

ANNUAL REPORT

1972-73

HORSHAM EAST ROTARY CLUB



PRESENTED AT THE CLUB'S
CHANGE-OVER DINNER ON
JULY 11, 1973, AT THE END
OF THE CLUB'S SECOND
COMPLETE YEAR.

27/6/73

I am privileged to present the 1972-73 Presidential Report for the Horsham East Rotary Club.

In retrospect the year appears to have been one of "highs and lows". We started off in July with enthusiasm and vigor for the year ahead and in these early months committees were busy preparing plans, for, River Beautification, Mental Health Seminar, Rotary Ball, and special International projects. Of these the Rotary Ball stands out as being a great success. It is now established as one of "the balls of the year", and it is hoped that considerable revenue will result from it this year. The "Facing Life in the Seventies", seminar and the International Committee projects were successfully completed and many hours of work were put into preparing a comprehensive plan for our River Beautification project. The vagaries of the weather and the slow moving wheels of beaurocracy have prevented this very worthwhile scheme from being completed on time. However an excellent foundation has been laid so that with the advent of Spring, stage one of this project can be brought to fruition. Membership development was also active in these early months and several excellent new members were added to our ranks.

With the advent of Christmas I felt that the Club suffered from a certain amount of inertia. This probably resulted from our predominantly young members being more involved with family and business obligations, and this trend continued throughout December & January.

The Club Assembly in early February produced some forthright comments from members and fruitful ideas for the remainder of the year. The Community Service committee immediately started making plans for the Wimmera Art Competition and this looks like being a major event for the Club and a major event for Horsham in November.

Rotarians Ian Maroske and Doug Weir combined their artistic and organising ability to produce a first class, (long awaited) club banner for which the Club can be justly proud. The International Committee has found at least six hosts within the club to host our first exchange student — a girl from Nevada who will arrive in August.

The year has now drawn to a close on a very high note — membership has shown a nett gain of five members — all incoming committees have met, and are working on plans for the new Rotary year, which will be an exciting one and with the leadership of Ian Maroske and his Directors, will be a very successful and happy one.

My Directors and executive have given me every thing I have asked for; hard work, understanding and fellowship, and for this I sincerely thank them.

Reece Burgess,
President 1972-73.

HORSHAM EAST ROTARY CLUB

Annual Fellowship Report

The Fellowship committee for the year '72 - '73 has completed most of its planned program for the term.

The Committee comprised of Rotarians Vic Greer, George Hall, Clive Carrol, Ab Bragonje, Tom Speakman and Bernard Gross.

Our biggest project was our first Rotary Ball held in September and details learnt from this exercise will help in the planning of yet another successful Ball planned for next September 14th.

In late September last year the Ladies of the Club met for an evening at "Winton Park" in an attempt to become better acquainted with each other. I believe that more needs to be done in this department because many ladies still do not know each other very well or how they can become more a part of the Rotary program.

On 13th December the Club was joined by the Ladies for our Christmas dinner. Recorded music was played for dancing, Ab being chief disc-jockey.

An evening in February was spent at Green Lake together with our families. The gathering enjoyed the warm night and a number enjoyed the cool of the water, while Captain Tom provided boat rides for the Children.

An outing of a different kind was our visit to the Pleasant Creek School for Retarded Children. This visit was quite different from outings we have had in the past, giving those who attended the opportunity to learn how these dedicated people meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community.

Outings of this nature provide a balance to the program, for we could easily become a pleasure seeking club only, disregarding the serious social problems which are always with us.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all who took part in the work of Club Fellowship during the last twelve months, in particular committee members.

Yours sincerely,
Bernard Gross,
Fellowship Director,

In his regular Rotary Information service, Past President Rodney Abud reminded us (along with many other things) that Club Service does not constitute a committee of itself, but rather that it is a conglomeration of committees with a presiding (by proxy) Club Service Director.

In fact, that is how Club Service functioned this year. Each committee man carried out his assignment according to his bent and the result, as it turned out, was a combination of excitement, frustration and success, fortunately, mostly the latter.

Richard Speakman attended to our attendance with 100% thoroughness and he reserved a special personal welcome for every member as he donated his assembling (not retiring) collection. His welcome was unfailing and included the occasions when the man on reception duty failed - if only a little late. In fact Richard was the man to speak for the man who was not there to speak. Well spoken Speakman.

