

Annual Report

1997 - 98



**ROTARY CLUB
OF
HORSHAM EAST INC.
DISTRICT 9780**

**President: Bob Hayes
President Elect: Ken Dowsley**

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President's Report

Another year has been completed, during which we have experienced many successful functions.

The annual Art Show improved from the previous year. I'm sure this was due to the dedication of Past President Kevin Hogan. Kevin's passing, not only left our Art Show without a President but our club lost a great friend and Rotarian. His commitment to all of his duties was outstanding. He was made a Paul Harris in 1996 in recognition of his contribution to Rotary.



To add to the Art Show problems, Past Chairman Rotarian Greg Schreck who was holding the position of Secretary, was forced, due to ill-health to resign. We wish Greg a speedy return to good health.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Past President John Nunn, for taking over the chairman's job and to Bruce Johansen for filling the secretary's place. Without this enthusiasm and drive, we may not have been able to continue with this popular and long-standing event. I wish you and your committee every success for this year's art show.

Other functions during the year included the exciting visit of Kumi's parents, which entailed a very sociable dinner, the District Governor's annual visit, and the Progressive Dinner.

The passing of Paul Harris fellow Cec Hopper, during the year saddened our members as Cec was another of our quiet achievers and also a charter member of Horsham East Rotary Club.

Our list of unwell Rotarians continues to grow. Rotarians Joe Freijah and Ab Bragonge are not enjoying the best of health. Every Rotarian wishes you both a better Rotary year in 1998-99.

Our monthly projects have given all Rotarians the opportunity to show their own particular talents to help different sections of the community. Looking through the year I am sure that most Rotarians would have enjoyed the results that have been achieved.

Club Service, under the directorship of President Elect Ken Dowsley has again enjoyed a trouble free result.

My appreciation to Robert Aisbett for helping out with club property and the club rooms - well done Rob. To all Rotarians involved in all aspects of Club Services, thank you for your efforts to make your club run efficiently.

Community Services director Barry McClure has completed his second year and Barry, you just keep improving. I am sure your committee would feel well satisfied with your year - another top effort.

Fellowship

Fellowship was under the directorship of Rotarian Mark Taylor. This year has been a difficult one for Mark as work commitments have taken a great amount of his time, but the club had many successful functions. Thank you Mark and your committee for your time and effort.

International Service

Geoff Tually has again shown that he is a very experienced and top performer as he has handled his committee and tasks very well. The Group Study team's visits were close together but most enjoyable and informative. Thank you to Geoff and his committee.

Vocational Service

Rotarian Robyn Lardner is our first lady Director in the Horsham East Rotary Club. Robyn's commitment to her duties has been worthy of great praise as there have been difficult moments to handle.

My personal thanks for your involvement and that of your committee.

Youth Service

Our Paul Harris Fellow P.P. Dr. John Nunn again led his team in the youth portfolio, and the usual high standard was achieved by John and his committee. There are so many functions that

the committee has organised they cannot be listed. I think the results speak for themselves. John you are a tower of strength in our club and I am sure every Rotarian applauds your efforts. Thank you for your support this year.

As we move into another year we should reflect on what we have achieved and what we need to improve. Perhaps the area to be looked at closely is membership;. We need members to enable our planned activities to continue. Without new members we will struggle to maintain our great results.

Thank you to Rotarians who have worked behind the scenes. The Bulletin team was led by Steve Sostheim. Steve, without your reliable weekly effort our club would be totally at a loss. Congratulations for a great job. Steve has also handled the major raffle for the year - the result was above expectations. Top effort Steve.

Our Treasurer - P.P. Bob Mibus, has handled our finances again with his usual efficiency and dedication. Bob, your efforts over the past 2 years have given our club a great financial base from which to work. Thank you for your support.

Finally, but by no means the least, the Club Secretary - Terry Harris. Terry has carried out his task with the great talent that he has to organise club correspondence and all that is needed to make our club run effectively. All Rotarians would have admired your efforts but no one more than myself. You have given me every possible support during my year and I thank you personally for a well done job.

As I hand over my office to Rotarian Ken, may I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you all for allowing me the pleasure to lead the club during the last 12 months. I have enjoyed the responsibility and the challenge that comes with such a position. I cannot finish without thanking my wife Tess for her total support and encouragement throughout the year.

I extend to Ken and Mary my best wishes for a great year as President of Horsham East Rotary. May your year be as rewarding as mine has been.

