police - Legal Services), Denise Rider-Bell (Law - Criminal and Family), Scott Carpenter (Biotechnology), James Mirams (Financial Services), Kelvin Campbell ((Information Technology Consulting) from RC Sydney Cove, Gavin Wright (Financial Planning), Emma Fenby (Law - Insurance Litigation).

**Members Lost:** Bob Gilder (to RC Waverley), Cheryl Batagol (to RC Melbourne), Elizabeth Hall (to RC North Balwyn), Phillip Martin, Alan Hawkes.

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Street Kids, through Steps Outreach Service, again benefited from the provision of 100 “survival kits” being satchels containing health accessories and personal necessities. Steps distributed these discreetly on our behalf.

A sizeable donation was made to the Guide Dogs Association to assist extend their service. More than 114 Christmas hampers containing non-perishable goods were donated, wrapped and packed for distribution to various groups. Ambulance Emergency booklets (300) for handout by doctors and pharmacists were allocated within the CBD. Kids Helpline and the Peer Skills Programme were again supported financially whilst our members and partners attended a working bee on restoration and repairs at Camp Getaway to complete the task begun in the previous year. We were able to support an initiative of our Sister Club-Echuca Moama in drought relief. This was in the form of financial assistance for country families to enjoy short holiday relief in Melbourne.

**CLUB SERVICE:** We mourned the death of a much loved partner in Elisabeth Butterfield in whose memory a plaque was erected in the main hall of Camp Getaway at Axedale. The Club received the District Award for the “Best Bulletin - Clubs greater than 55 members” at the District Conference. This was enhanced by our Horizons Committee receiving the District “Strategic Planning Award”. The Membership Committee held a successful “New Member Cocktail Party” for new prospects and their partners. PP Bernie Gerlinger was awarded a “Four Avenues of Service Citation” and The Rotarian of the Year Award was won by John Selak.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** We welcomed Exchange student Paula Dziasko from Poland whom we co-hosted with RC Melbourne South. We sadly farewelled our outgoing student Maciek Wronecki (who incidentally was from the same town in Poland as Paula.) Maciek's farewell presentation to the Club “brought tears to the eyes”. The Club once again provided the VCE Mathematics Prize at University High School and Emily Hayes was sponsored for the RYLA Camp at Rutherglen. The traditional “Silk Miller Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare” scholarship was again supported by funding a course for two sworn police officers at a cost of \$3,975 each.

**VOCATIONAL:** The major vocational project this year was the Young Achievement Australia program, a 22-week commitment by over 20 Year 11 students to form a company, develop a business plan, identify a market and sell a product. The company, Dynamic Enterprises, produced a sell-out 2003 calendar featuring pasta recipes. Operation Livewire, sponsored by Shell Australia received support by our members volunteering as mentors to young entrepreneurs with a business idea.

**INTERNATIONAL:** An amount of \$2,400 was donated to International House for re-equipping of students' gymnasium facilities with a much-needed Rowing Machine. A major donation of \$4,500 was made to Interplast Australia to meet the cost of a reconstructive surgeon from Myanmar, (formerly Burma) to study hand and microsurgery techniques in Melbourne. The “Save Water – Save Lives” project got into full swing when seven volunteers from our Club and RC Sale/Maffra went to West New Britain in September 2002 to install eight pre-delivered water tanks in local villages. The whole project was recorded on CD and placed on our Club website. In addition we were invited to display the project in the Preserve Planet Earth Booth at the RI World Convention in Brisbane in June 2003. The project was also featured in “Rotary World”, which is distributed four times a year in nine languages.



**FOUNDATION:** Over 200 people attended another successful Annual Paul Harris Breakfast with totally blind adventurer Nicholas Gleeson as the guest speaker. It raised \$5,200 and well exceeded budget and enabled the Club to contribute \$8,000 to the Rotary Foundation. 150 people attended an “Eminent Speaker Breakfast” featuring business journalist, Robert Gottliebsen. The proceeds, together with corporate sponsorship enabled a further \$8,000 to be donated to the eradication of Polio. Our President Neville John was nominated and selected as the Leader of the next GSE Team tour to Ireland. PHF awards were presented to John Barker, Richard Bowen, Allan Driver, Monica McAninly and Gary Tong.

**FUNDRAISING:** The main focus was again the Charity Auction that raised \$50,000 after GST and which, together with the usual wine sales of over 40 cartons, resulted in a total of \$55,000 raised for the year. Net funds at 30th June 2003 were \$40,000.



*2002-2003 – John Selak “auctioning” a BMW at a most successful Charity Auction*



*2002-2003 – The second working bee at Camp Getaway refurbishing the dining and recreation halls*



*2002-2003 – Seven volunteers from our Club repairing guttering readying to install water tanks in West New Britain*

## The Seventeenth Year – 1st July 2003 to 30th June 2004

**President:** .....Marjorie Gerlinger  
**Vice Presidents:** .....Alan Seale, John Selak  
**Secretary** .....Heidi Snell/Pat Conquest  
**Treasurer:** .....Kevin Walklate

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... John Ilott  
**Club Service:** ..... Monica McAninly/Anne King  
**International:** .....Allan Driver  
**New Generations:** .....Peter Daniels  
**Foundation:** .....Peter Comley



**Vocational:** ..... Kay Stevens  
**Fundraising:** ..... Kelvin Campbell  
**Horizons:** ..... John Meehan  
**Bulletin:** ..... Tony Thomas  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Rod Norman/Douglas Robertson  
**District Governor:** ..... Don Jago  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... John Mollison  
**R.I. President:** ..... Jonathon B. Majiyagbe  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Lend A Hand”

**Membership:** 1st July 2003: ..... 68  
30th June 2004: ..... 66

**New Members:** Roger Thornton (Gas Exploration) from RC Port Moresby, Chris White (Consulting – Company Management), Leon Walker (Property Finance), Alan Hawkes (Treasury and Public Finance), Janet Lewin (Pharmacist – Professional Development), Andrew Lewin (Industrial Safety and Health), Darren Park (Forensic Accounting).

**Members Lost:** Greg John; Heidi Snell, Gavin Wright, Chris Malkin, Robert Korte, Scott Kroeger, Graeme Raper, Maureen Vercoe, Rod Norman (to RC Mitchell River).

### EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Fifty-nine Christmas hampers comprising festive, non-perishable goods were donated, packed and distributed to selected community groups. We again provided about 60 “starter kits” or emergency satchels to homeless youth under the auspices of the Community, Care and Concern. The satchels contained personal items designed to give immediate possession of necessities and health accessories where no personal belongings are held. Several hundred Emergency Medical Information booklets were distributed through the Melbourne City Council to community centres under their management. \$1,000 was given to the Australian Children’s Foundation to provide counselling for a child and his/her family for a year. \$2,000 was contributed to ARHRF and we also gave financial support to a multiple sclerosis sufferer. \$4,000 was donated to Kids Helpline and \$500 for drought relief.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Fellowship included a memorable “Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner” evening together with some vine pruning at Lou’s Yal Yal Estate vineyard and a vocational/social visit to Docklands. The club won the “Vance Hilton Trophy” for the Best District Awards Submission for the second time. Anne King was awarded the Rotarian of the Year Award. An in-depth member survey was undertaken with valuable feedback and suggestions. Eleven partners were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for continuous support of Club for more than 15 years. One suggestion raised was to change our meeting day preferably to Tuesdays. This was to be subject of a special survey in the next year. Net funds at year-end were \$55,000.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** A total of \$14,300 was allocated to a wide variety of New Generations projects this year. These included the Silk Millar Scholarship giving an opportunity to two police officers to undertake study in Adolescent Health and Welfare. We sponsored two students for the MUNA Conference and also a student for the National Youth Science Forum. The annual University High Maths prize of \$200 was presented to a worthy student and a rewarding relationship was established with the Strathmore High School allowing us to sponsor four students from that school to two RYPEN camps. Our Club supported two tertiary students to attend the RYLA program aimed at 18-22 year olds to develop leadership skills. The Youth Exchange program saw us host Trude Johnsen from Norway and send Bridgette Couper to Poland. A donation of \$1,500 was to provide course materials for 30 young South Sudanese women to attend an “English as a second language” literacy course in Dandenong.

**VOCATIONAL:** Although not necessary to draw against its budget, the committee conducted a very successful “Great Debate” attended by 70 people with the theme “The Triple Bottom Line”. A renewed approach to member job talks saw a most active and scheduled program throughout the year. Visits to other Clubs in our Cluster Group were undertaken and sponsorship of \$3,680 was found to continue our support for the Young Achievers Australia program. This year the group of 13 students formed a company to produce scarves. We saw the last year for the “Operation Livewire” program and the committee hosted an excellent vocational visit to the Historic Goods Shed at Docklands for 26 members and partners, topped off by a lovely dinner.

**INTERNATIONAL:** A new project was the establishment of a \$2,000 Fraternitas Award at International House that recognises the **College's** highest and most prestigious student award. President Marjorie and Bernie visited our Sister Club, Osaka Hommachi when attending the RI Convention in Osaka. A donation of \$3,000 was made through Dr Jeffrey Tan to support **women's** health in remote areas of PNG. Provision was made for \$2,000 in next year budget for building school desks in PNG.

**FOUNDATION:** Another successful Annual PHF Celebratory Breakfast with speaker, Prof Richard Smallwood, Chief Commonwealth Medical Officer, raised \$4,000 and enabled a total of \$10,000 as our overall contribution for the year to the Rotary Foundation. This equated to \$150 per member. Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented throughout the year to members Pat Conquest, Geoff Fairhall and Kevin Walklate and to non-Rotarian Dr. Jeffrey Tan. PP Neville John led the GSE team to Ireland and Alice Miller was selected as a Team Member. Our Club hosted a farewell function for the GSE Team returning to Ireland.

**FUNDRAISING:** The main focus was again the Charity Dinner that raised net \$32,000, which, together with a Trivia Night that raised \$1,000, wine sales of \$3,000, two eminent speaker breakfasts that raised an amazing \$7,000, resulting in a total of \$45,000 for the year. In addition, a number of corporations provided thousands of dollars of in-kind support towards the **Club's** projects.



2003 -2004 – Eminent speakers the Hon. Senator Amanda Vanstone and Julian Burnside QC with President Marjorie



2003 -2004 – Farewell dinner for the Irish GSE team organised by our Club



2003 - 2004 – Pres Taichi and Keiko Kishimoto present Pres Marjorie with a gift during the World Convention in Osaka



2003 -2004 – Members and partners of RC Osaka Hommachi at the RI World Convention in Osaka



2003 -2004 – Members of the Club presenting sports equipment to the students at International House



## The Eighteenth Year – 1st July 2004 to 30th June 2005

**President:** ..... Michael Bromby  
**Vice Presidents:** ..... Pat Conquest, Neville John  
**Secretary** ..... Gerard Hogan  
**Treasurer:** ..... James Mirams

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Allan Driver  
**Club Service:** ..... Paul Maguire  
**International:** ..... Roger Thornton  
**New Generations:** ..... Bernie Gerlinger  
**Foundation:** ..... Gillian Farrell  
**Vocational:** ..... Lisa McMeeken  
**Fundraising:** ..... Leon Walker/Alan Seale  
**Horizons:** ..... Peter Daniels  
**Bulletin:** ..... Tony Thomas  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Kevin Walklate  
**District Governor:** ..... Judy Nettleton  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... Dennis Shore  
**R.I. President:** ..... Glen E. Estress Snr  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Celebrate Rotary”



**Membership:** 1st July 2004: ..... 66  
30th June 2005: ..... 55

**New Members:** Nil.

**Members Lost:** Kelvin Campbell, Peter Daniels, Alan Hawkes, Andrew Lewin, Janet Lewin, Lisa McMeeken, Graham Rogers, John Selak, Terri Hopkins, Denise Rider-Bell, Scott Carpenter.

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** The majority of our Club members and some Friends of Rotary responded most generously by donating over \$10,000 for the Tsunami Appeal. A new project run with Young Adult Migrant Education Course (YAMEC) was piloted and 67 large Christmas hampers for the local disadvantaged were donated by members. \$2,000 was contributed to ARHRF mental health research and \$500 to the Smith Family. A marvellous “hands-on” project began with the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre with the creation of a Sensory Garden. This involved members and partners landscaping and a donation of \$1,000. Kids Helpline benefited from a \$2,000 donation.

**CLUB SERVICE:** Attendances averaged about 55% despite a diverse range of quality guest speakers. Fellowship included several well-attended visits to art galleries including past president Bill Sampson’s works at the VCA. Over 50 members and families undertook a “Car Observation Tour” to Mt Martha where they enjoyed a BBQ, tennis and nature walks at the Meehan’s holiday home. The Hypothetical at Federation Square was a celebration of 100 years of Rotary and received the District Public Relations Award (The Thomas Lothian Shield) and we also received an RI **Presidential Citation for Balanced Programme**. PP Keith Frampton was awarded a “Four Avenues of Service Citation”. The Rotarian of the Year Award was won by Leon Walker. Club Bulletins were issued electronically for the first time and a new Child Protection Policy was adopted. This year saw the change of our meeting day to Tuesdays to cater for busy corporate members and longweekend holiday homeowners. Net funds as at 30 June 2005 were around \$53,000.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** We welcomed Youth Exchange student Renata Brandao from Brazil and farewellled Seren Charlton-White from Echuca on her exchange to Finland. Two tertiary students were sponsored for the RYLA program and five students from Strathmore College to two RYPEN camps. Four students from the same College were also sponsored for the MUNA weekend live-in assembly. We nominated students for the Siemens Science School program and the NYSF in Canberra. The committee sponsored a Year 11 student from Melbourne High to Canberra for an “Adventure in Citizenship” and continued our strong financial support for the Silk-Millar Scholarship.

**VOCATIONAL:** Due to difficulty in obtaining sponsorship, our Club’s participation in the traditional Young Achievers Australia program was withdrawn. Our Club participated in the District Public Speaking Competition with 12 students from MacRobertson Girls High with one student progressing to the semi-final. The Rotary Trivial Pursuit Challenge proved to be fun and a unique way to expand our new member’s Rotary education. The Great Debate attracted 45 members and guests to hear the topic “Greed Is Good” whilst enjoying a night of fun and fellowship.

**INTERNATIONAL:** A new initiative for helping international communities was the supply of thousands of books for students in Garowe, Somalia. A 20-foot container full of second-hand books was despatched in April with packing and loading assisted by the local Somali community in Melbourne. \$2,000 was donated for the construction of 32 school desks by the Rotary Club of Moresby, PNG and \$2,000 was provided to International House for the annual Fraternitas Award. Another container was loaded for PNG full of books, boxes of medical supplies, computers, hospital beds and mattresses and wheelchairs/frames. These were delivered to the Kavieng General Hospital in New Ireland, PNG.

**FOUNDATION:** Another successful Annual PHF Breakfast with speaker, Valmai Henkel was attended by 120 people and raised \$2,000 for the Rotary Foundation. Our Club sponsored Sarah Gales as a member of the District GSE Team to New Mexico/USA. PHF Recognitions were awarded to Roger Thornton and Tony Thomas together with non-Rotarians Julian Gardner (Public Advocate) and Elizabeth Langford. We were privileged in hosting two fine Ambassadorial Scholars in Vlady Petrova (Bulgaria) and Sarah Leggett (UK).

**FUNDRAISING:** The main focus was again the 14th Charity Gala that raised \$25,000 after GST and was attended by 150 people. Major sponsorships were received from Macquarie Bank and Solomon Smith Barney. The Hypothetical raised \$6,500 and was attended by 250 members and guests.



2004-2005 – Ambassadorial Scholars Vlady Petrova and Sarah Leggett enjoy the Tasmanian conference



2004-2005 – Members, partners and the Somali community packing English books for students in Somalia



2004-2005 – President Michael and Jane, Roger Thornton and PE Bruce McBain represent our Club at the Centenary Walk



2004-2005 – Pauline O'Brien and Wendy Bowen assisting at the RC Echuca Moama annual steam rally



2004-2005 – Working bee in the sensory gardens at the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Hospital

## The Nineteenth Year – 1st July 2005 to 30th June 2006

**President:** .....Bruce McBain  
**Vice Presidents:** .....Richard Bowen, Paul Maguire  
**Secretary** ..... John Illott  
**Treasurer:** ..... Kay Stevens

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Chris White  
**Club Service:** ..... Roger Thornton  
**International:**.....Anne King  
**New Generations:**.....Emma Fenby  
**Foundation:** ..... Pat Conquest



**Vocational:** ..... Allan Driver  
**Fundraising:** .....Kevin Walklate  
**Horizons:** ..... John Meehan  
**Bulletin:** ..... Tony Thomas  
**Sergeant at Arms:** .....Gerard Hogan  
**District Governor:** .....John Wigley  
**Assistant Governor:** .....Dennis Shore  
**R.I. President:** ..... Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Service Above Self”

**Membership:**      1st July 2005: ..... 55  
                             30th June 2006:         55

**New Members:** Michael Lapina (Banking - Project Management), Ed Stockdale (Investor Services) Re-Joined, Inez Dussuyer (Justice Administration) from RC Hawthorn, John Ferguson (Accountancy - Taxation) from RC Malvern, Peter Jacobs (Law - Education) from RC Ballarat South, Roy Garrett (Chemical Processing), Prof. Gay Edgecombe (Health Care - Education).

**Members Lost:** Bruce Heron, Rev. Douglas Robertson, Neil Smart, Leon Walker, Chris White, Aris Imbardelli, Herb Greenwood (To RC Shanghai, China), PP William “Bill” Sampson.

## EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Over 60 Christmas hampers were donated by members and distributed through the Melbourne City Mission. In addition \$1,900 of food vouchers were provided to Steps Outreach Service through four generous sponsors. A donation of \$2,000 to the Royal Talbot Hospital enabled the purchase of bench seats, tools, plants etc. This was followed by another working bee by our members and partners to clear and plant shrubs and bushes. The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund benefited from a \$2,000 donation towards mental health research.

**CLUB SERVICE:** On the first meeting for this year, we moved to new surroundings in the newly built RACV City Club at 501 Bourke Street. An early incident involving a false alarm led to our introduction of formal fire and safety procedures. An excellent Christmas Breakfast and Guess Who is Coming for Dinner was popular with our partners and well attended. Our administration processes were enhanced by the donation of a laptop computer and the purchase of new accounting software and a new digital camera. PP Michael Bromby won the Rotarian of the Year Award and Royce Abbey Awards were made to Emma Fenby and Leon Walker. The Horizons Committee presented a 16-page report to members in November on a vision for the Club’s future during the next five years. This resulted in resolutions being passed to reduce the Board from 16 to 10 members to gain better focus and the trial suspension of the traditional committee structure and replace with projects and tasks or teams during next year.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** A total of \$11,700 was allocated amongst New Generations projects this year. We sponsored a student for the RYLA program and four students from Strathmore College for two RYPEN camps in the Bennelong Valley. Two students were sponsored for MUNA and one of our four nominees, Thomas Saunders was accepted for the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. A disadvantaged student from Strathmore College was sponsored to participate in an arts excursion to France and a TAFE student to attend the Work Skills symposium. Incoming Exchange Student, Renata Brandao returned to Brazil in January and we welcomed home Seren Charlton-White from Finland. We farewelled Emily Leversha outbound for Germany and in June we welcomed Phillip Golez from the Philippines. The Club continued its financial support for the Silk Miller Scholarship for the 7th year.

**VOCATIONAL:** A vocational visit was made by 15 members to the Channel Seven Television Studios in Docklands followed by dinner and fellowship. A successful vocational talks program was set up under the banner of “The Person Behind The Badge” which covered a range of club members speaking about their interesting and varied careers, occupations and personal or travel interests.

**INTERNATIONAL:** The books for Somalia sent last year eventually reached their destination after many weeks waiting for right weather but were handed over to Nugal Regional Officer for Education for distribution to schools. The winner of our Club’s annual \$2,000 Fraternitas Award through International House was student Andrew Park. Our Friendship Club relationship with the Rotary Club of Echuca Moama was upgraded to Sister Club status and was signed at a ceremony in June. A donation of \$750 was made to the School of St Jude in Tanzania.



**FOUNDATION:** Pat Conquest was presented with a Rotary Foundation District Service Award. Another successful Annual PHF Breakfast raised \$5,000 and was attended by 170 people with Clive Hall, Chairman of RACV, as guest speaker. We home hosted the visiting GSE Team Members from South Korea. PHF Sapphires were awarded to Charter President, Terry Cocks and PP Keith Frampton, PP Bernie Gerlinger and PP Herb Greenwood and PHF Recognitions to non-Rotarians Leonie Greenwood and Kevin Bailey. Total contribution to Rotary Foundation was \$7,000.

**FUNDRAISING:** The 15th Annual Charity Gala raised net \$17,000 which, together with the second Hypothetical (scripted by Michael Bromby with 250 attendees) and a very successful and inspiring Commonwealth Games Breakfast, resulted in a total of \$26,800 being raised for the year.



*2005-2006 – The Commonwealth Games breakfast*



*2005 - 2006 – The Hypothetical debate*



*2005 -2006 – President Don Membrey, RC Echuca Moama and President Bruce McBain signing the Sister Club Agreement*

## The Twentieth Year – 1st July 2006 to 30th June 2007

**President:** .....Sue Bell  
**Vice President:**..... Roger Thornton  
**Secretary** .....John Meehan  
**Treasurer:** ..... Marjorie Gerlinger  
**President Elect:**..... John Illott

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** .....Richard Bowen  
**Club Administration:**..... Roger Thornton  
**International/Vocational:** .....Anne King  
**New Generations:**..... Gay Edgecombe



**Foundation:** ..... Paul Maguire  
**Membership:** ..... John Illott  
**Fundraising:** ..... Bruce McBain/Kevin Walklate  
**Bulletin:** ..... Tony Thomas  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Mary Voice  
**District Governor:** .....Bernie Walshe  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... Jim Studebaker  
**R.I. President:** .....William B. Boyd  
**Rotary Theme:** .....“Lead The Way”

**Membership:**      1st July 2006: ..... 55  
                             30th June 2007:         58

**New Members:** Joan Molyneux (Pet Food - Wholesaling), George Mills (Strategic Planning and Distribution Systems), Sharon Knight (Postal Services) from RC Maffra, Jamm Solar (Postal Services), Wolfgang Jacobs (Engineering Management), Doug Sumner (Financial Services), Andrew LaTerra (Retail Menswear - Management).

**Members Lost:** John Ferguson, PP Steven Hallis, Peter Jacobs (to RC Wendouree Breakfast), Robyn Clark.

### EXCERPTS FROM BOARD MINUTES:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Over 70 food hampers and 40 x \$25 food vouchers were donated by our members and partners at Christmas for distribution to disadvantaged families identified by Melbourne City Council. The organisation “Turning Point” will benefit from our “Hypothetical” fundraising debate with a donation of \$8,000. This will enable them to produce a short, animated film, for free download, depicting the effects of alcohol abuse in the community. Ingredients for fifty “Survival Kits” were purchased at approx. \$12 each and collated for distribution through Steps Outreach Service to young people living on CBD streets.

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** This year saw the piloting of a new Club structure and a reduction of the Board from 16 to 10 members. The first social event for the year was a well-attended “Mystery Car Tour” ending at a member’s Lorne holiday home and a hotly contested dispute over the winners. A delightful BBQ and picnic was held at a member’s property at Mt. Martha in 38 degree heat but pleasant “rural” surroundings and another successful “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” was hosted in five members’ homes for over 40 guests. Two classic black and white film evenings were held at a member’s city apartment cinema followed by a wonderful supper. Twelve members and partners together with Exchange student, Phillip Golez, attended the District Conference in Canberra.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** The traditional “Silk Miller Scholarship” allowing two sworn police officers to study for a Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare was again funded. The club’s donation was supplemented again this year by generous sponsorships from two valued past members for a total cost of \$5,400. We sponsored a student for the RYLA program at a cost of \$610 and four students from Strathmore College for two RYPEN camps in the Bennelong Valley at a cost of \$850. Two students were sponsored for the MUNA camp at a cost of \$550. Exchange student, Phillip Golez from the Philippines arrived in June 2006 and departed May 2007. He enthralled the Club with his fine classical piano playing. His scholastic achievements and desire to be involved in all club activities was a great example of the merits and benefits of the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Our outgoing student Emily Leversha arrived home in October from Germany.

**VOCATIONAL:** The University High Mathematics prize of \$250 was won by student, Jasmine Zhu. Negotiations were commenced with the Airlie Police Learning Centre to resume our former relationship. This will be in a revised form that could facilitate mentoring and liaison for graduating police officers with the corporate sector. Generous outside sponsorship will enable this relationship to be developed into an exciting program next year.

**INTERNATIONAL:** A new initiative was to provide four host families for a visiting female medical researcher from Brazil for study in the field of child cerebral palsy. The study was over three months at Murdoch Children’s Research Institute. It is hoped this will lead to a similar exchange with a medical researcher visiting Brazil next year. Another new project was to collect over 200 pairs of reading glasses from members and optical outlets to send to Indonesian Papua. The Club decided to “Adopt A Village” in Papua New Guinea which enabled three small villages to receive mosquito nets against malaria. The annual International House “Fraternitas Award” of \$2,000 was presented to Sandra Tulloch following her presentation to a Club meeting.

**FOUNDATION:** An excellent Paul Harris Fellow Breakfast was held in November with guest speaker The Hon Chief Justice Black of the Federal Court and raised \$5,100 net for the Rotary Foundation. At this breakfast a PHF was presented to Judith Durham, of “The Seekers” fame, for her dedication to disabled children. Decision was made to install the final water tank of the Matching Grant project in the village of Baia in West New Britain with the assistance of past members of the defunct Rotary Club of Kimbe. The village of Baia recently received our shipment of school desks.

**FUNDRAISING:** The Annual Charity Gala Auction was held for the 16th year and raised a net \$12,600, which was down on previous years but reflected the difficulties of fundraising in a competitive social environment. Wine sales of \$6,000 produced an income of approx \$1,500 and the third innovative and popular “Hypothetical” event at BMW Edge anticipated an audience of 400 and funds raised of \$15,000 including sponsors.



2006 - 2007 – Judith Durham PHF and District Foundation Director Chris Don with President Sue Bell



2006 - 2007 – The members, partners and Family of Rotary reviews at the Charity Gala



2006 - 2007 – Gay Edgecombe with some of the reading glasses collected for West Papua



2006 -2007 – Students from Nanneella school enjoy a Club sponsored trip to Sovereign Hill



2006 - 2007 – Fifteen of our Past Presidents enjoying the 20th Anniversary celebratory dinner



## The Twenty-First Year – 1st July 2007 to 30th June 2008

**President:** ..... John Illott  
**Vice President:** ..... Tom Callander  
**Secretary** ..... Anne King  
**Treasurer:** ..... Marjorie Gerlinger  
**President Elect:** ..... Roger Thornton

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Kevin Walklate  
**Club Service:** ..... Gerard Hogan  
**International:** ..... Roger Thornton  
**New Generations:** ..... Tom Callander



**Foundation:** ..... Sue Bell  
**Vocational:** ..... Gay Edgecombe  
**Membership:** ..... Neville John  
**Fundraising:** ..... John Illott  
**Bulletin:** ..... Tony Thomas  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Bernie Gerlinger  
**District Governor:** ..... John Davis  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... Gary Goldsmith  
**R.I. President:** ..... Wilfred J. Wilkinson  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Rotary Shares”

**Membership:** 1st July 2007: ..... 54

1st May 2008: ..... 55

**New Members:** Kathy Illott (Tourism - Sales), Rebecca Riebeling (Education - Accounting), Micaela Lapina (Banking - Project Accounting), David Jones (Tourism) transferred from Port Nicholson, NZ, Justine Murphy (Consultancy - Diversity & Human Rights), Russell Rolls (Mechanical Engineering) transferred from RC South Yarra, Neil Salvano (Risk Management) transferred from RC Albert Park, Associate Prof. Robin Stevens (Education - Music Research), Austin Whiting (Financial Services), Brian Smith (Business Development - Work Cover), Philip Martin (Investment Facilitation)

**Members Lost:** Lou Butterfield, Pat Conquest, Monica McAninly, Mark Holland, Andrew LaTerra, Emma Fenby, Peter Comley, Jamm Solar, Doug Sumner. John Wright.

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Over 80 food hampers and \$1,000 worth of food vouchers were donated by our members and partners at Christmas for distribution to disadvantaged families identified by Melbourne City Council and Steps Outreach Service. The Club provided over **\$1,500 in supermarket food vouchers to families in Echuca area affected by drought.** Contents for “Emergency Survival Kits” were purchased and collated for distribution through Steps Outreach Service to young people living on CBD streets. A working bee was held at the Royal Talbot Hospital Sensory Garden. Support for ovarian cancer research saw a donation of \$500 and \$2,000 was donated to Rotary Health Research.

