

HORSHAM
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ROTARY CLUB OF HORSHAM EAST

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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When Rolf J. Klarich, World President said "TAKE TIME TO SERVE", he certainly summarised Horsham East Rotary Club's activities for this year, their tenth year as a Rotary Club.

It's at the end of the full twelve months, you realise, the mixed attributed which Rotarians bring to Rotary Clubs from all different fields. Until you are President of this Club, for a twelve month period, then you see that of the fifty-one Rotarian members we have in our Club, that their contributions made during the year, in many different ways, make this an active Rotary Club.

Each director in his own way has been a part of this activity with his committee, and I'm sure that when you read the independent directors reports on the following pages you will see all their involvement in the past twelve months.

However, there are a few events, which I would like to comment on in my report. The first one is the Vice President, James Schwarz and his committee who have run the fund raisings for the Wimmera Wool Factory, one of these was the raffle which they ran and a special thanks here must go to Rtn. Leo Coul, who with the help of one of his suppliers, Simmons Bedding Co. and himself, provided a \$1,000 first prize, thanks to Leo. The Club looked at fund raising for the Wimmera Wool Factory as a project early in their board life, at that stage we decided that we would support the project, but however, would not run the fund raising as a whole. It is very noticeable that this fund raising committee eventually became heavily dominated by Horsham East Rotarians and a special thanks must go to Rtn. Cliff Evans, for his chairmanship and the eventual and result of this raising of \$80,000 local contribution to this project. Well done Cliff. It takes me back to my opening comments, where a Rotarian has "TAKEN TIME TO SERVE".

Here's to director Max Cuddihy, with the help of his committee during early June, co-ordinated for the district Youth Exchange in Horsham and by the comments I've had back, a job well done, thanks to Max and his committee. Also Max with the help of Rtn. Darryl Schwarz have been able to get Rotaract back on the rails, a club that nearly folded early in the year but is now back to a minimum number of 14, which is required for a Rotaract Club. I think with the new system of Horsham East in the next Rotary year in Horsham the following year, that Rotaract in the future will be one of our solid Clubs in this City, serving the younger community.

Under the international director, Errol Matuschka, we have again seen membership of fame at the 100% level, however, I would like to see this club take a more active part in the future, that of sending a team to one of these projects I'm sure between Rotarians in the Club and sponsoradgtmademan outside, we could send a team from Horsham. The other area that the international has been new, with the help of Errol's committee and committeeman John Van Dyk, was being involved in the sponsoring of one of the four Vietnamese families settled in the City of Horsham. This I feel sure in the future will be offaworth while project. When I look back in time, as a student of the Dimboola High School I can remember the curiosity created by a lot of locals on the arrival of two Greek families in the township of Dimboola. One of these families son's was a very good friend and fellow student of this school, when we look back now, we see what a great thing that mass immigration after the last World War has done for Australia as a whole.

Community service directed under the directorship of Rtn. Graham Colley, however had the biggest committee and probably the greatest work load in the first half of the year. A very new project of the Club, was the organisation of the National Heart Foundation Sunday. There were many reactions in our Club and I feel quite sure by the discussion in the club assembly just before Christmas, a great number of our Rotarians were glad to help in doubling the appeal level in the City of Horsham last year, it was a job well done. However, it is a commitment I would not like to see the Club do every year, but certainly it has been worthwhile for the development of this club.

Fellowship under the direction of our communicator of the Club, Rtn. Gordon Ryan proved to be one of our most successful years. This is a very important part of Rotary and allows us to mingle as families on a more social plain. The pig-on-the-spit at Rtn. Bill and Kay Davies will go down in the memory of Rotarians for a number of years.

Also I would like to thank Gordon for the time and effort he put into doing the homework for the board to decide, where they were going to hold their future Club meetings. The decision to shift to the Horsham Golf Club, I'm sure most members will agree, has been a great development in the fellowship and atmosphere, thanks to Gordon and that research.