**Bob Hayes,
President, 1997-98**

Dinner in honor of visit by Kumi's parents, Mr & Mrs Uenoda

October 6 1997 at Glen Logan Restaurant



Club Service

Director : Ken Dowsley

Sergeant At Arms : Barry Bell & Mark Taylor

Membership Development & Classification : Alan Vickers, Bob Hayes & Ken Dowsley.

Program : Maurie Crooke, Mike Rodgers & Alan Vickers.

Attendance & Dinner Plaques : Brian Brooke (Chair) , John Peachey, Robert McDonald, Robert Walter & Jack Schier.

Properties : Joe Freijah, Graham Whyatt, Robert Aisbett & Bruce Johansen.

Rotary Information : Alan Vickers.

On To Conference : Neil Pople.

Apologies : Trevor Bysouth.

Public Relations/Club History : Brian Brooke.

Clubrooms : Robert Aisbett.

President Elect : Ken Dowsley.

Bulletin : Steve Sostheim & Jim Lonsdale

Special Projects : Peter Rafter.

"Club Service" involves actions a Rotarian takes to enable his or her club to function successfully. For example, by being present at meetings, participating in its fellowship, taking part in its programs, serving on committees and on the Board, paying the club's dues and representing the club in activities outside the club.

Club Service functions, responsibilities and activities include Classification & Membership Development, Programs, Rotary Information, Public Relations, Attendance, Bulletin, Clubrooms and Properties.

While more than 20 Rotarians are listed under the various formal sub-committees of Club Service, virtually every club member makes some contribution to this important portfolio during the year, often in close support of those named.

Thank you all for your efforts in ensuring the Club's success in 1997/98.

Sergeant at Arms

Our 'twin' sergeants Barry and Mark, with occasional assistance from Dr. David and Jim, kept us entertained and in touch with everyone's 'crimes'.
Thanks for the laughs, fellows!

Programs

Alan and Mike provided an interesting and varied menu right through the year. Well done, your efforts were appreciated by all members.

Attendance

Brian and assistants, John, Jack and the two Roberts (McDonald and Walter) kept the score and reported it truthfully. Thank you fellows.
Also special thanks to Trevor for dealing with the apologies.

Properties

Graham, Robert (Aisbett) and Bruce kept order with our name tags, rostrum and gifts. They were assisted (in spirit later in the year) by Joe Freijah.

Bulletin

Steve, with assistance from Jim (and others) kept our key communication channel open and functioning. Sincere thanks for a staunch effort, particularly to Steve.

Clubrooms

Clubrooms caretaker Robert Aisbett ensured that things were kept in order for meetings (club and committees) and storage (Art Show boards and Art Works). Robert, thank you for your efforts with this valuable Club asset..

**Ken Dowsley,
Director,
Club Service.**

Community Service _____

Director: Barry McClure

Members

Ian Ladlow, Denis Grosser, Maurie Crooke, Bruce Johansen, John Peachey, Jack Schier & Graham Whyatt.

"Community Service" involves actions a Rotarian undertakes, either as an individual or with others, which demonstrate his or her thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to residents in the community.

The field of Community Service is as wide as the community itself - and is steadily broadening as communities remould themselves to the changing world.

Apex Fishing Contest

Thanks to Steve Sostheim for his organisation of stewards for the competition and to the Rotarians who gave their time.

Red Cross and Heart Appeal and Red Shield Appeal

Thanks to the Rotarians who again gave their time to collect for these appeals.

Veta Landt Fountain

At last the fountain has been transformed and brought back to its original splendour. Special thanks to the City of Horsham for their contribution and also to the Rotarians who helped in any way.

Vulcan Plantation

On-going maintenance of the plantation was carried out through the year. Thanks to the City of Horsham who did the slashing at a reduced price.

Kay Davey's Woodcutting Working Bee

Thanks to those who attended this working bee. We especially appreciate the use of Ian Ladlow's saw bench.

Tom, Shirley and Kay also thanked those who gave their time and effort to attend. We thank the Davey's for their hospitality.

Meals on Wheels

Another successful year for Meals on Wheels and many thanks to all participating Rotarians.

Australia Day Celebrations

Our club was again represented at the sound shell celebrations. Thanks to those chefs who took part in this.

I have enjoyed my year as Community Services Director under President Bob and look forward to directing the activities of the same portfolio under President Ken.

**Barry McClure,
Director,
Community Service Committee**

Fellowship

Director : Mark Taylor

Members

Robert Aisbett, Barry Bell, Anne Hayes, Joe Freijah, Merv Adams, Kevin Plush, Steve Sostheim & Alan Vickers

"Rotary Fellowship" refers to the opportunity provided to each Rotarian to develop warm and friendly relationships with other business and professional men and women in the community who share an interest in the Rotary Ideal of Service. The membership classification system used in Rotary works to develop fellowship based on diversity of vocational interest instead of similarity of interest.

