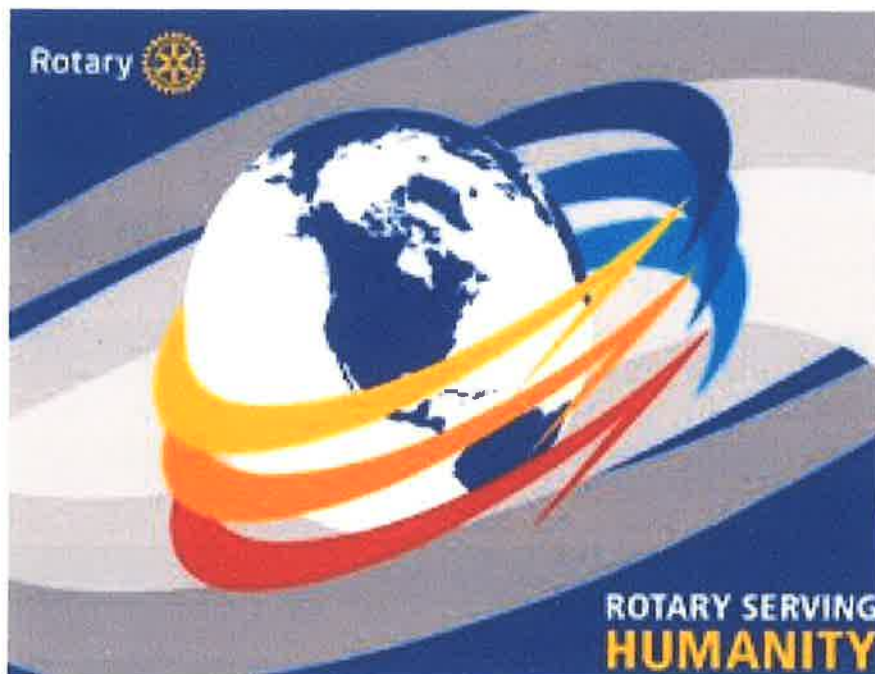


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District 9780



31st Annual Report 2016 - 2017

President - David Goldsmith

District Governor - Stephen Lamont

Assistant Governor - Andrew Pipkorn

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Allan Sewell Encouragement Award

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Club Positions 2016 – 2017

President	David Goldsmith
Past President	Garry Harrowfield
President Elect	Phil Roberts
Secretary	Lidia Aitken
Treasurer	Richard McDowell

<u>Community</u>	Director- Keith Jeffs
Committee members	Alan Barham, Robyn Campbell, Wayne Cooper, Pam Griffiths, Paul Trevenen, Jack Engwerda, Marilyn Jeffs

<u>Youth</u>	Director- Phil Roberts
Committee members	David Coxall, Geoff Lawrence, Peter Nolan, Barry Gladman, Ross Huntington, Garry Harrowfield,

<u>Fund- raising</u>	Director- Barry Bedggood
Committee members	Denise Jackson, Alan Hives, Andrew Tunbridge, Richard McDowell, Jeanne Wheeler, Brian Simmonds, Sue Simmonds, Barry Henderson

<u>International & Vocational</u>	Director- Ross Jones
Committee members	David Goldsmith, John Oswald, John Richmond Daryl Elford, John de Deugd. Frank Doherty. Garry Brooker

<u>Club Service 8</u>	Director – Rex Peterson
Committee Members	Joy Taylor, Lidia Aitken, Lindsay Florence, Ian Rowe, David Larkin, Alan Marini, Pam Engwerda

<u>Rotary Foundation</u>	Director - David Larkin
Bulletin & Roster	Joy Taylor
Photography and face book	Ross Huntington,
Membership & Social events	Garry Harrowfield
Public Relations	Andy Tunbridge & Alan Marini
Webmaster	John Oswald
Program	David Goldsmith
Public Officer	Ian Rowe
Duty Officer	Ian Rowe
Sonora Exchange	Frank Doherty
Swap meet -Club	David Larkin,
Weekly Raffle	Ross Huntington, Pam Griffiths
Rotary House Advisory Committee	Lindsay Florence

President's Report

This time last year the theme at my induction as President was "We are a Team" and after a year in office I am pleased to report Ballarat West is a great team, of which I am proud to be a member. Whenever a problem has cropped up at short notice someone has always stepped up without hesitation to help. When I had to take time off early in the year for an operation the club carried on seamlessly. Thank you to all Past Presidents who stepped in to cover my position whilst I was away.

The year seems to have flown by but I can well remember that day at Pig and Goose in Buninyong when I very nervously took over the chain of office from Garry Harrowfield. I was filled with trepidation but I need not have worried. So much has happened over the 12 months and I feel that both as a club and as a team we can all be very proud of our achievements.

I have catalogued some of the many highlights of the year and they are in the Annual Report.

But it would be remiss of me if I did not mention some members of our team who have put in extraordinary innings and made your captain's job this year an easy one. Firstly, in Lidia as Secretary and Richard as treasurer, I have been very fortunate to be able to call on these two key executives of our team for both hard work and wise counseling

Having an experienced accountant in Richard McDowell as our Treasurer has ensured all our finances are looked after professionally with minimal input needed from me. Some important changes have been made to the way we run our finances electronically to ensure our accounts are always kept up to date.

I am pleased to be able to report that we are in a very healthy position financially thanks in large part to the efforts of our very active fundraising committee under Barry Bedggood which recorded the remarkable profit of over \$49,000 for the year. After donating some \$35,000 this year we still have over \$9000 in our general account and over \$12,000 in the Service account. This is a very nice situation should we need to embark on new projects early on in the next Rotary year

Our Secretary Lidia Aitken has spent untold hours burning the midnight oil to ensure that the meetings run smoothly and her experience and fastidious attention to detail ensures our records are always kept up to date. This is a huge task and mostly happens without any member realizing it. So we were pleased to successfully sponsor Lidia for a major Zonta award for her exemplary work in so many fields.

We have many strong contributors in the club, and I hesitate to single out names, but I cannot omit mentioning Lindsay Florence for the huge job of chairing the very successful Swap Meet, and also Ross Huntington, who just seems to pop up in everything – when Ross is not organizing catering or cleaning up farms, he is doing BBQs or Sonora projects, cycling for charity or looking after our Facebook page, taking photos or sorting out the computer and projector for our speakers. What a team member – a marvelous all-rounder !

So what do I see personally as the highlights of the year? It is the strengthening of my long held conviction that it is you the members that make this the fantastic club it is – We have seen an increase of over 20% in our membership this year, and what is important is the quality of those new members, and how well they have already integrated and will certainly strengthen our club into the future.

A sincere welcome to you all. Thank you for joining us, and to PP Garry Harrowfield who took on the membership role this year.

We also can also claim a District record for member retention with a 100% record now over 4 years, which again highlights what a harmonious membership we are privileged to enjoy.

And our other great strength, has been the fun, fellowship and camaraderie which is famously epitomized in our fines session – the envy of every club in the District. The generosity and fun we have in those sessions is such a great strength because it subtly and simultaneously bonds us together. And at the same time we have raised almost \$5000 which we can put to charity.

Also it is important we thank the friendly staff and proprietors of the Ballarat Yacht club; by far the best venue of any club in town. They not only provide us with good affordable meals, with a pleasant aspect and easy to park venue, but look after our memorabilia securely and always have the A/V equipment set up before we arrive.

The Directors have all contributed well in their various portfolios and have provided wise counselling when decisions were needed at our monthly Board Meetings. Please take time to read their reports. As in past years our International programs in their various forms continue to be innovative and ongoing. Their breadth and variety are what this club is renowned for far and wide, and even beyond our shores.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of being your President this year. It has been an amazing experience for me and I feel very humbled by the tremendous support and the harmony I have experienced to help keep things on track. I have tried to introduce a bit of humour at the close of our meetings and thank you for putting up with my often rather corny jokes.

I'd like us all to welcome incoming President Phil Roberts, who is taking on the role for a second time, and wish him all the best for the coming year. I can vouch that at Ballarat West, Phil, you will always have a tremendous group of people willing to support you as President in whatever you plan for the year.

In the report below I have listed many of the highlights and activities of the past year and I would like to give my personal thanks to the Directors and many other club members who have combined to make this happen

David Goldsmith
President
Rotary Club of Ballarat West 2016-17

Some Highlights of the 2016-17 year

- A 21% increase in membership from 33 to 40 members
- Highest member retention rate in the District over more than 3 years
- Paul Harris Fellow recognition for Alan Hives and a Sapphire for Frank Doherty
- Swap Meet - Led by Chairperson Lindsay Florence, Treasurer Richard McDowell , Barry Bedggood as Waste Management and David Larkin arranging our club roster with complete club member involvement
- Hosting an American exchange student on short term - and tonight celebrations for our 25th. year of student exchanges with the Rotary Club of Sonora Sunrise in California
- TRF Centenary event with keynote speakers Gemma Sisia and Winrose from Tanzania and Jessie Harman - a full house at the Golf Club for a successful combined Group 8 Ballarat clubs meeting
- Joy Taylor for our weekly Bulletin - a very worthy recipient of this year's Merv Collins Award
- Another successful Wine Auction fundraiser organised and hosted by Barry Bedggood and John Richmond,
- Hosting the first Russian university student from Irkutsk, Siberia in Rotary District 9520 on a successful academic program with Sovereign Hill and Federation University.
- International Dental projects in Oceania; -This year in Vanuatu we commissioned our dental prosthetics lab.
- Took another team to our Rotary Dental Van which is being used by increasing numbers of volunteers
- Club involvement in a Scientific National Oral Health Survey of Vanuatu
- Hosted vocational visits for a Tongan biomedical engineer and anaesthetic registrars from Indonesia
- Arranged the installation of a central suction unit in the Vanuatu Central hospital in Port Vila
- Interplast medical visits, leadership and fundraising by District Chair John Oswald and John Richmond
- Our continued support for the fire affected families in Scotsburn to support their garden restoration including distribution of District and other funding.
- Our many and varied fundraising efforts which raised in excess of \$49,000
- Our Fines Sessions have raised nearly \$5000 and generated great camaraderie amongst our club members.
- Successfully nominating our Secretary Lidia Aitken for Zonta's "Ballarat's Greatest Women " award
- Club Brochure produced updating our information for new members
- Our support to the Young Parents Program in Delacombe
- Catering for the Marching Band from USA / NDIA Conference & several other events during the year
- Jamie Gear memorial car trial which supports cancer research; over \$5000 raised to date
- Another Murray to Moyne bike ride and speaker night which supports Leukaemia foundation; \$11K+ this year and over \$100,000 raised over the past decade supported by several club bike riders and led by Ross Huntington
- Our increased use of the Web page and Facebook thanks to John Oswald and Ross Huntington
- Publicity of our club events in The Miner newspaper usually accompanied by a good photo
- Combining with other Ballarat Rotary clubs such as Alfredton, in Tonga and Vanuatu, Swap Meet, TRF centennial G8 meeting, Young Ambition Christmas Fair, and SpringFest
- Socials such as Jamie Gear car rally, Pianola night, President's BBQ, and interesting speakers
- Pam Griffiths and Ross Huntington providing interesting and unusual prizes for our weekly Raffle.
- Our healthy financial position -Treasurers report shows \$35,265 in club donations this Rotary year such as.
- \$2000 for a Joint project with Alfredton and Ballarat East for a motorised wheelchair, \$8000 donation to Pinarc Disability group for Barista training from the Wine Auction, \$5000 to Scotsburn Bushfire relief, \$2065 to Interplast, \$1000 to Rotarians Against Malaria, \$300 to DIK in D9800 and \$500 to DIK in D9780, \$2000 to roof over our Lab. and Van in Vanuatu, \$1000 to Disaster Aid Australia, \$1000 to Mt Rowan Breakfast Club, \$400 to Youth scholarships and \$400 to host a RYPEN student, \$500 towards Aboriginal Nursing scholarships, \$1710 to Cancer research, \$9 221 to the Leukaemia Foundation, plus \$2750 paid to various groups from Garry's 2015-16 year