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** The year started strongly with a working bee to assist Honorary Member, Geoff Fairhall and Anne tidy up their large garden at Buxton. This was followed by a quiet celebration with Geoff and Anne at their city residence. A most successful “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” was hosted in five members’ homes for over 50 guests. Two classic film evenings were held at a member’s city apartment cinema followed by a wonderful supper. An inaugural Royce Abbey Award was presented to Michael Lapina and Rotarian of the Year to Marjorie Gerlinger. The Family of Rotary Award went to Leonie Greenwood. The Club was awarded the District **Governor’s** Benchmark Award and the District Innovation Trophy as well as a Presidential Award for a Balanced Program.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** The traditional “Silk Miller Scholarship” saw Police Constable Crystal Cartwright sponsored to study for a Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare. We sponsored and transported four Year 11 students from Strathmore Secondary College to the RYPEN camps at Lancefield at a cost of \$1,000.00. We sent a very appreciative student from University High to The National Youth Science Forum in Canberra at a cost of \$1,750. A book voucher to value of \$250 was presented to a student of University High for a maths prize. We became involved in the successful Storm the Stage project in conjunction with District.

**VOCATIONAL:** This year saw the launch of one of the greatest vocational projects ever, titled the “Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program” Inspired and sponsored by our Honorary Member, Steven Hallis, it quickly grew to involve 14 other Rotary Clubs together with very senior business leaders in mentoring 15 senior police leaders over 12 months. The aim is to increase their knowledge of the business environment, improve their understanding of strategic leadership and gain an insight into community service organisations such as Rotary. The program commenced as a three-year pilot at an official launch in September 2007. Other vocational activities included a Club guided tour of the Shrine of Remembrance, the MCG Sports Museum/ Ground and a visit to the Australian Synchrotron at Clayton.

**INTERNATIONAL:** The Club continued its support with \$1,000 for the **“Adopt A Village”** international project in Bougainville which enabled the small village of Ibirai to receive mosquito nets to assist in the fight against **malaria**. The annual International House **“Fraternitas Award”** of \$1,000 was presented to student, Jeannie Foo following her presentation to a Club meeting. A donation of \$1,200 was made to purchase one Rotary Shelterbox, \$700 to Interplast Australia & NZ and 14 members were involved in a working bee at DIK. A new project was launched called the **“Bagong Barrio Micro Credit Scheme”** in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul in the Philippines. The scheme aims to help residents generate their own income and thereby be able to pay their **children’s** school fees.

**FOUNDATION:** An excellent Annual PHF Breakfast was held in November attended by 224 people and raised \$6,100 net for the Rotary Foundation. A decision was made to install the final water tank of the Matching Grant project in the village of Baia in West New Britain with the assistance of past members of the defunct Rotary Club of Kimbe. The village of Baia recently received our shipment of school desks. We were represented on the outgoing GSE Team to Nebraska and Iowa, USA by Bronwyn Flanagan who impressed with her enthusiastic and articulate manner. PHF Sapphires were presented to Steven Hallis, Michael Bromby and Richard Mitchell. A PHF was presented to Sue Bell.

**FUNDRAISING:** This year began the e-Bay auction whereas members donated used or new goods for auction on eBay. Proceeds of sales are donated to Club charity funds. While it has been slow to gain momentum, there are signs that more and more members are aware of its potential and are donating goods for auction. This project is relatively easy to manage and has no overheads and we hope that with more **promotion it will build to become a substantial fundraiser**. Another **“Hypothetical”** was sponsored by DESA Australia and Paradigm Wealth Management and raised over \$8,000 for community service. Eighteen members braved the cold to act as marshals for the Super Sprint Marathon raising over \$800 and a special breakfast featured Michael Gawenda of *The Age* raised \$1,700. Gross wine sales of \$6,000 produced an income of approx. \$1,700 and the Wine Auction was revived after a long lapse. This was an outstanding success in fellowship and fundraising with a net return of \$6,100 for community service activities. Overall the year produced a total of \$23,000 but many new ideas were generated.



2007 - 2008 – The launch of the Police Mentoring Program



2007 - 2008 – Club members and partners enjoy a working bee at Geoff and Anne Fairhall in Buxton



2007 - 2008 – Eighty Christmas Hampers collected for donation to disadvantaged families



2007 - 2008 – Survival kits for Steps Outreach Service



2007 - 2008 – Members and partners volunteering at a Donations in Kind working bee.



2007 - 2008 – Successful wine auction



## The Twenty-Second Year – 1st July 2008 to 30th June 2009

**President:** ..... Roger Thornton  
**Vice President:** ..... Anne King  
**Secretary** ..... David Jones  
**Treasurer:** ..... Marjorie Gerlinger  
**President Elect:** ..... Kevin Love  
**COMMITTEES:**

**Community** ..... Anne King  
**Club Administration:** ..... Neil Salvano  
**International:** ..... George Mills  
**Vocational:** ..... Gay Edgecombe



**New Generations:** ..... Michael Lapina  
**Foundation:** ..... John Ilott  
**Membership:** ..... Kevin Love  
**Fundraising:** ..... Brian Smith  
**Bulletin:** ..... Tony Thomas  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Tony Thomas  
**District Governor:** ..... Jim Studebaker  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... Gary Goldsmith  
**R.I. President:** ..... D.K. Lee  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Make Dreams Real”

**Membership:** 1st July 2008: ..... 55  
1st May 2009: ..... 54

**New Members:** Cheryl Batagol - Re-joined (Environmental Protection - Regulation), Greg Michener (Banking - Business Development), Doug W. Robertson (Consulting - Financial Services), Dr. Kerstin Steiner (Education - Law), Herb Greenwood - Transferred from Shanghai, China (Architecture).

**Members Lost:** Sharon Knight, Brian Smith, Gary Tong, Joan Molyneaux, Robin Pleydell,

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** This year we became involved in the “Homeless World Cup” for the first time as volunteer marshals. The year also saw the launch of a major initiative “The Community Village” project whereby 6-8 Rotarians volunteered each week to provide refreshments and information to loads of young people that frequent the CBD in the early hours. We also volunteered in the “Know Your Numbers” by taking the public’s blood pressure readings at two pharmacies in the CBD. We provided \$2,000 towards the purchase of tricycles for the Echuca Specialist School as part of our drought relief programme. Steps Outreach was given 50 survival kits and 50 T-Shirts together with \$1,000 in essential food vouchers. Australia Rotary Health received a donation of \$2,000 and working bees were well attended at “Camp Getaway” and the Royal Talbot Sensory Garden. This year saw the first Rotary Club chartered by our Club. On 11th June, The Rotary Club of Docklands received its charter certificate and held its charter night on 23rd June under President Mark Nutter and with 30 new members of which 43% were female.

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** The year began with a special breakfast featuring Petro Georgiou MP on “Asylum Seekers - Where are You?” and then Kenneth Davidson on the Global Economic Crisis. Each event raised \$1,700 and were attended by over 100 people. Another “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” evening together with two film nights at the Eureka Tower were supplemented with a park family BBQ for the visiting GSE Team from Turkey. Eleven members/partners attended District Conference in Launceston. Awards were presented to Frank O’Brien- “Rotarian of the Year” and the “Family of Rotary Award” to Annie Garrett. A “Royce Abbey Award” was presented to Justine Murphy and another Honorary Member was appointed in Dr. Lou Butterfield.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** The traditional “Silk Miller Scholarship” saw Police Constable, Jane Franklin sponsored to study for a Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare. We sponsored and transported two Year 11 students from Strathmore Secondary College to the RYPEN camps at Lancefield at a cost of \$500. We selected and sent Scott Young from University High to The National Youth Science Forum in Canberra at a cost of \$1,830. Our Club supported Genevieve De La Pena at a cost of \$660 to attend the RYLA programme and a book voucher to value of \$250 was presented to a student of University High for a maths prize. This was the second year we became involved in the successful Storm the Stage project in conjunction with District. We had three candidates in Music Theatre and one in Drama. All four were awarded a place in the State finals in Bendigo and two went on to represent Victoria in the national titles in Perth.

**VOCATIONAL:** This year saw the second year of the successful “Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program” sponsored by our Honorary Member, Steven Hallis. Another initiative has been the introduction of a “Career Transition Support Program” designed to support and guide club members in the event of physical, mental or financial stress due to loss of employment or career situations. We became involved in the national Shine On Awards this year by nominating Tricia Malowney who went on to win a well-deserved award. Tricia contracted polio at

the age of four months leaving her with residual paralysis. Tricia now works with people with a broad range of disabilities and works hard to raise the issues of inclusion.

**INTERNATIONAL:** The Club continued its support with \$1,000 for the **“Adopt A Village”** international project in Bougainville which enabled the small village of Namborosi to receive mosquito nets against malaria. The annual International House **“Fraternitas Award”** of \$1,000 was presented to student, Kathryn Labrum at the Valedictory Dinner attended by 10 of our members. A donation of \$1,200 was again made to purchase one Rotary Shelterbox and donation of \$700 to Interplast Australia. Many members were involved in a working bee at DIK to pack a container for Tanzania and made a donation of \$800. Twelve members/partners volunteered to help at the Echuca Steam Rally including baking 2,800 scones! Four members visited Gallipoli with the Rotary ANZAC Peace Tour and attended the dawn service.

The project called the **“Bagong Barrio Micro Credit Scheme”** has since developed into the 3 **E’s** Project and this year was spent in formalising contracts and agreements.

**FOUNDATION:** An excellent Annual PHF Breakfast featuring guest speaker, Sir Gus Nossal, was attended by over 300 guests and raised \$8,000 gross for the Rotary Foundation. In addition \$3,200 was raised from private donations to the Foundation. Our Club was selected to host the visiting GSE Team from Turkey who were home hosted with visits to the Courts, Parliament House and educational facilities. Paul Harris Fellow Sapphires were presented to Sir Gus Nossal, Richard Stone and Bruce McBain. **PHF’s** were awarded to John Ilott, Anne King and Russell Rolls.

**FUNDRAISING:** Gross Wine sales produced a profit of \$1,900 and sales of goods on e-Bay raised \$1,200. Another **“Hypothetical”** was un-sponsored but raised almost \$2,500. A member with contacts with the NAB secured a donation of \$7,000 from that Bank to the Rotary Foundation. The total amount raised through these and various other fundraising activities was \$17,800. In addition, this year, the saviours on the fundraising front were as different as they were unexpected. Late last Rotary year, the Rotary Club of South Yarra handed in its charter but before doing so, the members agreed to donate the **club’s** remaining funds of \$19,367.74 to our Club. This gift was made on the condition that \$15,000 of these funds would be used to help fund our planned projects at Bagong Barrio in the Philippines. The money has been set aside, awaiting commencement of the projects. A donation of \$1,400 was made to the Rotary Foundation and the balance is to be spent on agreed local or international projects.



2008 - 2009 – Launch of the Community Village project



2008 - 2009 – Hosting the GSE Team from Turkey



2008 - 2009 – Charter of the Rotary Club of Docklands



2008 - 2009 – Volunteers at the Homeless World Cup



2008 - 2009 – Sir Gustav Nosal, Judith Durham and President Roger at the very successful Paul Harris breakfast



2008 - 2009 – Receiving donation from Rotary Club of South Yarra for 3E projects (Enterprise, Environment and Education)



## The Twenty-Third Year – 1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010

**President:** ..... Kevin Love

**Vice President:** ..... Allan Driver

**Secretary** ..... David Jones

**Treasurer:** ..... Rebecca Riebeling

**President Elect:** ..... Anne King

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Justine Murphy

**Club Administration:** ..... Neil Salvano

**International:** ..... Allan Driver

**Vocational:** ..... Sue Bell

**New Generations:** ..... Michael Lapina

**Foundation:** ..... Roger Thornton

**Membership:** ..... Kevin Love

**Fundraising:** ..... Anne King

**Bulletin:** ..... Tony Thomas

**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Doug W. Robertson

**District Governor:** ..... Colin Muir

**Assistant Governor:** ..... Bob Batrouney

**R.I. President:** ..... John Kenny

**Rotary Theme:** ..... “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands”

**Membership:** 1st July 2009: ..... 54

1st May 2010: ..... 59

**New Members:** Ina Priede (Fundraising), Doug O. Robertson (Law - Corporate), Margaret Stuart (Neurokinesiology), Michael Wells (Policing - Community Relationships), Mandi Zonneveldt (Professional Services - Communications), Jillian Cavanagh (Education - Tertiary Business), Jen Warner (Strategic Human Resources), Andrew Roberts (Information Services and Technology), Jasper Kwok (Law - Commercial Litigation), Cathryn Ellis (Consulting Engineering - Management), Scott Munro (Law - General Practice)

**Members Lost:** Sue Bell, Cathryn Ellis, Phillip Martin, Doug Neilson, Ina Priede, Austin Whiting, Andrew Roberts.

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Over 145 food hampers and \$1,000 worth of food vouchers were donated by our members and partners at Christmas for distribution to disadvantaged families via mainly Steps Outreach Services and Hotham Mission. The Club provided over \$1,000 food vouchers to Steps Outreach Services for needy families. A maintenance working bee saw 11 volunteers at a Camp Getaway weekend and donations were made of \$500 towards building a gazebo for Royal Talbot Sensory Garden and \$200 to Rotary Health Research through collection of 5c coins. Support was given for Whitelion by 10 volunteers for their anniversary and annual Ball. “Know Your Numbers” project was supported by eight volunteers administering blood pressure and cholesterol readings through a city pharmacy. The “Community Village” project was conducted for the second year during Christmas lead-up but an application for government funding was not successful.

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** The Christmas breakfast meeting was attended by over 100 members/partners and friends who were entertained by Judith Durham of The Seekers fame. This year saw the discontinuation of the printed Weekly Bulletin in favour of the emailed version saving considerable costs. The Club website was replaced with “ClubRunner” software package launch in April. Another successful “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” was hosted in members’ homes for over 40 guests. Two film evenings were held at the Eureka Tower theatre and a BBQ was held for the visiting GSE Team from Spain at Lorne. Ten members and partners attended the District Conference in Perth. The “Rotarian of the Year” was presented to Gillian Farrell and The Family of Rotary Award went to Nina Lapina. The Club received a Presidential Citation for a Balanced Program.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** The traditional “Silk Miller Scholarship” saw Police Senior Constable Vicky Chaffey Cartwright sponsored to study for a Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare. We sent student, Angela Zhang from University High to the 12-day National Youth Science Forum in Canberra at a cost of \$1,750. A \$250 book voucher was presented to a student of University High for a maths prize and student, Yasein Yassin was sponsored for the week-long RYLA program.

**VOCATIONAL:** The highlight of vocational projects was the “Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program” in its third year. It has quickly grown to involve 20 other Rotary Clubs together with 20 very senior business leaders in mentoring 20 senior police leaders over 12 months. The aim is to increase their knowledge of the business environment, improve their understanding of strategic leadership and gain an insight into community service organisations such as Rotary. The program ended its 3-year pilot and has been accepted as an ongoing District sponsored project. Sponsorship was provided by IBM. Other vocational activities included a Club guided tour of the Recital Centre, the Rupert Bunny Art Exhibition at the NGV, the Salvadore Dali Exhibition and an architectural walking tour of three significant churches within the CBD.



**INTERNATIONAL:** The annual International House “Fraternitas Award” of \$1,000 was presented to student, Darren Ow at their Valedictory Dinner. A donation of \$3,600 was made to purchase three Rotary Shelterboxes at \$1,200 each. Donations were made of \$600 to aid relief in Manila and \$600 in Samoa. Two Special Breakfasts were conducted featuring the USA Consul General and Sister Trish Franklin on her work in Vietnam orphanages. We again supported our Sister Club with 10 volunteers to cook over 3,000 scones for their “Echuca Steam Rally. ”We also initiated a Friendship Club relationship with RC Paranaque Southwest in the Manila area of the Philippines. Two of our members travelled to the Philippines to investigate forward project opportunities. The original project called the “Bagong Barrio Micro Credit Scheme” in the Philippines has evolved into “The 3E’s - Enterprise, Education and Environment.” The scheme still aims to help students to study and gain a Certificate whilst generating their own income. It will further grant loans to those students who gain their Certificate to develop small businesses. Finally, environmental projects such as solar power and water purification will be investigated. Two members and partners visited Turkey for the Annual Rotary ANZAC Peace Tour and attended the dawn service and Lone Pine commemorations.

**FOUNDATION:** Another excellent Annual PHF Breakfast was held in November attended by 270 people from 33 Clubs and raised \$7,000 net for the Rotary Foundation. The guest speaker was Dr. Rhonda Galbally of “Our Community” who spoke elegantly from her wheelchair on overcoming disability. Our Club hosted the all-female GSE Team from Spain for one week and sponsored Prue Simmonds for the outgoing Team to Spain. Our Ambassadorial Scholar, Alex Brown returned home to USA after 12 months study in Melbourne. Paul Harris Fellows were presented to Michael Lapina and David Jones and also to non-Rotarians in Lyn McBain and Dr. Rhonda Galbally and Dr. Michael Dixon.

**FUNDRAISING:** The increased use of e-Bay to auction donated new and used goods online together with the usual Wine Sales raised a total of \$3,000. Another “Hypothetical” at BMW Edge included a high-profile panel and raised over \$4,800. We were also entertained by Judith Durham with versions of her own recently written songs. A Trivia Night in January was a hot night enjoyed by all and raised \$1,600 for club funds. The year saw a revival of the previously popular “Dinner and Wine Auction”. This event was run in conjunction with the recently formed Docklands Club and attended by 120 people. It was a very successful night that raised \$16,700 gross and a profit to our Club of \$13,600.



2009 - 2010 – Working bee at Camp Getaway



2009 - 2010 – Know Your Numbers campaign



2009 - 2010 – Hypothetical panel and audience at BMW Edge  
"Billy Batman spends a day in Melbourne"



2009 - 2010 – President Kevin and David Jones assisting at the  
Echuca Moama Steam Rally



2009 - 2010 – Members and partners enjoy a fun Trivia night



## The Twenty-Fourth Year – 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011

**President:** .....Anne King  
**Vice President:**.....Herb Greenwood  
**Secretary** .....David Jones  
**Treasurer:**.....Marjorie Gerlinger  
**President Elect:**.....Kevin Walklate  
**COMMITTEES:**

**Community** ..... Tony Thomas  
**Club Administration:**.....Bruce McBain  
**International:**.....Allan Driver  
**Vocational:** .....Justine Murphy

**New Generations:**.....Michael Lapina  
**Foundation:** .....Kevin Love  
**Membership:** .....Neville John  
**Fundraising:**.....Herb Greenwood  
**Bulletin:** .....Rebecca Riebeling  
**Sergeant at Arms:**.....Herb Greenwood  
**District Governor:** .....Iven Mackay  
**Assistant Governor:** .....Alan Freedman  
**R.I. President:** .....Ray Klingensmith  
**Rotary Theme:** .....“Building Communities-Bridging Continents”

**Membership:** 1st July 2010: .....59

1st May 2011: .....59

**New Members:** Tom Boyle (Primary Producer), Peter Lake (Management Consulting) Joel Siegersma (Sharebroking), Bruce Heron-Transferred from Netherlands (Corporate Finance), Koren Harvey (Business and Innovation).

**Members Lost:** Gillian Farrell, Gay Edgecombe, George Mills, Dr. George Robinson, Roger Thornton,

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Over 95 food hampers were donated by our members and partners at Christmas for distribution to disadvantaged families identified by Melbourne City Council. The Club facilitated over \$1,000 in supermarket food vouchers to Steps Outreach and another \$1,000 in vouchers to Hotham Mission. Working bees were held at the Royal Talbot Sensory Garden and Regina Coeli Homeless Women's Centre. A donation of \$1,000 was given to **Rotary Health Research**. The highlight of the year was the launch of a new “PROBUS Club of Melbourne Sunrise” at the Docklands. Over 30 new members quickly grew to 80 by year's end. A working bee was held at Regina Coeli for homeless women run by the Sisters of Mercy organisation. Work involved fencing, levelling and paving. “Know Your Numbers” was again conducted in a local City pharmacy over three 2-hour sessions to test the blood pressure of 60 passers-by.

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** Club awards presented this year include a RI Avenues of Service Award to Marjorie Gerlinger, Rotarian of the Year was Michael Wells and a Family of Rotary Award to his partner, Dianne Holbery. Kerstin Steiner received a Royce Abbey Award. A social BBQ was held to welcome new and potential members. A separate storage facility for memorabilia and files was arranged at Mulgrave. A Club Survey of members was held that provided some great feedback on what members wanted and suggested areas for improvement.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** The “Silk Miller Scholarship” saw Detective Senior Constable, Louise Richards sponsored to study for a Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare. We sponsored Year 11 student, Damien Hanson nominated by RC Echuca Moama to the RYPEN camp at Lancefield at a cost of \$286.00. A book voucher to value of \$250 was presented to a student, Myron Xie of University High for a maths prize. This year we resumed our involvement in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) by sponsoring student, Emily Pritchard of Diamond Valley College. Efforts to resume the Club's participation in Youth Exchange was not successful but shall be persevered with in future years.

**VOCATIONAL:** This year saw the fourth year of the “Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program”. It has now mentored over 80 senior police leaders in partnership with very senior business leaders and Rotarians from 20 other Clubs in District 9800. The program commenced as a 3-year pilot at an official launch in September 2007. During this year we partnered RC Carlton to provide support to University of Melbourne Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team that challenges students to take what they learn and apply their knowledge in real situations. Other vocational activities included a Club guided tour of a manufacturing and fabricating factory in Dandenong and a well-received Ethics Business Debate with our Club members.

**INTERNATIONAL:** The Club continued its support with \$995 for the “Adopt A Village” international project in Milne Bay Province of PNG which enabled the small village of Somwadine to receive mosquito nets against malaria. The annual International House “Fraternitas Award” of \$200 was presented to student, Panon Leelamanit and 10 members attended the Cafe Internationale. A donation of \$1,600 was made to purchase two Family Survival Packs through Disaster Aid Australia. Many members were involved in a working bee at DIK and \$3,000 was contributed to the annual operation costs of DIK and \$500 towards cost of a container Uganda. A project the “Bagong Barrio Micro Credit



**Scheme**” launched last year is now known as **“The 3E Projects-Enterprise, Education and Environment”** project is funded by former RC South Yarra and RC Osaka Hommachi and our Club. The first funding under the Enterprise section is expected to be made early next year and then progressively in terms of a signed agreement with all parties. A party of 12 members/partners visited Japan to assist celebrate the 20th birthday of our Sister Club, Osaka Hommachi and enjoyed a guided tour of two weeks in southern Japan (post Tsunami).

**FOUNDATION:** The Annual PHF Breakfast was held in November attended by 274 people and raised \$6,000 net for the Rotary Foundation and \$1,000 to PolioPlus. To date over US\$160,000 has been donated by our Club to the Rotary Foundation resulting from Paul Harris Breakfasts. This year saw the Governor of Victoria, David de Kretser AC as the guest speaker. Paul Harris Fellows were presented to Kevin Love, Darren Park, Cheryl Batagol, Sister Trish Franklin and Assistant Commissioner of Police, Kevin Scott. A PHF Sapphire was presented to Tony Thomas. We enjoyed a presentation by the visiting GSE Team from Texas, USA.

**FUNDRAISING:** The RCCMS Club is a great Club, but in organising functions it must keep in mind that it is a club of volunteers not employees. The initial objectives have been recognised along with the need to raise approximately \$25,000.00 for the Rotary Year 2010-2011 – we exceeded this amount with the successful completion of the **“Helping Raffle”**. We will have achieved the objective of carrying projects forward to the coming year by cooperation with the incoming Board and planning forward the opportunities to raise funds for the Club - Hypothetical, wine auction and district functions into the oncoming year. The active participation of the other Committees was vital in the successful running of many projects resulting in the raising of funds achieving the annual objective of the Club. Generally the other Committees responded well and assisted in running or organising the various activities of the Club resulting in the successful raising of sufficient funds. This cooperation was most rewarding and indicative of the spirit of Rotary.



2010- 2011 – RCCMS members visit RC Osaka Hommachi for their 20th anniversary



2010 - 2011 —Signing agreement for 3E projects (Environment, Education and Enterprise)



2010 - 2011 – Members manning the “Helping” raffle stand at Chadstone Shopping Centre



2010 - 2011 – BBQ catering for the International Students



2010 - 2010 – President Anne presents the Charter Certificate to the Probud Club of Melbourne Sunrise





## The Twenty-Fifth Year – 1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012

**President:** ..... Kevin Walklate  
**Vice President:** ..... Marjorie Gerlinger  
**Secretary** ..... Neil Salvano  
**Treasurer:** ..... Doug Robertson  
**President Elect:** ..... Kay Stevens

### COMMITTEES:

**Community** ..... Jen Warner  
**Club Administration:** ..... Kay Stevens  
**International:** ..... Kerstin Steiner/Allan Driver  
**Vocational:** ..... Justine Murphy

**New Generations:** ..... Michael Wells  
**Foundation:** ..... Anne King  
**Membership:** ..... Neville John  
**Fundraising:** ..... Kevin Love  
**Bulletin:** ..... Rebecca Riebeling  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Ed Stockdale  
**District Governor:** ..... Keith Ryall  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... David Pisterman  
**R.I. President:** ..... Kalyan Banerjee  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”

**Membership:** 1st July 2011: ..... 59  
1st May 2012: ..... 57

**New Members:** Neville Taylor (Policing - Safer Communities), Yanpu Zhang (Academic Research), Roger Thornton - Transfer from Jumeirah, Dubai (Gas Exploration), George Mackey (Information Technology), Darren Park (Forensic Accounting) Re-Joined.

**Members Lost:** Cheryl Batagol, Jasper Kwok, Scott Munro, Doug O. Robertson, Mandi Zonneveldt, Paul Maguire, Jen Warner.

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Food hampers and \$1,500 of food vouchers were donated by our members and partners at Christmas for distribution to disadvantaged families associated with Steps Outreach and the Hotham Mission Asylum Seekers programme. A Working bee at the Royal Talbot Hospital Sensory Garden was well attended as was the Community Village project to provide coffee/tea to midnight revellers outside of St Pauls Cathedral on a number of weekends until 4.30am. This project was supported by a \$5,000 grant from the City of Melbourne and the donation of a custom-built trailer by Jayco at no cost (scheduled for delivery August 2012).

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** During the year weekly meetings have run smoothly with excellent speakers, A Club forum, good sergeant sessions and - new for this year-meeting greeters! Sessions were held on use of the ClubRunner programme leading to better use of event registrations. Eleven members attended the District Conference held in Melbourne. Partner Lyn McBain was awarded the Family of Rotary Annual Trophy and Neil Salvano was Rotarian of the Year. A Royce Abbey Award was presented to recent new member Supt. Neville Taylor.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** The “Silk Miller Scholarship” saw Police Constable Kemal Brkic of Dandenong Police Complex assisted to study for a Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare. We sponsored and transported two students, Dudu Yang and Tony Luo from University High to attend the MUNA camp at Camp Getaway. We sent a very appreciative student, Jessica Noto from MacRobertson High to the Biology Australian Science Olympiad Summer School. We contributed to the cost of eleven financially disadvantaged Koori Girls from Echuca College to attend a weekend camp. A book voucher to value of \$200 was presented to student, Nicholas Waugh of University High for high achievement. We sponsored Oscar Clift for a 12-month Youth Exchange in Sweden. We also sponsored Niall Tofts to attend the RYLA Camp.

**VOCATIONAL:** This year saw the fifth year of the “Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program”. The ongoing success of the program and increasing status as a key leadership opportunity within Victoria Police, was reiterated through the wholehearted endorsement of new Chief Commissioner Ken Lay upon his appointment to his new role. Not only has the program achieved the ongoing commitment and endorsement from Victoria Police - they have also taken on responsibility for its funding, rather than seeking external sponsorship - a key milestone in the program’s history. In October, during Vocational Services month, we once again held a well-received “Ethics in Business Debate” with our Club Members. Other vocational activities included a Club guided tour by 21 members and partners to the Western Treatment Plant and also the unforgettable experience of a six-hour tour of the Victoria Police Operations Centre including the Air Wing, Search & Sea Rescue and even a “fully operational Booze Bus”.

**INTERNATIONAL:** This year we fostered the development of a “friendship Club” arrangement with the RC Paranaque Southwest in Manila, Philippines. Further work is required on this next year. The 3E Projects - Enterprise, Education and Environment progressed with financial support from RC Osaka Hommachi of US\$5,000. Under Education, the sum of \$4,500 was provided to assist students gain a Certificate IV level in the form of limited scholarships. An amount of \$2,100 was contributed towards the freight cost of a container to the Philippines together with RC Brighton Beach. Under Enterprise, the sum of \$2,500 was provided to establish a grant of loans to residents to develop



small businesses based on their training received. Under Environment, the sum of \$2,500 has been earmarked for supply of solar powered house lighting. The annual International House “Fraternitas Award” was presented to student, Sarah Ong and a donation of \$1,600 was made to purchase Disaster Aid Australia (DAA) family survival kits. A large working bee was held at the Donations In Kind store packing clothes for overseas need. Another large group of members including partners travelled to Echuca to help our Sister Club with their Annual Steam Rally fundraiser. Further projects included \$1,000 to RAM Adopt a Village and \$1,000 to International House for student counselling.