Throughout the year this role was well supported by members and partners. The importance of members attending to reception and to hosting visitors and guests at our regular meetings again proved to be the basis of sound fellowship. The level of attendance of partners and other guests at special meetings, including inductions, being very important for nurturing fellowship was particularly pleasing.

Also very much appreciated were the ready offers to host meetings at homes when required.

Thank you to committee members for your support.

During the year there were a number of specific fellowship activities and these included:

Club meetings catering

Club meetings were catered for at the club rooms with barbecues, and even a McDonalds night.

Theatre nights

Movie evenings were held at the Horsham Centre Cinemas.

Christmas Dinner

An enjoyable evening was held at Glen Logan restaurant.

Fishing Trip

The annual fishing trip; organized by Brian Brooke and team.

Interclub visit

A visit to the Warracknabeal club.

**Mark Taylor,
Director,
Fellowship Committee.**

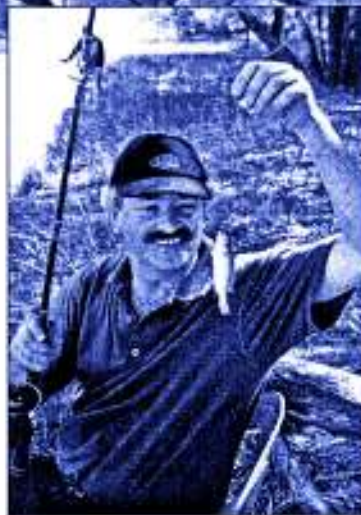
Fishing Trip to Fort Courage



*The Murray River at Fort Courage,
west of Wentworth*



First catch



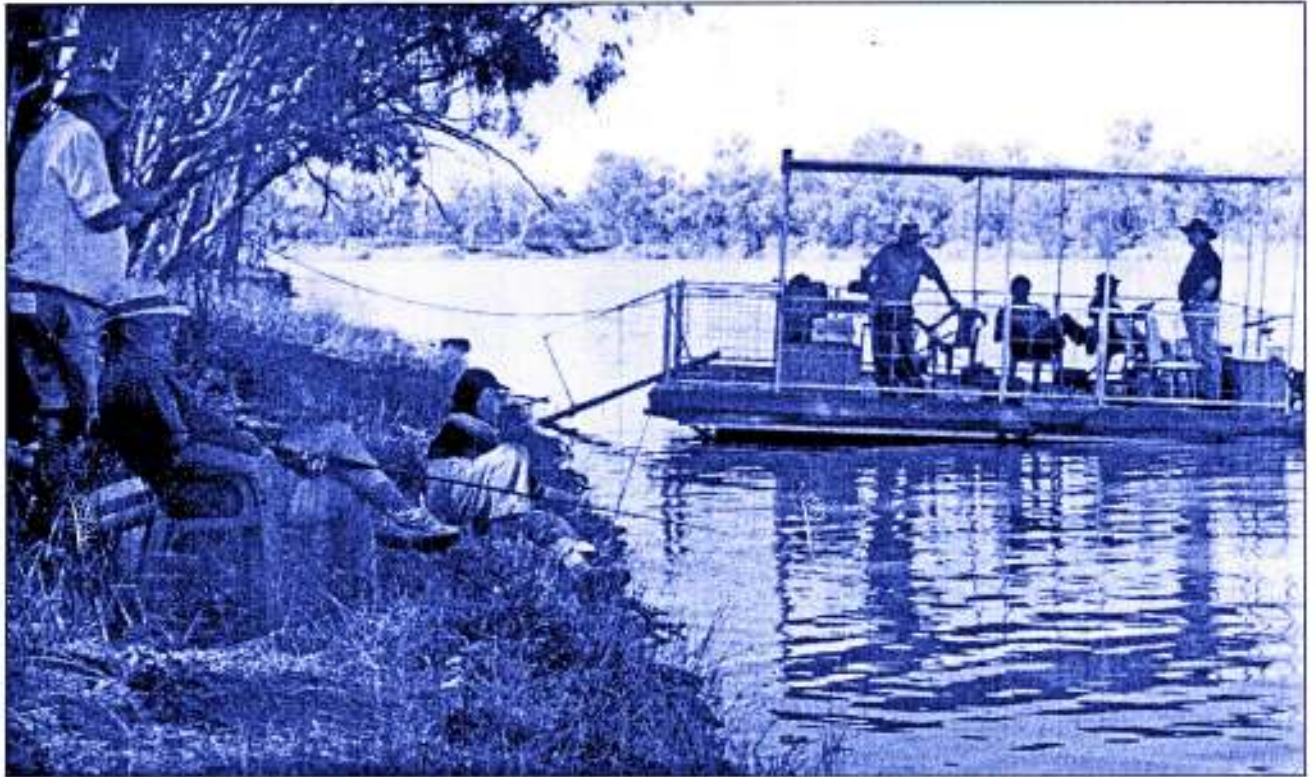
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Waiting for a catch