Alan Finch was the only bulletin editor in all District 278 to merit an aside from the incoming district governor, Ian Stewart, at the St. Arnaud District Assembly. The District Governor elect had obviously read, and looked forward to reading, Herbie's Bulletins. Well and nobly done O Great Herbie (Highly Esteemed Rotary Banter Innovating Emanator) for your eleemosynary provisions of news.

Lindsay Smith, our Sergeant-at-arms, "endeared" himself to all, and after his efforts for twelve months in enlivening our meetings, he will no doubt be remembered by succeeding Sergeants-at-arms who have felt the hand of the "master". Rest assured, a new club by-law might have to be enacted to give Lindsay's pocket a rest for the rest of the year.

John Skinner was also noticed for his understudying to Lindsay for a time during the year and it seemed that the fledgling Sergeant would soon have become a full-blown General if Lindsay had taken a longer rest. John was also notable for his variations on a theme - viz. "For good food etc."

Harold Pallot never failed to delight us with his programme of weekly guest speakers even if at times, there was some mystery. He weathered the anxieties of what must be one of the toughest assignments in a Rotary year by not visibly ageing more than ten years during his year of office. Thanks Harold and by the end of July you will be visibly rejuvenated. We had variety and quality and interest in our programmes. We hope many of your speakers will come again and that, after all, is the acid test.

Don Rush, as roster programmer, ensured that every Rotarian took his turn at reception, grace and chairmanship. Don's programme HAS to run well and his did.

Because we are a young club we haven't much history to record, but we hope Jeff Baker will record his memoirs of the year 1972-73 for Club posterity so that he will lighten the load of future historians with a load of light.

Fellowship has been very good during the year and visitors to our meetings have been made feel welcome (some of the Horsham Rotarians came again and again and again) and we found that people, who without Rotary, would probably have not met each other even once a year, did in fact, meet every week.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT 1972 - 1973.

At the commencement of our year it was decided that River Beautification would be the main project during the next twelve months for the Community Service Committee.

All meetings of the River Beautification Committee have been attended by representatives of Horsham East Rotary and with the assistance of that Committee comprehensive plans have been drawn up for the Horsham East area. Unfortunately a number of unforeseen delays have occurred which have held up the progress with work on the area.

Quite a considerable number of hours have been spent with equipment on the initial preparation of the area. Several working bees have been held for the removal of box thorns and stones. These were quite well attended by Rotarians. The River bank and also the banks of the drain have been shaped to pre-determined contours with a bulldozer. Where possible mechanical equipment has been used to date, in preference to manual work.

Very soon the automatic watering system will be laid, financed through a Government grant to River Beautification. Following this the tree planting will proceed in line with the plans drawn up by Ian Narosko.

There still remains much work to be done in this area before completion of the project and will require a good deal of time and effort during the following year and both equipment and working bees.

As in the preceding year on two occasions we assisted with Meals On Wheels. Members willingness to assist in this work was appreciated.

To assist Youth Director Chas. Tuohy provide funds for two nominees for R.Y.L.A. a successful Barbeque was held in November at Mota-Vu drive in by kind invitation of Rotarian Harold Pallet.

Consideration was given in August last year to an Antique or Art Show and in February 1973, Community Service Committee was instructed by Club assembly to look into the feasibility, and then proceed with plans for an Art Festival.

I have much pleasure in reporting that under the leadership of incoming Community Service director John Heid and with the Board of Directors approval, the decision has been made to hold the Wimmera Art Competition in November 1973. Plans are well advanced at this stage and considerable preliminary work has been done. It is indeed most pleasing to see the enthusiasm shown by Community Service members and all who have so far come involved with planning with this project. It seems certain that this will be the first major project undertaken by Horsham East Community Service to require considerable effort from all Rotarians to become a success. We are no doubt assured of this co-operation.

I wish to thank all those who served on Community Service Committee during the past year and thank them for the work they have done and assistance they have given to me.

I look forward to working under the Directorship of John Heid during the next year and assure him of my full support.

Kevin Matuschka,
DIRECTOR.

The first task of this committee was to complete a project from the previous year. This involved all members in placing the Four Way Test in the business houses of non-Rotarians. A total of 34 desk plaques and 14 wall sheets were distributed.

