

**The Rotary Club of Hamilton Inc.
District 9780**

Annual Report 2011-2012



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The Rotary Club of Hamilton Inc.

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Chartered 25th May 1937

Rotary District 9780

Board of Directors

2011 – 2012

President:	Michael Davies
President Elect:	Lorraine Wilson
Vice President:	Peter Wilson, PP
Immediate Past President:	Willis Duncan, PP
Secretary:	Bob Penny, JP, PP
Treasurer:	Glenn Howell, PP
Director - Club Service:	Ian Black, PP, PHF(S)
Director - Community Service:	Peter Schroder, PP
Director - International Service:	Tony Roe
Director - Vocational Service:	Les Seiffert, PP
Director - New Generations (Youth) Service:	Leo Cummins, PP, PHF

Board of Directors

2012 – 2013

President:	Lorraine Wilson
Past President (Foundation Director):	Michael Davies, PP, PHF
President Elect (Membership Director):	Les Seiffert, PP
Vice President (Public Relations Director):	Willis Duncan, PP
Secretary/Public Officer:	Bob Penny, JP, PP
Treasurer:	Glenn Howell, PP
Director - Club Administration:	Rose Howard
Director - Club Service Projects:	Leo Cummins, PP, PHF
Director - Events (Fundraising):	Peter Schroder, PP

List of Members

Addinsall, John
Beks, Richard, PHF
Black, Ian, PP, PHF Sapphire
Brand, Ken, PP, PHF Sapphire
Clayton, David, PP, PHF
Cook, Clement, PP, PHF [H]
Cummins, Leo, PP, PHF
Davies, Michael, PHF
Downes, Don
Duncan, Willis, PP
Dyson, Peter
Gumley, Jim, PP, PHF
Handbury, Geoffrey, AO, PHF [H]
Herrmann, Syd, PHF
Howard, Noel
Howard, Rose
Howell, Glenn, PP

Lawson, Roz, PHF
Meagher, Damien
Menzel, Murray, PP, PHF
Milburn, Peter, PP, PHF
Milgate, Graeme, PHF [H]
Parry, Susan
Peltzer, Menno, PP, PHF
Penny, Robert, JP, PP
Rentsch, Ossie, PP
Roe, Tony
Safe, Kevin, PP, PHF
Seiffert, Les, PP
Schroder, Peter, PP
Tapper, Charles
Wark, Tony, PP
Wilson, Lorraine
Wilson, Peter, PP

PP - Past President
PHF - Paul Harris Fellow
[N] - New member
[H] - Honorary member

Members who served on District Committees

Group Study Exchange Sub-committee– Michael Davies (Chairman)
Polio Plus Sub-committee – Ian Black
Preserve Planet Earth – Noel and Rose Howard
Probus Centre – South Pacific – Ken Brand (Chairman)
Rotary Heritage & History International Fellowship – Ian Black
Rotary Foundation – Michael Davies
National Youth Science Forum – Leo Cummins

President's Report

I present the President's report for the Rotary Club of Hamilton for the 2011/12 year with pleasure and sadness. Pleasure because it has been very enjoyable being President and sadness as I will leave the club at the end of the next Rotary year.

It has been an interesting year for the club and for me as your President. At the start of the year I undertook a survey of the members to help set the objectives for the year. The year has gone quickly and I have run out of time to achieve some of our objectives, the main one is increasing membership which is paramount for this club to survive. To overcome the time factor I involved President Elect Lorraine and President Nominee Les in the planning process.

What has been achieved this year would not have been possible without the support of board members, committee chairs, members and friends of Rotary – thank you.

Fund Raising

The club cannot undertake service and give generously without our fund raising activities which have been led by Susan Parry and her committee, Peter Schroder and John Addinsall and his committee. Thank you.

Catering

Sheepvention – the club was allocated a new site which has potential. This year catering was provided on Sunday as well. Profit was up on last year but inline with the previous year.

Dunkeld Mosaic – our location is not conducive to maximising revenue and profits were in line with previous years.

Dunkeld Races – the location is away from the main public area and so the club is unable to achieve profits realised by other clubs at the meeting. Profit was below expectations given the weather was good.

Carols by Candlelight – another successful evening in the Botanical Gardens with funds raised going to the Spectator Christmas Appeal.