At this stage I would like to remember one of the highlights of my year as Rotary President, and that was the Tenth Anniversary Dinner, this involved all past Presidents, except the foundation president, Jim Coffey. Just over fifty past members of the Horsham East Rotary Club were asked back for this dinner, of which a number made it, a good night was had by all. The highlight of the evening would have to have been the historian section under the control of Past President, Ian Maroske.

Vice President James Schwarz, as director of Club Service for the day to day running of the Club proved to have a top team for support of a number of Rotarians on his committee, special thank's go to Ab, the retiring Attendance Officer who has given excellent service to the Club and also being our only 100% Rotarian from charter, a lot of regular jobs like the Sergeant, Properties etc., many thanks must be given to you, you made it a trouble free year. A special thanks must go to Rtn. Rob Cochrane who stepped back into the shoes of secretary, for a second year to help with the early retirement of Euan Thompson, I would recommend this Rtn. for a secretary anywhere. Also to Rtn. John Nunn who controlled the financial arm of the Club, thanks for the time and effort put in.

To James, the incoming President for 1981/82, I wish both you and Diane all the best for the future year.

Thanks to all members, for this, my best year in Rotary.

LINDSAY W. B. SMITH.

ROTARY CLUB OF HORSHAM EAST

CLUB SERVICE REPORT

The Horsham East Club Service Committee members have a specific role to play in the smooth running of our Rotary Club and it's weekly meetings. The fact that the club and these meetings functioned so well is evidence of the constant work performed by the Rotarians concerned.

The Program Committee of Roger Halse, Bill Ower and Gordon Ryan has compiled a successful year of informative, educational and entertaining programmes. Our grateful thanks to these Rotarians for their faithful attention to their duty and especially to Roger for his outstanding 'Master Mind' evening.

The bulletin Committee of Maurice Schuller, Ian Maroske and Jim Appelt has certainly been an efficient group. May I commend our Bulletin Committee for their consistent effort in getting the Bulletin to Rotarians each week and for the bright and cheery manner in which it has been presented.

Sergeant-at-arms Jeff Harfield must be congratulated on his response to a task that he thought could have been an onerous one. To our pleasure and to the advancement of Rotary Foundation, he has continued the high standard of performance Horsham East Rotary has enjoyed during the past 10 years, and we look forward in welcoming Richard and Alf into this role.

The Treasurer of our club, John Nunn has completed a year of successful accounting. His reports to the board were clear and precise and he hands to the incoming treasurer a set of books that can be easily understood. Thank-you John for a job well done.

Attendance Officer Ab Bragonje has once again served our club each week in this capacity. Ab's friendly smile and welcome will certainly be missed as we welcome Tom Speakman into this office.

To each of the following members of the Club Service Committee I would like to convey my sincere thanks. These Rotarians work behind the scenes and although their activities may be inconspicuous their response to their responsibility is greatly appreciated.

These committees are:

Properties: Norm Murch and helpers Barry Lattanzio and Geoff Hancock.

Club Historian: Ian Maroske. Thank-you again Ian for your excellent 10th Anniversary of Horsham East night.

Classification : John Heid
Membership Development:

Membership: Rod Abud, Alan Uebergang, and Kevin Matuschka.

Rotary Information: Bruce Johanson.

JAMES SCHWARZ.

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

This Rotary year has once again come to an end and looking back hopefully we as a committee have helped to keep our fellowship side of the Club interesting and enjoyable.

The following are the years activities.

GOLF DAY. 27.7.80.

A very successful day was organised by Rtn. Tom and his kitchen staff who certainly kept up with plenty of food for all the golfers. Even though the weather was very wet it was still an outstanding day. Most important we still retained the Golf Trophy once again. Well fellows hopefully next year it will be three in a row!

PIG ON THE SPIT 3.10.80.

What can one say to me this was the highlight of the year. Owing to the wet weather we seemed to be doomed, but lady luck favoured us by keeping the rain away until we had finished.

Thanks to Rtn. Bill and Kay for extending us a warm welcome to their place. To Richard and Bill for the excellent job they did in cooking the pig which was delicious.

PROGRESSIVE TEA. 27.10.80.