Rotary Serving Humanity

Program and Guest Speakers 2016

JULY

- 5th Change- Over – Pig and Goose, Buninyong
- 12th 3D Printers – Richard Wilson
- 19th Last Trams in Ballarat - Peter Waugh
- 26th Russian Internship Presentation - Violetta Makrova

AUGUST

- 2nd Board Meeting - Equine Therapy – Michelle O'Brien
- 9th Sonora Exchange – Teddy Griffin
- 16th Club Assembly and Board Meeting
- 23rd District Governor Stephen Lamont's visit / Funds distribution
- 30th Noemi McKinnon – Her Life Story

SEPTEMBER

- 6th Full Board Meeting -Their Travels- Phil Roberts, Keith Jeffs, Richard McDowell
- 13th Scott Sherwell – Predictions on the Future
- 20th Barry Bedggood - bike riding days
- 27th Footy Tipping / Alan Gay – Fiji

OCTOBER

- 4th Board Meeting Hat Night / Don Brown – Motorcycles
- 11th Dr John Hurley – Ageing gracefully
- 18th Ballarat Fine Art Gallery – Archibald Prize tour
- 25th Fellowship Night

NOVEMBER

- 1st Mgt. Ron Stains – joint meeting with R.C. Wendouree - Golf Club
- 8th Club Assembly and Board Meeting
- 15th Wine Auction- Pinarc
- 22nd AGM & John MacDonald – Tonga Twinning program
- 29th Vanuatu Projects

DECEMBER

- 6th InSight – vision for the impaired - Alan Lachman
- 13th Garry Murphy – My life as a Jockey – Pig and Goose
- 20th Christmas Dinner – Kris Kringle / Jamie Brown – Airline s
- 27th No meeting- Christmas break

Program and Guest Speakers 2017

JANUARY

- 3rd No meeting Christmas break
- 10th No meeting Christmas break
- 17th Jamie Gear Car Trial / Presidents BBQ
- 24th John Oswald – Interplast
- 31st Neil Sinclair - Confidence is not an option

FEBRUARY

- 7th Club Assembly & Board Meeting- Rex Petersen chaired
- 14th Valentine's Day fellowship
- 21st Swap Meet Briefing – Ballarat Airport
- 28th No meeting in lieu of Swap Meet

MARCH

- 6th Gemma Sisia, School of St Jude Tanzania - TRF Centennial meeting - Golf Club
- 14th Club Assembly & Board Meeting – Garry Harrowfield- chaired
- 21st Phil Roberts - Yacht Club Honour Board
- 28th Murray to Moyne Dinner - George Hotel

APRIL

- 4th Club Assembly and Board meeting
- 11th Lindsay Florence - Swap meet debrief
- 18th John Delaca – Vietnam Vet, Legacy
- 25th Anzac Day - No meeting

MAY

- 2nd Club Assembly and Board meeting
- 8th Lorraine Hubble – Redevelopment of Ballarat Railway Station
- 16th David Deutscher – Grampians Integrated Cancer Service
- 23rd Pianola Night – Social at home of Richard and Helen McDowell
- 30th Mike Doust –My life as an Airline Pilot

JUNE

- 6th Club Assembly and Board meeting (incoming and outgoing)
- 13th Jane Purton – My trip to Antarctica
- 20th Mock job interviews - Amanda Menabue / Pam Anderson
- 27th Dispersal of Funds

JULY

- 4th Changeover Dinner – Mechanics Institute

BALLARAT SWAP MEET



The 2017 Ballarat Swap Meet conducted in February and coordinated by the combined Rotary Clubs of Ballarat was again an outstanding success. As all Rotarians are aware the event is demanding and it requires a significant contribution from each Rotary Club and each Rotary member to firstly ensure the event is held and secondly to ensure its success.

I am more than comfortable in claiming the event as a success. It is managed by the Ballarat Swap Meet Incorporated and that association has a Board comprised of members from each of the Ballarat based Rotary Clubs. The members of the Association are the Presidents or their respective nominee of each of the Clubs. This structure provides for considerable business and personal experience input in the planning, management and coordination of the event. But the event is even more of a success if you consider the magnitude of the cooperation between the respective Ballarat based Rotary Clubs and the willingness of each Rotary member to participate and volunteer for jobs and roles to the very extent of their available time, energies and capabilities in community volunteering.

The event is seen by the community of Ballarat as a significant one on the calendar of events. This year the Swap Meet Board commissioned a professional survey to gauge the response of attendees, site holders and to provide an estimated economic impact statement. The firm engaged has a history of data collection and analysis and the results were quite amazing. For example, the impact statement estimated that the Ballarat Swap Meet returned more than \$8 Million dollars to the State of Victoria and over \$4 million dollars to the Ballarat economy. If you add to those figures the fact that each of the eight Rotary Clubs received a grant of \$10,000 for their own specific charities or programs and almost \$15000 was paid direct to community groups for their assistance in running the daily activities of the Swap Meet.

Whilst every Rotary Club contributes across a range of activities, I was particularly pleased in my role as Chairperson of the Swap Meet Board, to experience firsthand the level of involvement from our own club members. Everyone contributed in some way and for that the Swap Meet Executive is extremely thankful. However, there are some of our Club members who deserve a little extra recognition. David Larkin did a tremendous job coordinating our volunteers and mustering people on the days of the Swap Meet. Barry Bedggood and his team have again made a great contribution by managing and facilitating the waste collection. Waste is a simple but prominent measure of an event's standing with the patrons and many comments are received about how well this aspect of our event is managed so a big thank you to Barry and his team. Daryl Elford has again helped enormously. Daryl contributes significantly in the lead up to the event. It is not easy to physically mark out over 2700 sites with each measuring 6 metres by 9 metres but Daryl and others managed to do so without too many mishaps. Richard McDowell continues his contribution to our Club by taking on the role of Treasurer for the Swap Meet to compliment his role as Treasurer of our Club itself. A very big thank you goes to Richard for this role.

By highlighting the above members of our club and their involvement, I do not mean to lessen the involvement and contributions of all the other Ballarat West Rotary Club members because all have contributed and all have made significant personal contributions to the success of the event. I would like to use this article to thank everyone from the Ballarat West Rotary Club and indeed all Rotary members across Ballarat, for their support of the event and for their volunteer contributions.

Thank very much for your efforts. It is much appreciated by the Executive and myself and it continues to be the main reason for the overall success of this Rotary based event.

One last plea for the event. The success of the Swap Meet and the ability to maximise the financial returns to the Rotary Clubs is very much dependent on the fact that volunteers undertake many roles and contribute many hours of work. The event would not be profitable if those hours were on a pay for service basis. So my plea, as each year progresses and our Club members continue to become a little older and less able to contribute as much in a physical sense, I urge all Ballarat West Rotary Members to do what they can and to set aside the last week-end in February 2018 so that you can contribute again next year. We need you and the ongoing success of the Ballarat Swap Meet needs you.

Lindsay Florence
Chairman, Ballarat Swap Meet Board

Rotarians from many different clubs working together booking in the stall holders for 2018



Phil and Lidia filing next year's stall holders

Youth Service Committee Report

The main projects for the Youth Committee this year have involved supporting students from the Mount Rowan and Woodmans Hill Campuses of Ballarat Secondary College.

Members of the Youth Service Committee

Director: Phil Roberts

Committee members: David Coxall, Barry Gladman, Garry Harrowfield, Ross Huntington, Jeff Lawrence and Peter Nolan.

Unfortunately two projects from 2015-16 have been unable to be continued. The placement of teaching students from the Aquinas Campus of The Australian Catholic University in country towns was not possible due to changes in the days for their Course work and although our Club was willing to sponsor rural students for the 'Defying the Drift' residential program at the Marcus Oldham College, Geelong there were no applicants.

Our Committee supported students at the Woodmans Hill Campus and the Mount Rowan Campus of Ballarat Secondary College by presenting a Year 10 and a Year 11 \$100 award in December 2016 and one \$100 Allan Sewell Encouragement Award at each campus in June 2017. The Committee thought it was very appropriate that we remembered Allan who passed away in January 2017. He was a stalwart worker for youth and especially the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Maureen Sewell presented the two 'Encouragement Awards' at the school assemblies.

In early April 2017 two Year 11 students from the Mount Rowan Campus, Ben Browne and Thomas Duke attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYPEN) camp at Adekate over a weekend. The Buninyong Branch of the Bendigo Bank provided \$400 sponsorship for the RYPEN Camp and we thank the Directors very much for their generosity. Accompanied by Acting Campus Principal Seona Murnane, they came to a Rotary Club dinner meeting on 6 June to provide a brief report about how they found their leadership training worthwhile.

Other initiatives were that our Club has expressed a commitment to the Rotary Youth Protection Policy and continues to promote the Sonora Exchange program. Committee member and Past President Barry Gladman has overseen the 'Working With Children' requirements that asks club members to register and obtain an appropriate card.

Phil Roberts

Youth Director

Violetta Makarova

Our club hosted a gorgeous Russian student as part of "Watch and Learn Internship for Business Students" from Irkutsk Russia, Violetta was with us for a little over five weeks from June 28th to July 30th 2016. From the minute she was picked up by Rex and Libby at the airport to the minute she was taken back she was a joy and everyone warmed to her.

We were able to give Violetta exposure to the richness of the City of Ballarat and surrounds, its early history and culture. She spent two weeks placement at Sovereign Hill in the Marketing Department, they were able to get her to be part of the Christmas in July program and being dressed in period costume interacting with Visitors to the Park. She was also involved when the Melbourne Cup arrived to the Park and was even able to hold the actual cup. Her photograph featured in the local newspapers several times and the "Miner" had her image on the front page. She had a wonderful experience, learning a lot and gaining confidence by all her experiences.

Her second placement was with University in Ballarat "Federation University Australia" which currently runs a number of Business degrees in the Commerce area. PP Christine O'Conner from the Rotary club of Wendouree Breakfast was able to organize a project Violetta could do with the staff and students of the University during this part of her internship. She was a very conscience student taking on all the tasks responsibly for the projects set by both her placements.

During her visit she had time to do some shopping in Melbourne and Ballarat. She was taken along the great Ocean Road by Alan Barham with the Senora Exchange student Teddy enjoying the natural wonders of the coast. Violetta spent a weekend in Sydney with Lidia's daughter Simone having a wonderful girly time and seeing the major sights. She visited the wildlife park in Ballarat, spent a day in Queenscliff and Geelong. She came to all the Rotary meetings taking part in the annual car trial, the changeover dinner and saw how a 3D printer worked. She gave an informative and emotional presentation before she left the club.

She was home hosted by PP Lidia Aitken and P David Goldsmith they both live in Buninyong and both enjoyed having her, she fitted in like one of the family.

Our appreciation and thanks go to PDG Professor Vladimir F.Donskoy District 5010 Russia and PDG Cathy Roth District 9780 Australia for giving our club this opportunity

Coordinator
Lidia Aitken

Violetta's Aussie stay



25 Years of Rotary Exchange

In 1990 I met with Richard Rohrbacher of Sonora Sunrise Rotary with a view to celebrate the similarities of our clubs.