The Catering trailer has undergone approximately \$10,000 worth of modifications to improve ease of operation and meet regulatory standards. These objectives have been achieved with the trailer now operational within an hour of arrival on site. The cost of this work is recovered through a 10% administration fee charged to fund raising event where the trailer is used.

Consequently the trailer needs to be used as often as possible. Thank you to the Rotarians who have contributed to the successful modifications.

Melbourne Wine & Food Festival events

The World's Longest Lunch (WLL), Harvest on the Hill (HOTH) and Harvest Dinner were held in early March and WLL and HOTH were affected by weather although the WLL was moved indoors and proved to be successful. The HOTH had potential to be very successful with increase number of stallholders but the weather was against us. The profit from the 3 events was down significantly from previous years and without the raffle, grants and DIK would have suffered a loss. This is under review by the relevant committee to evaluate the way forward. My thanks to Susan Parry and her committee for making these events successful.

Other fund raisers

Harness Racing – this continues to be a significant fund raiser for the club thanks to the support of a previous member Geoff Elkins.

Show us your Toys (SUYT) – Rotarian Richard Beks resurrected this event with the support of the Hamilton Spectator Group, Rotary Club of Hamilton, Rotaract and Inner Wheel. It was very successful and it is proposed for this event to continue.

Community Activities

Wool Festival - Rotarian Richard Beks resurrected this community event with the support of the Hamilton Spectator Group, Rotary Club of Hamilton, Rotaract and Inner Wheel. It was very successful and it is proposed for this event to continue. The club donated \$1,500 to the running of the event.

Ted Kenna Statute Memorial Appeal – PP Peter Schroder and PP Kevin Safe have been instrumental in helping the Hamilton RSL club organise the public appeal which has been underwritten by government grants. The sculptor, Peter Corlett made a presentation to the club. The club has donated \$6,000 towards the appeal from the Charitable Trust account after a club vote on the matter.

Kids with Cancer Camp – the club was involved in running the Friday afternoon session in lieu of Apex who had disbanded. It was a successful evening with the help of the Hamilton Bowling Club and coordinators PE Lorraine Wilson and Rtn Rose Howard and other club members.

Community Police Award – This year's award was presented to Leading Senior Constable Peter Mailes from the Balmoral Police Station.

Penshurst Police Station – Hamilton Pastoral Museum – The club has progressively relocated the old Police Station over the years and this year the project was nearly complete except some painting. Thanks to Charles, Kevin, Peter W, Peter S and Willis bringing this project to completion.

Reflection Pond & Fountain – Hamilton Lawn Cemetery – The club has agreed to fund 50% of this project to celebrate 75 years of Rotary in Hamilton. The work commenced in June 2012 and will be completed later in the year. A plaque will be placed at the site recognising this club's contribution. Thanks to the 75th Celebration Committee, especially Roz Lawson in bringing this project to fruition.

Membership

The membership committee has developed a programme to enhance the chances of increasing net membership including a presentation by AG Libby Furner which culminated in a potential new member's night on 28th May. 5 invitees attended and it is hoped that three will consider joining our club. The target was a net gain of 4.

Special Events

The club held a special night to recognise the contribution by Walter Drummond in bringing Rotary to Australia. The night was attended by Stuart Heal, RI Director for Zone 7a & 8, DG Brian Trenery and Walter's grandson PP Peter Schroder who donated a PHF in his grandfather's name. The night was also attended by Austin Burleigh, President of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and their historian Bruce Davidson where Walter was a member.

Youth Programs

We hosted an incoming exchange student, Liisa Piiparinen, who came to us from Evanston Wyoming arriving on 20th July 2011 and returned home on 21st May 2012. Sarah Millard and Josh Murray attended RYPEN. Victoria Ball attended NYSF in Perth. The club hosted three Monivae students from Kiribati as part of its International night.

Donations

Other donations to organisations during the year were Shelter Box, Little Athletics, Hamilton & District Junior Cricket Association, Books for Babes, Spectator Xmas Hamper Appeal, Rotarians for Mine Action, Bali School Children Project and Rota homes Project in Fiji.

Home Hosting

Thank you to all Rotarians who welcomed us and our partners into their homes for our fellowship visits and also to everyone who donated food as these occasions are profitable fundraisers.