*Breakfast time
Murray River in background*



International Service

Director : Geoff Tually

Members

David Leembruggen, Stan Hawker, Alan Uebergang, David McKenzie & John Moreki.

"International Service" involves actions a Rotarian does to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace - by getting acquainted with people of other countries, their culture, customs, accomplishments, aspirations and problems - through personal contact in the Rotarians own community, by travel and attendance at conventions, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects, including those of The Rotary Foundation, that will be helpful to people in other lands.

This year the committee focused its activity on Group Study Exchange as there were two teams visiting our district as well as an outgoing team to be formed.

Activity started very early in the new year with the advertising for leaders of the outgoing teams. Applications were then called for team members. New team application forms were used this year, requiring applications to be re-submitted as the new forms arrived late and unannounced.

We attracted two applicants, but unlike previous years were only allowed one applicant at the last moment and I had to arrange for Dimboola to take the second applicant. However, neither of the two were successful.

Visiting G.S.E. teams

District 5580 USA and Canada.

This team consisted of 4 females and 1 male, contrasted with the French team of 4 males and 1 female. Four members came from Minnesota with the leader coming from North Dakota.

Team leader: P.P. Betty Opheim.

Team members: Katie Johnson, Laurie Mullen, Nancy Berlin and Michael Haines.

The team was hosted in Horsham for 2 nights, during which a presentation to Horsham and Horsham East clubs took place on the Wednesday night. The presentation, given instead of the regulation slide show, was a humorous adaptation of Alice in Wonderland and was very well received.

District 1700 France

Team leader: P.P. Jacques De Marolle.

Team members: Alain Marty, Eric Pantaloni, Agnes Rui and Bernard Saint Paul.

In marked contrast to the American group, the team made a very brief presentation of themselves at the Friday night meeting. The team was hosted by P.P. Ben Bentley in the Golden Grain Motel as they were on their mid-term break. It was unfortunate that we were unable to host this team after such a build up of having two teams this year.

I thank the Rotary Club of Horsham for their cooperation in the arrangements for the two G.S.E. teams.

**Geoff Tually,
Director,
International Service Committee.**

Vocational Service

Director : Robyn Lardner

Members

Trevor Bysouth, David Owens, Neil Popple, Peter Rafter, Michael Hoey, Robert McDonald & Celia Lofthouse.

"Vocational Service", fosters and supports the application of the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations.

There were four major areas of activity for the Vocational Services Committee during 1997/98:

- 1. Citizen of the Month Awards**
- 2. JANA (Jobs - A New Approach)**
- 3. Pride of Workmanship Awards**
- 4. Motivational speaker for year 12 students**

Citizen of the Month Awards

With the support of the committee, these awards continually recognises people within our community for their diligence and commitment. These awards recognise people who regularly give their time in service or may have undertaken an heroic action.

This year the club with the assistance of much appreciated co-sponsors, Radio 3WM and Wimmera Mail Times, have recognized the following people;

- Mr. Jim Richardson.
- Mr. Clinton Michael: heroism
- Mrs. Lee Crammond: involvement with a school concert
- Mrs. Linea Barber/ Ruth Ballinger: instrumental in attracting Chemotherapy services to Horsham
- Mr. Ray Parmenter: heroism
- Mr. Clive Crouch: conservation
- Ms Cathy Stephens: involvement with the Arts in Horsham and community work for the Wimmera Health Care Group
- Mr. Lindsay Smith: conservation
- Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong: visiting the sick and infirm
- Mr. Carlo Ticchi: involvement with the McKenzie Creek Campus

With the variety of activities undertaken by these people our community continually develops. But, there are still many more people to be recognised by this worthwhile award.

