The Annual Report this year was the first of many to be very comprehensive where most members of the Board provided reports. This initiative was ably introduced by Sue Lloyd who was a new member this year.

The Club Service Director provided an array of Guest Speakers during the year that was extremely well appreciated by the members. A new webpage was developed and introduced to the members by Derek Tigwell.

The major project this year was the Christmas Treasure Chest Raffle and the major recipients of the proceeds were Camp Quality and Our Kids. All business in the Alstonville, Wollongbar and industrial estate were approached for support. Some $8500 was raised as a result of this raffle. The annual Han and Turkey Raffle and the Melbourne Cup Calcutta were conducted at the Federal Hotel and also proved to be profitable with some $3000 raised from these ventures.

International Service saw a major project including a Global Grant of $US6000 to provide bunk beds for a remote school in Fiji as well as another $US4000 to purchase and install a playground at the Rotahome village just outside Lautoka, Fiji. The Donations in Kind was well supported with a Literacy project. Vocational Service saw visits to the new Lismore Security Camera organisation, a night at the Wollongbar TAFE café, a trivia night at Pelican 181 (Ballina), a picnic held at Bulwinkle Park and a fellowship lunch with the members of the Rotary Club of Boonah.

Members hosted three couples from South Africa as part of the Rotary Friendship Exchange. Rotarians from our Centennial sister Club Pietermaritzberg were hosted in early June.

The Club’s commitment to Youth was continued with a close relationship maintained with Alstonville High School. Funds were provided for the Toastmasters Club to continue the training of students in public speaking. Additionally two scholarships were proposed and considered by the Board in memory of our revered past member Ivan Eichorn. One scholarship was to support a student in their first year at University and the other for a Year 10 student to establish them in the workforce. YEP was again supported by the Club with both an incoming student from France and an outgoing student to Japan sponsored. The Club sponsored four young people to RYLA as well as another to the Engineering Summer School and another to the NYSF.

Donations for the year totalled in excess of $18500.