We decided on the concept of an exchange program for students. This discussion between two men led to 25 years of friendship between two clubs and 46 young men and women discovering new people and places and dozens of families becoming friends on two continents.

All of these young people have been great ambassadors for their Rotary Clubs and families.

I particularly recall Marty (1997) who was 16 years old when he arrived, he made his way into town by bus and got a carton of Budweiser for my birthday and bought it back on the bus with a thank you note and Katie (2000) got on so well with our family she came back the next year for our son's wedding.

Our outgoing young people have also had wonderful experiences in Sonora and have made many strong friendships.

Overall I think this has been a successful program.

Regards,

Frank

Teddy Griffin enjoying some of our bird life



Ludie enjoying a day with Hugo's class on pyjama day. At Buninyong Primary School



Ludie with Ross and June Jones at Garry Harrowfield's changeover

25 Years of the Sonora Exchange Program

	Rotary year	Out- bound	In-bound	President
25	2015-2016	Tim Gilbert	Teddy Griffin	Garry Harrowfield
24	2014-2015	Jess Tunbridge	Ludic Olenchalk	Lidia Aitken
23	2013-2014	Emily Cox	Alex Aguilera	John de Deugd
22	2012-2013	No one sent	No one sent	Paul Trevenen
21	2011-2012	Paige Fawcus	Claire McCoy	Ross Jones
20	2010-2011	Alex Taylor	Noel Branch	Rex Petersen
19	2009-2010	Kate Barham	Cecelia Aguilera	Barry Gladman
18	2008-2009	George Atkins	Andrew Hoyt	Alan Barham
17	2007-2008	Claire Mills	Stacey Hoyt	Phil Roberts
16	2006-2007	David Gear	Laurel Dunn	Lindsay Florence
15	2005-2006	Megan Taylor	No one sent	Wayne Cooper
14	2004-2005	Nicholas Cooper	Phillip Kruse	Keith Jeffs
13	2003-2004	Laura Crooks	Carne Hodges	Joy Taylor
12	2002-2003	Georgina Cooper	Susan Easley	Ian Rowe
11	2001-2002	No one sent	Brendan Kruse	Danny Irvin
10	2000-2001	Ryan Davies?	Katie Accornero	Rex Petersen
9	1999-2000	Jane Kuhle	Erin Riggs	Barry Bedggood
8	1998-1999	Elise Harrowfield	Jennifer Easley	Bill Davies
7	1997-1998	No one sent	Marty Herrman	Jamie Gear
6	1996-1997	No one sent	No one sent	Alan Sewell
5	1995-1996	No one sent	No one sent	Bill Candy
4	1994-1995	Ivan Oswald	Cory Joslin	Doug Bowers
3	1993-1994	Anthea Richmond	No one sent	Ken Hibberd
2	1992-1993	Elizabeth Oswald	Will Hodges	Daryl Elford
1	1991-1992	Simon Versteegen		Frank Doherty



Thank you Frank and Maureen for twenty five years of dedication to this fantastic club project.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Scotsburn Fire Recovery

Lidia Aitken represented the Club at the Scotsburn Fire Recovery anniversary picnic where trees and mulch was given to the families who attended on behalf of the club.

Support has continued with help from Judith Bailey of Buninyong Friends of Botanic Gardens and Nick McKinley from Leigh Catchment Group for the Gardens and farms of the affected families. A District grant of \$5,000 which was secured has been spent on exotic and native plant stock, potting mix, plant labels and cost of transporting a B-double of Potting mix from Gippsland Water, thanks to Richard McDowell. Many of the Club members have supplied empty pots and cuttings which Judith has planted. Congratulations and well done Lidia on your wonderful support for the people of Scotsburn.

Ballarat Cup Day

Members of the club again donated their time as parking Marshalls at the Ballarat Cup Day in November. This is a regular event and allows the club to assist the racing enthusiasts in the community and also raise some funds.

Ballarat Swap Meet

This year the Swap Meet was once again fantastically represented with almost 100% support by club members. The event was another great success and not only supported many community groups, but also allowed all Group 8 Rotary members to work together.

Breathometers

There are currently two active breathometers that we administer and these provide a service to patrons. There is a regular cost to calibrate the machines and we are still reviewing the benefits of the breathometers.

Ballarat Community Service Club Sign Boards

No work has been completed on these signs this year but is being deferred to next year as it was decided that some maintenance is required.

Young Mums Program

A working bee was planned at the Yuille Community College but became unnecessary as the owners came good and did what was required. Jamie Sleep a plumber friend lent a hand and installed a much needed tap. Marilyn Jeffs who visits the Young Mums regularly went on a train trip with them and had a fabulous time.

We endeavored to find ongoing hands on projects however most groups wanted financial support

Thank you to all members of the club who have assisted the community over the last year.

Director Community Service
Keith Jeffs

SCOTSBURN FIRE RECOVERY EXPENSES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
29-Nov-16	Friends of Ballarat Botanical Gardens	103 Plants	\$ 222.00
2-Dec-16	G Gay & Co	Fertilizer & Potting Mix	\$ 147.00
5-Dec-16	Plants Plus	112 Plants	\$ 840.00
17-Dec-16	Plants Plus	10 Plants	\$ 60.00
31-Jan-17	Bunnings Warehouse	Garden Ornament (Labels)	\$ 20.98
12-May-17	G Gay & Co	Specific Gift Vouchers for the sole benefit	\$ 1,000.00
13-May-17	Plant Inspirations	for the Scotsburn Fire Recovery	\$ 400.00
7-Jun-17	Freight for soil	Spitfire Services	\$ 770.00
16-Jun 17	Golden Point Environmental Services	1 Gift Certificate	\$ 740.00
22-June 17	Avalon Nursery	1 Gift Certificate	\$ 800.00
	Total Expenditure		\$ 4,999.98
	Donations		
16-17	800 cuttings & plants	Buninyong Community and surrounds	
16-17	Pots	Ballarat West Rotary club members	
17-Dec-16	Tony Coxall "Tree Fella"	1 truck load mulch	
	Gippsland Water	1 B-double load of potting mix	
7 th June	cover for potting mix	C. E. Bartlett	

Plants which were given out after the Scotsburn Anniversary Picnic

These plants were very well received by all



Some of the plants at the Friends of the Buninyong Botanical Gardens nursery



Fundraising Report 2016–2017

Another year has gone by and it's time to reflect on the fundraising done by our club. It has been a very successful year in terms of fundraising and effort contributed by the Fundraising committee. Below are some highlights of a year well-spent.

Ballarat Swap Meet

The Ballarat Swap Meet has come and gone, showcasing a fantastic participation level from our members. Well done to all. Your efforts have netted us \$10,000.

Murray to Moyne

The Murray to Moyne bike ride has also continued to prosper and, once again, a very special group of riders and drivers combined to raise funds for The Leukaemia Foundation. It was a job well done by those who were involved in all aspects of this activity. This netted \$9,222.

Wine Auction

The annual Wine Auction has been running since 1999 and has contributed approximately \$130,000.00 to fundraising during that time. This year Pinarc was our chosen recipient. No doubt they will put our donation of \$8,000 towards a very worthy project that will benefit the local community.

Fines

The Fine Session keeps going to new heights. The good will of members participating in these sessions is remarkable. This year we will come in over \$4,300. I'm sure this must be a record for Ballarat.

Catering

Our team caterers, Ross Huntington and Lidia Aitkin, deserve a special mention. They have done an exceptional job to raise \$6953.

Other

Other functions have added to our funds – our Footy Tipping , Christmas Cakes, Turf Club Parking , Springfest, the car raffle, Bushfire relief and many other activities have all combined to make our fund raising worthwhile.

Total amount raised	\$56,327
Net outgoings	\$ 7,221
Profit	<u>\$49,106</u>

I give special thanks to all of my team who tirelessly pulled their weight and combined to make this year very successful. I appreciate their efforts.

Barry Bedggood
Fundraising Director

International Service & Vocational Service

During 2016-17, activities in the International service area again focused heavily upon five ongoing projects in the Pacific Islands, these were headed up by David Goldsmith. These are:

- The construction and transport to Vanuatu of a self contained prosthetics facility
- The supply of a mobile dental clinic to Vanuatu
- The transport of donated dental equipment from BHS to the Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu
- The presentation of a pantomime encouraging children to use oral hygiene techniques
- A month long vocational training program between Mr Uho (Joe) Manu from Tonga and Dental equipment engineer Cale Ziola as part of the club's ongoing Tonga Dental Health Program which has been ongoing since 1995

In addition a separate project was completed which involved

- The transport and installation of a suction system in the Port Vila Hospital. This equipment was donated by Ballarat Health Services.
- Also there was a visit of senior anesthetic registrars from Surabaya, Indonesia to Ballarat Health Services which was arranged by John Oswald
- As in the past we retained an involvement with Interplast which was championed by John Oswald which is reported separately

Separate reports on all these projects were prepared by David Goldsmith and John Oswald and are presented below.

In a number of these projects we were supported by DIK facilities in both Geelong and Footscray West. The latter recently sent out its 500th container and President David Goldsmith was present to make a donation from the club on our behalf as a Gold Supporter. This 40 foot container sent from the D9800 DIK Depot in West Footscray is now in Timor Leste

The Vocational Service area has been relatively quiet. The main initiative has been the following up of a suggestion that we offer a financial prize to a worthy recipient in the apprenticeship area. This possibility is being pursued with Federation University.

Ross Jones

Director - International & Vocational Service

Vanuatu Mobile Dental Clinic

A Rotary Club of Ballarat West International project

The Rotary Club of Ballarat West has donated a fully equipped mobile dental truck to Vanuatu

A RAWCS volunteer dental team consisting of team leader Dr David Goldsmith from RC Ballarat West, Dr Rudy Jansen from RC Ballarat, Ballarat Dental Group dental assistants Kim Allan and Mel Lampard, and dental equipment engineer and PHF Peter Copp commissioned and worked in the Mobile Clinic on a two week visit to Port Vila to set up the project with partner club the Rotary Club of Grassroots Vanuatu

Vanuatu is an independent Pacific Island nation reported to have 89% unemployment and has a high dental caries rate (WHO = 4.4% vs Australia 1.1 & Tonga 2.1).

There are 83 islands and 123 different languages in Vanuatu and full dentally equipped facilities and dentists are only available on 3 of these islands.

Volunteer dental teams visit some of the other islands periodically using portable field units. There are very limited dental facilities for the 7 dentists in Vanuatu to serve its 280,000 people

The purchase costs and transportation of this mobile dental clinic to Port Vila was largely funded by several Rotary Clubs in D9780 and D9910 and Ballarat Dental Group.

Initially the Truck was used and cared for by the Novodental private practice in Port Vila but now is under the care of the Presbyterian church and PCV Dental Care

This low mileage (13,000 kms) truck with an ex-Government mobile dental clinic has been renovated mechanically by RC Ballarat West Rotarians and friends.

All the dental equipment inside has also been professionally serviced and stocked with the supplies, instruments and equipment needed to provide a range of clinical dental procedures

The truck includes an operating system with high and low speed handpieces, two Triplex syringes, Kavo chair, central suction, air conditioning, two H&C water sinks, autoclave, analogue X-ray, mobile cabinet, and lockable storage cabinetry.

The donations of dental instruments, equipment and supplies were sourced over a two year period from dentists, technicians and dental supply companies.