District Governor Visit

District Governor Brian Trenery, wife Jenny and AG Ray Herbert made an official visit to the club on 19th September 2011 and included a meeting with the Board to establish club health and objectives. These visits are always worth while.

Other Activities

I attended with my wife Faye the Bali School Children Project annual distribution day held in Bali and then visited the schools in the district where the children our club sponsor attend.

The club supported the Group 1 meeting at Strathdownie which raises funds for the Strathdownie hall, this meeting is always well attended.

Murray Menzel and Don Downes won the club's annual 8 ball competition – signs of a misspent youth.

Lorraine and Peter Wilson caught up with Mikkell, an incoming youth exchange student who was hosted by this club 2 years ago.

Peter Schroder and Glenn Howell head a team who have gone to Fiji to work on the Rota home project at Koroipita.

The club hosted visits by District 5580 (Fellowship exchange), District 1360 (GSE), RACV touring group Rotarians.

Service Certificates

At the Changeover, Service Certificates were presented to the following Rotarians:

- Richard Beks 40 years
- Peter Milburn 35 years
- Damien Meagher 30 years
- Ken Brand 25 years
- Peter Dyson 10 years
- Glenn Howell 10 years
- Bob Penny 10 years
- Tony Roe 10 years

Acknowledgements

To all Rotarians without specific portfolios, thank you all for your help and commitment during the year.

Thank you to all partners for your donations of food and help throughout the year.

Special Thanks:-

Bob Penny for continuing in the role of Secretary while holding down the demanding role of Mayor, and providing guidance for some of the problems we have encountered during the year.

Vice President Peter Wilson who filled in for me when I was in Bali and when I dislocated my shoulder, thank you.

Program Director Lorraine Wilson we have had a very busy and varied program during the year with some good fellowship nights. Lorraine was supported by Susan Parry, Roz Lawson & Rose Howard. Thanks to all of you.

To our Bulletin Editor Roz Lawson, for the time and commitment devoted to a hugely important part of our Club as without a weekly Bulletin our members would not be in touch with the day to day happenings in our Club. Thank you Roz. Also thanks to Lorraine who ran the club website.

To all Directors, Tony Roe, Peter Schroder, Ian Black, Leo Cummins and Les Seiffert and Deputy Directors, thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment at all times. To all members who were on the club roster and participated in running club meetings, without your help the club could not function.

I wish Lorraine and her Board a very successful Rotary Year and hopefully win back the inter-club lawn bowls trophy which we lost this year.

Michael Davies PHF
President 2011-2012

Club Service

Director	-	Ian Black PP, PHF (S)
Deputy Director	-	Noel Howard

Club Service is Rotary's first avenue of service and the role of Club Service Director is to oversee the functioning and running of the club.

The club can only function under the various avenues such as the other four Avenues of Service, Secretary, Programme, Finesmaster, Bulletin Editors, Cashiers, Attendance Officer, and the many other small roles that were assigned to various members, and thanks to members who carried out their roles.

For the first time the role of Sergeant was changed to give the Sergeant of the night a bigger role on the evening rather than just hitting the gong, the role of Sergeant is now more involved in leading Grace and introductions of the President and Board members who wish to speak. This change has worked well, and has not diminished the role of the President, who still carries out his/her role.

A diverse and interesting programme was arranged throughout the year, and with the four Service Directors being responsible for arranging or organizing three programmes each. Under the Vocational banner a "My Job Talk" of 3 minutes was implemented in the latter half of the year and has proved a very interesting session, and will continue in the next Rotary year until every Rotarian has had a turn at speaking.

Peter Schroder had in discussion with Ian Black over a couple of years, spoken of the need to recognise his Grandfather Walter Drummond in some way as Walter had never been officially recognised as the man who brought Rotary to Australia in 1921.

Peter then made a decision that he would make a personal donation of a Posthumous PHF award, and a committee under the leadership of Susan Parry were tasked to organize a Walter Drummond recognition evening. This function was held on Saturday November 19th, in which the District Governor Brian Trenery presented the PHF award to Peter, in the presence of many invited guests, including members of Peter's family and members of The Rotary Club of Melbourne, of which Walter was a member. Club Historian Ian Black also produced a book on the life of Walter, as previous research had been done in 2004 and more follow up research was also undertaken.