The main course was provided by the Kore Court Restaurant. This was an outstanding fellowship night with 73 attending and I feel sure the ladies enjoyed not having to prepare a main course, and the spread that was provided left nothing to be desired. Thanks to the following Rotarians and their wives for the use of their homes: Rtn. Leo (Pre dinner drinks), Rtn. Ab (Sweets), and Joe for coffee.

CHRISTMAS DINNER. 10.12.80.

The Golf Club was once again the venue for our Christmas dinner. Christmas is always a festive time and this was no exception as we had a very good attendance of 82. Those who enjoy dancing were catered for with music provided by Ian Crouch.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS B-B-Q. 17.12.80.

Once again Santa graced us with a visit by boat, thanks to Rtn. Tom and the presents he bought were appreciated by the children. The barbecue and fellowship was enjoyed by all, although numbers were small compared to other years.

WHITSTOCK FIELD VISIT. 18.2.81.

Our annual bus trip always seems to be popular with 61 attending and thanks to Rtn. Bruce and Rodney who provided our transport. Our special guest was Exchange student Miriam Mibus, who talked to us on her 12 months stay in Japan. We could also be the First Australian Rotary Club on Japanese T.V.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY. 15.4.81.

The 10th Birthday was well attended by present and past Rotarians and wives who helped us celebrate this milestone in our Club. Rtn. Ian helped us all remember the past 10 years with slides and a very informative talk. (It's good to see Rtn. Rodney with his eyes open after 10 years.)

The birthday cake was provided thanks to Rotarian James.

ROCKLANDS DAM WEEKEND. 2.5.81.

Cancelled.

It appears that Rotarians and their families are not interested in a weekend away, which is unfortunate because these could be a very good fellowship time.

FILM NIGHT. 6.5.81.

Held at the Education Theatre this was a very enjoyable night but it was disappointing that more Rotarians and their wives and families didn't attend to make it a successful night.

INTER CLUB VISITS.

We once again enjoyed a visit to Warracknabeal and had Dimboola visit us. These are always good fellowship times.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.

We continued the tradition of sending Wedding Anniversary and Birthday messages to Rotarians wives, and we went a step further and introduced Induction dates into our weekly announcements for which the Sergeant made us contribute in the usual way for these events.

CHANGE OVER. 15.7.81.

We will see our 11th President Lindsay say farewell and hand over to President Elect James, and we wish him well for the coming 12 months.

SUMMARY.

We hope that we have provided something in fellowship to suit all members during the year.

I would like to thank all Rotarians wives who supplied soup, savouries, and sweets for our functions which was very much appreciated. And to the members of my committee Rtns. Leo, Bill D., Joe, Geoff, Bruce, Jim, Richard, Tom, and Roger for the sterling job they did arranging the years activities, which they were allocated and I wish the incoming board all the success for the coming year.

GORDON L. RYAN.

(Fellowship Director)

VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. Members Vocational Talks, "What's new in my Vocation", held regularly. Many interesting sessions were given by members.
2. Intensely interesting Life & Job talks given by several members.
3. Interesting talk given by John Lawrence, then Personnel Manager Wimmera Base Hospital. Outlined part played by Wimmera Base Hospital in careers and vocations in Wimmera Region.

G. B. A. LIND.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Club members again supported FAIM to the extent of 100% subscriptions. This is most gratifying and would only be surpassed by some of our members being actively engaged in a project, should the opportunity present itself.

Our committee was active in arranging interviews for applicants for Group Study Exchange in Iowa. Unfortunately our nominees were unsuccessful.

Rotary Foundation Journalism Awardee, Peter Taft of New York was guest speaker at a combined meeting at Warracknabeal. Failure in our earlier attempts to invite this speaker to our club were in some respects compensated by this visit to Warracknabeal, as a full insight into the value of these awards was gained by all who heard this talented speaker.

Again our attempts to make contact with District 918 in India were not successful.

During October we were privileged to hear Rotarian Stewart Dumesny from Warrnambool East who promoted an aid project in Rajasthan, North West India. As a result our club has provided \$200.00 towards a Mobile Medical Unit in this area. At this stage it is understood that the target for this project has not yet been reached.