A new portable generator (donated by the International College of Dentists) allows the unit to be used in areas where there is no electricity available, which is most places outside the capital Port Vila

Incidentally, the locals were in awe of our generator!

This enables the mobile clinic to perform most forms of clinical dental work in comfortable air-conditioned comfort for both patient and operator.



Ballarat Working Bee to stock the van with donated dental consumables and supplies



The Rotary team with the Dental Mobile on arrival in Port

Our local custodians of the truck are the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu (PCV) and the Rotary Club of Grassroots Vanuatu. PCV staff make all the local, government and patient arrangements necessary for visiting teams. Volunteer dental professionals provide free clinical treatment to disadvantaged Ni-Van patients. The mobile clinic is ideally suited to take into rural villages which have no access to dental care. It is also used in Oral Health promotion and in 2017 for a National Oral Health survey. This will be an ongoing volunteer dental aid project with a realistic life span of at least 8-10 years and is the only one of its kind in the South Pacific. Plans are in hand with funding from the Rotary Club of Ballarat West to roof over the truck and Lab. to protect them from the tropical weather.



Professionally reconditioning the dental equipment



Kylie, Felipe and DG in the van in Port Vila



with Dental nurse Bob Natuman

Many thanks to the many volunteers who worked to make this project come to fruition. To the many dentists, (e.g. Dr Man Wang and Dr Peter Buckley donated their whole practices and to NovoDental in Port Vila) and dental supply companies, Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, DIK and others who have supported this project; Such as the renovations and equipment by PHF Peter Copp, Ballarat West Rotarians John DeDeugd, Daryl Elford, Paul Trevenen, Frank Doherty, Wayne Cooper, Keith Jeffs and others, To RCs Ballarat West, Ballarat South, Ballarat, Ballarat East, Wendouree, Colio Bay, Highton, Torquay, Grassroots Vanuatu & D9910 for funding support. To dental supply companies such as SDI, Amalgadent, Henry Schein, Colgate, Erskine Dental, Dentequip, Hereaus Kulzer and others for supplies and equipment. Apologies to all the many other people and companies not listed who have supported this project; there are too many to mention them all. Heartfelt Thanks go to you all from our dental team and the people of Vanuatu.



PCV Staff Bob Natuman and Richard Tatwin with Rotarian dentists David Goldsmith and John Hazledine



Dentist Rotarians Drs David Goldsmith and John Hazledine using the van in villages on Efate island with support from oral health staff Bob Natuman and Richard Tatwin from the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu and local Vanuatu dentist Dr Felipe De Lemos and staff from his Novodental private dental practice in Port Vila

Estimated value of this Mobile Dental Clinic, equipment and supplies \$250,000

Rotary Club of Ballarat West D9780

Dr. David Goldsmith Project Manager (RAWCS Project *24/2012-13)

Vanuatu Dental Prosthetics lab. report

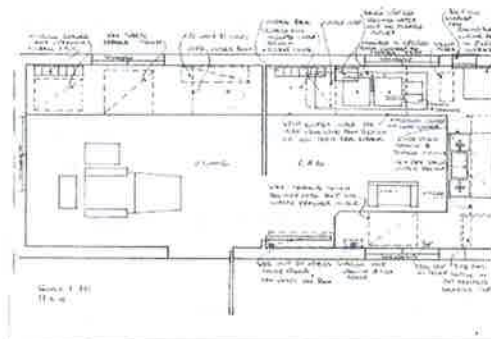
Dental Volunteers and the Rotary Club of Ballarat West have combined to provide a Dental prosthetics facility for indigenous NiVan people in Vanuatu by:-

1. Identifying a need for this service on previous visits by Rotary dental volunteers in Vanuatu
2. Designing a dental laboratory. to provide a removable denture service both clinical and technical
3. Providing by donations a comprehensive range of specialist prosthetic equipment
4. Taking a new shipping container, air-conditioning it and installing fitted cabinetry, lighting, specialist electrical wiring and plumbing and quick release air and gas fittings
5. Utilising Rotary facilities as a base for the fit out the shipping container
6. All work provided by licensed Rotary tradesmen to Australian standards
7. Providing many years of supplies and consumables to make the project sustainable in Vanuatu
8. Shipping the container to Vanuatu via Rotary and gaining customs free clearance in Port Vila
9. Installing the laboratory on cyclone proof footings in a permanent position with adjacent complementary dental facilities
10. Commissioning the Lab. - testing out all equipment and materials by 2 Advanced Dental Prosthetists
11. Making dentures in the Lab. for NiVan patients at no cost by professional Australian dentists and Prosthetists - any complementary surgical work was carried out in the adjacent Rotary Dental Truck
12. All the design and fitting out done by past and present members of the Rotary Club of Ballarat West
13. Valuable initial and ongoing support from Rotary Clubs of Grassroots Vanuatu and RAWCS
14. Landscaping, roofing, painting and Rotary logos being added by Grassroots Vanuatu Rotary and PCV
15. Available for volunteer dental Prosthetists to work in with local back-up from PCV
16. Work in hand for a Business plan and training plan for an indigenous Prosthetist to make the Lab. sustainable into the future

We took this shipping container



With input from Dental Prosthetist Bill Davies in Ballarat we designed a Lab. and drew up scale plans and elevations with Alan Barham and Structural Engineering TGM Group



Added were cabinetry and fittings obtained from the decommissioning of the Ballarat Base Hospital dental department. Seen here helping with the removals of the fittings and cabinetry are Garry Harrowfield, Ian Rowe, Paul Trevenen and Wayne Cooper at the Base Hospital



Ballarat South Rotary Club allowed us to use their facilities as our manufacturing base



Rotary tradesmen fitted out the container.....



.....To convert the shipping container into a modern custom built dental facility



We added many donations of dental equipment and supplies (several years' supply)



Then shipped it via DIK to Vanuatu, connected services and installed it on a permanent fully serviced site



Handover ceremony and blessing by Rotary Club of Grassroots Vanuatu President, Pastor John



In October 2016 Dental Prosthetists Bill Davies and Colin MacKay and Dentist Dr David Goldsmith went to Vanuatu to commission the lab and construct dentures for indigenous NiVan people; the culmination of this 18 month project by the Rotary Club of Ballarat West/ & South and RAWCS project 43/2014-15



Richard Tatwin below is the Secretary of the Rotary Club of Grassroots Vanuatu and the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu who are now the custodians of the Lab. Here PHF Bill Davies is doing clinical work in the Lab.



Results.....



APPENDIX

Much of the cabinetry and many of the fittings were recycled from the decommissioning of the Ballarat Health Services Dental clinics in 2015. Fitting out of the Lab. was done by volunteer Rotarians from the Ballarat West Rotary Club (particularly Daryl Elford and Paul Trevenen) with wiring work by electrician Damian Gilbert and plumbing, gas fitting and airlines by Ballarat South Rotarian Terry Illingworth.

Invaluable help, planning expertise and supervision of the process as well as much of the equipment and consumables donations were provided by Ballarat Prosthetist PHF Bill Davies Several local Ballarat firms such as gave generous support An incomplete list of supporters is added in Appendix 2 to which we are eternally grateful

Bill Davies' son Ryan, also a dental Prosthetist accompanied the Lab. to Port Vila in April 2016.



Built on site in Ballarat this modified Shipping container comes with

- **heat and sound insulation, fluorescent lighting**
- **4 security windows with flywires and lockable doors,**
- **fitted cabinetry, flooring, ceiling , partitioning and overhead cupboards,**
- **separate air-conditioning for both rooms**
- **ventilation and power points for gas, compressed air and water,**
- **plumbing and rewired electrical installations all conforming to Australian safety specifications.**
- **Overhead and under bench Cabinetry in both rooms**
- **custom fitted bench tops,**
- **dental chair,**
- **stainless steel double drainer with strainer**
- **porcelain sink with modern taps**
- **soap and sanitizer dispensers,**
- **boiling water unit,**
- **autoclave**
- **metalwork ventilation and exhaust outlets etc. all installed professionally**
- **Gas piping, fittings and taps**
- **Hundreds of hours of volunteer skilled tradesmen work**

Equipment installed includes

- autoclave,
- vacuum plaster mixing unit
- vibrator to cast impressions
- 3 pressure curing pots for heat/ cold cure acrylic and repairs (all connected to compressor by quick release couplings and electrically powered),
- mouthguard and vacuum forming machine,
- two new brushless handpieces with drills, cutting and polishing tips,
- dual motor vacuum polishing unit with replaceable /pumice dust disposal bags,
- plaster trap with external connection to sewerage,
- air compressor in sound insulated box with external ventilation
- compressed air mallet and chisels
- complete set of new dental extraction instruments , local anaesthetic syringes, dental mirrors,
- diamond wheel model trimmer
- flasks and clamps for processing
- Ley surveyor
- gas taps and quick release air connections in all benchtops,
- pliers, spatulas, carvers, electric wax softening unit for bite registrations
- articulators, clamps for processing metal flasks
- lockable mobile cabinetry
- electric hot plate for boiling out flasks
- portable LED working light

Donated supplies include

- denture teeth and acrylic sufficient to make many 100s of dentures ,
- hundreds of metal and plastic impression trays,
- duplicating silicones, pumice
- impression materials, modelling wax, wax rope, SS wire, preformed clasps and cribs
- denture wax, denture boxes and denture cleaning brushes,
- disinfectant, hand sanitizers, 2000+ tubes of toothpaste,
- 120 kg of plaster and model stone
- The Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu provided a fully serviced site with footings prepared ready to accept the container adjacent to their existing dental clinic.

Some of the supplies and consumables packed for shipment into the Lab.



APPENDIX 2

Many thanks for the invaluable help from local firms and tradesmen who helped to fit out and equip the Lab.

SUPPORTERS OF RCBW DENTAL PROSTHETICS CONTAINER

1. Rotary Club of Ballarat South – Use of their facilities in Burnbank Street Wendouree
2. Davies Dental Labs. – PHF Bill Davies for the- supply of a huge amount of dental prosthetics supplies and equipment and advice with design throughout the project
3. Alan Barham - TGM – Plan Drawing and design
4. Adam Tuddenham – Advanced Cranes and Rigging – P.O.Box 361 Wendouree 3355 – for use f crane at Burnbank Street and Ballarat Base Hospital
5. Gerard and Jay Cahir; G&D Air Conditioning – 11-13 Lalor Street Ballarat East 3350 – free labour and plant to remove dental chairs and equipment and delivery to storage
6. Gerard Kennedy _ Ballarat Base Hospital – used dental chairs, equipment and Joinery
7. Damien Gilbert – free labour and materials to rewire and make safe the container electrically to Australian standards; Laurence & Hanson Branch Manager Peter Keast; Terry Ross -Assistant branch manager L&H
8. Dick Parry – free storage and assistance
9. Ryan Davies – prosthetist to help set up the Lab. In Vanuatu
10. Peter Copp – help with original design and later the installation of the dental chair plus supplies of equipment and materials
11. Craig Cushion and Bob Fraser for free joinery supplies – Ballarat Joinery Supplies BJS 20-22 Old Creswick Road, Ballarat
12. Terry Illingworth Plumbing – free labour for plumbing, gas fittings and compressed air lines and connections
13. Jim Liston – free plumbing fittings (& help with free fabrication of ???)
14. Wayne Svanosio – Central Highlands Windows, 508 Dowling Street, Wendouree – for free labour with Aluminium windows and screens
15. Ballarat West Rotarians Daryl Elford and Paul Trevenen who spent hundreds of volunteer hours with the installations of equipment and fittings

Estimated value of the Lab. including supplies and equipment over \$150,000

Rotary Club of Ballarat West 2016-17

A Pantomime for Schoolchildren in Vanuatu

A novel idea for Oral Health Education in schools and Rotary Club of Ballarat West international project

"Ratbag and Scatterbrain learn about their teeth"

The Storyline

We took a Children's picture story beautifully illustrated by Australian Dental Therapist Katie Lester called "Ratbag and Scatterbrain learn about their teeth" and converted it into an original stage show with a classic British Children's Pantomime format. (cross dressed part actors, a monster and a beautiful female saviour!)