The main project was the staging of a symposium "Facing Life in the Seventies". Over 140 publicity and enrolment circulars were mailed to organizations in Horsham and District. Good publicity was given to this function in the Wimmera Mail Times and through the local radio stations. An enrolment of 58 showed clearly that there is no substitute for the personal approach. We were greatly indebted to Miss Banchevska of the Mental Health Authority for providing overall leadership to the group leaders Mesdames A. Stewart and F. Brown, B. Murray and Dr. R. Taylor and finally to the Horsham High School staff who did so much to make the venue so suitable. The proceedings were compiled into a booklet which has been distributed to all participants.

Following a letter from a member of the High School staff the committee made preliminary plans to assist in a "Careers Experience" program. Since then we have been waiting for the staff member to make more concrete proposals so that our help would be most effective and without disrupting normal routines of students. It is with regret that the project could not be launched within our term.

We have also been unsuccessful in our attempts to obtain a suitable speaker for an employer-employee evening - an aspect of our vocational service which we believe should be fostered.

On behalf of the committee.
I.S. McMILLAN. DIRECTOR.

REPORT OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

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DISTRICT 278

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 1972/73

On the foundations developed in 1971-72 International Service progressed with the support of all Rotarians to carry out the following projects :-

Fourth Avenue in Motion

- (1) Enlisted twenty five subscribers from a membership of thirty eight.
- (2) Arranged P.P. Geo Mayne FAIM District Representative as a guest speaker to further consolidate the enthusiasm for this worthy activity.

International Project Advisory Council

- (1) Supported Project 72/8 - Shallow Bores, Cape Rodney by a donation of \$70.
- (2) Accepted Project 72/6 undertaking the education of Agai Anton a Form 3 student at Kowhai High School by means of an annual \$100 scholarship for a period of two years.

Group Study Exchange

- (1) In conjunction with the Horsham Club actively participated in the Horsham session of the tour between 23rd and 26th February 1973.
The Group of six consisting of the Group Leader P.P. Jim Buchanan of Rockville Rotary Club District 762 Maryland USA, Tom Ferguson, David Floty, John Loudon, Danny McAdams and Bob Taylor were outstanding ambassadors for America.
Horsham East Club entertained them to lunch on the first day, assisted in the tour of the Grampians by providing leaders and transport on day two and conducted the tour of Longerenong Agricultural College on the third day.
- (2) Conducted the interview of candidates from Area 3 at Naracoorte on 21st January 1973 for the preliminary selection of members of the Group to undertake the reciprocal tour of District 762, Maryland USA.

Youth Exchange

Entered into the commitment to host Rebecca Jo Ward from Gardnerville Nevada USA for the academic year commencing August 1973. Organisation is sufficiently advanced by arranging the Councillor Jeff Baker and first host Doug Weir with seven other hosts nominated to enable the incoming committee to carry on.

Entertainment of Asian Engineers - 12th November 1972

Under the "Training Programme for Asian Engineers" arranged by the Department of External Affairs a group of sixteen Engineers were being conducted by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission on a tour of hydraulic works in Victoria. The Group was in Halls Gap with Sunday 12th November free and for their entertainment a barbeque luncheon was arranged by and at the Horsham home of Rotarian Jeff Baker assisted by many members and their wives.

Rotarians Jack Lowery, Bruce Johanson, Graeme Milne and Bill Ower met the Asian Engineers at Halls Gap and accompanied them in their bus via Halls Gap-Flat Rock Road to return via the Zumbsteins Road explaining the many beauty spots and unique features of the Grampians en route.

From the many expressions of appreciation this exercise must have been a step forward in international goodwill and understanding.

Programmes

Arranged P.P. Geo Mayne FAIM Representative and American teacher Suzanne Desilet from the Horsham High School to address the Club.
At present finalising arrangements for Sir Douglas Nicholls to be a guest speaker in September 1973.

General

To assist in financing these projects Rotarian Geo Hall's offer to conduct Ballroom Dancing Classes was accepted.
All International Service fellows helped to result in \$92 being donated to Club funds.

Conclusion

The combined resources and individual contributions by many consolidated the efforts of the International Service in to a viable force promulgating the aims of Rotary International to foster international goodwill, understanding and harmony.