Our club has accepted the responsibility of fostering one of the four Vietnamese Refugee families to be settled in Horsham later in June. John Van Dyk has worked hard in keeping contact with the local committee which is concerned with preparations. We feel that participation in this project of good will should prove to be most rewarding to the club members.

Sincere thanks is expressed to all members of the committee, in particular John Heid in making his home available for meetings, John Van Dyk as Rotary Foundation Rep. and to Barrie Sleep, our FAIM Rep.

ERROL MATUSCHKA.

(International Service Committee)

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

The 1980/81 Rotary year for Community Service started at a very hectic pace and we were busy for the first six months. The latter half of the year we were quiet but still contributed our efforts.

The year started and we organised the appeal for the National Heart Foundation Appeal Sunday. My thanks to Alf McMartin and Kevin Matuschka who did alot of behind the scenes work preparing this project and co-ordinating on the day. It was a controversial issue however, and the collection of \$3164.47 and a cheque of some \$600.00 to the Wimmera Base Hospital made it all worth while.

We were again successful in winning the tender for drinks/ice cream at the Horsham Agricultural Show. Sales were disappointing in that the nett profit only yielded \$437.29 my thanks goes to those who worked for the two days keeping up the supplies, and also to the Ladies of Rotary who helped out.

A working bee to cut long grass at Karkana was carried out by volunteers from the club. Good fellowship was had at the same time. Thanks fellows.

Community Service (Cont.)

The Art Show was again a feature of our efforts and many thanks to Norm Greenaway who organised. To those members who assisted Norm and his committee to erect supports and hessian, to hang paintings etc. - thanks.

Norm Greenaway also organised a Craft Display in "Tent City" at Kanamaroo last year. Thanks again Norm and to those who loaned tents.

The club was asked on two occasions to conduct meals on wheels. Members or their substitutes again distributed meals to the needy, for which the Wimmera Base Hospital is very grateful.

The club supported the Apex Fishing Competition with six stewards - a long day. Members efforts resulted in a cheque for \$210.00.

Doc Hopper represented the club on the Wimmera Beautification Committee. Horsham City Council is now responsible for keeping the area clean and tidy. The club has indicated to this committee that there will be continuing participation in the Wimmera River Beautification project but not necessarily the fountain, something new perhaps.

Many Rotarians in Community Service, were heavily involved in the Wimmera Wool Factory Appeal. Many have worked very hard both for Rotary and the Handicapped Association. As you know this was a club and not a community service project. To those members in community service who specialised in this appeal - a job well done.

To all in community service committee, it was a most pleasing year, with the minimum of fuss. Thank you all members of community service for their assistance and help and fellowship.

G. COLLEY.

(Community Service Director)

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT.

It is amazing how a year looms as such a long time in prospect and seems such a short time in retrospect. In reviewing the years activities of our clubs youth committee I feel a sense of pride and immense gratitude to those club members, wives and others who have contributed to the years successes.

Without a doubt Darryl Schwarz was the hardest working member of our committee. Darryl agreed to assume responsibility for liaison with the Horsham Rotaract Club. Not only did he attend the fortnightly meetings but he spent many hours re-establishing the Rotaract Club on a firm foundation by working with the Rotaract executive and Horsham Rotary Club members. Geoff Chisholm, Alan Vickers, and Bill Davey, for all former Rotaractors, assisted in the initial assessment of problems and a brainstorming of ideas to remedy the situation. The result has been a re-juvenation of the Rotaract Club which is being reflected in increased membership and club activities. It is hoped that the hard work will be continued and the Rotaractors will receive the support needed to build on the foundation established. Thanks are also due to Pam Schwarz for assuming the extra work involved at family level.

Youth Committee Report (Cont.)

Bob Mibus assumed responsibility for our clubs R.Y.L.A. nominee, Ms. Suzanne Walker attended the R.Y.L.A. seminar at Longerenong College and we hope she benefits from the experience. From all accounts the seminar was a resounding success with 54 participants, and Suzanne a very active participant.

During the year the club again sponsored a boy in the Scouting movement and a girl in the Guiding movement.