**FOUNDATION:** Another excellent Annual PHF Breakfast was held in November attended by 280 people and raised a record amount of \$8,479 net for the Rotary Foundation. Our Club was very active in being represented on the outgoing GSE Team to D5230 in Southern California, USA by Adam Mckie and we hosted the incoming GSE Team from that District for five days. A Paul Harris Recognition Fourth Sapphire was presented to John Meehan, Sapphire to Alan Seale and a PHF was also presented to partner Rebecca John. Further PHF Recognitions were presented to Prof. Patrick McGorry AO at the Paul Harris Breakfast and to Garry Nolan at the Police Mentoring Graduation Breakfast.

**FUNDRAISING:** This year’s fundraising focused on a Special Breakfast, Inside Story, wine sales and the continuation of the e-Bay project. These were complemented by some generous gifts and some project funding. The Special Breakfast featured Andrew Macleod, CEO of the Committee for Melbourne and foundation chair of the UN Global Compact Principles for Social Investment initiative. It featured a presentation on how the UN Global Compact and its “Principles” initiative provided the opportunity for Melbourne to establish itself as an international centre for Corporate Social Responsibility programs. The breakfast yielded a net profit of over \$1,500. An evening function titled “Inside Story” provided the opportunity for Club members and friends to hear the true stories behind the solving of two notorious crimes the Russell Street bombing which killed Constable Angela Taylor and the kidnapping and murder of Le Anh Tuan. While the event yielded only a small net return, it shows promise for the future. On Australia Day we conducted a fundraising sausage sizzle at the Cook’s Cottage site in Fitzroy Gardens which raised \$760. Wine sales continue to be a popular form of fundraising with the sourcing of good value, high quality wines. The eBay project continues to show potential but relies on members identifying goods that can be sold.



2011 - 2012 – Sponsored Koori Girls Years 9-12 High Ropes Challenge with RC Echuca Moama



2011 - 2012 – Vocational Visit – behind the scenes policing



2011 - 2012 – Hosting GSE Team from California, USA



2011 - 2012 – Six years on – Our efforts rewarded at the Sensory Garden Royal Talbot Hospital after many working bees



2011 - 2012 – Vocational Visit to the Western Treatment Plant in Werribee



2011 - 2012 – A very successful Paul Harris breakfast





2011 - 2012 – Charter President Terry Cocks and President address the 25th Birthday lunch



2011 - 2012 – The programme



2011 - 2012 – ... Some of the attendees...



2011 - 2012 – The raffle draw



2011 - 2012 – ... more of the attendees



2011 - 2012 – Charter President Terry cuts the cake assisted by



2011 - 2012 – Mr Kotaro Kishi, President; Mr Shunsaka Okada President Elect/Chair International Service; and Ms Meigyoku Uchiama, Chair International Service (2012 - 2013) present gifts from RC Osaka Hommachi

## The Twenty-Sixth Year – 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013

**President:** ..... Kay Stevens

**Vice President:**.....Tom Callander

**Secretary** .....Neil Salvano

**Treasurer:** .....Bernie Gerlinger

**President Elect:**.....Doug Robertson

### COMMITTEES:

**Club Administration:**..... Neville Taylor

**Community** .....Doug Robertson

**International:**..... Roy Garrett

**New Generations:**.....Michael Wells

**Vocational:** ..... Kerstin Steiner

**Foundation:** .....Kevin Walklate

**Fundraising:** ..... Darren Park

**Membership:** ..... Neville John

**Bulletin:** .....Tony Thomas, Kerstin Steiner, David Jones

**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Michael Bromby

**District Governor:** .....Dennis Shore

**Assistant Governor:** ..... Tony Wells

**R.I. President:** .....Sakuji Tanaka

**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Peace Through Service”

**Membership:** 1st July 2012: ..... 57

1st May 2013: ..... 47

**New Members:** Greg Cuthbert (Scheduling Manager - Digital Portfolio); Patrick Barry (Corporate and Safety Law); and John Price (Materials and Mechanical Engineering)

**Members Lost:** Ed Stockdale, Greg Michener, Micaela Lapina, Margaret Stuart, Inez Dussuyer, Kathy Ilott, Joel Siegersma, Michael Lapina, Rebecca Riebeling, Ian Angus, Peter Lake, Keith Frampton and John Meehan.

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** The year commenced with some subtle changes implemented to the weekly breakfast format being outcomes from the Club Horizons Planning Day in May 2012. Some of these changes were the removal of grace and commencing with a toast to Rotary International. The Presidential Chains of Office was worn only on official occasions which included member inductions and visits by the District Governor. The sergeant session moved away from the traditional joke/story telling/quiz and fines format to a musical program spanning the Rotary year. This engaging program highlighted the favourite piece of music/song of every active member that was presented in the sergeant's sessions in an entertaining musical quiz. A highlight of the year was the production of a video of greetings to our sister club in Japan, RC of Osaka Hommachi in celebration of their merger with the RC of Osaka Midosuji.

Members enjoyed an excellent range of guest speakers and the Club continued to express appreciation with the presentation of Timor Leste soap in gift boxes to speakers.

All active members continued to be engaged and attendances increased through their rostered participation in the various meeting duties. Several members achieved a milestone as debut Chairs, assisted by the introduction of a revamped and improved running sheet format.

Several initiatives were implemented during the year to enhance communications, public relations and the brand of RCCMS. The weekly Bulletin received presentation improvements following a member survey and moved to a publication team of three for a variety in writing styles. A website review team has progressed through an exploratory phase in identifying and improving the appearance and functionality of the website. The result aims to provide a site that is user friendly for the broader membership in accessing information, registering for events and email messaging.

Other public relations initiatives included the weekly email advertisement of the upcoming breakfast guest speaker; monthly pre-breakfast photo collage display on the big screen featuring footage of all members active event participation; the weekly Directors three-minute update on key activities in the Avenues of Service; and the weekly segment on **Presidents'** announcements.

Cluster Club visits were organized on a committee basis; eleven members and partners attended the D9800 annual conference at Albury, ten members the District Assembly at Melton and three members participated in the Rotary Leadership Institute.

The wellbeing of members and partners was managed well with the Almoner and helpers keeping in touch with several of those suffering various illnesses and accidents throughout the year. The club protection policy remains strong with over 70% of active members holding current Working with Children Cards. Members and friends demonstrated a high level of commitment to service recording a total of more than 2,200 volunteer hours on the various projects and activities.



During the year a number of special and social events were held, including a very special Christmas Breakfast with a **theme of "Giving"** featuring performances by a number of our musical and thespian members and a special reflection by special guest Roland Rocchiccioli, and a family BBQ at Central Park, Malvern.

The Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Alan Seale, Family of Rotary Award to Annie Garret and Certificates of Appreciation to Stevie and Michelle Carew for assistance at RYPEN March 2013, Ian Angus, George Mackey, Tony Thomas and Roger Thornton.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** At Christmas our members, partners and friends donated around 100 hampers and \$1,500 of food vouchers for distribution to disadvantaged families associated with the Steps Outreach and the Lentara UnitingCare Asylum Seekers programs.

Twenty members and partners plus four members of RC Melbourne attended the annual working bee at the Royal Talbot Hospital Sensory Garden, held on Rotarians At Work Day. Two working bees were held at McAuley House and new outdoor furniture was supplied. This was made by Alan Seale, Roger Thornton and Gerard Hogan and funded by a District Foundation Grant and Club funds. Eleven members and partners spent a weekend at Camp Getaway painting the ladies shower block.

Know Your Numbers, staffed by members and partners who are health professionals, was conducted over two days in the foyer of the RACV City Club with 91 persons being tested.

A custom-built trailer for Community Village, donated by Jayco, was delivered in September 2012. This was used during an extended staging of the program including AFL Footy finals, the Spring Racing Carnival plus Friday and Saturday nights in the lead up to Christmas. We were strongly supported by other Rotary Clubs and Rotaractors. The Victoria Police Media Unit produced a professional six-minute promotional video on the developments and role of Community Village.

**INTERNATIONAL:** This year the Committee worked hard to establish a new series of building developments for Hue Kang High School in Laung Prabang province, Laos. The year's project was supported by a District Foundation Grant of \$7,200 and entailed the renovation of several classrooms to address the severe overcrowding experienced by these disadvantaged and orphaned students. The project is a result of a 2012 RCCMS visit to this province. In November 2013 the project will extend to building kitchen and sanitation facilities at the high school. For this venture and for any educational assistance that our club may provide to Laos in future years a RAWCS application for tax deductibility status has been approved with the broader project area 'Assistance to Laotian Schools' now having RAWCS registration. This is a major benefit to the club in terms of the encouragement it should engender in members to donate funds to our Laos projects.

The Club also provided financial support to Kampuchea House, Cambodia - \$1,000; Disaster Aid Australia - \$800; and Rotary Against Malaria \$800 to Timor Leste.

Support was given to International House in the form of a student Fraternitas Award to Nat Nguyen and by six club delegates attending Café Internationale.

Hands on assistance was given to Donations in Kind through assistance with projects and in June 2013 14 members and partners assisted our sister club, the Rotary Club of Echuca Moama, at the 50th anniversary of their Steam Rally event.

**NEW GENERATIONS:** The major achievement this year for the New Generations Committee was its most successful hosting in March of the RYPEN camp. The Committee provided the catering and associated food management to around 65 participants including students, leaders and supporting Rotarians. The committee was fortunate to have considerable assistance from Stevie Carew from the RACV and his wife Michelle. Whilst it was a lot of hard work for the volunteers, the overall benefits of the camp to the students were extremely rewarding.

Other support provided by the Club continued the work of previous years. Four students from Mount Alexander College were sponsored to attend RYPEN, two students from University High and two from Mount Alexander College to attend MUNA and one from University High to attend the Science Experience. The club also sponsored two participants to RYLA. An achievement award was presented to a University High School student at the valedictory dinner. The Club also sponsored four students and a teacher from Mount Alexander College to attend the Women in Rotary International **Women's Day** breakfast.

**VOCATIONAL:** The committee held a vocational forum featuring interactive debate on the Rotary Four Way Test; supported the Police Leadership Mentoring Program - now in its sixth year; organised job talks given by Club members at weekly meetings and produced a useful and handy business card of the Rotary 4-Way Test for members to use or distribute.

During May 2013, the Vocational Committee completed its development of a Vocational Skills Database, which, through a Survey Monkey questionnaire, has identified members' soft skills that can be drawn on for club activities.

Vocational visits included Police Academy at Glen Waverley which included attending a Police Graduation ceremony; and a behind the scenes tour of the RACV City Club.

**FOUNDATION:** The 20th Paul Harris Breakfast in November 2012 was a great success with over 250 Rotarians and guests attending. The function raised \$9,778, from attendance, a raffle and a special auction of two generously donated major prizes from Qantas and Barloworld Mercedes Benz. Once again Brian Downie was the driving force behind the donation of the raffle and auction prizes.

From the proceeds the Club donated \$6,000 to the Rotary Foundation and \$1,000 to the Polio Challenge. The funds raised also supported other Rotary Foundation activities including support of Steve Bourke as a team member in the District 9800's Group Study Exchange tour to the UK and provided a Royce Abbey Award to Yanpu Zhang.

The Club was successful in nominating and financially supported Katrina John as a member of the District 9800 delegation to the Peace Forum in Hiroshima in May 2013.

The Committee continued promotion of Paul Harris Society membership, Every Rotarian Every Year membership and the Benefactor Program of Rotary.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to: Michael Bromby - 2nd sapphire; Brian Downie - sapphire; and John Illott - sapphire.



FUNDRAISING: The 2012-2013 goals for fundraising encompassed more than just raising a budget amount. Fundraising events were undertaken with a strong mission to engender enjoyment and club spirit at each event.

The Charity auction on 12 October 2012 at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club was attended by 240 people with a silent and live auction, good food and wine and a retro band, it raised \$26,295.

A sausage sizzle on Labour Day Monday 11 March **2013 on the lawn area of St Paul's Cathedral made good use of the two BBQs and marquees** that are part of the Community Village trailer set-up, strengthened our **club's** image in the CBD and raised \$714.

A special breakfast on 9 April 2013 with eminent speaker Alan Attwood, Editor of The Big Issue magazine, speaking on the topic 'Wrestling with the Big Issues' raised \$1,516, eBay sales, marshalling for the City-2-Sea fun run and some donations provided the balance.

Two District Foundation Grants of \$1,200 for the McAuley House project and \$7,200 for the Hue Kang High School project in Laos were received. The Club also received \$1,120 from the District RYPEN committee for catering of the March camp due to the efforts of Stevie Carew in obtaining donations of consumables.



2012 - 2013— Family BBQ in Central Park, Malvern





2012 - 2013— The Club's new custom-built trailer donated by Jayco was delivered



2012 - 2013 – Another busy year for Community Village



2012 - 2013— The female bathroom at Camp Getaway after refurbishment by members and partners over a weekend



2012 - 2013— Another successful Paul Harris Breakfast with guest speaker Victorian Police Commissioner Ken Lay



2012 - 2013— Our GSE team member to the UK, Steve Bourke, presents President Kay with Friendship Banners on his return



2012 - 2013 – Know Your Numbers was held over two days in





2012 - 2013— DG Dennis and Lynda Shore enjoying the Charity Gala with Robin Stevens



2012 - 2013 – The volunteer helpers for the auction, family of members, their friends and RYLarians



2012 - 2013— Some of the many silent auction items on offer ...



2012 - 2013.....and more silent auction items



2012 - 2013 – Auctioneer, Peter Batrouney in full flight auctioning the main auction items



2012 - 2013—After the auction, fun and dancing was enjoyed to “Back Dated”





2012 - 2013— Part of McAuley House garden before a working bee by members and partners...



2012 - 2013 — ...the same area at the end of the working bee



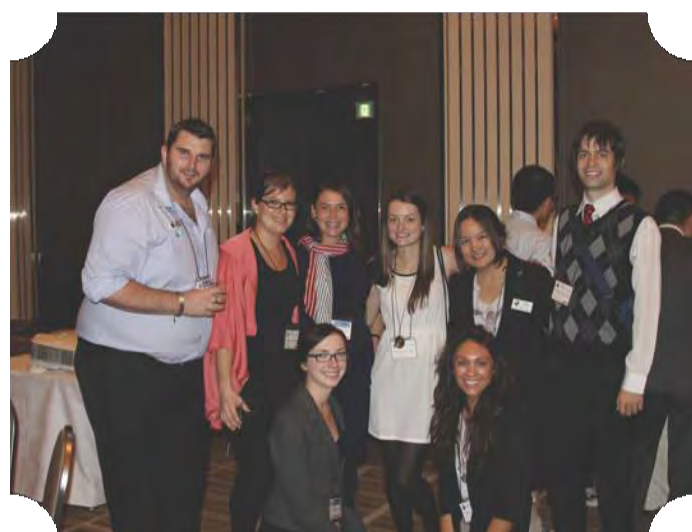
2012 - 2013— Outdoor furniture constructed by Alan Seale, Roger Thornton and Gerard Hogan ready for deliver to McAuley House



2012 - 2013 — Members and partners assisting our Sister Club Echuca Moama bake and sell scones at their 50th Steam Rally



2012 - 2013— The Rotary Global Peace Forum in Hiroshima



2012 - 2013 — Our Club supported attendee, Katrina John (bottom right) with the team from District 9800





*2012 - 2013— The before shot of the area to be cleared at the start of the Royal Talbot Sensory Garden working bee*



*2012 - 2013 — ...the same area at the end of the working bee ready for new planting*



*2012 - 2013— The working bee team enjoying a well deserved lunch when the work was completed*



*2012 - 2013— Members, partners and friends enjoyed a behind the scenes tour of the Police Academy at Glen Waverley, including a passing out parade*



*2012 - 2013 — The tour included lunch in the dining room with Chief Commissioner Ken Lay*



*2012 - 2013 — Our GSE team member, Acting Inspector Steve Bourke, demonstrating safe firearms practices*





2012 - 2013— Behind the scenes tour of the RACV City Club with Chef Stevie Carew



2012 - 2013 – We were able to see the kitchens at work



2012 - 2013— Cakes being made for the coffee shop



2012 - 2013— The Club hosted the RYPEN camp held at Camp Weekaway, Lancefield



2012 - 2013 – A sumptuous breakfast prepared for the students and leaders by the volunteers



2012 - 2013 – Some of the volunteers with President Kay and Chefs extraordinaire Stevie and Michelle Carew





2012 - 2013 – Presentation to the Club by the team which helped finance and complete the new classrooms for the Ban Houe Yen primary school in Laos



2012 - 2013 – Partners Pippa Thornton and Pauline O'Brien assist with a class



2012 - 2013—Frank O'Brien and Roy Garrett hard at work on the final outside painting. Roger Thornton and Herb Greenwood were similarly employed inside the building



2012 - 2013 – The team with the local coordinator after a very long, hard, but satisfying, day



2012 - 2013 – The finished classrooms



2012 - 2013 – The official handover ceremony

## The Twenty-Seventh Year – 1st July 2013 to 30th June 2014

**President:** ..... Doug Robertson  
**Vice President:** ..... Alan Seale  
**Secretary** ..... Bruce McBain  
**Treasurer:** ..... Yanpu Zhang  
**President Elect:** ..... Roy Garrett

### COMMITTEES:

**Club Administration:** ..... Neville Taylor  
**Community** ..... Robin Stevens/Roger Thornton  
**International:** ..... Roy Garrett  
**New Generations:** ..... George Mackey  
**Vocational:** ..... Jillian Cavanagh



**Foundation:** ..... Kay Stevens/Herb Greenwood  
**Fundraising:** ..... Greg Cuthbert  
**Membership:** ..... Neville John  
**Bulletin:** ..... Tony Thomas, Kerstin Steiner, David Jones  
**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Michael Bromby  
**District Governor:** ..... Ross Butterworth  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... Tony Wells  
**R.I. President:** ..... Ron Burton  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Engage Rotary Change Lives”

**Membership:** 1st July 2013: ..... 47  
1st May 2014: ..... 47

**New Members:** Stuart Ellis (Emergency Services); Sat Mishra (IT Business Development); and Robert Hines (Tourism and Leisure); Stella Avramopoulos (Community Welfare)

**Members Lost:** Jillian Cavanagh, Brian Downie, Kay Stevens and Robin Stevens

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** At the weekly meetings Michael Bromby again took the role of sergeant to a new level with the whole Club taking turns to write lines for the Epic Poem and also introduced his own version of “Would I lie to you” and John Ilott continued to provide a wide range of excellent guest speakers along with interesting Vocational and Behind the Badge talks from members.

Communication, branding and membership were a major focus for the year with sub-committees taking on each of these projects resulting in the review of printed material and development of a new member brochure, a new web URL to enhance our Google search ratings and assistance to members to develop their own elevator speech.

Once again we enjoyed a very special Christmas breakfast and the social highlight was the Peninsula BBQ at the home of Honorary member PP John Meehan OAM and Lorraine Meehan OAM.

The Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Roger Thornton, Family of Rotary Award jointly awarded to Margaret Thomas and Pippa Thornton and Certificates of Appreciation to Michael Bromby, Barrie Tassell and Yanpu Zhang.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** The Community Village project continued its pre-Christmas activities for a 5th year with extra stageings for a soccer match, a race day and White Night. Once again volunteers came not only from RCCMS but also from several other Rotary and Rotaract Clubs. Funding from Victoria Police and the BHP Billiton ‘Matching Giving’ program allowed the project to be delivered without drawing on general fundraising.

At the request of the City of Melbourne the Club manned a booth at the inaugural Mind, Body and Soul event, the purpose of which was to expose retirees to new possibilities for engagement and participation.

Once again the Club donated hampers and food vouchers to Steps Outreach Service and Lentara Uniting Care and further helped the community by holding working bees at McAuley House and Royal Talbot and became a sponsor of a new Men's Shed at Federation Square. The linkage with Lentara was strengthened with the launch of a mentoring program between RCCMS and their asylum seeker program. A Foundation Grant and Club funds allowed a scoping document to be completed with the trial starting in July 2014.

Another new initiative this year was the “Tree of Joy” located in the TAL offices which allowed their staff to provide gifts to three charities (Steps Outreach Service, Lentara and Shine for Kids) as part of the company’s corporate responsibility program. Nearly 75 gifts were distributed. Also for the first time the Club, with the support of the AIS, planned an Iftar dinner which was held during Ramadan in July 2014.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Members and partners were pleased to host six members and partners from RC Osaka Midosuji Hommachi, on a dinner cruise, at the RI world convention in Sydney.

The Club supported Donations in Kind working bees throughout the year, assisted Kampuchea House Orphanage with a cash donation and also donated to the RAM - Adopt a Village project. A donation was also provided to Disaster Aid Australia following the devastating Philippines typhoon.

Work continued on school projects in Laos with a group attending the handover ceremony for the completed Hue Kang High School project and planning started for the renovation of the Ban Houy Thao School.

Support continued for International House with the presentation of the Fraternitas Award to Brian Mendis and attendance at the annual Café International.

VOCATIONAL: Club members and guests enjoyed three excellent vocational visits to the Kangan Institute and Fox Auto Museum; the stamp making facility at Australia Post; and the MFB. These were followed by social dinners.

During Vocational month a debate was held on the topic of youth ambitions and attitudes in the workplace.

The Police mentoring project entered its eighth year and continues to go from strength to strength with some significant changes being implemented following a program review by the steering committee and Victoria Police.

YOUTH: Another busy year in this portfolio with support being given to allow students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment and the National Youth Science Forum. Prizes were presented to outstanding students at the University High School and Mount Alexander College valedictory dinners.

After running the program for a number of years a systematic review of the Silk Miller Scholarship was conducted. This found that the scholarship was still highly relevant and consistent with the Clubs aims and objectives. The club presented our first scholarship for Masters level study to Liz Toffoletti who had already completed the Graduate Diploma course.

Two new projects were researched and deferred for review in 2014/15. These were a country/city exchange and the provision of a professional service offering (job search process and interview skills) to Mount Alexander College.

FOUNDATION: The annual Paul Harris breakfast, with guest speaker Hon. Justice Chris Maxwell, raised nearly \$10,000 with the monies being distributed to The Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus and The Royce and Jean Abbey endowment fund.

The Club welcomed Global Scholar Michelle Heard who will be mentored by Club member Koren Harvey while studying a two-year Executive Master of Arts at the University of Melbourne.

The Royce Abbey Award was presented to Greg Cuthbert and Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to: Roy Garrett, Justine Murphy and Neil Salvano - 2nd sapphire.

FUNDRAISING: The focus for the committee this year was to investigate a wide range of options to find a sustainable event to raise funds from a wider circle of benefactors - ideally the general public. While no final decision was made several ideas were taken forward into 2014-15 for further investigation.

**With assistance from the City of Melbourne and involvement from Roland Rocchiccioli RCCMS hosted a play “The Greatest is Love” at the Melbourne Town Hall in October 2013. A good number of Rotarians, partners and friends enjoyed a memorable play written and performed by Roland alongside Glenda Linscott which raised more than \$8,600.**

Conceived as a series of small gatherings, fundraising dinners, to which members could bring partners and friends and enjoy a first class meal and wines whilst raising funds for the club proved to be a great success raising funds of \$4,750.

In addition the Club applied for and was successful in accessing a number of grants. These included a \$5,000 District Grant for Project #4 in Laos, \$4,680 for Laos Projects from club members and friends, \$3,000 from Victoria Police to fund the 2013-2014 operation of Community Village and \$2,900 from City of Melbourne to fund the 2014-2015 operation together with \$1,500 for 2014-2015 from BHP Billiton (as a **result of Neil Salvano’s community work**). **The Club also received a \$1,800 District Grant to help fund a scoping study for an Asylum Seekers Mentoring Project.** A further District Grant of \$500 was received to help fund the Membership Project.





2013 - 2014 – Vocational visit to the stamp printing facility of Australia Post



2013- 2014 – The partially renovated Ban Houy Thao School in Laos



2013 - 2014 – Fun and frivolity at the inaugural Peninsula BBQ at John and Lorraine Meehan's



2013 - 2014 – DIK working bee loading bedding and beds from the Alfred Hospital



2013 - 2014 – Vocational visit to the MFB



2013 - 2014 – Fortune Cookie fundraising lunch





2013 - 2014 – International House Fraternatis Awardee Brian Mendis receiving his award



2013 - 2014 – Global Scholar Michelle Heard with her counsellor Koren Harvey



2013 - 2014 – Members and partners of RCCMS entertaining members and partners of RC Osaka Midosuji Hommachi at the Rotary International World Convention in Sydney



2013 - 2014 – Children and staff of Kampuchea House Orphanage in Cambodia



2013 - 2014 – Working bee at McAuley House women's refuge



2013 - 2014 – Rotary Rest Centre at White Night





2013 - 2014 – Presenting banner to new Men's Shed in Federation Square



2013 - 2014 – “Tree of Joy” at TAL office where staff provided gifts for disadvantaged children



2013 - 2014 – We sponsored Edy De Costa from Timor Leste to RYLA



2013 - 2014 – Sergeant Michael's “Epic Poem” was contributed to by all members. Russell Rolls and Wolfgang Jacobs share their verses.



2013 - 2014 – RCCMS members share Rotary with retirees attending the Mind, Body and Soul event



2013 - 2014 – Tony Thomas presenting awards to Mt Alexander College students at their valedictory dinners



2013 - 2014 – The 21st Paul Harris breakfast with guest speaker the Hon. Justice Chris Maxwell





2013 - 2014 – Fundraising play “The Greatest is Love” starring Glenda Linscott and Roland Rocchiccioli



2013-2014 – Members and partners at the 10th working bee at the Royal Talbot Sensory Garden



2013 - 2014 – Fundraising lunch at Tarrawarra Winery



2013 - 2014 – Presentation of Silk Miller Scholarship to Elizabeth Toffoletti to study for a Masters in Adolescent Health



2013 - 2014 – Fundraising dinner hosted at home by Robyn and Alan Seale



2013 - 2014 – Members and partners enjoying a Vocational visit to the Kangan Institute

## The Twenty-Eighth Year – 1st July 2014 to 30th June 2015

**President:** ..... Roy Garrett

**Vice President:** ..... Tom Callander

**Secretary:** ..... Tony Thomas

**Treasurer:** ..... Yanpu Zhang

**President Elect:** ..... George Mackey

### COMMITTEES:

**Club Administration:** ..... Roger Thornton

**Community:** ..... Neville Taylor/Neil Salvano

**International:** ..... Frank O'Brien

**Vocational:** ..... David Jones

**Youth:** ..... George Mackey

**Foundation:** ..... Doug Robertson

**Fundraising:** ..... Greg Cuthbert

**Membership:** ..... Neville John

**Bulletin:** ..... Bruce McBain

**Sergeant at Arms:** ..... Bernie Gerlinger

**District Governor:** ..... Murray Verso

**Assistant Governor:** ..... Ian Salek

**R.I. President:** ..... Gary C.K. Huang

**Rotary Theme:** ..... "Light Up Rotary"

**Membership:** 1st July 2014: ..... 47

1st May 2015: ..... 48

**New Members:** Tony Fritsche (Human Resources - Labour Hire & Training); Elias Lebbos (Community Welfare); Warwick Cavell (Business Strategist and Facilitator); Paul Fraser (Human Resources Management); Cecily Neil (Community Health Development); and Peter Duras (Sports Physiotherapist) transferring from RC Essendon.

**Members Lost:** Michael Bromby, Kerstin Steiner and John Barker. Richard Bowen - transferred to RC Casterton and sadly John Price died suddenly. This year also saw the sad passing of PP and honorary member Dr Lou Butterfield.

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** At the breakfast meetings members and guests were once again treated to a range of excellent speakers (organised by John Illott) who, at different times, were inspirational, entertaining, challenging and informative. The meetings also provided the opportunity for members to be briefed on activities by the introduction of a regular five-minute time slot for Directors and Chairs to update members on their **committees'** activities.

An inaugural Business Leaders breakfast was held with Leigh Clifford AO, Chairman of Qantas Airways as the guest speaker. It is planned to hold this function each year as a fundraiser.

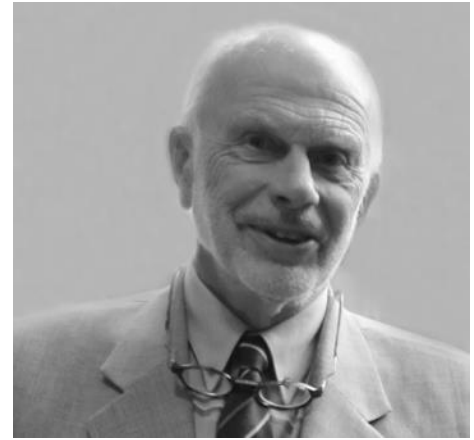
David Jones turned out an interesting and informative bulletin each week and sergeant Bernie Gerlinger did his best to raise funds by tapping the members lack of knowledge on a number of subjects. Almoner Richard Mitchell made sure that those members and their partners who fell ill during the year received the best wishes of club members. Sadly, we bade farewell to charter and honorary member, Lou Butterfield, who died on 29 January 2015. His long and distinguished contribution to the club was recognised at his funeral service in **St George's Anglican Church, Red Hill. The service was well attended by both past and present club members. One of the Club's** newer members John Price also passed away suddenly in June 2015.

The Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Greg Cuthbert, Family of Rotary Award to Rebecca John and Certificates of Appreciation to Peter Duras, John Illott and Richard Mitchell and an Avenue of Service Citation to Tony Thomas.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** The Community Service Committee successfully delivered nine community service projects during the year and assisted the International Committee in the organisation of a tenth in remote Western Australia. These included several new projects: the inaugural Iftar Dinner held in conjunction with the Australian Intercultural Society with a second event planned; a partnership with the Lentara Uniting Care Asylum Seeker Project in a year-long pilot of a program to mentor educated asylum seekers in preparing to establish themselves in business or the professions in Australia upon granting of a visa; and an active role in the formation of the Federation Square Men's Shed.

Working bees were held at McAuley House, Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre and Camp Getaway. Community Village was run over eight nights in November and December and the **"Rotary Rest Centre"** was conducted overnight during White Night in February.

Once again club members and partners generously donated Christmas Hampers and food vouchers for Steps Outreach Service and Lentara UnitingCare and the TAL Insurance **"Tree of Joy"** provided 170 **children's** gifts for Steps Outreach Service, Shine for Kids and Lentara UnitingCare Asylum Seeker Project.





**INTERNATIONAL:** The Club supported Donations in Kind working bees throughout the year, assisted Kampuchea House Orphanage with a cash donation, donated to the RAM - Adopt a Village project and supported a fundraiser to build an isolation ward at Bo **Children's** Hospital in Sierra Leone during the Ebola Virus crisis. Donations were provided for Disaster Aid Australia survival packs following disasters in Vanuatu and Nepal.

The Club undertook the 5th school project in Laos which was to improve the amenity and functionality of two classrooms at the Ban Buam Aor School in a small village 20kms from Luang Prabang which is only accessible by boat for much of the year. A major portion of the funds for this project, around \$10,000, was provided by the CEO Circle of whom member Rob Hines is a Group Chair. A District Grant was received to assist with the school fitout and upgrade of the village water supply. Further funds were provided by the travelling group, led by President Roy and Annie, when they attended the opening ceremony.

Support continued for International House with the presentation of the Fraternitas Award to Darcy Richardson and attendance by members and partners at the annual Café International.

The Club commenced a new Indigenous Project at Fitzroy Crossing with a team of 18 volunteers, nine Club members and their partners, visiting Fitzroy Crossing from 14 June 2015 for one week as the first phase of the project to gain a deeper understanding of the cultural and social issues in the surrounding Valley and to work with the local men and women in the Social Enterprise Centre and the Men's Shed. During this initial visit, the men supplied tools and materials and transferred skills to the local indigenous men to enable them to make wooden toys for the local community and for sale to tourists visiting the area. At the Social Enterprise Centre, which is part of the **Women's** Resource Centre, the women from Rotary transferred various handicraft skills to the local indigenous women to enable them to make products from their existing artwork and screen printing for sale to tourists. Funding for this project was provided by the CEO Circle.

Former member of the Club, George Mills, attended and represented the Club at the first anniversary celebrations of our Sister Club RC Osaka Midosuji Hommachi (a celebration of the two clubs merging). As in past years members and partners strongly supported Sister Club RC Echuca Moama's Queen's Birthday weekend steam rally.

**VOCATIONAL:** The highly successful Police Mentoring program continued with significant changes to the format. At the request of Victoria Police Command the program was for the first time run in two streams. Senior police participants from the rank of superintendent worked with a mentor from the business community and focused on strategic management. The second parallel stream comprising senior sergeants was supported by mentors from Rotary clubs around Victoria and the emphasis was on community engagement, a key priority for Victoria Police. Given this change in the program design, the opportunity was taken to open up the recruiting protocol outside D9800 so that interested Rotarians could nominate to become a mentor. This proved to be very effective in attracting some excellent candidates and will be continued in 2015-16.

The Club hosted the five-member Group Study Exchange team from District 6840, (South East Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf Coast, USA) for five days organising a full range of vocational visits as well as a comprehensive social program.

Throughout the year a number of members presented talks on **"What's New In My Business"**.

**YOUTH:** As always the Youth portfolio was busy. It started the year by supporting Ed Petitt, RC Houston, when he attended the World Aids Congress with eight young people from Botswana. Ed was introduced to the club by incoming Global Grant Scholar (Peace and Conflict Studies), Michelle Heard.

Two students were sponsored in conjunction with Victoria Police Legacy to attend the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment Camp. Juanita Fewkes was sponsored to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and two (Emily Cook and Stephanie Morgan) of the three sponsored students were successful in the highly competitive selection process for the National Youth Science Forum at ANU. Two students, Aditya Sethi and Joseph Nguyen, were sponsored to attend the MUNA camp. The club also supported the Model United Nations Assembly at Camp Getaway on 29-31 May 2015, with eight volunteers over the weekend.

Through the D9520 **G'day** SA program we accepted two interns from Russia and Bangladesh (Anna and Sabbir) who commenced with RCCMS in January 2015 for a six-month period.

An additional Silk Miller scholar (Veronica Dempsey) was selected for 2015, for which some District Grant funding was received, she joins Liz Toffoletti who is part way through her two-year MBA at Melbourne University.

**FOUNDATION:** The annual Paul Harris breakfast, with guest speaker Lord Mayor Robert Doyle raised \$8,700 with the monies being distributed to The Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus and The Royce and Jean Abbey endowment fund. At the event a Paul Harris Fellow recognition was presented by President Roy Garrett on behalf of the Club to Dr Leong. The recognition acknowledged his outstanding voluntary work over many years with Interplast, Children First and ROMAC.

The Royce Abbey Award was presented to Rob Hines and Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to Doug Robertson, David Jones - 1st Sapphire and Tom Callander - 1st Sapphire.

**FUNDRAISING:** The strategic focus for the fundraising committee has carried over from last year and focussed on investigating a wide range of fundraising options which would allow the club to move beyond the one-off events to raise money from its own members to sustainable ongoing events which raise money from a wider circle of benefactors - ideally the general public.

In association with the RC Kew RCCMS opened four country gardens on Sunday 16th November 2014 seeing 38 RCCMS volunteers welcoming between 500-850 visitors per garden raising \$23,500 for a series of worthy causes including \$7,500 for our club. The wider GDF 2014 event held over the same weekend (29 gardens opened across Victoria) raised over \$110,000 and RCCMS will be involved in the GDF 2016.

Work continued on the establishment of the Goldsbrough Lane Gourmet Farmers Market with almost everything finalised to start the trial markets.

Continuing on from the previous year a series of small gatherings were arranged to which members could bring partners and friends and enjoy a first class meal and wines whilst raising funds for the club. These events raised \$3,100.

Fundraising activities generated \$33,803 with grants and other donations raising \$18,080 for a total of \$51,883 raised.





2014 - 2015— The inaugural Iftar Dinner held in conjunction with the Australian Intercultural Society



2014 - 2015 – Leigh Clifford AO, chairman of Qantas Airways was the guest speaker for the successful Business Breakfast



2014 - 2015— Working bee at McAuley House painting the front fence with assistance from RC Melbourne Park



2014 - 2015— The Tree of Joy project with TAL continued for a second year providing gifts to three organisations



2014 - 2015 – Members, Partners, Rotaractors and Rotarians from other Clubs manned the Rotary Rest Centre at White Night



2014 - 2015 – One of the fundraising events held. This one was a dinner hosted by Annie and Roy Garrett





2014 - 2015— Work began on the Ban Buam Aor School



2014 - 2015 – Members and partners who travelled to Fitzroy Crossing to implement the new Indigenous project



2014- 2015— Fitzroy Crossing Men's Shed. Members setting up new equipment and local men using it for woodwork.



2014 - 2015— Partners, Veronica, Tess and Sally, teaching the local women sewing skills at Fitzroy Crossing



2014 - 2015 – The Club hosted the annual Model United Nations Camp in May 2015







2014 - 2015— Guest speaker at the annual Paul Harris breakfast  
Lord Mayor Robert Doyle with DG Murray Verso and Roy



2014 - 2015 – Just some of the crowd who supported the Paul Harris breakfast



2014 - 2015— One of the successful fundraising lunches held at Tarrawarra. This one hosted by Greg Cuthbert who supplied an amazing range of red wines to complement the food



2014 - 2015— The Club hosted the Group Study Exchange team from District 6840 (South East Louisiana and Mississippi Gulf, USA) for five days



2014 - 2015 – The annual working bee at the Royal Talbot Acquired Brain Injury Sensory Garden attracted a large turn-out of members and partners assisted by Rotarians from Melbourne Park and Melbourne







*2014 - 2015— We joined with RC Kew and RC Brighton North on the Garden Designfest. Through his contacts Rob Hines arranged for four gardens to be opened in Euroa*



*2014- 2015— The garden captains*



*2014- 2015— Members and partners enjoying a social dinner the night before the open garden*



*2014 - 2015 — Some of the many volunteers*



*2014 - 2015— A small part of one of the amazing gardens*

## The Twenty-Ninth Year – 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016

**President:** .....George Mackey

**Vice President:**.....Marjorie Gerlinger

**Secretary** .....Neil Salvano

**Treasurer:** .....Doug Robertson

**President Elect:**.....Justine Murphy

### COMMITTEES:

**Club Administration:**..... Roger Thornton

**Community** .....Peter Duras

**International:**..... Rob Hines

**Vocational:** .....Anne King

**Youth:**..... Koren Harvey

**Foundation:** .....Roy Garrett

**Fundraising:** .....Greg Cuthbert

**Membership:** ..... Neville John

**Bulletin:** ..... Allan Driver

**Presenter:** ..... Tony Thomas

**District Governor:** ..... Julie Mason

**Assistant Governor:** ..... Ian Salek

**R.I. President:** ..... K.R. Ravindran

**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Be a Gift to the World”

**Membership:** 1st July 2015: ..... 46

1st May 2016: ..... 45

**New Members:** Ivy Bao (Marketing & Education), Sarah Overton (Market Research and Strategy)

**Members Lost:** Bruce McBain and Patrick Barry. Sadly we lost PP and charter member Richard Stone who passed away after a short illness.

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

CLUB ADMINISTRATION: Three major changes to the structure of the Club were achieved during the year.

Firstly, the **Sergeant’s Session** was replaced by a **Presenter Session**. The principle underpinning this change was to present Rotary at our Tuesday morning meeting in manner more consistent with the strategy to attract new, more ethnically diverse and younger members. Ably led by Tony Thomas, the specific objective of this change was to:

- Bring a more contemporary, outward looking and inclusive element into the Tuesday morning meeting
- Use the time-slot, when available, for short presentations or videos to showcase the amazing work conducted by Rotary across the Planet.

Secondly, the Club elected to develop and adopt a Strategic Plan. This process commenced with a Club Vision activity in July 2016, at which a representative sample of members defined the attributes of the “future vision” for the Club. The Club Vision activity was followed to a Club Forum in September 2016, where all members were informed of the process to date and were given the opportunity to contribute to the future direction of the Club. A further Club Forum was conducted in November 2016, at which the core strategies and accountabilities of the Strategic Plan were signed off by the Club. The four key strategies the Club agreed to focus on were:

- Sustainable Fundraising
- Sustainable Project Delivery
- Planned Membership Growth
- Raise the profile of Rotary.

Finally, we commenced the process to change the name of the Club.

The principles underpinning this proposal were:

- Consistent with RI Brand Guidelines
- Describes who the Club is - the local branch of a global service organisation. It is not an old-world **men’s** Club
- A simpler, clearer and more contemporary name, which reinforces who the Club is.

This process was commenced after careful consideration by the Board, a detailed review of the process by which this could be achieved, and a series of communications and discussions with members and other stakeholders. The proposal to change the name of the Club to Rotary Central Melbourne was successfully put to the members in June 2016.

Once again, John Illott, provided the weekly meetings with an excellent range of speakers including Club members with a fundraising sports breakfast being held in August.





Looking forward to the organisation of the 2017 District Conference 26 members and partners attended the Bendigo conference to pick up tips.

The Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Peter Duras, Family of Rotary Award to Sue Duras and Certificates of Appreciation to Ivy Bao and Gerard Hogan. An Avenue of Service Citation was presented to Frank O'Brien.

Other special events were the 90th birthday of Charter President Terry Cocks and Youth Service Director Koren Harvey and husband David Batty welcomed Olympia.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** The Club held its second Iftar dinner in association with the Australian Cultural Society and several members assisted in consolidating the operation of the Federation Square Men's Shed. The need for a dog run was identified at McAuley House **Women's Refuge Centre. The cost of the run and accessories was donated by a member and installation completed by the Club.** The annual Christmas Hampers collection and Tree of Joy project with TAL continued with Shine For Kids, Steps Outreach Service and Lentara receiving hampers and gifts.

Community Village operated for six nights during December. After a comprehensive review, which including VicPol, it was decided that this would be the last year this project will run in this format due to Victorian Government transport changes. The Club again supported White Night with the Rotary Rest Centre and the annual Royal Talbot working bee was held supported by RC Melbourne and Melbourne Park.

A new project was added to the Community Services portfolio - Youth Projects Inc. During the year the Club supported them with additional funding to run the Night Nurses program over the Christmas period. This is an outreach, triage and crisis management service for those on the streets. With donations from many sources they were also provided with underwear, warm clothes, blankets, toiletry bags and satchels. After renovations to their facilities was complete the Club purchased and donated kitchen equipment and supplies for their art program.

**INTERNATIONAL:** During this year the Club completed its fifth Laos School project which was in the remote village of Ban Buam Aor. The project involved renovating a two-classroom school and toilet facilities as well as providing reading and writing materials to the primary school age children in the village. Funds were provided from the tour group, private donations, club fundraising and a District Grant. In March of 2016 a group of 16 Rotarians and others attended an official ceremony in Ban Buam Aor which recognised the contribution of the club to education in the village. In addition a toilet block was constructed in the village of Ban Houai Thao funded by the generous personal donation of a club member. During the year the committee started to work more closely with the District Managed Project, World of Difference (WOD), with a view to including Laos in future humanitarian tours as a fundraising tool.

Three working bees were held at Donations In Kind and volunteers again assisted with the Echuca Moama's steam rally. Donations were made to Rotarians Against Malaria, Disaster Aid Australia and Kampuchea House and the annual Fraternitas Award at International House was awarded to Emma Randles.

The committee also organised a wine auction which raised \$3,000 for the Laos projects and a sports panel breakfast raised \$3,000 for indigenous projects at Fitzroy Crossing

**VOCATIONAL:** The main objects of the committee this year were to create a project data base which is to be used by the club to understand its capacity to take on and deliver on projects and to create a skills database of the club and encourage members to participate in the District base, which is being created to enable the district to harness skills in the district for projects where a particular skill was required. It is planned that both these projects will be completed in the next Rotary year.

**YOUTH:** This year the Club funded, through the Silk Miller Scholarship, two police officers (Veronica Dempsey in her second year and Zac Bull in his first year) undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health at the University of Melbourne. Veronica and Zac are the Silk Miller Scholarship awardees in 2015 and 2016 respectively. The Club is also funding Liz Toffoletti, the Silk Miller Scholarship awardee in 2014, who is now completing her Masters Degree in Adolescent Health.

The Club sponsored Adam Schlich from Xavier College to the National Youth Science Forum. Work was started on rebuilding contacts to enable the Club to send students to RYLA, RYPEN and MUNA.

**FOUNDATION:** The annual Paul Harris breakfast, with guest speaker Professor Kate Leslie whose subject was "To Sleep, Perchance to Dream - What's really happening during general anaesthesia?" A well-attended event and a fascinating speaker that raised \$7,800 for Foundation projects.

The Royce Abbey Award was presented to Warwick Cavell and Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to: John Ilott - 2nd Sapphire and Kevin Walklate - 1st Sapphire.

**FUNDRAISING:** Goldsbrough Lane Gourmet Farmers Market was launched in September 2015 initially with two markets a month and then transitioned into weekly markets from February 2016. From February Lentara UnitingCare was engaged to provide the labour for bump in and bump out.

Fundraising activities, including those run for specific causes, generated \$25,547 with grants and other donations raising \$30,656 for a total of \$56,203.





2015 - 2016 – Dr Simon Longstaff AO FCPA was the guest speakers at a very successful business breakfast



2015 - 2016 – Members and partners at one of the three DIK working bees held during the year



2015 - 2016 – Peter and Sue Duras hosted “Lights and Bites” a fundraiser to pay for Night Nurses on the streets of central Melbourne during the Christmas/New Year period



2015 - 2016 – Night Nurses at work supporting vulnerable people with medical aid. Part of the Clubs new project working with Youth Projects Inc in the CBD

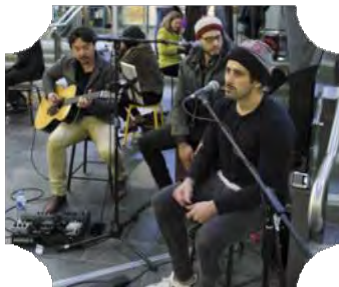
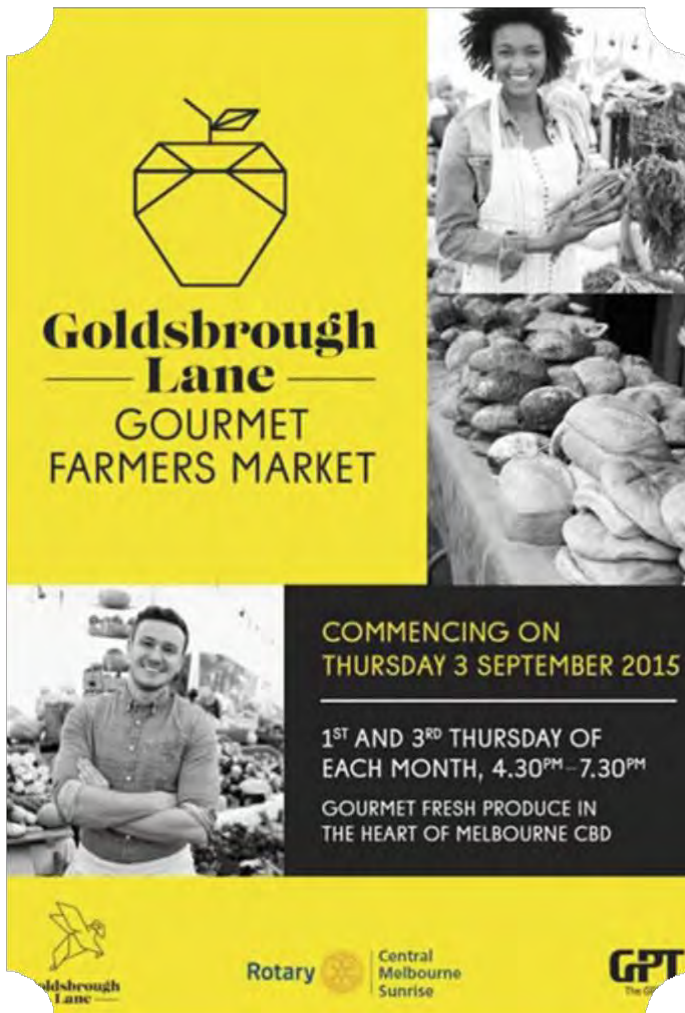


2015 - 2016 – Some of the kitchen equipment donated to Youth Projects Inc after their premises were refurbished



2015 - 2016 – Youth Projects Inc identified a need for new underwear for their clients. Pacific Brands donated a large quantity with the excess to their needs sent to Fitzroy Crossing





2015 - 2016 – Following months of hard work the Goldsbrough Lane Farmers Market was launched in September 2015 with the support of GPT Group



2015 - 2016 – Tony Thomas in full flight in the new role of Presenter to replace the Sergeant at Arms



2015 - 2016 – The dog run and kennel donated by a member and installed by the Club at McAuley House Women's Refuge





2015 - 2016 – The finished school at Ban Baum Aor, Laos



2015 - 2016 – The travel group who supported the building of the school through their donations at the opening ceremony



2015- 2016 – Pupils and teachers with donated reading and writing materials



2015 - 2016 – The toilet block at Ban Houai Thao school funded by the donation from a Club Member



2015 - 2016 – Members and partners assisting in the Country Kitchen at our sister club - Echuca Moama - steam rally



2015- 2016 – Director of Youth Service Koren Harvey and husband David Batty welcomed the arrival of Olympia







## The Thirtieth Year – 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017

**President:** ..... Justine Murphy  
**Vice President Operations:** ..... Alan Seale  
**Vice President Strategy:** ..... Warwick Cavell  
**Secretary** ..... Neil Salvano  
**Treasurer:** ..... Kevin Walklate  
**President Elect:** ..... Frank O'Brien

### COMMITTEES:

**Club Administration:** ..... Paul Fraser  
**Community** ..... Neville Taylor  
**International:** ..... Rob Hines  
**Vocational:** ..... Anne King  
**Youth:** ..... Stuart Ellis



**Foundation:** ..... Marjorie Gerlinger  
**Fundraising:** ..... Herb Greenwood  
**Membership:** ..... George Mackey  
**Bulletin:** ..... David Jones/Rob Soros  
**Presenter:** ..... Tony Thomas  
**District Governor:** ..... Neville John  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... Kate Strain  
**R.I. President:** ..... John F Germ  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... "Rotary Serving Humanity"

**Membership:** 1st July 2016: ..... 45  
1st May 2017: ..... 54

**New Members:** Michael Lapina (Operatic and Leadership Specialist), Campbell Chambers (Banking and Finance), John Hinrichs (Engineering – Food), Rebecca John (Nursing - Midwifery, Therese Robinson (Public Sector – Management), Rob Soros (Management Consulting), Daniel Lim (Engineering), Rohan Williams (Chemical Engineer), Michelle Crawford (NFP Leadership), Trevor Dymond (Accountant and Business Advisor), Millie Swann (Executive Business Change), Rana Ebrahimi (Humanitarian - Development Advisor), Des Benjamin (Corporate Governance), Suvam Ganguli (Banking and Finance) and Julie Cookson (Nursing - Community)

**Members Lost:** Ivy Bao, Greg Cuthbert, Tony Fritsche, Wolfgang Jacobs (deceased), Barrie Tassell, and Michael Wells.

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** In May the Club celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a lunch organised by Charter Member Tom Callander. Other events held were the Peninsula BBQ and the Christmas Party.

Highlights by the numbers:

15 - new members welcomed to the club through a joining and mentoring process that has been developed to attract and engage prospective and new members. Approximately half of these new members came from member referral and a quarter found us through the website. Club recruitment and diversity goals have been well supported by this new membership coming from diverse backgrounds, a broad mix of ages, and women making up one-third of them.

44 - speakers who provided insight and motivation on topics ranging through inspiring personal journeys, matters of impact on members' own lives, significant community issues, and Rotary projects.

49 - Bulletins published, providing members with advance notices, including speaker details and member responsibilities for the next meeting, as well as, reporting on the previous meeting and recent events. These comprehensive Bulletins have an important part in keeping members connected, particularly those unable to regularly attend breakfast meetings while being active in other club activities.

50 - website pages reviewed and updated, as well as weekly updates being made related to breakfast meetings.

500 - estimated minimum number of photographs from breakfasts and special events.

3,300 - dollars raised for club administration through "the swindle" drawing increasing contributions as it went on for most of the year.

The Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Paul Fraser, Family of Rotary Award to Leonie Greenwood and Certificates of Appreciation to George Mackey and Marjorie Gerlinger. An Avenue of Service Citation was presented to Herb Greenwood.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** A main focus in this year was to look at broadening the multi-cultural base of Rotary. Committee members met with representatives from DPC, and Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria as to how we could be more inclusive of culturally diverse groups, the Victorian Islamic Council to determine how best to engage with Islamic groups in Melbourne, and VicPol members working with African communities - especially disengaged youth. At the end of the year the process had not identified one particular program for the Club to support or participate in, work will continue on into the new Rotary year.

The Club continued to strengthen its relationship with Youth Service Ltd with a visit to their facilities and provided items such as winter and summer clothing, stationery and toiletries as well as sponsoring four additional shifts by the Street Night Nurses over the Christmas New Year period.

In addition the annual working bee at the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre sensory garden was held and Steven Wells was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for his ongoing passion and selfless commitment to improving the lives of others over many years. Steps Outreach Services and Lentara Asylum seekers were supported with Christmas Hampers donated by members and partners and gifts donated to the Tree of Joy by TAL staff, a watching brief was maintained on the Federation Square Men's Shed and Australian Rotary Health was supported through the Lift The Lid fundraiser.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:** During this year the Club identified the village of Ban Heutan as requiring a new primary school. The existing school was poorly constructed from bamboo and other materials and could not be used during the wet season. The Club initiated a fundraising effort and raised almost \$30,000 towards the project. This will enable renovation of the school, connection of water and electricity and building of a new toilet block.

The funds were raised with support from the District Managed Project "World of Difference", a District grant and private donations.

During one of the clubs previous trips to Laos, Roy Garrett spotted a little boy in a remote village with a disfiguring growth on his face. His name is Nonh and after much research and a few dead ends a diagnosis of Meningoencephalocele (MEC), a birth defect mainly found in Cambodia, was confirmed. Through an appeal to members enough funds were raised to send Nonh, his father and an interpreter to Phnom Penh for the operation with enough in hand for follow up treatment.

Two working bees were held at Donations in Kind and volunteers again assisted with the Echuca Moama's steam rally. Donations were made to Rotarians Against Malaria and the annual Fraternitas Award at International House was awarded to Robert Soh.

The committee also organised two fundraisers - **a Year of the Rooster evening at Cecily Neil's apartment and a Wine and Spirit auction at Sue and Peter Duras' home.** These raised \$5,500.

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:** This year was the 10th anniversary of the VicPol Mentoring Program and another successful annual closing breakfast was held on Tuesday 19th September with 91 people representing police, mentors, four Rotary Districts and attendees from more than a dozen clubs. To date 204 VicPol members have participated in this program. A highlight of the meeting was to have in attendance those who pioneered this program a decade ago - Steven Hallis, Keith Frampton, John Meehan OAM, Kevin Scott, Michael Dixon, and Stephen Brown.

Chief Commissioner Graeme Ashton in addressing the meeting said his three deputy commissioners had all been mentees **"which speaks volumes about the program's benefits"**. He appreciates the strong focus now on leadership via senior sergeants and their front-line community nexus. He often challenges members about where they are looking to find new perspectives and how to challenge their assumptions, and Rotary is a common response for learning how community action evolves.

Assistant Commissioner Casey, himself a mentee and steering committee chair, said the program was the vanguard that paved the way for **VicPol's** focus on leadership development, especially in community liaison. He praised the work of Michael Stillwell of the car racing and sales group, and Alan Seale for their now-**concluded four years' work on the steering-**committee, adding new dimensions and assurance. They were presented with special VicPol awards for their service to the program.

**YOUTH SERVICE:** The Club was very fortunate to be advised of a \$20,000 bequest from the estate of Wolfgang Jacobs following his very sad passing, with his express wish to be spend on youth development. This will be received by the Club in the 2017/18 Year.

The Club supported many of the traditional Rotary Youth programs sending Metta Chalapati to the National Youth Science Forum, Iranian student Maziar Taravat attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and Shaun and Matthew Aitken through Police Legacy attending the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment.

Rotary Hospitality to International Students was trialled with four students attending a **member's** home for a meal - this program will continue into next year. The Club also took the decision to reinstate the hosting of a Youth Exchange student in the 2017/18 year.

**FOUNDATION:** **The annual Paul Harris breakfast, with guest speaker Tim Cartwright APM the State's Family Violence Reform Implementation Monitor whose subject was "Holding Them to Account"** an overview on his role which is to report to the Parliament annually **on the progress against the Family Violence Royal Commission's 227 recommendations, and on the implementation of the state's Family Violence Action Plan.**

For the first time PolioPlus was promoted with a bit of fun at the Purple Pinkie breakfast with members paying to have their **"pinkies"** painted purple.

A total of \$8,516 was raised during the year and this allowed the Club to sponsor Emily Brown on the Group Vocation Exchange to the Philippines, send Club members to the Foundation Grants Seminars, donate \$6,500 to The Rotary Foundation and \$1,500 to the PolioPlus campaign. The PolioPlus money will be matched 2 for 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

During this Rotary year the Club increased its membership in Every Rotarian Every Year, Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society and Benefactors.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to: Kevin Love - Two sapphires, Veronica Love and Steven Wells. The Club also presented sapphires to Ian Hovey (RC Werribee) and Peter Shephard (RC Altona) for their amazing support and work at the District Conference.