For the achievement outlined above my thanks to 1972/73 International Service Committeemen, with the wish that this is but one step towards a successful and more fruitful future.

JOHN W HEID
DIRECTOR.

ROTARY CLUB OF NORSHAM EAST

SERVICE ACCOUNT

1972-73 (to 13/6/73)

RECEIPTS

EXPENDITURE

Bank Balance B/F	\$291.60	R.Y.L.A.	\$ 96.50
Club Fines	\$253.94	Miscellaneous Projects	\$ 15.60
Rotary Foundation	\$ 35.00	Birthright	\$ 15.00
Bank Interest	\$ 11.01	Wells Trust Fund	\$ 70.00
		Rotary Scholarship	\$100.00
		Floral Tributes	\$ 2.00
		Rotary Foundation	\$ 52.76
		Bank Balance C/F	\$238.55
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ROTARY CLUB OF HOKSHAM EAST

General Account

1972-73 (to 13/6/73)

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance B/F
General Credits (Coppers)
Members Joining Fees
Members Subscriptions
Sales of Badges, Stickers etc
Income from Social Functions
Members Attendance Levee
Rotary Down Under
Refund from Swan Hill Conference
Club Ball
Symposium
F.A.I.M.
Dancing Classes
Sundries
Bank Interest

\$ 142.25
\$ 43.08
\$ 80.00
\$ 760.00
\$ 23.20
\$ 340.60
\$ 258.95
\$ 114.00
\$ 12.00
\$ 1494.24
\$ 155.00
\$ 14.00
\$ 122.26
\$ 65.00
\$ 12.06

EXPENDITURE

Rotary International per Capita Payment
Club Guests Dinner Costs
Printing and Stationery
Postage
Club Bulletin Expenses
District 278 Levy & Expenses
Subs to Rotarian
Subs to Rotary Down Under
Permanent Badges (Dinner Plaque etc)
Badges, Stickers etc (for resale)
Symposium Expenses.
Social Function Expenses
Club Furniture & Equipment
Club Ball Expenses
Sundry Expenses
Dancing Class Expenses
Bank Balance C/F

\$ 297.25
\$ 37.20
\$ 52.25
\$ 4.20
\$ 214.39
\$ 65.75
\$ 42.48
\$ 70.00
\$ 42.13
\$ 58.80
\$ 144.65
\$ 346.64
\$ 11.95
\$ 1182.47
\$ 260.17
\$ 61.52
\$ 745.53

\$3637.44

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ATTENDANCE 1972-73.

	<u>POSSIBLE</u>	<u>ACHIEVED</u>	<u>%</u>
R. ABUD	52	42	90.28
J. Baker	52	36	69.22 X
Ab Bragonje	52	52	100.00
R. Burgess	52	50	96.15
C. Carrol	52	34	65.38
A. Finch	52	46	88.42
G. Edwards	52	41	78.84
V. Greer	52	48	92.31
B. Gross	52	44	84.01
G. Hall	52	49	94.22
J. Heid	52	39	74.74
C. Hopper	52	38	73.29
E. Hurtig	52	44	84.58
B. Johanson	52	47	90.38
J. Lowery	52	46	88.46
T. Maroske	52	46	88.46
K. Matuschka	52	49	94.22
H. Pallot	52	41	78.81
I. McMillan	52	48	92.30
D. Pinch	43	37	85.24 X
R. Rankin	52	45	86.50
D. Rush	52	37	71.11
J. Schwarz	52	48	92.30
J. Skinner	52	47	90.38
L. Smith	52	52	100.00
R. Speakman	52	48	92.30
T. Speakman	52	48	92.30
C. Turhey	52	45	81.00
O. Williams	33	33	100.00 X
D. Weir	52	45	86.50
M. Minne	49	43	87.88
T. Edgar	36	31	84.23
T. Peart	35	26	78.60
B. Hutchesson	35	31	88.27
W. Ower	35	33	92.11
A. Robson	18	15	83.03
M. Cuddihy	15	13	86.06
J. Fraser	14	12	85.70
M. Degnan	01	01	100.00
A. Uebergang	01	01	100.00
I. Baker	03	03	100.00

X Leave granted during the year.