The major focus of the committee's activities has been Youth exchange. Miriam Mibus, whose counsellor was Roger Halse, arrived back from Japan in January. By coincidence a Japanese film crew was at Whitstock Field on the night Miriam addressed the club. Malcolm Light, whose counsellor is Jim Lonsdale, is in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in the middle of his exchange year. Fiona Lamshed is the clubs nominee for 1982 exchange. Ong Chen Yam (Yammy), whose counsellor was Rodney Abud, returned to her native Malaysia in February after a very successful exchange. Christianne Tiemann from Germany is due to arrive in July. Club members have been very supportive of this program as was evident of the ready offers of families to host Christianne. During the year, through the efforts of Bob and Miriam Mibus and our District Youth Committee man Ivan Pearson, we were able to help sort out a problem for a Yamagata North girl which eventually resulted in her being able to spend 1981 in Swan Hill as an Exchange Student.

The Youth Committee supported the District Committee in their weekend of selection of 1982 exchange students. Thanks to Liz Thompson and Pam Schwarz who supplied casseroles and Betty Pearson, Nancy Mibus and Elaine Cuddihy who supplied casseroles and served lunches. We also supplied approximately 400 morning and afternoon teas with the help of the visiting exchange students. Thanks to Mrs. Olive Smith, and the Freijah, Pearson and Cuddihy families who hosted the eight students.

The appreciation of the committee is also expressed to the Cuddihy, Ryan, Greeaway, Halse, Schwarz and Abud families who hosted Yammy, and the Harfield, Schuller, Cornwall, Mibus, Smith and Cuddihy families for hosting Christianne.

MAX CUDDIHY.

	Poss	Act.	%		Poss	Act.	%
ABUD Rodney	50	40	80%	MURCH Norm	50	45	90%
APPELT Jim	50	40	80%	NUNN John	50	31	62%
BRAGONJE Ab	50	50	100%	OWER Bill	50	43	86%
BURGESS Reece	50	38	76%	PEARSON Ivan	50	50	100%
CHISHOLM Geoff	50	42	84%	PLUSH Kevin	50	50	100%
COCHRANE Rob	50	48	96%	RYAN Gordon	50	43	86%
COLLEY Graham	50	42	84%	SCHULLER Maurice	50	36	72%
CORNWALL George	50	42	84%	SCHWARZ James	50	43	86%
COUL Leo	50	23	46%	SCHWARZ Darryl	50	46	92%
CUDDIHY Max	50	42	84%	SCOTT Robert	18	12	67%
DAVEY Bill	50	43	86%	SLEEP Barrie	50	45	90%
EVANS Cliff	50	45	90%	SKINNER John	50	33	66%
FREIJAH Joe	50	44	88%	SMITH Lindsay	50	48	96%
GROSS Bernard	50	30	60%	SMITH Wilfred	24	23	96%
HALSE Roger	50	44	88%	SPEAKMAN Tom	50	41	82%
HANCOCK Geoff	50	45	90%	SPEAKMAN Richard	50	34	68%
HARFIELD Jeff	50	37	74%	THOMPSON Euan	50	34	68%
HEID John	50	43	86%	THOMPSON Allen	13	11	85%
HOPPER Cec	50	40	80%	UBERGANG Alan	50	41	82%
JOHANSON Bruce	50	43	86%	VAN DYK John	50	38	76%
LATTANZIO Barry	50	40	80%	VICKERS Alan	50	18	36%
LIND Graeme	50	43	86%				
LONSDALE Jim	50	37	74%				
McMARTIN Alf	50	45	90%				
MAROSKE Ian	50	42	84%	HAUSLER Maurice	26	24	92%
MATUSCHKA Kevin	50	38	76%	LESKIE Ray	25	3	12%
MATUSCHKA Errol	50	49	98%	MARSH Kevin	37	30	81%
MIBUS Bob	50	43	86%	GREENAWAY Norm	25	20	80%
MINNIE Murray	50	31	62%	GREY Peter			
MITCHELL Lester	50	35	70%	RUSH Don	25	12	48%

The percentage for the Club over twelve months was 79%.

AB BRAGONJE.