The story in 4 Acts, is introduced by our Narrator, tells the story of two schoolchildren called Ratbag and Scatterbrain who spend all their pocket money at Mrs Stickyjaws Lolly Shop.

One day this gives them toothache ache, as our nasty tooth germ "King D K" slimes their teeth Green! (The children loved the part where R&S slip in their Fluoro Green Mouthguards!)

Then our hero - Queen Sparkly comes to our rescue .

Queen Sparkly shows us how to clean our teeth and chases "King D K" down the deep dark plughole!

The show finishes by the children singing The Toothbrush Song together with all the Cast and miming with their toothbrush and tooth paste kits (which all children received donated by Colgate)

Original words but a simple "Row, Row, Row the Boat" lyric which everybody knows, even in Vanuatu

Performed at 15 junior schools in Vanuatu and to two Rotary clubs - mostly in outdoor environments

The Cast consisted of 4 dentists John Hazledine, Scott Sherwell, Rami Kaur and David Goldsmith with two dental nurses Hannah Watson and Robyn Sherwell

A short video of the performances are available for viewing on U-tube at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBEFU_prZ0g or on the Rotary Club of Ballarat West Club Runner web page

Script and stage direction were by Jamie Brown, costume and props by Joan Goldsmith

Should anyone else like to follow up this concept we would be pleased to help facilitate the process. Neither the suggested script nor the book is subject to Copyright and it could easily be adapted to different cultures and languages.

David Goldsmith
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The Cast and Director and Costume designer at our final Dress Rehearsal - a Rotary Club of Ballarat West meeting prior to the Vanuatu visit



A fun way to effectively deliver an Oral Health message - a Pantomime! Morinda -our Ni-Van Queen Sparkly



The Cast



Ratbag



Scatterbrain



Our Narrator



King " D K "



Mrs. Stickyjaws



Queen Sparkly

The Installation of a reticulated hospital suction system into Vanuatu Central Hospital

A project of the Rotary Club of Ballarat West 2014-16



Figure 2 The pumps and housing at BHS

In 2014, Ballarat Health Services was expanding. The Suction generator which had been installed only in 2004, and which provided reticulated suction throughout the hospital, was no longer large enough to service the new hospital. The hospital purchased new equipment, and offered this very large system, which was hardly run-in, to the Rotary Club of Ballarat West

After searching for recipients, the neediest hospital in our region was the Vanuatu Central Hospital on Port Vila, who to that date had no reticulated system at all, and was looking at providing single ward systems at several thousand dollars each. It would however cost many thousands of dollars to ship it to Port Vila, let alone construct the housing and install

the entire system. Nonetheless, the value of the unit to the VCH was probably around \$50,000 or even more, so it was

worth the effort.

If we were unable to get it installed, it would be sold as scrap.

The Rotary Club of Ballarat East retrieved the unit and shipped it to DIK in Geelong in February 2015. DIK stored the unit there until we could make arrangements to get the project financed, and get it to Vanuatu. Discussions and offers proceeded over intervening months, and more and more so, it looked like it would be the scrap heap for the suction equipment.



Figure 3. Moving the 1.4 tonne tank to storage at DIK sheds in Geelong

It just so happened that the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) had commissioned a report on delivering aid to Vanuatu, and they reported that DFAT's health sector support was fragmented.

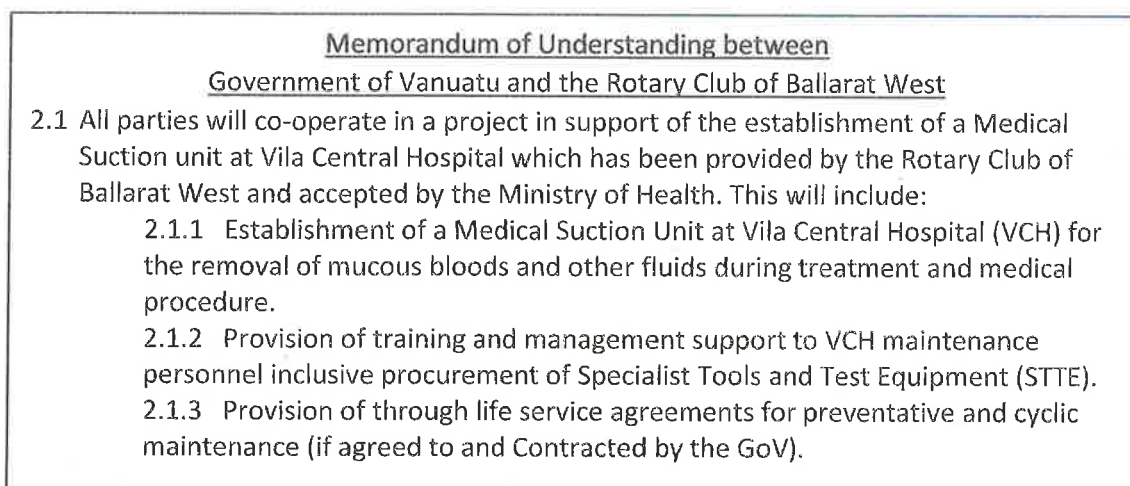
The report concluded that DFAT's health sector support would benefit from clearer focus and sense of direction. The Vanuatu



Figure 1. The existing pump system at VCH

Health Resource Mechanism (VHRM) was set up to improve co-ordination between the Vanuatu Health Support Program and other DFAT funded activities within and beyond the health sector.

The VHRM agreed that the Suction program was a good thing for Vanuatu, and agreed to finance shipping and installation, and to organise supervision of the project in Port Vila. A Memorandum of



Understanding was signed on September 28th 2015

The equipment was shipped to Port Vila, and with advice from Frank Sawyer, the engineer from Ballarat Health Services who had managed the suction equipment since its first installation in 2014, was eventually housed, installed and functioning by October 2016. Frank was prepared to volunteer his time to help the installation, but by virtue of phone calls and e-mails, he was able to support the program from Ballarat and he was never needed in Vanuatu.



Figure 4. The housing constructed for the Suction System

The staff of Vanuatu hospital, working with the mentorship of Scott Everden, engineer with the VHRM, had successfully installed the system.

I would like to thank not only

- Ballarat Health Services and Frank Sawyer in particular,
- but the Rotary Club of Ballarat East,
- “Donations in Kind” Geelong,
- the Vanuatu Health Resource Mechanism staff (in particular Scott Monteiro, Scott Everden and Nish Vivekenathan)
- and of course the Government of Vanuatu for their help in this project.



Figure 5. Proof it works!

John Oswald

The Rotary Club of Ballarat West

18th of October 2016

Dental donations sent to the Solomon Islands

Equipment donated by Ballarat Health Services to the Rotary Club of Ballarat West on the decommissioning of their Dental Clinic at the Base Hospital

3 dental chair /units (1 x Midmark, 2 x Adec,)

Estimate 5 normal sized palettes and 4 oversize Palettes total



Adec dental chairs

4 dental stools



4 mobile cabinets Cattani Oil Free Air Compressor (ability to cater for up to 8 surgeries)

1 Cattani Central Suction Unit (ability to cater for up to 8 surgeries)



4 Dental X-ray Units and wall mounted timers (2 x Belray, 2 x Progeny)



3 Amalgamator mixing machines



2 Midmark Dental Autoclaves with printers and drying cycles

4 Cupboards , Stainless Steel trough and Porcelain sink



+ Assorted Dental supplies and materials, especially dental prosthetics



Sorting, packing and transportation costs arranged by Rotary Club of Ballarat West, shipping costs to Solomon Islands was funded by Solomons MOH. Storage and other support from Dick Parry Rotary Club of Ballarat South

Thank you to Jack Engwerda, Paul Trevenen, Peter Copp and Daryl Elford and others for the many hours involved in the removals, packing of the heavy goods, readying for and arranging transportation to DIK Geelong and Sydney. This equipment is now all in the Solomon Islands - some installed, some waiting still to be installed by qualified engineers.

Postscript

There is an urgent need for decent dental equipment in the Solomon Islands. The major clinic in Honiara was demolished due to asbestos problems and recent dental graduates from the Fiji National University faculty of Oral Health have no decent premises to work in and are consequently losing their skills. Help has been requested from Chief Dental Officer Dr Ellison Vane and Senior Dental Officer Doris Tahani in Guadalcanal and I believe this could make a very much needed and deserving project for the future. An offer from a club in D9820 has been made to join with our club to follow up with such support for the Solomons using a Rotary Foundation Global Grant. We should pursue this as a potential international project for next year

David Goldsmith

Visit of senior Anaesthetic registrars from Surabaya, Indonesia to Ballarat Health Services



Rieza, Rinanti and Thomas from Interplast in Melbourne

Two senior anaesthetic registrars from Indonesia recently braved the cold of an extended Victorian winter for a month of observation and training supported by Interplast.

The chill in Ballarat is a long way from the tropical heat of Surabaya, but although they had to rug up against the elements, it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of Dr Rinanti Septihingtyas and Dr Rieza Furry Anisa Putri as they made the most of the opportunity to learn from

staff at Ballarat Health Services throughout September and October.

The two doctors are senior registrars at the Dr Soetomo Hospital in Surabaya, the second-largest city in Indonesia. The hospital is at the eastern end of Java, just a stone's throw from Bali, and with 1500 beds and 150 anaesthetic registrars, it is responsible for the acute management of health in the entire eastern half of Indonesia, the world's fourth most populous country. Both are in the final year of their five years of anaesthesia training.

Despite the country's large population, they still face shortages in many specialised medical areas, including anaesthetics.

Dr Rieza is originally from Samarinda in East Kalimantan, the island to the north of Java. She said that a lack of anaesthetists means that the hospital there currently only performs caesarean sections and minor operations – all major operations have to be done on other islands, which means patients must travel. On completion of her anaesthetist training, Dr Rieza will return to Samarinda to bolster the expertise there.

During their time in Victoria, the two doctors spent most of their time in theatre and the Intensive



Rieza, Rinanti and staff of the Anaesthetic department of the BHS

Care Unit at Ballarat Health Services. They also attended the Australian Society of Anaesthetists National Scientific Conference, took part in a number of other training opportunities, and visited other hospitals, including the Royal Melbourne Hospital and Royal Children's Hospital.

They also found time to speak at a number of Rotary clubs in Ballarat and northern Victoria, drop in to the Interplast office in Melbourne, and, of course, get to know some of the local history and wildlife, including a visit to Sovereign Hill.

The two doctors said that the experience was vital for expanding their skills and knowledge.

“We do anaesthetics every day, but we just do it as usual with little ability to monitor the safety of the patient, or to prepare the patient for a possible painful post-operative experience,” said Dr Rieza. “Patient safety here is very good. We will try to make the same in our hospital, seeking to optimise patient safety.