**FUNDRAISING:** For the second time the Club participated in Garden DesignFest along with RC Kew and RC Brighton North. 46 gardens were on show over two weekends in November. On the first weekend, gardens from metropolitan Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula were displayed, followed the next weekend by gardens from regional Victoria - Euroa, Ballarat, Macedon, West Gippsland, Bendigo and Geelong.

The GDF Organising Committee comprised members from each of the three participating Rotary clubs and Rob Hines and Roger Thornton were the Central Melbourne representatives. The three Rotary clubs shared responsibility for manning the 46 gardens. Central Melbourne



looked after nine metropolitan gardens and five country gardens - four near Euroa and one at Jindivick, in west Gippsland. This placed too heavy a volunteering load on club members to provide all the staff at the gardens, so assistance was requested from other Rotary clubs, including the E-Club of Melbourne.

By and large, the weather was kind on the two weekends and the turnout from the public was excellent. Many a cheery wave was received from garden visitors as they left, having obviously enjoyed themselves immensely - most satisfying. And GDF 2016 was a financial success too. Over \$140,000 was raised, shared between the three Rotary clubs. From its share, Central Melbourne provided funds to two charities, Sporting Chance Cancer Foundation and the Euroa Health Building Fund with the balance supporting its other projects.

Unfortunately due to a number of changes beyond our control it was decided to suspend the Goldsbrough Lane Gourmet Farmers Market and focus efforts on other signature projects and events planned for 2017/18.

Fundraising activities, including those run for specific causes, generated \$41,950 with grants and other donations raising \$10,030 for a total of \$52,980.

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE – AN OVERVIEW WRITTEN BY CHAIRMAN KEVIN LOVE

This year, Rotary Central Melbourne had the honour of organising the Rotary District 9800 Conference on behalf of District Governor, Neville John.

Seven hundred Rotarians and guests and over 100 entertainers descended on Shepparton from March 30 to April 1st for the conference with the theme "Connecting Communities, Serving Humanity."

Shepparton was chosen for a number of reasons. It was a living example of how different communities can come together; it had the capacity to accommodate and feed 700 people and it enabled us to support a local Victorian community. Shepparton, and in particular the local council staff, was very welcoming.

We also got great support from the council, the Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship and sponsors - the National Australia Bank; Tallis Wine; Haronvale Digital Media and Tagboard. The Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Robin Scott and the Mayor the City of Greater Shepparton, Mr Dinny Adem both attended the opening of the conference.

The program team, led by Neville Taylor had assembled a group of speakers that addressed the conference theme from a number of perspectives, but within an overall framework of social cohesion well-articulated by Stella Avramopoulos at the start of the conference.

A lot of the work on the program was done in advance but come the week of the conference, the operations team led by Stuart Ellis sprang into action. The Rotary Showcase, a very professional collection of display booths organised by Alan Seale and promoting a range of Rotary projects, was set up. The McIntosh centre was transformed into a welcoming venue for delegates and an efficient registration centre for the team led by Anne King. The Eastbank Centre was decorated with Rotary banners to welcome delegates to the conference. We even had our own cow dressed in conference livery - a prop for numerous photos of delegates.

The running of the plenary sessions were in the capable hands of MC Koren Harvey and the backstage team of Peter Shephard from the RC of Altona and Ian Hovey from the RC of Werribee. They did their jobs so well that the conference finished on time (and in fact slightly early).

One of the more memorable parts of the conference was the entertainment program, put together by our Artistic Director, Michael Lapina. He was able to bring Deborah Cheetham AO and members of the award winning Short Black Opera to Shepparton, along with the **Dhungala Children's Choir and the Melbourne Singers of Gospel**. There were also local performers, notably the **African Choir from St Paul's Lutheran Church**. The finale, involving all 3 choirs and soloists was a tour de force that received a standing ovation. It will live long in the memories of those who saw it. Over 3,500 people have now viewed the video of the finale on Facebook.

We decided in organising the conference to add value to the experience of delegates. A team led by Elias Lebbos put together pre-conference activities; a welcome event that established the tone for an outstanding conference from the outset; and a conference dinner that was a fun way to cap off the conference.

Pre-conference activities included a historic walk of Shepparton; a golf day and an experience called **"The Settlement Journey"** organised by Kildonan Uniting Care. This event enabled participants to hear first hand the experience of people who had come to Australia and Shepparton from other lands.

The welcome function took the form of a **"Taste of Harmony"** modelled on the events promoted by the Scanlon Foundation. It set the scene for the conference to follow. Organised superbly by Sarah Overton and supported by club members and the Rotary Club of Shepparton South, the function enabled delegates to experience the food from a range of cultures from the Shepparton area and meet and interact with local community members. The plentiful food and drink; the informality of the night; and the spacious venue, together with the theme, all contributed to a memorable night.

Just as the welcome function had been designed with feedback from past conferences in mind, so too was the conference dinner. The team of Lorraine and John Meehan, Rebecca John and Marjorie Gerlinger, led by Veronica Love, designed a gala night for over 600 guests that was at once fun and informal while being a fitting ending to the conference. In a matter of hours the conference venue had been transformed from a lecture theatre and trade display to a festive ballroom. Once again the food and wine were of high quality and well received by those attending.

A Rotary Central Melbourne event is always going to have some innovations and so it was for this conference. Warwick Cavell led a team, including members from The Rotary Club of Melbourne Park that put together a number of special activities such as a leadership lunch (an **"on the couch"** session with Warwick in conversation with Victoria Police Deputy Commissioner Andrew Crisp); a series of videos that provided an in-depth case study of a community connection project and the use of a Tagboard to harvest ideas for future action from delegates. The traditional but sometimes boring videos of club projects were reinvented into Rotary Highlights and interestingly and professionally packaged by Ian Hovey.

Organising and running the conference was a major task for the club. Over 25 people were involved in the 18 months leading up to the event and over 60 members and partners went to the conference and worked to make it a success. Whether it was organising logistics; managing

transport and parking; greeting delegates; staffing the registration desk or managing speakers and choirs, all members stepped up and put on a very special event.

Eighty percent of respondents to the evaluation survey said that the conference was very good or outstanding. The rest must be very hard to please!

## OVERVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE SESSIONS

### SESSION 1

In this session, we were welcomed by the local people of Shepparton and in turn welcomed the various dignitaries, exchange students, delegates and guests. The Minister for Multicultural Affairs the Hon Robin Scott and Rotary International Director Noel Trevaskis gave inspiring keynote speeches.

### SESSION 2 “CONNECTING COMMUNITIES”

In this session we explored how communities can work together, learn from each other and build social capital and cohesion. We started with a framework of social cohesion, which identifies the role of the individual, the family and the broader community. We learnt how we can reduce barriers to inclusion and cohesion; saw how corporates are rising to the challenge of connecting to communities; and followed a local case study on inclusion.

### SESSION 3 “LEADERSHIP”

In this session, we heard how community leaders can bring people together to address community needs and remove barriers to cohesion and connectedness. We heard how the philanthropic sector, the local community and business can lead change.

### SESSION 4 “SOCIAL INCLUSION”

There is a good story to tell about social inclusion in Victoria and Australia, but we still need to work on it. In this session heard about long term studies of inclusion and cohesion; an inspiring story about how sport is engaging youth in danger of marginalization; and a case study of how promoting inclusion reduces community unrest.

### SESSION 5 “ROTARY CONNECTING COMMUNITIES”

On Saturday morning we turned to how Rotary is Connecting Communities. We heard from two Rotary Foundation Alumni on their experiences and studies and how that has inspired them in connecting communities and serving humanity. We celebrated the Centenary of the Rotary Foundation through an entertaining but thought-provoking staging of a meeting between Paul Harris and Arch Klumph!

### SESSION 6 “ROTARY CONNECTING COMMUNITIES” (cont.) AND RESILIENCE

The Rotary theme continued at the start of this session. We had a report from the leader our Group Vocational Exchange team to the Philippines and heard from Youth Exchange alumni, host parents and current exchangees about how the work of Rotary with young people changes lives.

We then moved to our final topic - resilience. The way individuals interact with the community and deal with disadvantage, trauma or displacement is affected to a large degree by their resilience. Marcus Akahuta Brown wowed the audience with his story of struggle and achievement.

### SESSION 7 “RESILIENCE” and “A CALL TO ACTION”

The resilience theme continued as we heard from two inspiring women who have demonstrated resilience in two widely different contexts.

Finally there was a call to action. This was the climax of the work we had done across the conference, informed by the call-to-action videos and feedback throughout the conference.

### SESSION 8 “CLOSE”

Here we wrapped up the conference, handed over to next year's team and finished with a grand finale of massed choirs singing “There Can be Miracles”.

### The list below contains some of the key tasks and those members who undertook them.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR	Neville John
CHAIRMAN	Kevin Love
CLUB PRESIDENT	Justine Murphy
SECRETARY	Marjorie Gerlinger
TREASURER	Bernie Gerlinger
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Koren Harvey
OPERATIONS LEADER	Stuart Ellis
PROGRAM LEADER	Neville Taylor
VALUE ADD LEADER	Elias Lebbos
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR	Michael Lapina
CALL TO ACTION	Neville Taylor, Warwick Cavell, Leigh Jones, Therese Robinson, Hannah McDonald
CATERING LIAISON	Doug Robertson
CLUB ACCOMMODATION	David Jones
CLUB FUNCTIONS	Millie Swann



DIGITAL MARKETING	Warwick Cavell, Leigh Jones
GALA DINNER	Veronica Love, Lorraine Meehan OAM, John Meehan OAM, Rebecca John, Elias Lebbos, Marjorie Gerlinger
GOLF DAY	Rob Hines
INNOVATION	Warwick Cavell, Melbourne Park Rotarians
LOGISTICS	Stuart Ellis, Neil Salvano
MARKETING	Gerard Hogan
PARKING AND TRANSPORT	Kevin Walklate
PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS	Roger Thornton
REGISTRATIONS/WEBSITE	Marjorie Gerlinger
REGISTRATION MATERIAL	Trevor Pang (Richmond)
REGISTRATION	Anne King
ROTARY HIGHLIGHTS	Ian Hovey (Werribee); Kate Strain and Peter Harris (Brighton North)
ROTARY SHOWCASE	Alan Seale, Stella Avramopoulos
SOCIAL MEDIA	Marjorie Gerlinger, Sarah Overton, Jacinta Walker (Melbourne Park)
SPEAKERS	Neville Taylor, John Ilott
SPONSORSHIPS	Tom Callander, Campbell Chambers
STAGE MANAGEMENT	Peter Shephard (Altona)
SHEPPARTON LIASION	Kevin Love
USHERS	Members and Partners of Rotary Central Melbourne
VOLUNTEER COORDINATION	Frank <b>O'Brien</b>
WELCOME FUNCTION	Elias Lebbos, Sarah Overton, Rotary Club of Shepparton South



2016 - 2017 – on July 1 Central Melbourne became the home of the District Governor for the first time



2016 - 2017 – DG Neville and Rebecca



2016 - 2017 – President Justine with DG Neville and Rebecca and Assistant Governor Kate Strain during their official visit to the club when Justine inducted our first new member for the year, Michael Lapina



2016 - 2017 – PP Herb Greenwood conducts a wine auction to raise funds for the Laos Schools project, held at the home of Sue and Peter Duras



2016 - 2017 – Attendees help themselves to the wonderful array of food at the Peninsula BBQ



2016 - 2017 – Enjoying the annual Peninsula BBQ





2016 - 2017 – Charter President Terry Cocks interviewed by President Justine during our “three decades young” celebration



2016-2017 – PP Tom Callander, the event organiser, introduces Michael Lapina to entertain the crowd



2016-2017– The birthday cake



2016 - 2017 – Charter District Governor John King attended the function and chats to PP George Mackey



2016-2017 – Members and partners at work at one of two DIK working bees held during the year







2016 - 2017 – Once setup the Rotary Rest Centre volunteers had a very busy night during the Melbourne White Night event



2016- 2017 – President Justine led the way with the fun during the annual Christmas breakfast



2016 - 2017 – We were entertained by the Lapina Family plus one ensemble



2016- 2017 – A room full of members, partners, family and guests enjoyed the morning



2016- 2017 – Some of the bumper collection of hampers ready for distribution to Steps and Lentara





2016 - 2017 – Some of the members and partners who volunteered at the RC Echuca Moama steam rally



2016 - 2017 – Taking time out from baking and serving scones for a bit of fun



2016 - 2017 – Many members, partners, family and friends volunteered to man gardens during the Garden DesignFest– this is just some of them



2016 - 2017 – Another group of volunteers with the Rotary logo prominently displayed



2016 - 2017 – PP Roger Thornton presents a cheque to Euroa Health from the Garden DesignFest proceeds





*2016 - 2017 – Nohn from Laos before and after his operation in Cambodia for Meningoencephalocele (MEC) which was funded by generous donations from members and partners with enough funds on hand to pay for follow up treatment*



*2016 - 2017 – A new Youth project, introduced by Director Stuart Ellis, home hospitality for international students*



*2016 - 2017 – Robert Soh recipient of the Fraternitas Award to an International House scholar with President Justine and program coordinator Russell Rolls*



*2016 - 2017 – RYLA attendee Maziah Taravat with Youth Service Director Stuart Ellis*



*2016 - 2017 – PP George Mackey with Metta Chalapati who attended the National Youth Science Forum*





2016 - 2017 – President Justine with Tim Cartwright the speaker for the very successful Paul Harris breakfast



2016 - 2017 – President Justine and Honorary Member Bruce McBain with Steven Wells after the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for his work on sensory gardens for patients with acquired brain injuries



2016 - 2017 – RCM volunteers at the annual Royal Talbot Sensory Garden working bee



2016 - 2017 – A small portion of the amazing sensory garden



2016 - 2017 – Memories of District Conference





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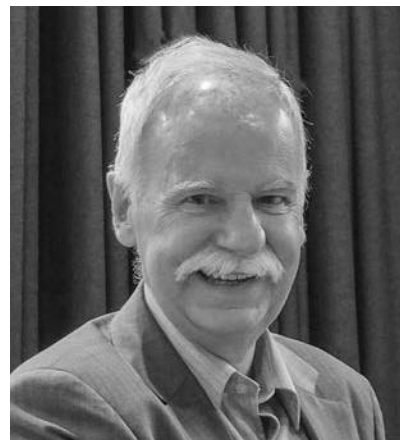


## The Thirty-First Year – 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018

**President:** ..... Frank O'Brien  
**Vice President Operations:** ..... Marjorie Gerlinger  
**Vice President Strategy** ..... Warwick Cavell  
**Secretary** ..... Neil Salvano  
**Treasurer:** ..... Kevin Walklate  
**President Elect:** ..... Neville Taylor

### COMMITTEES:

**Club Administration:** ..... Paul Fraser  
**Community** ..... Elias Lebbos  
**International:** ..... Rob Hines  
**Vocational:** ..... Alan Seale  
**Youth:** ..... Stuart Ellis



**Foundation:** ..... Neville Taylor  
**Fundraising:** ..... Herb Greenwood  
**Membership:** ..... Neville John  
**Bulletin:** ..... David Jones/Rob Soros/Rohan Williams  
**Meeting Social Aspects:** ..... Gerard Hogan  
**District Governor:** ..... Peter Frueh  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... Kate Strain  
**R.I. President:** ..... Ian H.S. Riseley OAM  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... “Rotary Making A Difference”

**Membership:** 1st July 2017: ..... 54  
30th June 2018: ..... 62

**New Members:** Alison Chan (Accounting - NFP), Brett Jones (Residential Property Investor), Alice Miller (Health Services Manager), Lynne Webber (Research Psychologist), Nick Clift (IT Services and Support), Keith Kendall (Commercial Law - Taxation), Bettina Cruise (Road Safety), Malcolm Fielden (Business Advisory Accounting and Taxation Services), Dominic Varrasso (Legal, Accounting and Mentoring), Hamza Wariyo (Community Development) and Stuart Cardell (Public Policy Children and Young People).

**Members Lost:** Julie Cookson, PP Justine Murphy (transferred to NSW), Charter Member Richard Mitchell (Retired) and Honorary Member John Meehan OAM (deceased).

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** During the year a number of social events were held including the Christmas Party, Peninsula Barbeque, Love Thy Neighbour and Guess **Who's** Coming to Dinner.

Club Polo shirts in smart navy blue and yellow complete with Club and **person's** name were introduced for members and partners to wear at club working bees and other events.

Highlights by the numbers were:

- 11 new members welcomed to the club continuing the successful growth supported by a mentoring process developed to attract and engage prospective and new members. Club recruitment and diversity goals have been achieved by these new members coming from diverse backgrounds, a broad mix of ages, and close to equal numbers of women and men. Most of these new members came from member referral.
- 48 speakers who provided motivation on topics ranging through inspiring personal journeys, significant community issues and Rotary projects making a difference in the world.
- 8 Member Talks giving insight into member backgrounds, motivations, and matters of significance to them. These talks have become a regular feature replacing a Project Report in the last meeting of the month.
- 49 Bulletins published, providing members with advance notices, including speaker details and member responsibilities for the next meeting, as well as, reporting on the previous meeting and recent events. These comprehensive Bulletins have an important place in keeping members connected and promoting Club activities to website visitors.
- 50 weekly updates made to the website, in addition to overall review of website design and architecture.
- 500 estimated minimum number of photographs from breakfasts and special events.
- 2500 **Dollars raised for club administration through “the swindle” drawing increasing contributions as the year progressed with the Joker** being drawn by Campbell Chambers in May.

The Club received the District 9800 Club Service Public Image and Communications Recognition for demonstrating innovation in the Rebranding of the Club Image and the District 9800 Club Service Membership Recognition for implementing a successful Membership Recruitment and Retention program.



The Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Elias Lebbos, Family of Rotary Award to Nicole Lebbos and Certificates of Appreciation to Jo Ellis, Suvam Ganguli, Michael Lapina and Alan Seale. An Avenue of Service Citation was presented to Kevin Walklate.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** The year covered a quite a diverse range of activities... led by support for Youth Projects Inc (YP) in Hosier Lane, CBD, including a District Grant, the Club funded YP to the sum of \$8,500 which enabled them to maintain the Night Nurses programme in the CBD over Christmas/New Year and also purchase a badly needed Spirometer. Blankets and other goods were provided to YP over the year.

Other Community Service activities included:

- Support at Christmas through the Tree of Joy (arranged by Tower Australia Life (TAL)) which provided gifts for Steps Outreach Service and Lentara which was supplemented by Christmas Hampers from Club members and partners.
- Life After Stroke - partner Nicole Lebbos facilitated a Blood Pressure Check Up for members before and after a Club meeting.
- Tree Planting - RI President Ian Riseley asked each Rotary Club to green the world by planting at least one tree per member. A team of six club members, partners and friends joined in a large annual Tree Planting Project in Benalla (known as the Regent Honeyeater Project) and assisted with the planting of **100's** of trees.
- Shine For Kids - Peter and Sue Duras re-established the **Club's** relationship with this organisation and sourced Board Games from members and DIK as well as organising a getaway for some of the children on Phillip Island which was hosted by former member and partner Mik and Di Wells at their property.
- Working Bees were held at Royal Talbot and Camp Getaway and members and partners also manned the Rotary Rest Centre at White Night earning the Club \$1,500 for their efforts.
- A donation of \$500 was made to the End Trachoma project and members were requested to save stamps to raise further funds.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:** The highlight of the year was the signing of a Sister Club Agreement with the Indian Rotary Club of Rabindra Sarobar - **Kolkata**. **The benefits of this connection are already apparent with the Club's support of their project to educate young students who are unable, due to local law, to attend school simply because their parents are in jail.**

Once again we recognised a student at International House with the Fraternitas Award to the tune of \$1,000. The awardee, Sarah Quek, spoke at the Club and received the plaque recognising her achievement.

The Club is a strong supporter of Donations In Kind and this year has held three working bees and funded rent of \$3,500 per annum for the next two years. Youth Projects Inc and Shine For Kids have been two of the local beneficiaries.

Building activities in Laos continued in the village of Ban Heutan. The cost of **the project (\$28,000 US dollars) was financed via "World of Difference"**, a District Grant, Club funds, private donations and an \$8,000 grant from the Australian **Government's** Direct Aid Program.

Disaster Aid Australia - Generally the Club expects to be called upon to assist with a donation towards an international disaster however this year the Board decided to forward the budgeted amount of \$1,600 to the Rotary District 9800 Bushfire Appeal.

Donations of \$500 each were made to Interplast and Rotarians Against Malaria.

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:** Alan Seale has revitalised Vocational Service within the Club as well as being District Chair Vocational Service. **Alan's** mantra has been to Serve, Empower and to Inspire.

- Together with a team including Bernie Gerlinger and Club member Brett Jones as mentor, he has established the District 9800 Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring program, a program mirrored on the very successful Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring program. The program was launched on 23 April.
- **He has identified and introduced "Be Collective", a software programme designed to enable District 9800 Clubs and members to know what projects other Clubs are conducting and to enable participation if that is their wish.**
- Members visited the MCG and National Sports Museum, courtesy of Michael Lapina and Peter Duras, and the new offices of KPMG at Docklands courtesy of Sarah Overton.
- Monthly Member/Job Talks arranged by Millie Swann have been included in the meetings.
- Alan and Robyn hosted Hannah Weigl, a young opera singer from District 1950 in Germany, under the New Generations Service Exchange program of Rotary International.
- The Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program continued with Kevin Love and John Ilott on the steering committee and two members acting as mentors for this year's program, Marjorie Gerlinger and Therese Robinson. Their Mentees, Senior Sergeant Sarah Carmichael and Senior Sergeant Jackie Urquhart respectively have both spoken to the Club.

**YOUTH SERVICE:** Flavia Minikus from Switzerland was the Clubs first exchange student for many years. She was hosted by club members and partners, family of members and RC Balwyn and was partially funded by RC Melbourne.

During the year a relationship was developed with Princes Hill Secondary College (PHSC) to act as a feeder for students to participate in many of the Youth programs that Rotary offers.

The Wolfgang and Monika Jacobs Bequest was received with the request that we support youth in some way. Respecting this request, the Club connected it with STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - and it was decided to support five students per year from PHSC to attend **"The Science Experience"**. **It is expected that this Bequest will be able to nominate and pay for students to this science-based program for at least 20 years.** Wolfgang would be pleased.

The Club continued with the Silk Miller Scholarship nominating Senior Constable Tania Stacey, sent five students to RYPEN - three from PHSC and two from Victoria Police Legacy; a student to RYLA and nominated a student from The MacRobertson Girls High School to the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January 2019.

In the background, Des Benjamin keenly provided group mentoring sessions to the Rotaract Club of Melbourne City with the theme **“Everyone Teaches - Everyone Learns”**, on behalf of the Batman Cluster, which was very much appreciated by the Rotaractors.

FOUNDATION: Thanks to Neville Taylor who volunteered to Chair this committee as well as holding the role of President Elect and was very capably assisted by VP Marjorie Gerlinger.

The 25th annual Paul Harris Breakfast, with guest speaker Daniel Flynn from Thank-you, raised \$11,600. From those funds the Club donated \$9,000 to The Rotary Foundation and \$2,500 to the EndPolio campaign along with presenting two Royce Abbey Awards to Sarah Overton and Rob Soros.

Individual member giving to the Paul Harris Society and Every Rotarian Every Year pledges have also increased.

This year our Club has received four District Grants totalling \$5,170, one to assist a youth project managed by our Sister Club Rabindra Sarobar, one to assist the Night Nurses project run by Youth Projects Inc and two to assist four underprivileged students attending Princes Hill Secondary College as selected by the school.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to: Peter Duras - Third Sapphire, Herb Greenwood - Second Sapphire and Sue Duras - First Sapphire.

Finally the Club supported an application from Anna Duran from the AFP to be considered for a three month Rotary Foundation Peace Scholarship.

FUNDRAISING: **The Club needed to find a sustainable Fundraiser project that could “smooth” our fundraising stream in non Garden DesignFest years.**

The Charity Auction was reintroduced and raised in excess of \$17,500 in cash and kind and a new **function was introduced, “Opera On The Yarra”** from which \$3,000 was raised.

The Club introduced the concept of the Sausage Sizzle to members and raised in excess of \$10,000 in this first year. Club members participating in the Melbourne Marathon raised \$2,300 from sponsorship.





2017- 2018– President Frank and exchange student Flavia  
exchange banners



2017- 2018 – PDG Uttam Ganguli and President Frank with the  
sister club agreement



2017- 2018 – PP Frank presents Silk Miller Scholarship Award to  
Tania Stacey



2017- 2018– Members and partners at work at one of the many  
Bunnings Sausage Sizzles held during the year



2017- 2018– Partner Nicole Lebbos administering blood  
pressure checks as part of the Life After Stroke program





2017-2018 – Some of the members and partners who attended the Camp Getaway working bee



2017 - 2018 – Club members enjoying dinner with students at International House



2017 - 2018 – Pre dinner drinks and viewing of silent auction items at the re-introduced Charity Gala



2017 - 2018 – Auctioneer Andrew Evans of Jellis Craig doing a fine job of selling the main auction items



2017 - 2018 – A big turnout for the Christmas breakfast



2017 - 2018 – One of the three DIK working bees





2017 - 2018 – KPMG vocational visit



2017 - 2018 – MCG vocational visit



2017 - 2018– Our first student exchange through the New Generations Service Exchange, Hanna Weigel with member Michael Lapina



2017 - 2018 – The large group of volunteers at the annual Royal Talbot working bee



2017 - 2018 – Attendees and performers at the first Opera On The Yarra



2017 - 2018 – TAL employees handing over Christmas Gifts to recipient organisations





2017 - 2018 – Some of the team who helped plant 100s of trees in Benalla



2017 - 2018 – Guests and members mingle at the start of the VicPol Mentoring breakfast



2017 - 2018– White Night Rotary Rest Centre



2017 - 2018 – The spirometer donated to Youth Projects Inc



2017 - 2018 – Speaker Danial Flynn of Thankyou and some of the crowd at the very successful Paul Harris Breakfast





## The Thirty-Second Year – 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019

**President:** ..... Neville Taylor  
**Vice President Operations:** ..... Kevin Love  
**Secretary** ..... Koren Harvey  
**Treasurer:** ..... Bernie Gerlinger  
**President Elect:** ..... Warwick Cavell

### COMMITTEES:

**Club Administration:** ..... Rob Soros  
**Community** ..... Therese Robinson  
**International:** ..... Rob Hines  
**Vocational:** ..... Sarah Overton  
**Youth:** ..... Elias Lebbos



**Foundation:** ..... Frank O'Brien  
**Fundraising:** ..... Herb Greenwood  
**Membership:** ..... Neville John  
**Bulletin:** ..... David Jones/Nick Clift  
**Meeting Social Aspects:** ..... Gerard Hogan  
**District Governor:** ..... Bronwyn Stephens  
**Assistant Governor:** ..... Dale Hoy  
**R.I. President:** ..... Barry Rassin  
**Rotary Theme:** ..... "Be the Inspiration"

**Membership:** 1st July 2018: ..... 62  
30th June 2019: ..... 66

**New Members:** Lady Pastidio (External Audit); Sean Car - Docklands Branch (Media and International Development); Paul Fowler (Primary Industries - Petroleum, Mining, Forestry); Ariik Mawien - Docklands Branch (Banking and Finance); Martin Langton (Finance - Health Services); Krystle Mitchell - Docklands Branch (Policing) and Luke Allen - Docklands Branch (Accounting - Insolvency).

**Members Lost:** Kevin Walklate (deceased) Michael Lapina (transferred to Rotary Wyndham) and Hamza Wariyo.

## EXCERPTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT:

ROTARY CENTRAL **MELBOURNE'S** VISION/GOAL FOR 2018-2019 WAS:

Rotary, the recognised leader in enabling community service in Melbourne CBD

- A progressive and connected club with strong networks and a diverse membership, being a catalyst for social change in the communities we serve.

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION:** During the year a number of social events were held including a special breakfast at the William Angliss Institute and a golf day in addition to club favourites such as the Meehan's family BBQ day organised by Roger Thornton and the Christmas Breakfast. In addition Suzette Taylor took on the Friends of Rotary role to ensure opportunities for friends and family of our club were created which included a tour of Melbourne's laneways.

This year, with the help of our members we commenced Social EnterPrizes. This was an initiative built on the foundations of social enterprises (to drive social impact while retaining commercial returns) and very aligned to the fabric of our club. With the help of a few bottles from members, club administration was able to secure raffle prizes from social enterprises who were showcased at our breakfasts. In addition to raising more club funds than in previous years (\$5,000) of which we used \$2,500 to support 15 social enterprises and the positive impacts they have in the world

The Club received the District 9800 International Service and Vocational Service Awards.

The Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Rebecca John, Family of Rotary Award to Robyn Seale and Certificates of Appreciation to Peter Duras, Sean Car, Frank **O'Brien** and Yanpu Zhang.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** The year covered a quite a diverse range of activities:

- We started a trial to provide education and other support through a scholarship program to young people being assisted by Steps Outreach. Named the Hope Scholarships eight students were the recipients of funds to assist with educational necessities.
- Support at Christmas through the Tree of Joy (arranged by Tower Australia Life (TAL)) that provided gifts for Steps Outreach Service and Lentara clients which was supplemented by Christmas Hampers from Club members and partners.
- Tree Planting - We continued our successful relationship with the Tree Planting Project in Benalla (known as the Regent Honeyeater Project) with a team of members, partners and friends joining in the large annual event and assisting in planting an estimated 700 trees.
- Shine For Kids - A toy drive was held to provide toys for over 200 children visiting parents at the Melbourne Remand Centre and funds were provided for petrol costs for volunteers visiting families.

- A working bee was held at Royal Talbot.
- Donations were given to Lift The Lid, Melbourne City Toy Library and Youth Projects Inc.
- Clement Baade was nominated for the multi-District Shine On Awards.
- Caprice generously donated over \$8,000 worth of quality children's goods to Rotary, including shoes, towels and backpacks. Much of these goods were provided to Shine for Kids, St Kilda Mums and Concern Australia for use in their programs with families experiencing hardship.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: To celebrate our sister club relationship with the Rotary club of Rabindra Sarobar in Kolkata, India a total of 13 members, partners and friends of Rotary travelled to India in January 2019 to attend the District 3291 conference and to undertake a sightseeing tour of Northern India. Whilst in Kolkata the group visited a number of local Rotary projects including a henna training program for young women, a visit to a health centre for destitute old women where they handed out blankets and a collective which is growing mushrooms as a food source for their village and for sale. While there a commitment was made to provide \$1,032 to support one of our sister club projects called Voice of World. These funds were put towards the setting up of a deep tube-well at Voice of World school for visually impaired to provide safe drinking water to over 200 students who live and/or attend the school.

As part of our ongoing relationship with Rotary in India the club has joined hands with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria in Rotary District 3291 and Rotary Club of Sierra Madre, United States (District 5300), to participate in a multidistrict Vocational Education & Skills Development project. The project was successful in an application for a Global Grant from the RI Foundation. Total financial value of this project is around \$105,000. The project will train 500 students in vocational skills to enable them to become wage earners and productive members of their local community. The chosen professions have a growing demand for workers in the local economy in Kolkata, India. After the successful completion of their training the candidates are offered guaranteed employment by the Authorised Training Partner who is approved by the Skills development Council, Government of India.

To support this project Sue and Peter Duras made their Southbank penthouse apartment available for a fundraising event themed as **"Oh Kolkata"** and saw around 60 Rotarians, partners and friends enjoy Indian music, Indian snacks, a raffle and an auction. Generously Arjay and Maddy, neighbours of Peter and Sue, offered to sponsor the event to the tune of \$900 with food prepared and provided by club member Suvam Ganguli and his sister, Puja. With this support and the generosity of everyone who attended over \$5,400 was raised towards the project.

The club again supported Donations In Kind with two working bees and the funding of \$3,500 per annum for rent.

This year marked the completion of the fifth primary school in the Luang Prabang province of Laos. The school is located in the village of Ban Heuthan the final cost was around US\$28,000. Over forty Rotarians from Rotary Central Melbourne participated in fundraising activities for the project throughout the year which enabled the club to make a contribution of \$8,291 towards the project. Rob Hines and District Governor Bronwyn Stephens travelled to Laos for the opening of the school.

Donations were made of \$500 to Rotarians Against Malaria, \$2,400 to Disaster Aid Australia and \$500 to Project Natalie.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE: The goal of the committee was to continue on with programs established in the prior year and to lay the groundwork for new initiatives using the guidelines of Serve, Empower and Inspire.

- The District 9800 Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring program completed its first year with nine mentees completing the program. Alan Seale and Bernie Gerlinger supported this program on the steering committee and Brett Jones mentored two of the mentees.
- A vocational visit to the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists was arranged by John Illott. Members and partners were able to visit the museum of anaesthetic history as well as hearing presentations by Dr Christine Ball, **ANZCA's** Honorary Curator and Dr Lindy Cass, consultant anaesthetist at the Royal **Children's** Hospital. A second vocational event was arranged by Anne King who invited members to a kick-off event for her new business venture Sequel: Your Financial Mentor. The technology-enabled company bridges the gap between bookkeepers and accountants through shared business insights reporting and cloud integration to improve cash flow budgeting.
- Under the New Generations Service Exchange program of Rotary International we supported an application from James Young, a passionate young opera singer, to travel to Germany from July-September. He will participate in a wonderful schedule of events, including the Bayreuth Festival and serving as a teaching assistant at a summer camp dedicated to the music of Franz Liszt. Discussions are underway to receive Lotta Rink, a young bassoonist from D1950 in Germany, in early 2020.
- The Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program continued with Kevin Love and John Illott as part of the steering committee and two members acting as mentors for this **year's** program, Michelle Crawford and Neil Salvano.

YOUTH SERVICE: During the year we continued to develop our relationship with Princes Hill Secondary College (PHSC) and Victorian Police Legacy to act as feeders for students to participate in many of the Youth programs that Rotary offers.

We sent five students from PHSC to The Science Experience funded by the Wolfgang and Monika Jacobs bequest.

The Club continued with the Silk Miller Scholarship nominating Senior Constable Michael Beilken.

We also sent two students to RYPEN from Victorian Police Legacy; Oscar Clift to RYLA; two teams of two students from PHSC to MUNA and nominated Jemima Streader from University High to the National Youth Science Forum in be held in Canberra in January 2020.

With support from a District Grant we also awarded four scholarships to students at PHSC

FOUNDATION: The 26th annual Paul Harris Breakfast, with guest speaker Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (**Ret'd**), raised \$8,600. From those funds the Club donated \$6,000 to The Rotary Foundation and \$1,500 to the EndPolio campaign along with presenting two Royce Abbey Awards to Alison Chan and Suvam Ganguli.



This year our Club received four District Grants totalling \$3,000, one to support the Hope Scholarships \$2,000 and one to support the Princes Hill Secondary School scholarships \$1,000.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to: Allan Driver - First Sapphire, Daniel Lim - First Sapphire, Frank **O'Brien** - First Sapphire, Tony Thomas - Second Sapphire and Pauline **O'Brien**.

Finally the Club supported an application from Tegan Paul from the Australian Red Cross to be considered for a three month Rotary Foundation Peace Scholarship.

**FUNDRAISING:** The Garden DesignFest contributed \$16,620 to Club funds, with fifty percent allocated to this year and fifty percent to the 2019-2020 year as well as a donation of \$4,155 to the major charity for the event, End Trachoma 2020.

The real surprise was the ultimate result of the Bunnings BBQs brilliantly arranged by Peter Duras and Frank **O'Brien** with a total of \$19,000 **raised. Special thanks to Pauline O'Brien and Sue Duras and the diverse list of members and others that** supported these events in all types of weather. In total 33 members and 4 partners volunteered their time with many of them assisting multiple times.

The other smaller events namely our second Opera On The Yarra with entertainment by Michael Lapina; Kristen Leich; Raphael Wong; Eleanor Blythman; Dean Sky-Lucas; the Diversity Breakfast held at the William Angliss college with speaker Emma Gee; Special Breakfast with Lord Mayor Sally Capp as speaker; and the **"Oh Kolkata"** night raised approximately \$11,000.

**DOCKLANDS BRANCH:** Rotary Central Melbourne - Docklands branch met regularly from July 2018, on the first Wednesday morning and third Wednesday evening of each month finishing the year with four new members that were classified as RCM Docklands branch members, (Sean Car, Ariik Mawien, Krystle Mitchell and Luke Allen).

Three RCM members (George Mackey, Daniel Lim and Neville John) have regularly worked with the branch members in developing project ideas, imparting Rotary knowledge and discussing the structure.

Since the group began meeting, other supporters, both Rotarian and non-Rotarian from outside RCM have provided support in developing promotional material, website and other communication platforms. Thank you to Greg Harbour and Fabienne Nichola (Camberwell Rotary).

**The first project for the Docklands branch involved Rotary's Donations in Kind (DIK) and Educaring Africa (and its Malawian development partners the Malawi Volunteer Organisation) Educaring Africa** are nearing completion of a medical clinic in Chizula Village, Monkey Bay in Southern Malawi. A 40 ft shipping container was acquired with funds provided by Rotary Docklands and Educaring Africa and this was used to transport medical equipment largely sourced via DIK, to Chizula Village along with much needed supplies to local Malawian schools. From 9 to 14 April 2019 a team of artists led by Tamarit Gebremariam, transformed the container into a giant African-themed mural on Harbour Esplanade, Docklands (at the end of Latrobe St).

This was predominantly a promotion campaign for Rotary Docklands, Educaring Africa and the project, as many members of the public came to take photos, write messages on the container to send to Malawi and ask questions. This was an opportunity to tell them more about the project and **Rotary's** involvement. On 14 April, a marquee was set up at the Docklands Sunday Market showcasing samples of the type of medical items that was sourced from DIK and information about the project was provided. Approximately \$500 in donations were received which was put towards transporting the container and sourcing supplies not able to be provided by DIK.

At a local level, Daniel Lim was nominated and elected to the Docklands Community Forum (DCF), which was established by Melbourne City Council in 2018 as a network connecting residents, workers and other key stakeholders in Docklands. Daniel will share information on community needs identified by the DCF and that will hopefully lead to potential projects and/or partnerships for the Rotary Central Melbourne Docklands branch.

The branch will be developed through project opportunities used to attract and retain those who want to give back to the community. The next twelve months will see more focus on structure, interaction between RCM and branch activities and a plan to develop more interest in the activities of the group with the local residents and workforce.



2018 - 2019 – The year started with a well-attended Kick Start strategic planning session



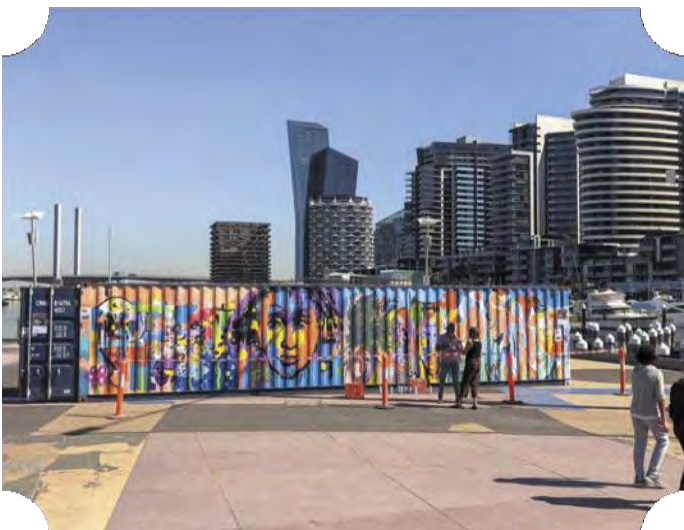
2018 - 2019 – Victoria Police Mentoring Program annual graduation breakfast



2018 - 2019 – Daniel Lim, PDG Neville John, PP George Mackey and Greg Harbour at the launch of the Docklands Branch



2018 - 2019 – President Neville presenting Silk Miller scholarship to Senior Constable Michael Beilken



2018 - 2019 – The African theme painted container sent by Docklands Branch to Chizula Village, Malawi



2018 - 2019 – A full house of members, partners and guests for the annual Christmas Breakfast





2018 - 2019 – The generous donation of Christmas Hampers from members and partners for those in need



2018 - 2019 – RYPEN attendees Claire and Ben Burmester receiving their certificates from DG Bronwyn



2018 - 2019—Performers Raphael Wong, Krysten Leich, Eleanor Blythman and Michael Lapina at the successful Opera On The Yarra fundraising event



2018 - 2019 – A small selection of the toys collected for the Shine For Kids project



2018 - 2019 – The members, partners and friend of Rotary who travelled to India to visit the D3291 Conference and our sister Club Rabindra Sarobar in Kolkata



2018 - 2019 – International Director Rob Hines and DG Bronwyn at the opening of our 5th school in the Luang Prabang Province of Laos. It is in the village of Ban Heuthan





2018 - 2019 – Special breakfast speaker, Lord Mayor Sally Capp with President Neville and Vocational Director Sarah Overton



2018 - 2019 – Some of the large group attending the very popular annual Peninsula BBQ



2018 - 2019 – President Neville and TAL staff packing up Tree of Joy gifts for Steps Outreach and Lentara



2018 - 2019 – Just some of the very enthusiastic volunteers who manned the very successful fundraising Bunnings BBQs



2018 - 2019 – Our RYLA attendee Oscar Clift second from the left in the back row



2018 - 2019 – A group of willing volunteers waiting for the gates to open during the Garden DesignFest





2018 - 2019 – The team of volunteers at the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre sensory garden working bee



2018 - 2019 – Secretary Koren Harvey with guest speaker Sir Angus Houston at the Paul Harris breakfast



2018 - 2019 – Volunteers sorting and packing goods at the Donations In Kind working bee



2018 - 2019 – A very small portion of the quality goods donated by Caprice to several charities RCM supports



2018 - 2019 – PP Frank auctioning items at the well supported "Oh Kolkata" fundraiser



2018 - 2019 – The Board members at changeover

## The 33<sup>rd</sup> Year - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

President:	Warwick Cavell
Vice President:	Neville John
Secretary:	Paul Fraser
Treasurer:	Anne King
President Elect:	Therese Robinson

### COMMITTEES:

Community	Rohan Williams
Club Administration	Gerard Hogan
International	Rob Hines
Vocational	Sarah Overton
Youth	Elias Lebbos
Foundation:	Neville Taylor
Membership:	Neville John
Fundraising:	Herb Greenwood
Docklands	PDG Neville John

Bulletin:	Nick Clift
Meeting Social Aspects	Suvam Ganguli and Mary Voice

District Governor:	Grant Hocking
Assistant Governor:	Dale Hoy
R.I. President:	Mark Maloney
Rotary Theme	<i>Rotary Connects The World</i>

Membership:	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019:	66
	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020:	64



*President Warwick Cavell*

*New Members:* David Laurie (Branding and Marketing); Francesco Fedele (Leadership Development); Ignacio Inchausti (Business Project Management and Delivery); Rajesh Chawla (Tax and Business Advisory); Adele le Roux (Commercial Management).

*Members Lost:* Bettina Cruise, Domenic Varrasso, Krystle Mitchell, Lynne Webber, Keith Kendall, Marjorie Gerlinger, Bernie Gerlinger.

Excerpts from Annual Report:

### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

#### **Caprice's Generosity Reaches New Heights**

In October, Caprice advised that they had a large collection of new shoes that they wanted to donate to charity. Undaunted by **the size of the donation, Peter Duras quickly swung into action and with the help of his wife Sue, Frank and Pauline O'Brien.** Armed with suggestions of worthy charities from Rotarians and Friends of Rotary, 900 pairs of new shoes were collected, sorted and delivered to 18 charities across Melbourne. Among the many recipients were children receiving new shoes for the first time in a long time and possibly the very first time.

As always, the Community Service year covered a diverse range of activities:

- Lift the Lid on Mental Illness promoted our contribution to mental health awareness through Australian Rotary Health. Rotarians enthusiastically participated once again at our breakfast meeting on 6th December 2019 and raised \$200 for mental health research.
- In the lead-up to Christmas, we again connected the employees of TAL Insurance to children from families supported by Concern Australia and Uniting Care. TAL Insurance employees placed 77 presents under the Tree of Joy. Imagine the smiles when the children received the presents and how happy the parents would have been. Rotarians and Friends of Rotary generously donated 80 food hampers to homeless young people and families supported by Concern Australia and Uniting Care at our annual Christmas breakfast.
- Hope for the Future Scholarships project was extended to its second year. Eight \$500 scholarships were provided to children from families supported by Concern Australia.
- Youth Projects was once again supported with the delivery of blankets, clothing, underwear, food and water to help meet the urgent physical needs of homeless people supported by the Youth Projects Living Room in Hosier Lane.
- Bushfire relief was provided to many devastated communities around Australia. We can be proud of how we contributed to supporting affected people by raising \$5,200 via three Bushfire Aid Bunnings sausage sizzles.
- Benalla tree planting continued the Regent Honeyeaters Project with members and friends attending a tree planting weekend in Benalla. It is estimated that 500 trees were planted.



### COVID-19

The social distancing restrictions implemented by the Victorian Government in March prevented the following projects from proceeding as planned:

- **Mobility hire service at Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show**
- **Royal Talbot working bee**
- **Melbourne Community Toy Library pop-up play sessions**

### *CLUB ADMINISTRATION:*

Regular meetings were held up until mid-March 2020. Lockdown due to COVID-19 began in mid-March and the club lost only one meeting before switching to Zoom meetings.

The Melbourne Bearbrass Probus Club was launched at the Dock Library, Docklands on February 12. This project was instigated by Tony Thomas with much enthusiasm.

Numerous social events were cancelled due to the pandemic, though several “neighbourhood” dinners were held early in the year and then trivia nights via Zoom once COVID lockdown began. Thanks again go to Lorraine Meehan for hosting what has now become our strongly attended annual Mornington Peninsula barbecue.

Weekly raffles were held to raise funds both for the Club and for two social enterprise organisations STREAT and Ceres. Ceres is a unique, non-profit centre offering an organic grocery and cafe, nursery and environmental education. STREAT provides homeless and disadvantaged young people with the life skills, training and work experience they require to take a step closer to achieving some of their personal goals through training in hospitality skills. These organisations were assisted by the purchase of raffle prizes.

**The Club received the RI Citation (Gold) “for helping Rotary connect the world”.**

The Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Rob Hines and Family of Rotary Award to Suzette Taylor and Veronica Love. Plaques of Appreciation were presented to Peter Duras, Frank O’Brien and Herb Greenwood.

Alan Seale was presented with the District 9800 Royce Abbey Champion of Change Award.

### *YOUTH:*

During the year we continued to develop our relationship with Princes Hill Secondary College and Victorian Police Legacy to act as feeders for students to participate in many of the Youth programs that Rotary offers.

- RCM provided two \$500 education scholarships to students aimed at relieving financial pressure on their families and supporting their education.
- Through the Wolfgang and Monica Jacobs Bequest, the club sponsored five students to participate in the Science Experience held at Melbourne University in January 2020. The program allows young people to explore careers in science and encourages them to consider STEM as a career option (especially young girls).
- RCM provided in excess of \$1,500 to establish The Rotary Perseverance Award 2019 which was awarded to a student who had experienced immense difficulty and neglect as a young adolescent. The award has provided hope and inspiration for the student to pursue their ambition of joining the Australian Defence Force.

The Club continued with the Silk Miller Scholarship supporting Senior Constable Michael Beilken and Senior Constable Tania Stacey.

The club also sponsored Jemima Streader from University High to the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January 2020.

The Youth committee sought opportunities to support the growth development of indigenous youth. The committee identified three projects that could support this initiative. Two were completed and one is on hold until COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed.

- RCM continued to develop the relationship with William Angliss Institute by establishing the inaugural Youth Indigenous Encouragement Award. The \$500 award is aimed at supporting an indigenous student who has demonstrated passion, drive and leadership in their chosen field. The first recipient was a young indigenous woman-Emma Stock. Emma was the only indigenous student to complete a Diploma in 2019 and successfully secured employment with Abercrombie & Kent.
- In November 2019 RCM was approached by the Principal of Kerang Primary School seeking support to fund the participation of a Grade 6, indigenous student (in DHHS care) from Kerang Primary School to attend the Lord Somers School Camp. The club agreed to assist this child engage in the program that provides children with the opportunity to accept challenges, improve their self-esteem, engage with new people and build self-confidence.

## VOCATIONAL:

The goal of the committee was to continue with programs established in the prior year and to lay the groundwork for new initiatives using the guidelines of Serve, Empower and Inspire.

### Mentoring programs

- Since 2007, Rotary Central Melbourne has been a key driver of partnerships with Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria to provide mentoring for high performing leaders. The programs have expanded over the years to include Rotarians representing 50 Victorian clubs, who have supported a total of 280 mentees to build sustainable partnerships with community groups.
- Mentoring programs have been extended this year with the introduction of a pilot program for international students. The objective is to assist students become more familiar with the Australian business environment.
- Thanks to the strong leadership and technology skills of Francesco Fedele, Rotarymentors.org.au now has a website of its own. This is an important progressive step for our mentoring programs, as it provides a portal for potential mentors to register interest and learn more about their role.

The New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) program of Rotary International is gaining momentum as an avenue for young professionals to develop their networks and skills through international Rotary connections. RCM has built a strong rapport with D1950 in Bavaria, Germany, and as a result we have been the fortunate hosts to two talented young artists over the past two years. A young bassoonist, Lotta Rink, joined us in Melbourne in February 2020. Unfortunately, the international impacts of COVID-19 cut Lotta's visit short.

Our outbound NGSE participant, baritone opera singer James Young, enjoyed an extremely successful time in Germany across July-September 2019. After performances at the Bayreuth Festival and teaching at a summer camp dedicated to the music of Franz Liszt, James elected to stay on in Germany for several months beyond the period of his exchange.

### Papua New Guinea Anaesthetic Training Program

The club is working in partnership with the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) to establish a Vocational Training Team project to train the PNG medical community in anaesthesia. In mid-2019 we secured an International Scoping Grant from District Rotary Foundation to assist with funding a visit to PNG by Roger Thornton as the Rotary member of a team including both Australian and PNG ANZCA staff to conduct a community needs assessment.

Safer Anaesthesia From Education (SAFE) modules incorporate train-the-trainer. There was strong interest in the SAFE program from the PNG staff and ANZCA are now working up an appropriate program on this basis whilst the club is renewing its relationship with the RC Lae Huon Gulf.

### Vocational Service Award

Alan Seale was presented with an award for his leadership and commitment to Vocational Service in Rotary Central Melbourne and Rotary District 9800.

## INTERNATIONAL:

This year was significantly impacted by the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. With all international travel severely restricted **and Australia's borders effectively closed, the second half of the year saw very little hands-on activity** by the international committee. However, the following activities were able to be completed prior to the shutdown.

### Global Grant project in India

Our club has joined hands with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria in Rotary District 3291 and Rotary Club of Sierra Madre, United States (District 5300), to participate in a multidistrict Vocational Education & Skills Development project. Total financial value of this project was around \$105,000. The project was successfully completed in early 2020 with 200 security guards and 184 housekeepers trained and then employed through the Authorised Training Partner which was approved by the Skills Development Council, Government of India.

### Luang Prabang, Laos, Education Projects

Over the past eight years our club has developed a close working relationship with the local people of Luang Prabang. Having completed our 5th Primary school renovation in the village of Ban Heuthan in 2019 we have now identified the next project as the design, construction and fit out of a library in the grounds of the Xieng Ngeun Secondary School.

Following a scoping and feasibility study on site in January 2020 the project was approved by the school principal, the local education department and our partner in Laos, Somnuek Bounsa. The cost will be approximately \$35,000 AUD. The library project is now on hold and will restart once the lockdown in Laos is eased.

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#### Donations In Kind (DIK)

DIK is a warehouse in Footscray that collects then distributes goods via shipping containers to the poorest countries in our region. The goods include medical equipment, clothing and school furniture among other things. We were able to conduct one working bee at DIK in late 2019. The warehouse has been closed since March 2020 and will not reopen until the coronavirus restrictions are lifted. RCM again provided funding of \$3,500 towards the rental cost for the warehouse.

#### Rotary Against Malaria and Interplast

Our club donated \$500 for the acquisition and distribution of insecticide impregnated mosquito nets for Papua New Guinea. We also donated \$500 to Interplast. Interplast sends teams of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to provide life-changing surgery and medical training in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region.

#### *FOUNDATION:*

The Foundation Committee focused on November as Foundation Month to host a range of events and speakers to inform and engage Rotarians and non-Rotarians and subsequently broaden the general awareness of The Foundation. The 27th annual Paul Harris Breakfast, with guest speaker Dr Andrew Browning AM, raised \$10,200. The Club donated \$10,700 to The Rotary Foundation and \$1,500 to the EndPolio campaign along with presenting a Royce Abbey Award to Francesco Fedele.

The Community Service Committee continued its partnership with Concern Australia to deliver the Scholarships of Hope to underprivileged youth in education achievements. Princes Hill Secondary College were also supported with two Foundation Matching Grants. The Foundation and International Committees continued scoping work in partnership with the Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists to design a vocational training program to deliver in Papua New Guinea.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to:

Neville Taylor, Roy Garrett - First Sapphire, George Mackey - Fourth Sapphire.

#### *FUNDRAISING:*

**The year was supplemented by another mammoth effort by Rotarians Peter & Sue Duras and Frank & Pauline O'Brien in the arrangement of multiple Bunnings BBQs at Port Melbourne and Collingwood.**

The result was in excess of \$19,000 with over \$5,000 of this given to the Rotary East Gippsland Bushfire Appeal. Bunnings donated vouchers to the value of \$1,000 to RCM in consideration of bookings lost due to COVID-19 restrictions. Vouchers to the value of \$500 were given to the Rotary East Gippsland Bushfire Appeal with the balance retained for future distribution.

The other events namely our Opera On The Yarra with entertainment hosted by Michael Lapina; and the Camberwell Markets stall, as well as other fundraising initiatives raised approximately \$4,000.

#### *DOCKLANDS BRANCH:*

As at 30 June 2020, there are five members of RCM who are involved in the Docklands Branch. The objective is to continue to grow this group through engagement in project opportunities and more generally opening the larger Rotary network to them. When the group is sufficiently resourced it is envisaged that they will either become a satellite of RCM or a Rotary Club in their own right. The Docklands branch held a strategic focus workshop in October 2019, with Warwick Cavell as facilitator. Four key strategic priorities were identified:

1. Enhancing the current international projects in Malawi and South Sudan.
2. Initiating at least one signature local project that resonates with the local community.
3. Building partnerships with key community-based groups in Docklands.
4. Raising the profile, image and awareness of Rotary in the Docklands community.



2019-20 **Warwick's** new board at Changeover



2019-20 Member inquisition - Brett Jones with Daniel Lim



2019-20 Annual Peninsula BBQ hosted by Lorraine Meehan  
(pictured - Athina, Jill, Suzette, Marg)



2019-20 Member inquisition - Brett Jones with Sarah Overton



2019-20 Tree planting at Benalla



2019-20 Bunnings sausage sizzle at Collingwood



2019-20 Bushfire relief supported by donations and proceeds from Bunnings sausage sizzles



2019-20 Fundraising activity with Camberwell Market stall





2019-20 Christmas hampers donated to Concern Australia



2019-20 Caprice generosity reaches new heights



2019-20 Donations in Kind working bee



2019-20 Stage to Screen



2019-20 Support for Police Legacy



2019-20 Roger Thornton visiting PNG with Anthony Wall (ANZCA) to scope Global Grant application



2019-20 Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program



2019-20 DG Grant Hocking proposing toast to RI at Paul Harris Breakfast

# The 34<sup>th</sup> Year - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

President: Therese Robinson  
Vice Presidents: Anne King; Kevin Love  
Secretary: Paul Fraser  
Treasurer: Martin Langton  
President Elect: Elias Lebbos

COMMITTEES:  
Community  
Club Administration  
International  
Vocational  
Youth  
Foundation:  
Membership:  
Fundraising:  
Docklands

Rohan Williams  
Allan Driver  
Cecily Neil  
Warwick Cavell  
David Laurie  
Neville Taylor  
Neville John  
Rob Hines  
PDG Neville John



*President Therese Robinson*

Bulletin: Nick Clift (to 31 Dec 2019)  
Ignacio Inchausti (from 1 Jan 2020)

District Governor: Philip Archer  
Assistant Governor: Kate Strain  
R.I. President: Holger Knaak  
Rotary Theme: *Rotary Opens Opportunities*

Membership: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020: 64  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2021: 66

*New Members:* Puja Ganguli (Food and Sustainability); Bernard Marchingo (Information, Technology and Communications Consulting); Marli Watt (Professional Leadership Coaching); Rhys Williams (International Education).

*Members Lost:* Stuart Cardell; Tony Thomas

Excerpts from Annual Report:

## *COMMUNITY SERVICE:*

### *Donation by Caprice*

Caprice once again made a large collection of new clothing and backpacks (retail value ~\$90k). Undaunted by the size of the donation, the clothing and backpacks were collected, sorted and delivered to 24 charities across Melbourne and regional Victoria.

**Peter and Sue Duras, Frank O'Brien and Rohan Williams visited Caprice to present certificates of appreciation to staff for their ongoing generosity in donating new clothing, footwear and backpacks.**

### *Support for Youth Projects*

Ben Vasiliou (CEO Youth Projects) presented a new opportunity for Rotary Central Melbourne to support Youth Projects in the form of a social enterprise café at The Alfred Hospital to help at-risk young people develop employment skills for the hospitality industry. Rotary Central Melbourne donated \$2000 and two members each donated \$1000 towards the initial set-up on the café. Ben reported in March that the café is going well.