The Rotary Club of Portland celebrated their 70th Anniversary on April 14th, of which our club was the sponsoring club and several members attended.

In April two motions were put forward to the Club regarding the Charitable Trust, and the club agreed to reduce the level of money to be retained in that account to \$15,000.

We again supported the annual Group 1 meeting in April which is held in Strathdownie, and the guest speaker for the evening was Mike Stephens a farm consultant from Ballarat.

Falling numbers in our club is of concern for the future and a concerted effort needs to be made to recruit more members to join Rotary and it should be a duty of every Rotarian to try and bring a new member in. The average attendance for 11 months to end of May was 64%.

Please read all the other Service Directors' reports as they will have outlined more details pertaining to their portfolios.

Thank you to all the members who carried out their tasks which contributed to the smooth running of the Club and please accept my thanks and that of the Club for your assistance.

Ian Black PP PHF(S)
Director

Rotary Club of Hamilton Program 2011-2012

Meeting date	Speaker	Subject
04-Jul-11		Change Over Dinner
11-Jul-11		Club Strategic Plan
18-Jul-11	Ann Pett	GSE presentation
25-Jul-11	Noel and Rose Howard	New Members Talk
27-Jul-11		Hamilton Harness Racing Club meeting
01-Aug-11		No Meeting - Sheepvention
08-Aug-11	Debra King	Hamilton Community House
10-Aug-11		Hamilton Harness Racing Club meeting
15-Aug-11		Social night
22-Aug-11	Cherie Greed	Vocational Visit to Greed's Funeral Parlour
29-Aug-11	Peter Corlett	Ted Kenna statue
05-Sep-11	Liisa Piiparinen	Exchange Student
12-Sep-11	Bob Furner	Shelter Box
19-Sep-11	DG Brian Trenery	DG's visit
26-Sep-11	Michael Davies	Visiting sponsored Bali School kids
03-Oct-11	Russell Robinson	Hamilton Cemetery development
07-Oct-11		Hamilton Harness Racing Club meeting
10-Oct-11		Home Hosting
17-Oct-11	Russell Dale	District Chair - PH society
24-Oct-11		Snooker Night
31-Oct-11		Melbourne Cup Night
07-Nov-11	Peter and Lorraine Wilson	Visiting Mikkel in Denmark
14-Nov-11	Lee Coggins	Friends of the Gardens
19-Nov-11		Special Meeting – PHF presentation
21-Nov-11		No Meeting in lieu of PHF
28-Nov-11		Club AGM
05-Dec-11		Hamilton Harness Racing Club meeting
05-Dec-11	Brian Kearney	South West TAFE
12-Dec-11	Susan Parry	World's Longest Lunch and Harvest on the Hill
19-Dec-11		Christmas Party
26-Dec-11		No Meeting Christmas Break
02-Jan-12		No Meeting Christmas Break
09-Jan-12		Picnic / BBQ
15-Jan-12		Hamilton Harness Racing Club meeting
16-Jan-12	Michael Davies	Review of the Strategic Plan
23-Jan-12		Social Night - Chinese New Year
30-Jan-12	Libby Furner	Membership
06-Feb-12		Bowls Night with Hamilton North
13-Feb-12	International Students (Kiribati)	International Night
20-Feb-12	Keppel Prince – Portland	Vocational Visit
27-Feb-12		Mystery Objects
2 -3 Mar-12		WLL & HOTH
05-Mar-12		Fellowship
12-Mar-12		No Meeting Long Weekend
19-Mar-12	Glenn Howell	Advances in Optometry
23 - 25 Mar-12		District Conference in Warrnambool

Meeting date	Speaker	Subject
26-Mar-12	Daniel McOwan	Hamilton Art Gallery- the next 50 years
2-Apr-12		Fellowship
04-Apr-12		Strathdownie – Group 1 Combined Visit
04-Apr-12		Hamilton Harness Racing Club meeting
11-Apr-12		No Meeting Easter Monday
16-Apr-12	Victoria Ball and Rowan Brown	National Youth Science Forum
23-Apr-12	Lorraine Wilson/Glenn Howell	Social Media
30-Apr-12		Home Hosting
06-May-12		District Assembly Stawell
07-May-12	Ken Mackey	The Tivoli
14-May-12		Hamilton Harness Racing Club meeting
14-May-12	Liisa Piiparinen	Farewell to Exchange Student
21-May-12	Trevor James	Mental Health Hat Day
28-May-12	Kevin Safe	Membership
01-Jun-12		Hamilton Harness Racing Club meeting
04-Jun-12	Hamilton Art Gallery	Vocational Visit
11-Jun-12		No Meeting Long Weekend
18-Jun-12		Fellowship
23-Jun-12		Changeover Dinner and 75th Celebration