“It opens our minds. It’s not just about making people fall asleep and then wake up when the operation is over, but how to make the patient comfortable with our anaesthetic. Firstly, it’s about patient safety, and then followed by patient comfort. And then in post-operative care you give a lot of painkillers here so the patient does not suffer significant pain, and they follow-up every day.”

Dr Rieza said this approach was very difficult in the Indonesian setting because of the sheer volume of patients and the limited number of anaesthetists and nursing staff.

Thomas Loporto, Interplast’s Program Activities Coordinator for the Pacific, Bhutan and Indonesia, said that the visit from the two doctors was an example of Interplast’s ongoing focus on building the capacity of medical professionals from across the Asia Pacific, both by conducting training and mentoring in their home countries, along with giving people the opportunity to access training in other countries.

“This part of our Indonesian program has been running since 2004, with huge support from the Rotary Club of Ballarat West and Ballarat Health Services, and driven by Dr John Oswald, an anaesthetist with Ballarat Health Services and a Rotary member who has also been a long-term Interplast volunteer.

“Including our latest visitors, since 2004 there have been 24 anaesthetic registrars from Indonesia complete this training program, significantly boosting the quality of anaesthetists in the Indonesian healthcare system.”

Dr Oswald concurred, saying: “All alumni of this training program have achieved a high level of professional success in Indonesian anaesthesia, with many now on the staff of Dr Soetomo Hospital.”

Dr Rieza and Dr Renanti both expressed their deep gratitude to the supporters of Interplast who help make such opportunities possible, and their commitment to supporting Interplast in any way they can.

“We hope to be able one day to help an Interplast program in Indonesia,” said Dr Renanti.

Funding for this program was provided by the Rotary Club of Ballarat West and the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists, with invaluable support and hosting by Ballarat Health Services.

Report on Mr Sioeli Uho Manu's Dental training attachment

A one month refresher course March 3rd to April 1st 2017 on dental equipment maintenance and repairs was arranged by Tonga CDO Dr 'Amanaki Fakakovikaitau between the Dental Department of the Tonga Ministry of Health and the Rotary Club of Ballarat West and facilitated by President David Goldsmith. This is a continuation of a well established dental equipment training and installations program which dates back to 2001 between Mr Sioeli Manu and Australian dental equipment engineers Peter Copp and Cale Ziola as Rotary volunteers as part of the Rotary Club of Ballarat West's Tonga Dental Health Project

Mr Manu (Joe) has made several visits to Australia to update his skills as a part of this program but the latest one was back in 2006. There have been many changes in dental equipment over the past 10 years so this was a welcome opportunity for Mr Manu to upgrade his skills.

This maintenance twinning arrangement has been enormously successful and was followed up by unpaid volunteer team visits to Tonga in most of the years between 2001 and 2014. This collaboration with Mr Manu and particularly PHF Mr Peter Copp has resulted in the supply and installation of something like 20 dental chairs with the upgrading of dental clinics, a dental caravan, prosthetic facilities and other dental infrastructure in Tongatapu, Ha'apai and Vava'u as well as the supply of tools and spare parts over a period of many years.

This has resulted in the smooth running of the dental department's equipment needs throughout Tonga including some of the outer islands by the only such trained indigenous dental biomedical engineer in the South Pacific. Being largely self sufficient in this area is something Tonga can be justly proud of and something that has saved the MOH in Tonga a large amount of money and equipment down time and ensured continuity of dental services to the community. A less tangible but important and satisfying result has also been the goodwill and friendship that has resulted from this twinning visits which date back to 1995.

This visit was arranged with accommodation close to Cale Ziola's Dentequip company's premises in Werribee Victoria provided by Mr. Kava Tui'meiuta and his family, a previous Rotary volunteer in this program. This was ideal as the program involved travelling around a large number of geographically diverse dental practices in Victoria so they were able to travel together. Mr. Cale Ziola and Joe Manu work well together so the visit proved to be not just instructive but also a very harmonious one. The days were long and the work quite intensive but this has proven to be the best way to gain much useful experience in the short time available

Mr Manu also met with Peter Copp continuing a long established connection dating back to the 1990s and obtained a useful collection of donated spare parts suitable for Tonga. Cale Ziola added to this targeted collection which is now on its way to Tonga in a Rotary shipping container

These are some of the experiences Cale has identified that Mr Manu will have benefitted from as a result of this visit

- 1) Better understanding of complete network of hydraulic, pneumatic & electro-valves internally covering a vast array of dental equipment.
- 2) Improved trouble shooting techniques & testing procedures
- 3) Isolation of faults & corrective repair measures.
- 4) Preventative maintenance across a vast array of different types of dental equipment.
- 5) Involvement in the design & planning of surgery set ups.
- 6) Discussions on future equipment needs for Tonga, especially for some planned outer island clinics

We are very grateful to Cale Ziola and Dentequip for the time and expertise so generously donated to the project, to Peter Copp and to Dentequip for spare parts donations, and to Kava Tu'imeiuta and family for their help with accommodation during the attachment

Our thanks go to the Tonga Dental Department and the Ministry of Health for sponsoring Mr Manu's visit and we look forward to further cooperation in the future.

Some pictures from the attachment; March 2017



Mr Sioeli Manu working in dental practices with Mr. Cale Ziola in Victoria



Spare parts for Tonga

With Peter and Mary Copp and more dental spare parts for Tonga



**Joe & David Gooldsmith;
Social get together for all the hosts and families in Melbourne;
Cale Ziola & wife Chloe are on the right
Kava Tui'meiuta, Peter and Mary Copp on the left**

Dr. Susi was attached to our club on a similar training program in 2015 and spent a month in Ballarat and at Melbourne University Dental School involving both academic and hands-on clinical training
Vocational training has been at the core of the success of the Rotary Club of Ballarat West's Tonga Dental Health project which, started in 1995 and operated continuously ever since then and we maintain our close contacts

Joe Manu is the only indigenous trained dental biomedical engineer in the South Pacific



Photo sent to the club showing Joe Manu with the spare parts and equipment on arrival in Tonga May 2017 and pictured with Principal Dental Officer for Tonga Dr. Susistina Piukala

THE VAIOLA HOSPITAL PROJECT - 25 YEARS ON

THE ambulance surged along the main street of Nuku'alofa in Tonga, sirens blasting, heading for the Vaiola Hospital. I had collapsed following a mismatch of medication, exercise and hot weather. I was recovering as the ambulance filtered through the crowded streets, but welcomed eventual arrival at the Vaiola Hospital Emergency department.

It was early June 2017. I was in Tonga with RN John Macdonald, the International Health Project Office at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat to review the hospital after nearly 25 years of the twinning program that John and I had set up between St John of God Hospital and Vaiola Hospital in Tonga

John Macdonald had led his last team visit to Vaiola over the previous two weeks. 132 delegates from Ballarat had visited Vaiola, and 134 Tongans had spent 4 weeks or more in Ballarat over the last 25 years, two exchanges a year for 24 years. An enormous educational program, driven by John, and encompassing developments of nursing, medical, radiology, engineering, pharmacy, medical records, etc., quietly raising not only the clinical profile of the hospital, but also the maintenance infrastructure. John has also consigned thirteen containers of pre-loved hospital equipment, mostly via The Rotary "Donations in Kind" Facility in Geelong to help build up the equipment level of the chronically underfunded hospital system.

I was whisked into a cubicle in the A&E, connected to monitoring (donated by St John of God Hospital, Ballarat) and capably assessed by a nurse. The A&E physician asked for an ECG, and I was later reviewed by a senior physician. No damage done, take it easy, keep up the fluids, etc. Time to think about the miracle that has happened at Vaiola over those years, and to reflect on the role of that very quiet achiever, RN John Macdonald.

Across the entire staff of Vaiola hospital, emotions ran high when they learnt that it was to be John's last trip as head of this unique program. Nurses broke into tears, even the Minister of Health was saddened by this eventuality. This had been a very long partnership, which had seen the hospital move into the 21st century, and to be a leader amongst Pacific Island hospitals

THE BEGINNINGS

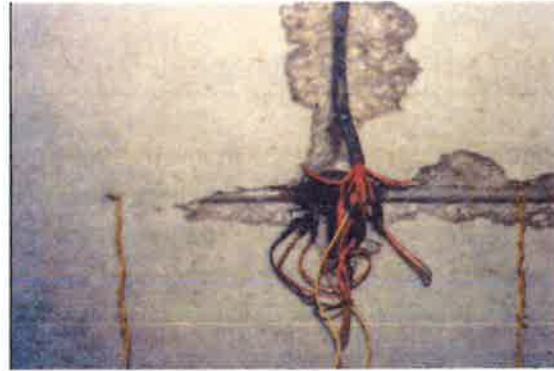
In 1991-92, a young Tongan Anaesthetic registrar, Talia'uli Afeaki, spent 18 months training in Ballarat Health Services. He visited our club (the Rotary Club of Ballarat West), and explained a little about his country, and the difficulties his hospital faced in lack of equipment and in a generally impoverished health care system. Talia'uli said that he would appreciate the support to set up an ICU when he returned to Tonga. John Macdonald suggested shipping retired ICU monitoring to Nuku'alofa. This was arranged through our club. We were invited to visit Tonga to address the 50th Tongan Medical Association ASM in July 1992.

THE PROBLEMS

The Vaiola Hospital, Nuku'alofa Tonga was in crisis at the time that Talia'uli worked in Ballarat. The hospital had run out of money for food and drugs, and had borrowed on the following year's budget to keep the ship afloat. Pigs roamed the hospital grounds, and rubbish was dumped out the windows by staff. There had been 65 amputations of legs performed at the Vaiola hospital in the preceding three years for complications of diabetes.



Obsolete beds cluttered under broken ceilings and leaking roofs were a common sight in the hospital in 1992



Electrical wiring Vaiola 1992

We took the opportunity to visit the Vaiola Hospital and confirmed the tragedy that was the Vaiola Hospital; electrical cabling was exposed and broken, roofs leaked and ceilings lay on the floor. Staff (often very skilled and trained in Australia and NZ) worked in a dank, primitive, regressive hospital.

As well as the obvious infrastructure problems, diseases such as Diabetes were rife in the community. Patients would not come into hospital to be treated, because they believed that if they did, they would die. Diabetes sufferers put off their admission till they were nearly dead, then had to be admitted, died and fulfilled the prophecy.

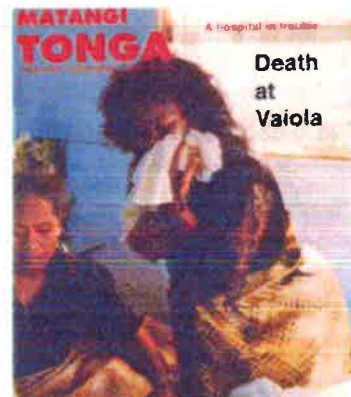
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NUKU'ALOFA

We visited the Rotary club of Nuku'alofa. They were aware of the plight of the hospital, thanks to a damming series of articles that Talia'uli and Dr Bill Tangi (later Lord Tangi) had engineered in the local news bulletin. This was the start of the long involvement in Tonga for the Rotary Club of Ballarat West and St John of God Hospital in Ballarat, together with the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa.



John Oswald and Robert Bolouri at the Rotary Club of Nukutofa meeting, July 1992

The population of Tonga was determined to improve the situation, and had formed a committee, involving the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa, the government and the hospital to raise funds and to examine ways to upgrade their hospital. They believed there needed to be an overall plan to develop the hospital. They had raised the equivalent of Aus\$50,000! An enormous amount of money in a small impoverished community.