Throughout the year, the club also delivered blankets, clothing, underwear, food and water to help meet the urgent physical needs of homeless people supported by the Youth Projects Living Room in Hosier Lane.

The following projects were once more well supported.

### *Christmas Hampers*

With Covid restrictions preventing the collection of the hampers at a breakfast meeting, the Community Service team purchased groceries on behalf of members and delivered 75 hampers to Concern Australia and Uniting Care.

### *"Lift the Lid" on Mental Illness*

Rotarians generously donated \$978 to this Australian Rotary Health initiative to fund research into mental health.

### *"Hope for the Future" Scholarships*

The Steps Outreach Service provided eight recipients of the "Hope for the Future" scholarships with ongoing relational and practical support.

### *St Vincent's Health Australia Foundation "Wrapped in Kindness"*

The St Vincent's Foundation in partnership with Caulfield Grammar and Rotary District 9800 donated, packed and distributed 780 bags of warm winter clothing and toiletries to ease the burden during the winter months via the "Wrapped in Kindness" campaign. We delivered our allocation of the donations to Youth Projects CBD, the Good Samaritan Inn Preston and Exodus West Heidelberg.



### *Docklands Toy Library*

The Docklands Toy Library was officially opened at the Hub at Docklands in April. Alison Chan and Rohan Williams had assisted the Docklands Toy Library with pop-up play sessions held prior to Easter to promote the library at the District Docklands Community Garden and Buluk Park.

### ***“Shine On” Awards***

RCM nominated Jeff Shaw (Give a Care founder) for a multi-district award that seeks to recognise the significant contributions made by people living with disability.

### *Phillip Island Tree Planting*

We performed a combined Phillip Island Landcare and Ripples N Tonic tree planting activity in June. Seventeen Rotarians and family members joined the Phillip Island Landcare team on Phillip Island to plant approximately 2,000 trees. We then relocated to the farm stay property owned by former member Mik Wells and his wife Di where we planted approximately 200 trees provided by Landcare.

### ***CLUB ADMINISTRATION:***

We ensured that every club meeting and event was properly organised in advance. The objective was to ensure that club meetings, either using Zoom technology or hybrid format benefited club members and guests. Two critical areas that were maintained during the Covid era were the guest speaker program and the weekly bulletin.

Members rostered for duty each week assisted the running of the meeting and communication of those meetings to club members. We were able to include in our meetings the D9800 District Governor, Assistant District Governor, District Governor-Elect and members of the Rotary clubs in the Batman Cluster.

Overall, while our regular face-to-face meetings were curtailed somewhat, the members of our club embraced technology which meant that we were able to introduce four new members with the loss of two existing members.

The Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Rana Ebrahimi and Suvam Ganguli. Plaques of Appreciation were presented to Tony Thomas, Alan Seale, May Voice and Neville & Rebecca John. The Royce Abbey Award was presented to Ignacio Inchausti.

### ***YOUTH:***

Unfortunately, due to circumstances of school and border closures, state-wide lockdowns and many restrictions the majority of Youth Service programs were either cancelled, postponed or operated in an online environment.

### *Silk Miller Scholarship*

The 2020 Silk Miller Scholarship was awarded to Sergeant Ben McWilliam who is based in the LaTrobe Valley. Our 2018 awardee, Senior Constable Tania Stacey based at the Pro-active Policing Unit in Prahran has successfully completed the **Centre for Adolescent Health and Wellbeing's graduate diploma**. Our 2019 awardee is Senior Constable Michael Beilken who is continuing with his coursework.

### *Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)*

Rotary Central Melbourne sponsored a **team's participation in the 2020 MUNA help online via zoom**. This international youth program simulates the workings of the UN assembly where students represent a particular UN country. Students were challenged by the opportunities of extended research, debating and public speaking skills.

### *Postponements*

**Programs that the club couldn't support this Rotary year due to the pandemic are Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), The Science Experience and the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF).**

### ***VOCATIONAL:***

The committee identified four key areas of focus for Vocational Service:

- Mentoring
- Schools
- Job Ready
- Business

This was all happening during the Covid lockdown when many of our normal Rotary projects have had to be put on hold. However, mentoring is one that could be continued during the Covid period, thanks to video-conferencing.

### *International Student Mentoring Program*

During this year we have collaborated with Outcome.life - an organisation that places international students into internships. We held a successful pilot of 11 mentors (from our club) and mentees and we are looking to start our second pilot with 50 mentors (from across the district).

### *Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program*

The Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program was the third year of the partnership with Rotary. This year's program commenced in July 2020 in a completely virtual environment with 17 AV mentees matched with Rotary mentors representing all five Districts across Victoria. Three AV mentees withdrew from the program during the year due to personal reasons.

### *Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program*

Following a pause in the program due to the Victoria Police response to Covid-19, the Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program recommenced in December 2020. The closing date for the current program was extended to September 2021. Rotary Central Melbourne has provided four mentors to the current program.

### *Rotary Mentors Website*

Francesco Fedele in particular has been instrumental in continuing the development of the *rotarymentors.org.au* website and Community of Practice over the last twelve months. This is becoming a valuable asset in our promotion of mentoring activities.

#### *New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE)*

Despite the Covid lockdown causing the temporary suspension the NGSE program, Alan Seale has remained busy on the program. Due to current travel restrictions in Australia, the two Melbourne-based opera singers scheduled to go to Germany in August 2021 will be deferred until 2022.

#### *Business Partnerships*

**Unfortunately, the business partnerships program, started under Sarah Overton's leadership of the Vocational Service Committee, has had to be put on hold during the Covid period.** However, with the development of our mentoring capabilities and profile this has the potential to assist us in repositioning the Rotary brand within the business world.

#### *INTERNATIONAL:*

At the beginning of 2020, there were advanced plans for three projects to be undertaken in the upcoming financial year: Skills Development Project (RC of Calcutta Victoria), Papua New Guinea Safe Operating Room Vocational Training Team, and the construction and outfitting of a library in the secondary school at Luang Prabang, Laos. Sadly, the pandemic and its devastating **effects on our intended partners' countries brought to an abrupt halt the planning and implementation of each** these ongoing projects.

However, in the meantime a District Grant was obtained to help finance the provision of safe water and sanitary toilets in Kok Tnoth Village, Cambodia by the NGO Cambodian Clean Water and Toilets. The Board has provided financial support to three other projects this year, namely:

- A donation of \$500 towards the purchase of pre-school resource material, organised by the RC of Tarawa, Kiribati.
- A donation of US\$500 to the RC of Tbilisi, Georgia in response to a request for funding to support purchase of a portable X-ray unit for use in the fight against Covid-19.
- **A contribution of \$2,500 from members' donations was also made to the Docklands Malawi Health Centre Project.**

With the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions in November 2020, we were able to assist Donations-In-Kind by helping shift beds from the Austin Hospital (bound for Timor) and conduct a Club working bee at DIK in March 2021.

#### *FOUNDATION:*

The Foundation Committee focused on November as Foundation Month to host a range of events and speakers to inform and engage Rotarians and non-Rotarians and broaden the general awareness of The Foundation.

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Paul Harris Breakfast was held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. This year the event was held on Zoom with 186 people representing over 37 Rotary Clubs across several Districts. D9800 Foundation Chair PDG Murray Verso highlighted to the audience some Foundation facts, **in particular were the ratings of the Foundation as one of the world's top charities, its achievement in raising \$4 billion since its inception in 1917 and the fact that 2.5 billion people have been vaccinated against polio over the years, with cases dropping from over 300,000 per year to just 33 last year.**

**Guest speaker was Mr. Ian Wishart, CEO Fred Hollows Foundation. The Fred Hollows Foundation continues to advance Fred's mission by helping to create real solutions for those trapped in poverty by preventable blindness. The theme of the breakfast was "6,000 years of the trachoma scourge but we can end it all by 2030".**

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to: Anne King - Second Sapphire and Warwick Cavell - Sapphire.

#### *FUNDRAISING:*

This was a difficult year for fundraising due to the restrictions on gatherings both indoors and out as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. When the budget was set our expectation was that we would only raise around \$10,000 this year. In fact, we did much better than that. Our Bunnings sausage sizzles were able to recommence in January and the generosity of members ensured that voluntary donations and contributions towards our monthly raffles were very strong.

In addition, member Alan Seale ably assisted by **member Roger Thornton, made hand crafted "Covid Chairs" for sale to members and their families.** The net funds raised after costs exceeded \$4,200.

**The Bunnings sausage sizzles were once again a solid contributor to the Club's income. Although we only had 6 months of opportunity, the BBQs at both Bunnings Collingwood and Port Melbourne will have jointly contributed over \$15,000 by the end of this Rotary year. Importantly, since our Bunnings sausage sizzles commenced 4 years ago, in excess of \$62,000 will have been raised. With the massive contribution of Peter Duras and Frank O'Brien winding down after 4 hectic years the club is looking for volunteers to carry on their good work.**

#### *DOCKLANDS BRANCH:*

Docklands as a location was significantly impacted by the pandemic lockdowns. When that group could not meet in person it was decided to wind the meetings into those conducted online by Rotary Central Melbourne. In January 2021 it became apparent that the Melbourne City Council plans to build the Docklands community had stalled and would take some time to regain momentum. Given this environment and the need to efficiently manage club resources being utilised at Docklands **branch, it was resolved to withdraw RCM's involvement in developing a Rotary club at Docklands. All members who were part of that group are now part of RCM, with one of those continuing to be RCM's eyes and ears for project opportunities there.**





2020-21 President Therese Robinson



2020-21 Therese and Murray - induction speech



2020-21 Daniel Lim in Zoom changeover mode



2020-21 Lorraine Meehan, Pip and Roger Thornton



2020-21 Tessa and Rob Hines



2020-21 Donation by Caprice to Good Samaritan Inn



2020-21 Christmas hampers distributed by Concern Australia





2020-21 Phillip Island tree planters



2020-21 St Vincent's Health Australia Foundation  
"Wrapped in Kindness project"



2020-21 Youth Projects Social Enterprise Café at The  
Alfred Hospital



2020-21 "Covid Chairs" fundraising project



2020-21 Fundraising continuing intermittently during Covid



2020-21 Sausage sizzle "Aprons by Sally Moon"





2020-21 Donations in Kind working bee



2020-21 Visit to Cruden Farm with RC Echuca-Moama

**The delicious dish that we all managed to cook to perfection – thanks Puja**



2020-21 Puja Ganguli and her khichuri



2020-21 Silk Miller Scholarship presentation  
Tom Callander, Therese Robinson, Tania Stacy, Ani Wierenga, David Broderick, Ben McWilliam, Doug Robertson

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Community Adele le Roux  
Club Administration Allan Driver  
International Cecily Neil  
Vocational Warwick Cavell  
Youth David Laurie  
Foundation: Therese Robinson  
Fundraising: Rob Hines  
Membership: Neville John

Bulletin: Ignacio Inchausti

District Governor: Dale Hoy  
Assistant Governor: Murray Anderson  
R.I. President: Shekhar Mehta  
Rotary Theme: Serve To Change Lives

Membership: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021: 66  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2022: 58

*New Members:* Sonia Dhillon (Accounting - Business Analyst), Maureen Jackson (Town Planning Consulting), Justine Murphy (Strategic Business & Risk Management), Stephen Turner (Engineer, Management Consultant).

*Members Lost:* Rajesh Chawla, Nick Clift, Stuart Ellis, Francesco Fedele, Paul Fraser, Puja Ganguli, John Hinrichs, Gerard Hogan, Brett Jones, George Mackey, Bernard Marchingo, Marli Watt.

Excerpts from Annual Report:

## COMMUNITY SERVICE:

### Donation by Caprice

**Peter Duras and Frank O'Brien distributed donated clothing and footwear with an estimated retail value of \$40,000 to 26 charities.**

As always, the Community Service year covered a diverse range of activities:

- Lift the Lid on Mental Illness promoted our contribution to mental health awareness through Australian Rotary Health. Rotarians enthusiastically wore headwear and generously donated \$920 to this initiative via an online raffle at our breakfast meeting on 26th October.
- Rotarians and friends generously donated 90 Christmas hampers to families supported by Concern Australia and UnitingCare. With COVID-19 restrictions lifted, we were able to return to our tradition of handing over the hampers to representatives of Concern Australia and UnitingCare at our Christmas breakfast on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.
- Rotary Central Melbourne and Peter and Sue Duras donated \$2,700 to Youth Projects to purchase a vaccine fridge. This enabled homeless people in the CBD to be vaccinated to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and hospitalisations. Other goods sourced from Donations-in-Kind were regularly donated until the Living Room closed for major renovations.
- Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network: we joined forces with 13 other Rotary clubs and 14 welfare support agencies to establish a network to recycle household goods to help people establish secure homes after experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, incarceration and conflict. Despite multiple lockdowns during the second half of 2021, RIMERN has been able to provide goods to 80 individuals and families, including recently arrived Afghan refugees. Rotary Central Melbourne also contributed \$1,000 to the annual running costs.
- Travellers Aid and Rotary Central Melbourne provided wheelchairs and prams to help 111 individuals and their families and friends to have a fuller experience of the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show than what would have been possible without this service. Fifteen Rotarians volunteered alongside Travellers Aid volunteers during the show.

## CLUB ADMINISTRATION:

Over the year regular face-to-face meetings were increased after the COVID era, however, members embraced technology which meant that we were able to introduce new members and retain existing members due to the combination of face-to-face and Zoom meetings. With the "relaxation" of COVID rules, RCM adopted the approach of having in-person meetings wherever possible. During the year we continued to have at least one Zoom meeting per month.



*President Elias Lebbos*



While we attempted to have an active social program in place for all members, taking into account government COVID policies, it was difficult at times. A successful Christmas breakfast attracted around 50 members and guests. After a two-year hiatus, the annual Peninsula BBQ was held at Mount Martha in April, with special thanks to Lorraine Meehan and Roger Thornton.

The Club received a District 9800 Award for International Service for the provision of oxygen concentrators to India.

The Rotarian of the Year Award **was presented to Frank O'Brien** and Family of Rotary Award to Leonie Greenwood. Special Recognition awards were presented to Rob Hines, John Illott and Brett Jones. The Royce Abbey Award was presented to Rhys Williams.

#### *YOUTH SERVICE:*

The Club continued to fund the long running Silk-Miller Scholarship. This covers 50% of costs for the successful applicant from Victoria Police, who will complete a Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Wellbeing through University of Melbourne.

A new initiative in the Youth Mental Health space was undertaken jointly with Rotary North Brighton, when a Youth Mental Health First Aid course was run at Kathleen Syme Library. It is aimed at adults who deal with children in the 12-18 age group who may be at the risk of mental health problems and even suicide. Thirteen participants attended this two-day course.

#### Bernie Gerlinger Hope for the Future Scholarships

Rotary Central Melbourne, in partnership with Steps Outreach Service, a program of Concern Australia, provides scholarships to assist disadvantaged young people to overcome barriers to educational success and to help them achieve positive life outcomes. The scholarships provide some financial support complemented by mentoring and support from a Steps youth worker. In September 2021, Rotary Central Melbourne in consultation with Concern Australia, changed the name of the program to Bernie Gerlinger Hope for the Future Scholarships to honour Bernie for his long-term support for Steps Outreach Service. **Rotarians and friends donated funds in Bernie's memory to support this scholarship program.**

**Considering the generous donations in Bernie's memory, it was decided** to increase the support to scholarship recipients. There will be five recipients of the scholarships in 2022 with \$1,000 allocated for each child or young person. This includes \$500 in material aid and \$500 for support hours and activities with their youth workers and volunteer mentors.

#### *VOCATIONAL SERVICE:*

The goal of the committee was to continue with programs established in the prior year and to lay the groundwork for new initiatives using the guidelines of Serve, Empower and Inspire.

#### Mentoring programs

- Since 2007, Rotary Central Melbourne has been a key driver of partnership with Victoria Police to provide mentoring for high performing leaders. The program has expanded over the years to include Rotarians representing 50 Victorian clubs. 2021-22 saw the continuation of the 13<sup>th</sup> program that commenced in 2019 but was extended because of COVID 19 disruptions. Sixteen Rotary mentors worked with police members on personal development and community projects. The program concluded in November 2021. The mentor cohort for the 14<sup>th</sup> program was recruited in late 2021 with a launch in March 2022. It will run until March 2023.
- The Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program was launched in August 2021, during COVID, with seventeen Rotary mentors from the five Victorian Rotary Districts. It has engaged thirteen clubs including five regional clubs. Due to extensions caused by COVID the program is scheduled to conclude in November 2022.
- While COVID has had a significant impact in delaying the International Student Mentoring Program, it is progressing. We are starting pilot #2 with 50 Rotarians and Friends of Rotary (35 in District 9800 and 15 in Vancouver, Canada). This will be the first program that has used the newly developed MentorMatch AI system for matching mentors and mentees.

#### New Generations Service Exchange

After a two-year COVID-imposed break the New Generations Service Exchange program is running again. In July 2022 two young Australian opera singers, Louise Keast and Michael Dimovski, will be travelling to Bavaria where they will be hosted **by German Rotary families for around six weeks. They will be participating in the Bayreuth Young Artists' Festival, attending master classes and in Michael's case, performing at the D1950 District Conference.**

We are also expecting two inbound exchanges from Germany. Maria (Charly) Brielmaier a medical student from Munich will be joining us from late October for five to six weeks. Charly is president of her Rotaract club in central Munich. We will also be hosting a talented young violinist, David Rosenberg, from Bamberg in Bavaria. We plan to arrange a meaningful music program for David with help from Dr David Kram from RC Melbourne and through Melbourne Opera.

#### *INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:*

The pandemic and its impact on our intended partner countries have continued to disrupt the plans of the International Service Committee throughout this year. No progress has been made yet with respect to two projects, the groundwork for which was undertaken in 2020: the Skills Development Project (RC of Calcutta Victoria) and Papua New Guinea Safe Operating Room Vocational Training Team.

In the meantime, new opportunities have been acted upon.

- The club was able to fund an important project with our sister club, RC Rabindra-Sarobar to assist with providing ten oxygen concentrators to hospitals in Kolkata, India.
- The club was also able to fund two oxygen concentrators for the hospital in Lae to help with the treatment of COVID patients. These were sent from London to Port Moresby and transferred from there to Lae with the assistance of the RC of Lae Huon Gulf.
- A District Grant obtained last year to help finance the provision of safe water and sanitary toilets in Kok Thoth Village, Cambodia by the NGO Cambodian Clean Water and Toilets, together with a contribution from Rotary Central Melbourne, has enabled bore water and sanitary toilets to be provided this year for twelve village households.
- Significant work has progressed on the design of the Sanitation and Hygiene Project for Girls in Lou-Ariik Village, South Sudan.
- Plans have been developed for another project with the Cambodian Clean Water and Toilets NGO, this time in Kok Benh, Cambodia. This project will be carried out in conjunction with our Sister Club, the RC of Cork, Ireland.

Other actions of the International Service Committee throughout this year have included the maintenance of close relations with our Sister Club of RC of Echuca-Moama and assisting Donations-in-Kind via rental support and working bees on site at the warehouse.

#### Donations In Kind (DIK)

DIK is a warehouse in Footscray that collects and distributes goods via shipping containers to the poorest countries in our region. The goods include medical equipment, clothing and school furniture among other things. The warehouse has been closed since March 2020 and will not reopen until the coronavirus restrictions are lifted. RCM again provided funding of \$3,500 towards the rental cost for the warehouse.

#### *FOUNDATION:*

The Foundation Committee focused on November as Foundation Month to host a range of events and speakers to inform and engage Rotarians and non-Rotarians and subsequently broaden the general awareness of The Foundation. Georgie Harman, CEO of BeyondBlue was the guest speaker for the 29<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris and Business Leaders Breakfast. The breakfast was attended by 108 members and guests. Georgie spoke on the topic of “Leadership, Resilience & Hope in a Time of Crisis” in an endeavour to de-stigmatise the notion of mental health. The Club donated \$10,500 to The Rotary Foundation and \$1,500 to the EndPolio campaign along with funding the Royce Abbey Award to Rhys Williams.

#### Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution

Rotary Peace Fellowships: Rotary Central Melbourne continued supporting the opportunities for future peacebuilders through the Rotary Peace Fellowships offered worldwide at one of the eight universities hosting Rotary Peace Centres offering Masters and Certificated studies. Biong Deng Biong was successfully nominated by RCM for a Rotary International Global Peace Scholarship. He is one of 80 successful candidates world-wide and has chosen Makerere University in Uganda to undertake his peace studies.

#### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion via Peacebuilding.

This working group completed a strategic plan under the stewardship of Rana Ebrahimi, which was approved by the board, setting the direction for this work.

#### Environment & Sustainability

An Environment and Sustainability working group continued activity under the leadership of Suvam Ganguli, with a strategic plan approved by the board for action. RCM continues to be linked to the Environment & Sustainability Rotary Action Group of Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands and the D9800 E&S Strategy Committee.

#### Global Scholar

RCM commenced hosting Tomoya Iizuka, who was successful in obtaining a global grant scholarship, submitted by the Rotary Club of Matsuyama and Rotary Central Melbourne. Tomoya is from Japan and is striving to make a difference in Community Economic Development. He commenced his study in March 2022.

#### Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions were presented to: Allan Driver - Second Sapphire, and Therese Robinson. District Governor Dale Hoy also presented Warwick Cavell with his second Sapphire in recognition of his work with District 9800.

#### *FUNDRAISING:*

The committee expected this to be a difficult year for fundraising due to the ongoing restrictions on gatherings both indoors and out as a result of the ongoing pandemic. Our expectation was that we would only raise around \$10,000 this year. In fact, we did much better than that, raising over \$25,000 for club projects.

Our Bunnings sausage sizzles at both Collingwood and Port Melbourne were our major contributors raising over \$12,000 combined. Collingwood Bunnings also made a donation of \$1,000 to the club in recognition of our support of their venue during difficult times.

The committee also had responsibility for organising the fundraising for the annual Paul Harris Breakfast which was held as an on-line event. We conducted a raffle and an auction which between them raised nearly \$3,000.



As we continued to meet on-line, club members were saved the cost of the weekly meeting fees at the RACV club. In recognition of this we asked members to consider making voluntary donations which raised over \$2,000.

Without face-to-face meetings we missed our weekly club raffles, so it was decided to operate occasional on-line raffles to raise funds for **specific club projects**. A raffle to support the Rotary Mental Health campaign, "Lift the Lid" raised almost \$1,000. The raffle to support our Silk Miller scholarship program also raised \$1,000.



Chain of Office exchange



2021-22 President Elias and Nicole



Changeover Master of Ceremonies Rohan Williams



Anne Mitchell - Steps Outreach with Certificate of Appreciation



Rebecca John and Adele le Roux with Christmas hampers



Working bee at RIMERN warehouse





District Conference at Albury, 2022



Volunteers at Donations-in-Kind warehouse



Members and partners enjoying a "Zoom dinner"



David Parkin - guest speaker at weekly meeting



Silk Miller Scholarship graduate - Michael Beilken



Silk Miller Scholarship awardee, Julie Woods with coordinator, Doug Robertson



## PAST AND CURRENT HONORARY MEMBERS

### PAST

ANGUS, Ian (Deceased)

BUTTERFIELD, Lou Dr. (Deceased)

GERLINGER, Bernie (Deceased)

HOLLAND, Brigadier Terry (CRA Foundation) 1996-1997

MEEHAN, John (Deceased)

THOMAS, Margaret

THOMAS, Reg (Deceased)

### CURRENT

AKERLEY, Cec

DOWNIE, Brian

FAIRHALL, Geoffrey

FRAMPTON, Keith

GERLINGER, Marjorie

HALLIS, Steven

JONES, Brett

McBAIN, Bruce

MEEHAN, Lorraine OAM

WALKLATE Heather

## CHARTER MEMBERS (Current)

COCKS, Terry (Charter President)

CALLANDER, Tom

GREENWOOD, Herb

O'BRIEN, Frank

## PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES and TREASURERS

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1987-1988	COCKS, Terry	MITCHELL, Dick	STONE, Richard
1988-1989	AKERLEY, Cec	HALL, John	COMLEY, Peter
1989-1990	GREENWOOD, Herb	CALLANDER, Tom	LAVENDER, Chris
1990-1991	MOORFIELD, Mel	UPTON, Graham	MEEHAN, John
1991-1992	CASSIDY, Denis	BLYTH, Don	SMART, Neil
1992-1993	MEEHAN, John	TAGGART, Rob	GERLINGER, Bernie
1993-1994	BUTTERFIELD, Lou	SAMPSON, Bill	GERLINGER, Bernie
1994-1995	CALLANDER, Tom	NEILSON, Doug	GERLINGER, Bernie
1995-1996	UPTON, Graham	BASSAT, Bob	McBAIN, Bruce
1996-1997	STONE, Richard	JOHN, Neville	SHEPHERD, Neil
1997-1998	FRAMPTON, Keith	HALLIS, Steven	ESTLIN, Eric
1998-1999	SAMPSON, Bill	McBAIN, Bruce	WRIGHT, John
1999-2000	GERLINGER, Bernie	DRIVER, Allan	WRIGHT, John
2000-2001	HALLIS, Steven	JOHN, Neville	McBAIN, Bruce
2001-2002	SEALE, Alan	TONG, Gary	WALKLATE, Kevin
2002-2003	JOHN, Neville	BROMBY, Michael	WALKLATE, Kevin
2003-2004	GERLINGER, Marjorie	CONQUEST, Pat	WALKLATE, Kevin
2004-2005	BROMBY, Michael	HOGAN, Gerard	MIRAMS, James
2005-2006	McBAIN, Bruce	ILOTT, John	STEVENS, Kay
2006-2007	BELL, Sue	MEEHAN, John	GERLINGER, Marjorie

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
2007-2008	ILOTT, John	KING, Anne	GERLINGER, Marjorie
2008-2009	THORNTON, Roger	JONES, David	GERLINGER, Marjorie
2009-2010	LOVE, Kevin	JONES, David	RIEBELING, Rebecca
2010-2011	KING, Anne	JONES, David	GERLINGER, Marjorie
2011-2012	WALKLATE, Kevin	SALVANO, Neil	ROBERTSON, Doug
2012-2013	STEVENS, Kay	SALVANO, Neil	GERLINGER, Bernie
2013-2014	ROBERTSON, Doug	McBAIN, Bruce	ZHANG, Yanpu
2014-2015	GARRETT, ROY	THOMAS, Tony	ZHANG, Yanpu
2015-2016	MACKEY, George	SALVANO, Neil	ROBERTSON, Doug
2016-2017	MURPHY, Justine	SALVANO, Neil	WALKLATE, Kevin
2017-2018	<b>O'BRIEN</b> , Frank	SALVANO, Neil	WALKLATE, Kevin
2018-2019	TAYLOR, Neville	HARVEY, Koren	GERLINGER, Bernie
2019-2020	CAVELL, Warwick	FRASER, Paul	KING, Anne
2020-2021	ROBINSON, Therese	FRASER, Paul	LANGTON, Martin
2021-2022	LEBBOS, Elias	FOWLER, Paul	LANGTON, Martin



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITIONS

Paul Percival Harris, the founder of Rotary was born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA on 19 April 1868. A man with varied academic qualifications and experience, he worked as a newspaper reporter, a business teacher, an actor in a stock company, a cowboy and as a salesman for marble and granite concern before finally settling in Chicago in 1896 to practise law. In 1910, he married Jean Thompson, a Scottish girl. In February 1905, he formed the first club with three young businessmen, Silvester Schiele, Gustavus Loehr and Hiram Shorey.

Paul Harris was the first President of the National Association of Rotary Clubs (in 1910) and also of Rotary International in 1912. Paul was active in Rotary until his death on 27 January 1947.

This award is presented in recognition of Paul Harris and to also recognise the work and dedication of the recipients. A Sapphire or Ruby is a further recognition for consistent or outstanding contribution to community needs.