Community Service

Director	-	Peter Schroder, PP
Deputy Director	-	Kevin Safe, PP PHF

Committee

Richard Beks PHF, Don Downes

Ted Kenna VC Memorial Statue

Starting point

The Hamilton RSL had approached the Southern Grampians Shire about erecting a bronze statue to honour Ted Kenna VC. A bronze, life-size statue was an ideal project for this club. The Kenna family heard about the proposal which they supports and selected the form for the statue to be, which was accepted.

The Shire was non committal about supporting the project. It was clear if the proposed statue was to happen then our club needed to support the project. It became clear that the Hamilton RSL, represented by John Lowcock, was the lead agent in the project, and Rotary Club of Hamilton, represented by Kevin safe and Peter Schroder, would support him and contribute wherever possible.

The club met with Dan Tehan, local member of the Federal Parliament to brief him on the project and ask assistance to obtain a federal grant. None has been forthcoming at the end of June.

Peter Corlett was commissioned as the sculptor based on the recommendation of Jean McAuslan, Gallery Development Manager at the shrine of Remembrance.

The project was expected to cost about \$110,000 (including GST), about \$90,000 for the bronze statute and \$20,000 for a suitable plinth and associated work.

It was considered that if donations to the project were tax deductibility it would make it more attractive for people to make donations. This appeared to be a slow process and possible would not succeed.

Achievements

In summary, by 30th June 2012, the committee has raised about \$65,000. Fund raising has been slow hard work despite input from experts, but the team is very determined to see the project to its completion. Publicity has been at local, state and national levels.

Approval was obtained from the Justice Department to carry out a fund raising program. We have had 15 meetings during the year to plan and implement the promotion of this project, and the associated fund raising.

We applied to the Victorian Veteran Affairs Council for a grant towards this project. We were successful receiving \$25,000. The Kenna family have donated \$10,000, The Hamilton RSL have donated \$6,000, as has the Rotary Club of Hamilton.

Peter Corlett visited Hamilton in August to view the lie of the land and consider options for the positioning of the statue. While he was here the project was discussed with the shire's town planners. Peter also spoke to a meeting of the Rotary Club of Hamilton.

The Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal was discovered. This is a Federal Government body which grants tax deductibility status to small short term projects, such as this one, that have their approval. This was a major break through.

John Lowcock created a limited edition collage of a VC medal, a photo of Ted Kenna, his service details and his VC citation. It is manufactured by David Edwards. A replica of a VC has also has been created.

The Mayor and shire CEO were updated on two occasions. We have appreciated the considerable high quality publicity the Hamilton Spectator and 3HA have given the project. The work by reporter Emma Schenk is particularly appreciated.

The Hamilton RSL is expected to sign a contract with the sculptor, Peter Corlett, in early June.

Completion of the statue will be about 6 months after this.

Hamilton Pastoral Museum

This long running project involving moving a temporary building from the Penshurst police station to the Hamilton Pastoral Museum, where it will be used as an administration building, should be completed and ready for handover by the 30th June.

This year the Tapper Team anchored the building to the concrete footings, built a step and ramp for access to the building, and built a verandah to protect the entrance from the weather. Peter Wilson replaced the damaged flashing. A club team scrubbed the outside of the building. It now looks very respectable. All that remains to be done is to paint the timber work in the verandah and the fascia board.

Challenge Camp for Kids with Cancer

On the 13th April the club entertained for about 1.5 hours, and then fed, about 30 children from Melbourne who are affected by cancer, along with their 8 carers. Gavin O'Donnell from the Rotary Club of North Hamilton has organised this highly regarded weekend event for more than 14 years.

Our part was conducted at the Hamilton Bowling Club, an excellent venue with some valuable helpers. Lorraine Wilson over saw the games and Rose Howard organised the catering. Our part was considered a success and we will be happy to be involved in future.