The Tongan newsmagazine, Matangi Tonga published two editions in 1991 detailing the Vaiola Hospital crisis

INVOLVEMENT OF ST. JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL BALLARAT

The CEO of St. John of God Hospital, in response to our report on that visit, undertook a review of the Vaiola hospital and suggested that the \$50,000 be used principally to establish a 5 year "Twinning Programme" between the two hospitals.

St. John of God Hospital pledged \$25,000 per year for the next five years to a fund that was to be set up to cover living and transport costs for staff involved in the project. Two groups of four Tongan staff would be selected on a needs basis from Vaiola Hospital each year, to spend four weeks at St. John of God Hospital.

In turn, similar groups of health professionals from St. John of God Hospital would visit Vaiola each year to teach, mentor, to support their opposite numbers and to prepare the next team from Tonga.

In September 1993, an agreement was signed between the Ministry of Health in Tonga, and St. John of God Hospital in Ballarat, and the first teams from Ballarat went to Tonga. This agreement has been renewed several times, and in 1996 AusAID agreed to contribute to funding the exchanges.

The Twinning program and Rotary supporting FAIM teams achieved many early successes, such as the repair of the Oxygen Concentrator. FAIM volunteer Trevor Chapman (Rotary Club of Ballarat South) got this machine working again, in the face of previous failed attempts of commercial companies to repair it. This alone saved the Department of Health many, many thousands of Pa'anga (dollars) per year as all supplies of Oxygen had to be brought into the kingdom in cylinders.

FAIM TEAMS (RAWCS TEAMS NOWADAYS) AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

As well as spurring this twinning programme, Rotary sent several FAIM teams



Cranbourne (Victoria) Rotary Club FAIM team (RAWCS)
after completion of roofing project August 2002

(maintenance volunteers), to teach as they repaired solar hot water systems, installed new roofs and guttering etc. over theatre and other departments. The Rotary Club of Ballarat West also organised and shipped several consignments of goods, donated by numerous sources both inside and outside of Rotary, from a "Wish List" developed by medical staff at Vaiola.

Matching grants of several hundred thousand Australian dollars were obtained from the Rotary Foundation to help fund the purchase of equipment that could not be obtained as superseded equipment. Support for these grants came from the USA, New Zealand and other clubs in Ballarat and Victoria.

THE ROLE OF DIK (DONATIONS IN KIND, GEELONG)

DIK in Geelong have been very supportive of our program over the years, facilitating it by shipping thus far 13 containers of much needed equipment from St. John of God Hospital and other hospital sources via the Twinning Program to Vaiola Hospital. We are very grateful to Anton van Doornik, his team, and his predecessors Barry Bell and Hank Nydam,.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF DENTAL, OPHTHALMOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL AND (PERHAPS A) PROSTHETIC TWINNING PROGRAMS

- Contacts sourced through the program led to the development of the Dental Program to Vaiola by our Rotary club in 1996, which, over the last 20 years, has continued to provide support for the oral health professionals in Tonga. Driven by current president of the Rotary Club of Ballarat West, David Goldsmith, it has its own exchange program, bringing dental professionals to Ballarat and Melbourne over the years for further education, sending teams of dentists/educators and enormous quantities of surplus dental equipment (consigned by DIK), to Tonga.
- Dr Michael Toohy, Ophthalmologist has been supporting the program for many years

- A radiological twinning program has also recently been set up by Lake Imaging in Ballarat
- A recent prosthetics/orthotics visitor from Ballarat Health Services has determined a dire need in this area with potentially more visits in the future.
- An ambulance service from SA, supported by a variety of SA Rotary Clubs, has provided ambulances to support the much-developed Emergency Department

So generally, the program spurred initially by the Rotary Club of Ballarat West in 1992 has blossomed to an hospital wide support service from St John of God Hospital Ballarat , with each year still bringing major advances.

THE CURRENT SITUATION

I was blown away when I first saw the new hospital, 10 years after it was rebuilt by the Japanese, and refurbished by Chinese funding. Many other agencies have been involved; DFAT and NZ government support, visiting surgical programs etc. But the Twinning program remains central to this development and continues after nearly twenty-five years.



The new hospital, well maintained some years after Japanese rebuilt it

The British government had refurbished the hospital in the 60's but had not provided any support or educational programs. Lack of empowerment of nursing staff, and women in particular meant that promotion of staffing was more dependent on tribal mores than on merit.

Why had this 21st century development succeeded when the 1960's development did not? I believe it was the role of the twinning program,

providing relief from isolation, and allowing the very committed and professional staff to develop their own hospital. By promoting education, empowerment and maintenance the program has brought this hospital up to a standard where cardiac surgery can be undertaken, where premature children have as good a chance of surviving as they would in Australia, and where staff morale is sky high.



Special care nursery, where premature babies now have a much greater chance of survival

The architect of this program was RN John Macdonald, who with persistence and skill encouraged communication with the Department of Health, where in 1992, our requests for engagement were met with a taciturn if not overtly negative response. He at the same time worked with the nursing staff to determine what their needs were, gradually getting to the stage we are now at, where the ability to communicate in both directions makes further needs assessment and management a breeze.



CT Scanner donated by the Chinese government

There have been dramatic improvements in the ICU, in Wound Care, Nursing, Administration, in Medical records, in Engineering, in fact in all aspects of the hospital over the course of the last 24 years. Much of this improvement is due to the

on-going Twinning Program, but also could not have happened without the hard work of the staff of the Tongan Ministry of Health and other international aid agencies.

The tremendous relationships between the staff of the Vaiola Hospital and St John of God Hospital, Ballarat built up over the 24 years is the oil that makes this program work.

RN John Macdonald has had significant support over the last 10-15 years from RN Carolynne Murnane (Surgical Nurse) and Michelle Frank (medical records) of St John of God Hospital Ballarat.



The dental department. You could be forgiven for believing you are in a modern Australian Hospital

Rotary's role these days is limited to DIK and the co-existent Dental Twinning Program set up by our Rotary Club.

SUMMARY

John announced his retirement to the staff of Vaiola hospital during this last visit. There was widespread sadness across the staff of the hospital and the Department of health, and there were many tears, from the minister of Health down to the many am

Who would have believed twenty-four years ago, that the hospital (where pigs roamed the grounds, waste lay everywhere, beds were piled in fire escapes and the rooves of theatre etc. leaked) that today they would be doing open heart surgery, or that the hospital could become the example it is to the rest of the Pacific.



The Minister of Health Hon. Dr. Saia Ma'u Piukala and senior staff of the Vaiola Hospital shed a tear at the farewell of RN John Macdonald PHF after 25 years

There have been many reasons and many other supporters from Australia, NZ, Japan and other parts of the world for this improvement, but the skills and abilities of the Tongan Clinicians and support staff of the hospital have been allowed to develop and drive reform. I believe the Twinning program has provided a direction, wide support and fellowship which has allowed this development.

When considering recent developments with the Dental, radiological and perhaps prosthetic programs, Lord Tangi (surgical registrar in 1992, and more recently Minister of Health and Deputy Prime Minister),

said *"The Program has been a cooperation between not only the hospitals, but also the communities of Ballarat and Tonga"*.

So, this program has ticked all the boxes. It has developed capacity, it has graduated from a Rotary supported program to a Private (AusAID / DFAT supported) program and it has, with 25 years' experience, seen significant friendships develop between the two communities, allowing

for well-considered requests for targeted aid. We in the Rotary Club of Ballarat West are very proud of our involvement with this great program, and watch in awe as it develops further.

John Oswald PHF OAM FANZCA
Co-ordinator, Vaiola Hospital Program
The Rotary Club of Ballarat West D9780



The Rotary Foundation

To celebrate The Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary, Ballarat West Rotary joined with the other Group 8 Clubs for an anniversary dinner with internationally renowned speaker Gemma Sisia from St Jude's School in Tanzania. Besides being an enjoyable evening, the bringing together of the Group 8 clubs was seen as an excellent opportunity for fellowship across the clubs.

Profits from the evening were donated to The Foundation.

Our club has also joined with Alfredton and Ballarat East Clubs in seeking to provide an electronic wheel chair to the Occupational Therapy team at Ballarat Specialist School. At the time of writing this report, we have secured District funding to match that of our clubs' contributions. We do however need to obtain additional funds and they are currently being sought from other parties.

The opportunity to work with other Rotary clubs into the future is seen to be an effective way to maximise our ability to make significant changes in our communities.

David Larkin
Rotary Foundation Director



Past District Governor 9780
Jessie Harman



Gemma Sisia, Founder
School of St. Jude Tanzania



Winrose student from
School of St. Jude



The School of St. Jude
FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION



ROTARY CLUB OF BALLARAT WEST

FINANCIAL REPORTS 28th JUNE 2017

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Opening Balance 1 July 2016 \$ 5,818.16

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	\$ 6,800.00	
Meals	31,924.00	
Fines	4,318.40	
Raffle	278.00	
Footy	<u>85.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>43,405.40</u>
		49,223.56

PAYMENTS

Rotary Dues	6,092.52	
Magazines	2,040.00	
Admin. Supplies	766.70	
Postage	129.00	
ASIC lodgment	55.80	
Raffle costs	379.00	
Meals	30,231.50	
Exchange Student	152.00	
District Training	<u>75.00</u>	
		<u>39,921.52</u>
Net Surplus to date		<u>\$ 3,483.88</u>

Account Balance 28 June 2017 \$ 9,302.04

INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNT

Opening Balance 1 July 2016 \$ 957.39

RECEIPTS

Transfer from Service Account	<u>4,114.68</u>	
		\$ 5,072.07

PAYMENTS

DIK for container freight	4,114.68	
Transfer to Service Account	<u>957.39</u>	
		<u>\$ 5,072.07</u>

Account Balance 28 June 2017 Closed

ROTARY CLUB OF BALLARAT WEST

FINANCIAL REPORTS 28th JUNE 2017

SERVICE ACCOUNT

Opening Balance 1 July 2016

\$ 9,031.79

RECEIPTS

Breathometers	\$ 742.00	
Fund raising	121.00	
J Gear	1,710.00	
Bush fires	2,726.67	
Interplast	565.15	
Catering	6,953.30	
Springfest	1,741.50	
Car Raffle	1,166.00	
Raffle	330.00	
Footy Tipping	700.00	
Wine Auction	7,465.00	
Hat Day	130.00	
Christmas Cakes	1,151.00	
Entertainment Books	1,454.00	
Turf Club	1,244.00	
Overseas Students	1,575.00	
Donation Bendigo Bank	400.00	
Luke Taylor Appeal	450.00	
Murry 2 Moyne	11,021.50	
Swap Meet	10,000.00	
Transfer from International Ac	<u>957.39</u>	<u>52,603.51</u>
		\$ 61,635.30

ROTARY CLUB OF BALLARAT WEST

FINANCIAL REPORTS 28th JUNE 2017

SERVICE ACCOUNT

PAYMENTS

Interplast	\$ 565.15	
Insurance	362.80	
Springfest	1,213.99	
Donations	35,265.52	
Car Raffle	236.00	
Scholarships	500.00	
Entertainment Books	1,575.00	
Fund raising costs	245.45	
Christmas Cakes	1,259.50	
Trailer Registration	170.70	
Footy Tipping	360.00	
Murray 2 Moyne	1,800.00	
Transfer to International Ac	<u>4,114.68</u>	
		<u>47,668.79</u>
Net Surplus to date		<u>\$ 4,934.72</u>

Account Balance 28 June 2017 **\$ 13,966.51**

Note:

The following commitments are to come out of the above funds:

Luke Taylor Appeal	\$ 450.00
Dental Caravan cover	\$ 2,000.00

Donations above were:

Mt Rowan S C Breakfast Club 2016	\$ 1,000.00
Mt Rowan S C Breakfast Club 2017	1,000.00
Ballarat Yacht Club	250.00
Multiple Births	500.00
Youlle Park C C	500.00
Greiving Mothers	500.00
Scotsburn Bushfire Relief project	4,209.02
Pinarc	8,000.00
Donations In Kind D9780	800.00
J Gear - St Vincents Hospital Cancer Research	1,710.00
Dental Student	1,575.00
Ballarat Specialist School - Wheelchair	2,000.00
Disaster Aid Australia	1,000.00
Interplast	1,500.00
Rotarians Against Malaria	1,000.00
Murry 2 Moyne Leukaemia Foundation	9,221.50
Aboriginal Nursing Scholarship	<u>500.00</u>
Total Donations	<u>\$ 35,265.52</u>

Presidents of the Rotary Club of Ballarat West

Year	President	Year	President
1986/87	Graham Wright	2002/03	Ian Rowe
1987/88	David Coxall	2003/04	Joy Taylor
1988/89	Ian Callander	2004/05	Keith Jeffs
1989/90	Merv Collins	2005/06	Wayne Cooper
1990/91	Bruce Fryer	2006/07	Lindsay Florence
1991/92	Frank Doherty	2007/08	Phil Roberts
1992/93	Daryl Elford	2008/09	Alan Barham
1993/94	Ken Hibberd	2009/10	Barry Gladman
1994/95	Doug Bowers	2010/11	Rex Petersen
1995/96	Bill Candy	2011/12	Ross Jones
1996/97	Allan Sewell	2012/13	Paul Trevenen
1997/98	Jamie Gear	2013/14	John deDeugd
1998/99	Bill Davies	2014/15	Lidia Aitken
1999/2000	Barry Bedggood	2015/16	Garry Harrowfield
2000/01	Rex Petersen	2016/17	David Goldsmith
2001/02	Danny Irvin		



Awards: - Paul Harris Fellow

Rotarians

Lidia Aitken	July	2000
Alan Barham	May	2010
Barry Bedggood	December	2007
Doug Bowers	October	1996
Merv Collins	October	1999
Wayne Cooper	June	2015
David Coxall	October	1996
Bill Davies	June	2001
Frank Doherty	October	1999 - 2017 1 sapphire
David Goldsmith	June	1999 - 2 sapphires & "Service Above Self"
Daryl Elford	June	2002
Lindsay Florence	June	2007 - 2015-1 sapphire
Pam Griffiths	December	2007
Alan Hives	December	2017
Ross Huntington	June	2011 - 2016 1 sapphire
Ross Jones	July	2017
Denise Jackson	July	2014
Richard McDowell	June	2007
John Oswald	June	1993 - 3 sapphires & "Service Above Self"
Rex Petersen	May	2003
John Richmond	June	2011
Phil Roberts	May	2010
Allan Sewell	June	1997
Joy Taylor	June	2006

Non Rotarians:

Kylie Blake (Tongan Project)	2011
Peter Copp (Viola Project)	2001
Camille Lewis (Dental Project)	2011
John McDonald (Viola Project)	1997
Georgie Scott (Interplast)	2012



Club internal Awards

Each year the Ballarat West Rotary Club has two internal Club Awards:

These Club Awards have been made annually since 2007 and generally form part of our change-over dinner to add to the formal recognition of the members involved.

Jamie Gear Award:

David Goldsmith	2007
Daryl Elford	2008
Barry Gladman	2009
Lindsay Florence	2010
Phil Roberts	2011
Ross Jones	2012
Lidia Aitken & Hugo	2013
Garry Harrowfield	2014
Anne Hives	2015
Allison Trevenan	2016
Richard McDowell	2017



One is for a fairly simple car trial in memory of Past President Jamie Gear who was a keen supporter of motor sports.

Whilst the Jamie Gear Award has developed into a fund raiser for cancer research: where the participants pay for the privilege to take part in a car trial organized by Rex Petersen and Lindsay Florence and then enjoy a social activity and meal at one of the regions many rural hotels. This year's event was held straight after our Christmas break at the suggestion of Joy Taylor and Denise Jackson. It was a wonderful way of starting the New Year and provided a lot of fun Rotarians, partners and friends before our normal Presidents Barbeque.

The money raised is then paid as a donation to cancer research in memory of Jamie who himself died of the disease. The Club can rest assured that the eventual winner of the Jamie Gear Award will be the person who makes the biggest "Stuff-up" during the car trial. As for example when our former Rally Driver in Garry Harrowfield got lost or when one of the members got total lost and drove an extra thirty kilometers and arrive for lunch very late.

Whilst it is essential to recognize individual contributions and the Club does that through these awards the true value goes to the club members who give so willingly of their time each year for Rotary and in regard to the Jamie Gear Car Trial they pay a donation just to take part so as the Club can continue to honour past members such as Jamie.

As the organizers of these internal club activities Rex and I are grateful of the club support and participation and we thank all those who contribute to the success of such a simple but effective Club social activity and fund raiser.

Congratulations to all past winners of the Awards and we look forward to paying recognition to the 2017 recipients in due course,

Lindsay and Rex (With help from Karen and Libby)

Merv Collins Award

Pam Griffiths	2007
Barry Gladman	2008
Stephen Mills	2009
John de Deugd	2010
Barry Bedggood	2011
Denise Jackson	2012
Maureen Doherty	2013
David Larkin	2014
Ross Huntington	2015
Daryl Elford	2016
Paul Trevenan	2016
David Larkin	2016
Joy Taylor	2017



This award is given in memory of Merv Collins who was a Past-President and Foundation member of the Club. The Award commenced as a way of paying tribute to this member who had contributed such a lot to the success of the Ballarat West Rotary Club.

The Merv Collins Award originally had a focus to recognize a member with the best weekly attendance but over the years it has changed to become a recognition of a members or persons who in the opinion of the Club has made a significant contribution to the Ballarat West Rotary Club in a given year.

And, if the standard of the past recipients of the Merv Collins Award is any indication then 2017 was again a demonstration of the high level of involvement and achievement displayed by individual Club members and their contribution to Rotary

This years award is being given to Joy Taylor; a very worthy recipient who perfectly fulfills the ideals of this award. Week after week and year after year, without fail Joy keeps all our members informed of Rotary activities at club, District and International level; past present and future, by consistently bringing out an accurate and entertaining Club Bulletin. This is where our members turn to every week to check our rosters, speakers and events. The Bulletin contributes enormously to the smooth running of our club.

Thank you Joy.

Allan Sewell Encouragement Award



The Rotary Club of Ballarat has had the pleasure of an ongoing relationship with Ballarat Secondary Collage for many years by the supporting students in a variety of ways. We would like to continue this with an ongoing award to be given to a senior student at each of the Mt Rowan and Woodmans Hill Campuses.

The award is named after Allan Sewell who was a Past President of the Rotary Club of Ballarat West in 1996-97. A former Deputy Principal of Wendouree Campus of Ballarat Secondary College, and for many years was the Secretary of the District 9780 Youth Exchange Program and Assistant District Governor International. He was a trainer for incoming Presidents He passed away in January 2017.

Club Positions 2017 – 2018

President

Phil Roberts

Past President

David Goldsmith

President Elect & Club Service

David Larkin

Secretary

Lidia Aitken

Treasurer

Richard McDowell

Community

Committee members

Director - Ian Rowe

Robyn Campbell, Wayne Cooper, Jack Engwerda,
Marilyn Jeffs, David Larkin, Rex Petersen, Paul Trevenen

Youth & Vocational

Committee members

Director – Jeannie Wheeler

Garry Brooker, David Coxall, Barry Gladman, Pam Griffiths,
Garry Harrowfield, Keith Jeffs, Geoff Lawrence,

Fundraising

Committee members

Director - Sue Simmonds

Barry Bedggood, Barry Henderson, Alan Hives, Denise Jackson
Richard McDowell, Brian Simmonds, Andrew Tunbridge

International & Foundation

Committee members

Director - David Goldsmith

Lidia Aitken, John de Deugd, Frank Doherty, Pam Engwerda,
Ross Jones, John Oswald, John Richmond

Public Relations

Committee members

Director - Ross Huntington

Alan Barham, Lindsay Florence, Alan Marini, Peter Nolan,
Daryl Elford, Phil Roberts, Joy Taylor

Bulletin & Roster

Joy Taylor

Photography

Alan Marini

Social events

Pam Engwerda, Marilyn Jeffs

Webmaster

Ross Huntington

Program

Garry Harrowfield

Public Officer

Ian Rowe

Duty Officer

Ian Rowe

Sonora Exchange

Frank Doherty

Weekly Raffle

Pam Griffiths

Rotary House Advisory Committee

Lindsay Florence

Swap meet - Club

David Larkin

Swap meet - Chairman

Lindsay Florence

Swap meet - Treasurer

Richard McDowell

PHOTO GALLERY



All the District 9780 2016-17 club presidents before they took office - the PEs! - incoming DG Ray Herbert

Changeover at Pig and Goose July 2016



Teddy Griffin with Frank



**RC Ballarat West - Gold Sponsors for DIK's 500th container
- with Bob Gilderman at the West Footscray DIK depot**



**our PP and PHF Bill Davis in our Vanuatu Lab.-
and Marlene's birthday in Vanuatu**



With Richard Tatwin PP R.C. Grassroots Vanuatu/PCV

The BHS suction system installed at VCH Port Vila



Nursing books for Tonga



Jack and Paul packing goods for the Solomon Islands



Catering for the NDIS meetings at Brown Hill

Dr 'Amanaki (PE Nuku'alofa Rotary Club) and Dr. Fusi from Tonga in Melbourne

Cale Ziola with his Rotary certificate for training Joe Manu from Tonga



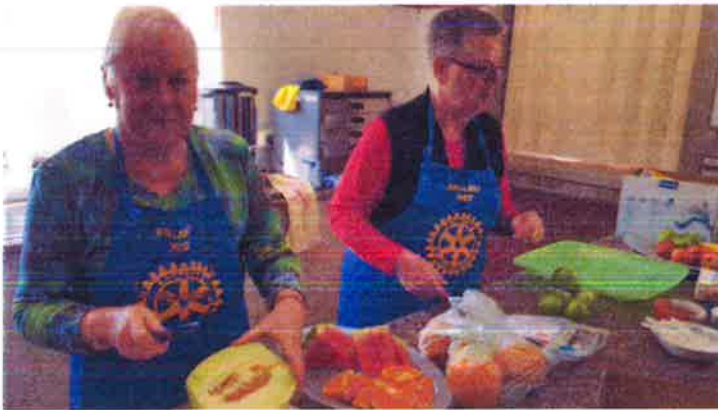
Marylyn with Jack and Peter Innes at Young Parents Program house in Delacombe

Our RYPEN candidates Ben Browne and Tom Duke with Seona Murnane from Mt Rowan Campus





Ballarat Swap Meet from above - A Full House



Pam and Libby cooking up a healthy lunch at Brown Hill

**District
Membership
Development
Award - 3 years**





Valentine's Day meeting
John, Lindsay, Daryl, Ian
and Pam taking home
their Roses



Hugo getting his Badge
for his Rotary Jacket



Violetta's last Rotary
night with us. She
Graduates on The 3rd of
July 2017 Bachelor of
Commerce