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1988	COCKS, Terry OAM (Sapphire x 4)
1988	DURAS, Peter (Sapphire x 3)
1991	AKERLEY, Cec
1991	GREENWOOD, Herb (Sapphire x 2)
1992	MOORFIELD, Mel (Sapphire) (Deceased)
1992	THOMAS, Reg (Deceased)
1993	CASSIDY, Denis
1993	UPTON, Graham
1994	PARBO, Sir Arvi*
1994	MEEHAN, John OAM (Sapphire x 5) (Deceased)
1994	STONE, Richard OAM (Sapphire x 2) (Deceased)
1995	BUTTERFIELD, Lou (Sapphire x 2) (Deceased)
1995	GERLINGER, Bernie (Ruby x 3) (Deceased)
1996	CALLANDER, Tom (Sapphire x 2)
1996	FROST, Dame Phyllis* (D9800)
1996	HAMER, Sir Rupert* (D9800)
1997	COMLEY, Peter (Sapphire x 2)
1997	TASSELL, Barrie (Sapphire x 2)
1997	GILBERT, Dr Barry
1997	OSBORN, Shirley (Sapphire)*
1997	ANGUS, Ian OAM (Deceased)
1997	FRAMPTON, Keith (Sapphire x 2)
1997	<b>O'BRIEN, Frank</b> (Sapphire)
1998	DOWNIE, Brian (Sapphire)
1998	SMART, Neil
1998	WRIGHT, John
1998	HALLIS, Steven (Sapphire x 5)
1998	MAGUIRE, Paul
1998	SMALLWOOD, Prof. Richard*
1999	GIBBONS, PDG Colin (Sapphire)
1999	SAMPSON, Bill
1999	NEILSON, Doug
1999	HOLLAND, Mark
1999	JOHN, Neville (Ruby x 3)
1999	McBAIN, Bruce (Sapphire)
1999	GILDER, Bob
1999	GERLINGER, Marjorie (Ruby x 3)
2000	MEEHAN, Lorraine OAM*
2000	FRAMPTON, Molly OAM* (Deceased)
2001	GRIGG, Supt Don*

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2001	COOMBS, Christopher*
2001	RUST, Ian (Deceased)
2001	SEALE, Alan (Ruby x 3)
2002	NORMAN, Rod
2002	BROMBY, Michael (Sapphire x 2)
2002	PLEYDELL, Robin (Sapphire x 5)
2002	SELAK, John
2002	MITCHELL, Richard (Sapphire x 2)
2002	ROGERS, Graham
2002	WILLIAMSON, Prof Bob*
2003	BARKER, John
2003	BOWEN, Richard
2004	CONQUEST, Pat (Sapphire) (Deceased)
2004	FAIRHALL, Geoff
2004	LANGFORD, Elizabeth*
2004	McANINLY, Monica
2004	TAN, Dr Jeffrey*
2004	WALKLATE, Kevin (Sapphire) (Deceased)
2004	DRIVER, Allan (Sapphire x 2)
2005	GARDNER, Julian*
2005	SALVANO, Neil (Sapphire x2)
2005	THOMAS, Tony (Sapphire x 2)
2005	THORNTON, Roger (Ruby x 3)
2005	TONG, Gary
2006	BAILEY, Kevin*
2006	GREENWOOD, Leonie*
2007	DURHAM, Judith*
2008	BELL, Sue
2008	NOSSAL, Sir Gus (Sapphire)*
2008	BOYD, Billie
2008	FOWLER, Paul (Ruby x 3)
2009	ILOTT, John (Sapphire x 2)
2009	KING, Anne (Sapphire x 2)
2009	ROLLS, Russell
2010	McBAIN, Lyn*
2010	DIXON, Michael*
2010	LAPINA, Michael
2010	GALBALLY, Rhonda AO*
2010	JONES, David (Sapphire)
2010	PLEYDELL, Janice (Sapphire)*
2011	PARK, Darren (Sapphire)
2011	LOVE, Kevin (Sapphire x 2)
2011	BATAGOL, Cheryl
2011	FRANKLIN, Sister Trish*
2012	SCOTT, Assistant Commissioner Kevin*
2012	McGORRY, Prof Patrick*
2012	NOLAN, Garry*
2012	JOHN, Rebecca (Ruby x 3)
2012	CARDELL, Stuart (Sapphire x 2)
2013	HINRICHS, John
2014	GARRETT, Roy (Sapphire)
2014	MURPHY, Justine (Sapphire)
2014	HINES, Rob (Ruby x 3)



<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2014	LEONG, Dr James*
2014	MILLER, Alice
2015	JONES, Wendy*
2015	LIM, Daniel (Sapphire)
2015	ROBERTSON, Doug (Sapphire x 3)
2015	MACKEY, George (Sapphire x 4)
2017	WELLS, Steven*
2017	LOVE, Veronica*
2017	THOMAS, Margaret* (Sapphire x 2)
2018	DURAS, Sue* (Sapphire)
2018	CAVELL, Warwick (Sapphire x 2) (D9800 x 2)
2019	<b>O'BRIEN, Pauline*</b>
2020	TAYLOR, Neville
2022	ROBINSON, Therese

**\* Non-Rotarians**

DONORS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Further to the club giving, individual members of Rotary Central Melbourne have continued to choose the Rotary Foundation as a charity of choice and given:

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) - 10 members	Contributions to the Annual Fund
Sustaining - 9 members	Centurions who have given US\$100 or more to the Annual Fund
Paul Harris Society eligible - 6 members	Annual contribution of US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus or an approved Foundation Grant
Major Donor Level 1 - 3 members Major Donor Level 2 - 3 members	Recognition levels are defined as: Level 1 - US\$10,000 to \$24,999; Level 2 - US\$25,000 to \$49,999; Level 3 - US\$50,000 to \$99,999; Level 4 - US\$100,000 to \$249,999

## CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED ON DISTRICT COMMITTEES 1988-2022

AKERLEY, Cec	DG Group Representative 1989-1990 Member, Foundation - GSE Exchange 1991-1993
BUTTERFIELD, Lou	DG Group Representative 1994-1995 Chairman, Australian Rotary Health Research 1995-1996 Community Service Committee 2003-2006
CALLANDER, Tom	Chairman, Foundation Contributions Committee 1995-1998
CARDELL, Stuart	Chair, District National Youth Science Forum 2018-2019 Chair, Youth Service Committee 2019-2020 Chair, Science Programs, Youth Service Committee 2020-2021
CAVELL, Warwick	Learning and Development Committee 2016-2019 Learning and Leadership Development Committee 2019-2020 Chair-elect Learning and Leadership Development Committee 2020-2021 Chair Learning and Development Committee 2021-2022 Member, Vocational Service Committee 2019-2021 Chair, Vocational Champions Group (Vocational Service Committee) 2021-2022 District Strategic Planning Resource 2020-2022
CONQUEST, Pat	GSE Committee 2003-2006
DUMAIS, Max	Member, Club Service - Computer Services 1994-1995 Member, Foundation - Contributions Committee 1994-1995
DURAS, Peter	Member, District Homelessness Committee 2018-2020
ELLIS, Stuart	Deputy Chair, Honours and Awards Committee 2020-2022
FENBY, Emma	New Generations Committee - Youth Exchange and RYPEN 2003- 2006
FRAMPTON, Keith	Member, International - Save Water Save Lives 1994-1995 Member, Training Committee 1994-1995 Member, Welcoming Committee, RI President 1997-1998 Assistant Governor, Ascot Group 1999-2001 Member, GSE Committee 2002-2003 District Director, Community Service 2003-2004 District Protection Officer 2004-2006
GANGULI, Suvam	Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group 2020-2022 RI Convention 2023 Sustainability Action Group 2020-2022 Inter-district Environmental Sustainability Liaison 2021-2022 Melbourne Pollinator Corridor project team liaison 2021-2022
GERLINGER, Bernie	Member, Youth Service - RYPEN Committee 1996-2006 District Attendance Officer 1996-1997 Assistant Governor, Westside Cluster 2001-2003 Chairman, District Membership Committee 2003-2005 District Treasurer 2005-06, 2006-07, 2009-10, 2012-13, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-2018 District Training Committee 2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program Steering Committee 2017-18, 2018-2019
GERLINGER, Marjorie	Member, International - Rotarians Against Malaria 1997-1998 Member, International - Donations In Kind 1998-1999 Member, International - Volunteers 1999-2000 Assistant Governor, Auburn Cluster 2004-2005, 2005-2006 Assistant Governor, Yarra Cluster 2006-2007 District Directory Committee 2006-2017 District Training Committee 2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 District Club Liaison Officer 2007-2009 District Secretary 2009-2010, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 District Director Resources 2012-2013 District Chair Community Service 2014-2015 Member, District Membership Committee 2018-2019



	Member, District Programs Review Committee 2018-2019
	Member, District Vocational Committee 2018-2019
GIBB, Don	Chairman, International - Save Water Save Lives 1998-1999
GILDER, Bob	Member, International - Rotarians Against Malaria 1998-1999
	Chairman, International Rotarians Against Malaria 1999-2000
HARVEY, Koren	Member, District Foundation Committee 2012-2013
HINES, Rob	Chair, World of Difference Committee 2016-2019
	World of Difference Committee 2015-2016, 2019-2021
	Vice-Chair, World of Difference Committee 2021-2022
HOLLAND, Mark	Member, Operation Livewire Committee 1997-1999
ILOTT, John	Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program Steering Committee 2017-2022
JOHN, Neville	District Governor 2016-2017
	Member, Community Service Committee 2003-2004
	Member, GSE Selection Committee 2003-2004
	Chairman, District GSE Committee 2004-2007
	Assistant Governor, Yarra Cluster 2010-2012
	District Chair, New Generations Committee 2012-2014
	Chair, RYPEN Committee 2012-2015
	Chair District Membership Committee 2017-2018, 2018-2019
	Foundation Grants Auditor 2020-2022
	Vice Governor 2020-2021
	Youth Exchange Ambassador 2020-2022
JONES, Brett	Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program Steering Committee 2019-2022
KING, Anne	Member, Vocational Service Committee 2010-2016
	Assistant Governor 2016-2017, 2017-2018
	SES Leadership Mentoring Program establishment assistance 2020-2021
LAPINA, Michael	Member, Storm the Stage Committee
LIM Daniel	Social Media Adviser 2020-2022
LOVE, Kevin	Assistant Governor Eastside Cluster 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2014-2015
	Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program Rotary Coordinator 2017-2022
McBAIN, Bruce	District Treasurer 2002-2003
MAGUIRE, Paul	Member, GSE Committee 2001-2003
MEEHAN, John	DG Group Representative 1993-1994
	Director, Vocational Service 1994-1996
	District <b>Governor's</b> Assistant 1996-1997
	Assistant Governor 1997-1999
	Director, Training and Development 1999-2001
	Director, Club Service Committee 2002-2003
	District Membership Chairman 2002-2003
	District Administration Officer 2003-2005
	District Training Committee 2005-2007
	District Resources Officer 2007-2013
	Member, District Vocational Committee 2012-2013
MOORFIELD, Mel	DG Group Representative 1991-1992
	Member, Foundation - Promotion/Information 1992-1993
	Director, Community Service Committee 1993-1995
MURPHY, Justine	Member, Vocational Service Committee 2010-2012
	District Director Vocational 2012-2015
NEIL, Cecily	Member, World of Difference 2018-2019
	RAWCS D9800 Sanitation and Hygiene Coordinator 2021-2022
NEILSON, Doug	Chairman, International - Save Water Save Lives 1999-2000
NORMAN, Rod	Member, Community Service Committee 2003-2004
RUST, Ian	Member, Youth Service - Art Exchange Committee 1992-1993
	Member, Shell Livewire Committee 2002-2004

SAMPSON, Bill	Member, International - Save Water Save Lives 1999-2000
SEALE, Alan	Member, Operation Livewire Committee 1994-1995
	Director, Vocational Service Committee 2002-2003, 2013-2014, 2016-2019
	Assistant Governor, Yarra Cluster 2007-2009
	Director, International Service Committee 2009-2011
	Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program Steering Committee 2017-2020
	New Generations Service Exchange Committee 2019-2020
	Chair, New generations Service Exchange Committee 2020-2022
	District Vocational Committee 2012-2015
	SES Leadership Mentoring Program Rotary Coordinator 2020-2021
STONE, Richard	Member, District GSE Committee 2005-2007
TAYLOR, Neville	D9800 Peace Committee 2019-2020
	District Peace Scholarship Sub-committee 2021-2022
	Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program Rotary Coordinator 2020-2022
THORNTON, Roger	Paul Harris Society Deputy Chair 2015-2020
	District Foundation Club Adviser Batman Cluster 2016-2017, 2017-2018



## PRESIDENT'S ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

*(Initiated by PP Lou Butterfield - Honorary Member)*

1993-1994	GERLINGER, Bernie
1994-1995	ANGUS, Ian
1995-1996	SAMPSON, Bill
1996-1997	NEILSON, Doug
1997-1998	JOHN, Neville
1998-1999	DRIVER, Allan
1999-2000	IMBARDELLI, Aris
2000-2001	CONQUEST, Pat
2001-2002	BELL, Sue
2002-2003	SELAK, John
2003-2004	KING, Anne
2004-2005	WALKER, Leon
2005-2006	BROMBY, Michael
2006-2007	EDGECOMBE, Gay
2007-2008	GERLINGER, Marjorie
2008-2009	<b>O'BRIEN, Frank</b>
2009-2010	FARRELL, Gillian
2010-2011	WELLS, Michael
2011-2012	SALVANO, Neil
2012-2013	SEALE, Alan
2013-2014	THORNTON, Roger
2014-2015	CUTHBERT, Greg
2015-2016	DURAS, Ian (Peter)
2016-2017	FRASER, Paul
2017-2018	LEBBOS, Elias
2018-2019	JOHN, Rebecca
2019-2020	HINES, Rob
2020-2021	EBRAHIMI, Rana; GANGULI, Suvam
2021-2022	<b>O'BRIEN, Frank</b>

## FAMILY OF ROTARY PERPETUAL TROPHY

*(Initiated by PP Sue and Chris Bell)*

2006-2007	MEEHAN, Lorraine
2007-2008	GREENWOOD, Leonie
2008-2009	GARRETT, Annie
2009-2010	LAPINA, Nina
2010-2011	HOLBERRY, Dianne
2011-2012	McBAIN, Lyn
2012-2013	GARRETT, Annie
2013-2014	THOMAS, Margaret and THORNTON, Pippa
2014-2015	JOHN, Rebecca
2015-2016	DURAS, Sue
2016-2017	GREENWOOD, Leonie
2017-2018	LEBBOS, Nicole
2018-2019	SEALE, Robyn
2019-2020	LOVE, Veronica and TAYLOR, Suzette
2020-2021	Not awarded
2021-2022	GREENWOOD, Leonie

## ROTARY ALUMNI

### YOUTH EXCHANGE - INWARD

1992-1993 .....	South Africa - Diane Mayberry
1993-1994 .....	Japan - Miki Nambu
1994-1995 .....	Belgium - Wendy Nelissen
1995-1996 .....	Brazil - Marilyn Henschel
1997-1998 .....	Japan - Masaya Aono
1999-2000 .....	Denmark - Kristian Hedegaard
2000-2001 .....	Germany - Jana Fetzer
2001-2002 .....	Poland - Maciek Wronecki
2002-2003 .....	Poland - Paula Dziasko
2003-2004 .....	Norway - Trude Johnsen
2005-2006 .....	Brazil - Renata Brandao
2006-2007 .....	Philippines - Phillip Golez
2017-2018.....	Switzerland - Flavia Minikus

### YOUTH EXCHANGE-OUTWARD

1991-1992 .....	Brazil - Melissa Gilmour
1992-1993 .....	Sweden - Daniel Harrison
1993-1994 .....	Japan - Adam Townsend
1994-1995 .....	Belgium - Shannon Walker
1995-1996 .....	Argentina - Daniel Bendrups
1996-1997 .....	Brazil - Marcus Cumming
1997-1998 .....	Japan - Hugh Anderson
1998-1999 .....	Poland - Elisa Davison
1999-2000 .....	Denmark - Annie Sloman
2001-2002 .....	Brazil - Fiona Tse
2002-2003 .....	Poland - Bridgette Couper
2004-2005 .....	Finland - Seren Charlton-White
2005-2006 .....	Germany - Emily Leversha
2010-2011.....	Sweden - Oscar Clift

### GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (CHANGED TO GROUP VOCATIONAL EXCHANGE IN 2016)

1993-1994 .....	Thailand - Andrew Allan (Team Member)
1998-1999 .....	Japan - Paul Maguire (Team Leader)
1998-1999 .....	Japan - Karen Jemison (Team Member)
1998-1999 .....	Japan - Aaron Matheson (Team Member)
2000-2001 .....	Canada - Cate Gatt (Team Member)
2003-2004 .....	Ireland - Neville John (Team Leader)
2003-2004 .....	Ireland - Alice Miller (Team Member)
2004-2005 .....	New Mexico - Sarah Gales (Team Member)
2007-2008 .....	USA - Browyn Flanagan (Team Member)
2011-2012 .....	USA - Adam McKie (Team Member)
2012-2013 .....	UK - Steve Bourke (Team Member)
2016-2017 .....	Philippines - Michael Lapina (Team Leader)
2016-2017.....	Philippines - Emily Brown (Team Member)



## INDIVIDUAL RI or DISTRICT AWARDS

MOORFIELD, Mel  
MOORFIELD, Mel  
COCKS, Terry  
CALLANDER, Tom  
MEEHAN, John  
MEEHAN, John  
GILBERT, Barry  
PITT, George  
**O'BRIEN**, Frank  
AKERLEY, Cec  
GIBB, Don  
MEEHAN, John  
MEEHAN, John and Lorraine  
MEEHAN, John  
GERLINGER, Bernie  
FRAMPTON, Keith  
FRAMPTON, Keith  
CONQUEST, Pat  
FENBY, Emma  
WALKER, Leon  
LAPINA, Michael  
MURPHY, Justine  
GERLINGER, Bernie  
GERLINGER, Marjorie  
STEINER, Kerstin  
GERLINGER, Marjorie  
TAYLOR, Neville  
ZHANG, Yanpu  
GERLINGER, Bernie  
GERLINGER, Marjorie  
CUTHBERT, GREG  
SEALE, Alan  
HINES, Rob  
THOMAS, Tony  
CAVELL, Warwick  
**O'BRIEN**, Frank  
GREENWOOD, Herb  
OVERTON, Sarah  
SOROS, Rob  
WALKLATE, Kevin  
GERLINGER, Bernie  
GERLINGER, Marjorie  
CHAN, Alison  
GANGULI, Suvam  
FEDELE, Francesco  
SEALE, Alan  
INCHAUSTI, Ignacio  
WILLIAMS, Rhys

Rotary International Service Award (1994)  
District Foundation Service Award (1994)  
District Foundation Service Award (1994)  
District Foundation Service Award (1994)  
Rotary International Service Award (1994)  
District Special Service Award (1995)  
Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (1995)  
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District Foundation Service Award (1997)  
District Foundation Service Award (1997)  
Four Avenues of Service Citation (2000)  
District Special Service Award (2001)  
Rotary **"Service Above Self"** Award (2002)  
Four Avenues of Service Award (2003)  
Four Avenues of Service Award (2005)  
District Special Service Award (2006)  
District Foundation Service Award (2006)  
Royce Abbey Award (2006)  
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Avenue of Service Citation (2018)  
District Outstanding Service Award (2018)  
District Outstanding Service Award (2018)  
Royce Abbey Award (2019)  
Royce Abbey Award (2019)  
Royce Abbey Award (2020)  
Royce Abbey Champion of Change Award (2020)  
Royce Abbey Award (2021)  
Royce Abbey Award (2022)

## INTERNATIONAL and DISTRICT AWARDS/TROPHIES/RECOGNITIONS

<b>1993/94/95/97/98/99/00/01/03/04/05/06/07/08/09/10/11/12/13/17/18/19</b>	R.I. Presidential Citation for Balanced Program
<b>1987-1988</b>	Membership Development ( <b>"Joey"</b> ) Trophy
<b>1992-1993</b>	District Foundation Trophy
<b>1994-1995</b>	Rotary Image Award (with Brighton North)
<b>1994-1995</b>	International Service Trophy (with Albert Park)
<b>1997-1998</b>	Horizons Award
<b>1997-1998</b>	Significant Achievement Award (Highly Commended)
<b>1999-2000</b>	Orica Vocational Service Award
<b>1999-2000</b>	Horizons Award
<b>1999-2000</b>	Rotaract Involvement Award
<b>1999-2000</b>	Vance Hilton Trophy for Best Awards Presentation
<b>2002-2003</b>	Strategic Planning/Horizons Award
<b>2002-2003</b>	Best Bulletin Award (Clubs 51-150 members)
<b>2003-2004</b>	Vance Hilton Trophy for Best Awards Submission
<b>2004-2005</b>	Public Relations Trophy
<b>2007-2008</b>	District Governor's Benchmark Award
<b>2007-2008</b>	Innovation Trophy
<b>2008-2009</b>	Community Service Award
<b>2008-2009</b>	Vocational Service Award
<b>2009-2010</b>	Rotary International Membership Recognition Award
<b>2009-2010</b>	Rotary International Membership Development and Extension Award
<b>2012-2013</b>	District Peace Award
<b>2013-2014</b>	Rotary Foundation End Polio Now certificate
<b>2014-2015</b>	Rotary Foundation End Polio Now certificate
<b>2014-2015</b>	District 9800 Club Citation
<b>2014-2015</b>	Rotary International Significant Achievement Award - Awarded for Community Village program
<b>2014-2015</b>	Certificate - Service Recognition Programme - Rotary Foundation Giving
<b>2015-2016</b>	Rotary Foundation End Polio Now certificate
<b>2015-2016</b>	District 9800 Club Citation
<b>2016-2017</b>	District 9800 Club Citation
<b>2017-2018</b>	District 9800 Club Service - Public Image and Communication Recognition
<b>2017-2018</b>	District 9800 Club Service - Membership Recognition
<b>2018-2019</b>	District 9800 International Service
<b>2018-2019</b>	District 9800 Vocational Service
<b>2019-2020</b>	RI Citation (Gold) for helping Rotary connect the world
<b>2020-2021</b>	District 9800 Youth Service - Bernie Gerlinger <i>Hope For The Future</i> Scholarship
<b>2021-2022</b>	District 9800 Recognition Award for International Service



## SISTER CLUBS

Rotary Club of RC Osaka Midosuji Hommachi, Japan (D2660)

Rotary Club of Echuca Moama, Victoria (D9800)

Rotary Club of Rabindra Sarobar, Kolkata, India (D3291)

Rotary Club of Cork, Ireland (D1160)

## SOME OF THE MANY CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE RECEIVED SUPPORT

Rotary Foundation	Airlie Police College
Arthritis Foundation	Chernobyl Youth
Steps Outreach Service	Rotaract Club
Young People's Health Service	Rotary Exchange Students
Lighthouse Foundation	North Melbourne Aged Care Day Centre
Open Family	Water tanks for Mt Hagen, PNG
Alma Doepele Training Ship	Hospital in Mongolia
Care and Communication Concern	Shine On Awards
International House	<b>Youth Entrepreneurs' Forum</b>
Rotarians Against Malaria	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
East Gippsland Floods	Samarinda Hospital, Borneo
PNG Tidal Wave Appeal	Bone Marrow Research Institute
Operation Livewire	Spastic Society of Victoria
Association For The Blind	Healesville Sanctuary
The Big Issue	Baker Research Institute
Coburg Teaching Unit	Rotary Polio Plus Campaign
Model United Nations Assembly	Rice Mill in Bangladesh
University High School	Victorian School for the Deaf
Melbourne Children's Court	Rwanda Famine Appeal
Court Network	Rabaul Earthquake Appeal
National Stroke Foundation	Shrine Auditorium Appeal
Peer Support Foundation	Australians Against Child Abuse
Interplast Australia and New Zealand	Boundary Road Primary School
Work Skill Australia Foundation	Salvation Army
Redundancy Support Seminar	Leather Training Centre Bangladesh
New Generations Workshop	ROMAC
<b>Royal Children's Hospital</b>	Epworth Hospital
<b>Children's Protection Society</b>	Young Achievement Australia
<b>Missing Persons' Contact Program</b>	Turkish Earthquake Appeal
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment	Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Hospital
Young Adult Migrant Education Course	Camp Getaway for the Disabled
Kids' Helpline	Bowel Scan
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation	Variety Club Christmas Party
Ambulance Service Booklets	Support for Drought Affected Families
One Umbrella (Food for Poor)	Youth at Risk
Turning Point	Reading Glasses for West Papua
Adopt a Village in PNG	Reading Desks for West New Britain
Water tanks for West New Britain	Royal District Nursing Service
Hanover Welfare	Ovarian Cancer Research
National Youth Science Forum	Adventures in Citizenship
English as a Second Language course for Sudanese women	Books for Somalia
School of St Jude	<b>Siemen's Science Summer Schools</b>
Rotary Health Research Fund	Visiting Pets as Therapy
Hotham Mission Asylum Seekers	Group Study Exchange Teams Inward/Outward
Community Village Project	Silk Miller Police Scholarship



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Know Your Numbers

Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program

3E - Enterprise, Education and Environment

Our Community

Echuca Steam Rally

Donations in Kind

Hue Kang High School, Laos

McAuley House

Lentara Uniting Care Asylum Seeker project

Shine for Kids

Fitzroy Crossing Indigenous project

Youth Projects Inc

Princes Hill Secondary College Scholarships

Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program

Voice of the World, India

Medical Clinic, Chizula Village, Malawi

Phillip Island Landcare

Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Response  
Network (RIMERN)

Koori Girls at Echuca College

Disaster Aid Australia

Rotary ANZAC Peace Tour

Homeless World Cup

Storm the Stage

**Regina Coeli Homeless Women's Centre**

Kampuchea House, Cambodia

Ban Houy Thao School, Laos

Federation Square

Men's Shed

**Bo Children's Hospital, Sierra Leone**

Ban Buam Aor School, Laos

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Hope Scholarships, Steps Outreach

Ban Heuthan School, Laos

Vocational Skills and Development Program, India

Kok Tnoth Village, Cambodia

Victoria Police Legacy

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEMES

THEME	YEAR	R. I. PRESIDENT	CLUB PRESIDENT
“Rotary Brings <b>Hope</b> ”	1986-1987	M.A.T. Caparas	Terry Cocks
“ <b>United</b> In Service - Dedicated To <b>Peace</b> ”	1987-1988	Charles C. Keller	Terry Cocks
“Put Life Into Rotary - Your <b>Life</b> ”	1988-1989	Royce Abbey	Cec Akerley
“Enjoy Rotary”	1989-1990	Hugh M. Archer	Herb Greenwood
“Honour Rotary With Faith And <b>Enthusiasm</b> ”	1990-1991	Paulo V.C. Costa	Mel Moorfield
“Look Beyond <b>Yourself</b> ”	1991-1992	Rajendra K. Saboo	Denis Cassidy
“Real Happiness Is Helping <b>Others</b> ”	1992-1993	Cliff Dochterman	John Meehan
“ <b>Believe</b> In What You Do, Do What You Believe <b>In</b> ”	1993-1994	Robert Barth	Lou Butterfield
“Be A <b>Friend</b> ”	1994-1995	Bill Huntley	Tom Callander
“Act With Integrity, Serve With Love, Work For <b>Peace</b> ”	1995-1996	Herbert Brown	Graham Upton
“Build The Future With Action And <b>Vision</b> ”	1996-1997	Luis Giay	Richard Stone
“Show Rotary <b>Cares</b> ”	1997-1998	Glen Kinross	Keith Frampton
“Follow Your Rotary <b>Dream</b> ”	1998-1999	James Lacy	Bill Sampson
“Rotary 2000: Act with Consistency, Credibility and <b>Continuity</b> ”	1999-2000	Carlo Ravizza	Bernie Gerlinger
“Create Awareness - Take <b>Action</b> ”	2000-2001	Frank K. Devlyn	Steven Hallis
“Mankind Is Our <b>Business</b> ”	2001-2002	Richard D. King	Alan Seale
“Sow The Seeds of <b>Love</b> ”	2002-2003	Bhichai Rattakul	Neville John
“Lend A <b>Hand</b> ”	2003-2004	Jonathon B. Majiyagbe	Marjorie Gerlinger
“Celebrate Rotary”	2004-2005	Glen E. Estress Snr	Michael Bromby
“Service Above <b>Self</b> ”	2005-2006	Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar	Bruce McBain
“Lead The <b>Way</b> ”	2006-2007	William B. Boyd	Sue Bell
“Rotary <b>Shares</b> ”	2007-2008	Wilfred J. Wilkinson	John Ilott
“Make Dreams <b>Real</b> ”	2008-2009	D.K. Lee	Roger Thornton
“The Future of Rotary is in Your <b>Hands</b> ”	2009-2010	John Kenny	Kevin Love
“Building Communities Bridging <b>Continents</b> ”	2010-2011	Ray Klinginsmith	Anne King
“Reach Within to Embrace <b>Humanity</b> ”	2011-2012	Kalyan Banerjee	Kevin Walklate
“Peace Through <b>Service</b> ”	2012-2013	Sakuji Tanaka	Kay Stevens
“Engage Rotary Change Lives”	2013-2014	Rob Burton	Doug Robertson
“Light Up Rotary”	2014-2015	Gary C.K. Huang	Roy Garrett
“Be a Gift to the <b>World</b> ”	2015-2016	K.R. Ravindran	George Mackey
“Rotary Serving <b>Humanity</b> ”	2016-2017	John F. Germ	Justine Murphy
“Rotary Making A Difference”	2017-2018	Ian H.S. Riseley OAM	Frank <b>O’Brien</b>
“Be The <b>Inspiration</b> ”	2018-2019	Barry Rassin	Neville Taylor
“Rotary Connects The <b>World</b> ”	2019-2020	Mark Maloney	Warwick Cavell
“Rotary Opens Opportunities”	2020-2021	Holger Knaak	Therese Robinson
“Serve To Change Lives”	2021-2022	Shekhar Mehta	Elias Lebbos