Carols by Candlelight

On 9th December we provided, as we have done for several years, a sausage sizzle for the annual Carols by Candlelight held in the Botanical Gardens. All the profits, about \$500, were donated to the Hamilton Spectator Christmas appeal.

Wool Festival Expo

Through Richard Beks' initiative, and with considerable support from the Hamilton Spectator, the Hamilton's Wool Festival Expo was revived on the July 30 after a break of 17 years.

The event was held in the CBD and showcased wool-related activities. Our club assisted with the coordination on the day, and the workload on the day was shared with a number of other service clubs in the town. Community support was good and it planned to repeat this event in 2012.

Beef Expo – Junior Judging and Cattle Handling Competitions

The club continues to be involved in Hamilton's annual Beef Expo. In the week before the event a training day was held at Good Shepherd College for junior judges. About 50 students from five district secondary schools attended this half day event.

The club provided prizes for both the junior judging and cattle handling competitions. In each case there was an under 15 and open class. There was about 50 entries in the judging, and 6 in the cattle handling competition.

Hamilton Junior Cricket

At the grand final of the Hamilton under 16 cricket President Mike presented the aggregate trophy, the Rotary Shield (commenced in 1952), to Southern Grampians.

Bowel Scan

This project, promoting the regular testing for bowel cancer, has been moved from May to June this year due to a shortage of kits.

Peter Schroder PP
Director

International Service

Director	-	Tony Roe
Deputy Director	-	Murray Menzel PP, PHF

Committee

Peter Milburn PP, PHF, Damien Meagher

During the year the club have purchased two Shelter Boxes which we will be able to track on the Internet as to their destination.

In February Murray Menzel organised the three girls from Kiribati who are at Monivae College as guest speakers at the dinner meeting.

For Harvest on the Hill in early March Murray Menzel collected a shelter box from Mount Gambier which we erected after much deliberation and a lot of backchat from onlookers which attracted a great deal of interest and, when the rain came in early, had to be dismantled.

In March we collected the GSE team from Iceland from Halls Gap and we went to the Dunkeld visitor information centre, then a tour around Hamilton and on to the Big Wool Bales for lunch. We subsequently delivered them to Casterton where they were collected by the Rotary club of Mount Gambier.

In April we did a similar tour in conjunction with Rotary Club of Hamilton North when we collected the Friendship Exchange visitors which were five couples from Texas and Kentucky who were collected by their hosts the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier.

During the year we sponsored five children in Bali which are financed from the fines box. There has been a suggestion from the Bali projects committee as to whether we would like to sponsor any of these children when they go on to high school.

Tony Roe
Director

Vocational Service

Director	-	Les Seiffert PP
Deputy Director	-	Roz Lawson PHF

Committee

Tony Wark, PP, Ken Brand, PP, PHF(S)

Three vocational visits were arranged during the year with one of the visits coinciding with an inter club visit.

GREED'S FUNERAL PARLOUR

A visit was arranged on 22nd August to the Greed's Funeral Parlour. This was a very informative visit as well as a tour through their facilities. Dinner followed at Alexandra House.

KEPPEL PRINCE ENGINEERING

A visit was arranged through the Rotary Club of Portland Bay to Keppel Prince Engineering in Portland on 20th February. A conducted tour through Keppel Prince Engineering by Michael Garner – a GSE participant was extremely informative on the Wind Towers and how they are constructed.

After the tour a barbeque tea was held at Bob and Merle Menzel's with members of the Portland Bay Club. This was a great evening for interaction with another Rotary club as well as sharing of ideas.

HAMILTON ART GALLERY

On 4th June our club had a guided tour of the Hamilton Art Gallery led by Amy Knight. The Art Gallery is an important tourist venue in Hamilton but can be quite often overlooked by the locals. This tour was followed by dinner at Alexandra House.

VOCATIONAL TALKS

One aim of Rotary is that people understand what is involved in another person's vocation. This year vocational talks have been introduced into our club. Each week a member is rostered to present a three minute talk about his vocation. The talks have been very interesting and this then helps members to get to know each other.

Les Seiffert PP
Director

New Generations (Youth) Service

Director	-	Leo Cummins PP PHF
Deputy Director	-	Charles Tapper

Committee

Susan Parry, Peter Wilson PP

This has been a fairly quiet year for the youth program. In spite of sometimes joining up with Hamilton North Rotary Club and canvassing all the local schools, we have often had difficulty in getting students interested in some of the programs that Rotary offers. However, when we do get applicants they are outstanding young people.

We had 2 student successfully gain their driver's licence during the wind up phase of the driver training project that started several years ago.

We welcomed Liisa Piiparinen for Evanston Wyoming as an incoming exchange student this year. She settled in to life in Hamilton and Casterton and was able to attend many club meetings. She was a delight to have around. We need to thank her host families and The Hamilton and Alexandra College for looking after her. In spite of several people expressing interest in outgoing youth exchange for the coming year no one finally applied.

With Hamilton North we sponsored 2 students to the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). Victoria Ball went to Perth and Rowan Brown went to Canberra. They each seemed to get a great deal out of the experience and reported back to our club very enthusiastically. With Hamilton North we have several nominations pending for next year.

Also with Hamilton North we sponsored 2 students to Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) at Millicent. They were Josh Murray and Sarah Millard. They said it was very interesting and enjoyable.

We again sponsored the junior judging at Beef Expo. This is a very busy morning keeping track of entries and supporting the judges. We also sponsored prizes in the Hamilton Eisteddfod and the Junior Cricket.

Next spring the Science Experience at the Volcanoes Centre at Penshurst will need to be supported. I have been involved in several planning meetings and it seems to be coming together quite well.

The Rotaract Club continues to be quite active with support from both local Rotary Clubs. It is only a small club but it is very active.

Leo Cummins PP PHF
Director

Treasurer's Report

During the 2011-2012 year we participated in a number of fundraising events. These included:

- Catering at Sheepvention
- Catering at Dunkeld Races
- World's Longest Lunch
- Harvest on the Hill
- Cuisine d'Opera
- Dunkeld Mosaic BBQ
- Show Us Your Toys

The Club has been providing volunteers to man the gates at meetings of the Harness Racing Club during the year. This increases our Club's exposure in our community and provides a financial input towards community projects. Proceeds from Carols by Candlelight were donated to the Hamilton Spectator Christmas Hamper Appeal.

We have also donated to:

- Hamilton Eisteddfod
- Rotary House, Warrnambool
- ShelterBox
- Rotary House Warrnambool
- Inner Wheel
- Hamilton Girl Guides
- Good Shepherd childcare
- Group study exchange teams
- Variety Club
- Challenge cancer
- Bali Kids
- RAWCS (Rotary Aid World Community Service)
- Hamilton Little Athletics
- Community Police award
- Promenade of Sacred Music
- Building at Pastoral Museum
- The Rotary Foundation - PolioPlus
- Rotahomes project Fiji (Rotary Overseas Aid Fund)
- Rotarians for Mine Action
- Youth driving lessons
- NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)
- Rotaract
- Tennis sponsorship
- Junior cricket
- RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)
- Youth Exchange
- Australian Rotary Health

The final accounts for the 2011-2012 year will be provided at the Annual General Meeting to be held in November 2012.

PP Glenn Howell
Treasurer

Rotary at Work and Play

	
Changeover 2011-2012 – Combined with Rotaract Club of Hamilton	
	
Incoming Board	DG visits Club at Changeover
	
Visiting sponsored Bali school children	Shelterbox provides emergency assistance
	
International students	Victoria Ball and Rowan Brown - NYSF



Ted Kenna Memorial statue project



DG's official visit



Bowls Match with Hamilton North



Posthumous PHF to Walter Drummond



Junior Judging



Dunkeld Races

	
Wool Festival	
	
GSE from Iceland – at Wool Bales	Mystery objects
	
Melbourne Cup fashion	Summer Christmas
	
Keppel Prince – Vocational Visit	Community Policing Award



Counting the Coins



Working at Pastoral Museum



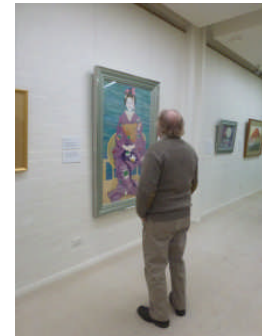
Challenge Cancer Kids weekend



Mental Health Hat Day



Farewell to Liisa



Art Gallery visit