JANA: Jobs - A New Approach

This project is funded by the Department of State Development with the strategy of being supported by service clubs. In Horsham there is a co-operative approach between the Rotary, Lions, and Apex clubs. The club's representatives form the Committee of Management on behalf of JANA. The committee meets on a monthly basis with this years challenge of incorporating JANA. Previously auspiced by JANA, Geelong, JANA is staffed by a coordinator, Ms Megan Peters and a office assistant, Ms Kylie. This small staff provides a supportive employment service to the target group of people 18 - 25. Being a new service, systems for management have needed to be developed, alongside of planning a financial strategy for the forth coming year. Not only does this program offer another employment alternative to the Wimmera community but demonstrates a cooperative approach between service clubs.

It has been interesting experience at first hand the maturing of an agency and be exposed to the needs of young unemployed people. It is also the responsibility of the service clubs, where appropriate to offer a mentor relationship. A register has been developed of the professional skills of the service club members, that could be used by these young adults. As the government refines employment options, so too will the committee need to support the service to ensure there is a valued position in the market place.

On behalf of the club we would like to recognise the dedication by the staff members who have met their targets to assist young people into employment.

Pride of Workmanship Awards



These awards are well established within the club and aim to publicly recognise awardees for the pride they display in their work. Pictured are the awardees for this year: Robert Pollock, Anthony Amor, Craig Turvey, Mereilyn Bagley, Nathan Kennett & Athol Coombes together with President Bob and Horsham Rural City Council Mayor, Councillor Bernie Dunn: .

Our grateful acknowledgment to Councillor Dunne for making the presentations to the awardees.

Motivational speaker for students

Horsham has the privilege of hosting Ms Robyn Moore to the Wimmera region. Ms Moore is known for her involvement with "Blinky Bill", "Cactus Island" radio program and her recent eulogy to the Port Arthur survivors. Ms Moore is to present to the year 12 students of the Wimmera a highly motivational address urging them to achieve as much as possible in life.

As Director of the Vocational Services Committee, I wish to thank all members of the Committee for the work they have done to ensure Rotary has a meaningful role in developing and recognising employment opportunities for the Wimmera community. Also to Alan Vickers who again produced very professional award certificates which makes the Directors job so much easier.

**Robyn Lardner,
Director,
Vocational Services Committee**

Youth Service

Director: John Nunn

Members

Mike Rodgers, John Waddell, David Owens, Ken Dowsley, Brian Brooke & Robert Walter.

"Youth Service" involves actions a Rotarian takes as an individual or in cooperation with his or her club to promote the physical, mental and moral well-being of boys and girls and older youth.

The club has continued to assist our youth well by its involvement in the following programs during the 1997-98 Rotary Year.

The Rotary Student Exchange Program

The Rotary Club of Horsham East Inc. has been very active in the Rotary International student exchange program this year.

In April the Club farewelled Kumi Uenoda who returned to Japan after spending a year with our club. Whilst in Horsham, Kumi participated in a tree planting ceremony with the Mayor Councillor Hugh Delahunty and President Boy Hayes and addressed the Club on two occasions. The Club thanks Rotarian Peter Rafter for his great work as Kumi's counselor whilst she was with our Club and the host families PDG Geoff and Ela Tually, Kevin and Debbie Walsh, Rotarian Mark and Ann Taylor and Will and Pru Pyke. A highlight was the visit of Kumi's parents to Horsham when a dinner was organised to honor them. Thanks also goes to Bob and Cathy Atkins who assisted Kumi very much whilst she was with us. This exchange was a very successful one and I express sincere thanks to all who assisted to make it so.

Georgie Willmore, who spent 1997 in Germany, was welcomed home in January this year. Georgie had a great year and I thank Rotarian Ken Dowsley for doing a great job as Georgie's counselor.



Current Exchange Student Hiro Tanaka at his Club meeting birthday celebration

The Club also agreed to host an incoming student from Japan this year. Hiro Tanaka, who will be with the Club for twelve months, arrived in April and is hosted by Rotarian Stan and Glenda Hawker. PDG Geoff Tually and Ela have agreed to host Hiro and two other host families are being arranged. I wish to thank Past President Bob Mibus for his acceptance of the important position of Hiro's Counselor.

Kym Crespt is our 1999 out-going student. Rotarian Bruce Kuhne, who is Kym's counselor is thanked for accepting his important position.

Under Ken Dowsley's leadership, a committee again organised the Selection Weekend at Tandarra for the out-going students in January 1999. This was a major activity and went very well. I wish to thank Ken for his detailed organisation and the other committee members for a job well done.

Greg Gale has updated the Student Exchange Board at the Clubrooms. Greg does this at no expense to the Club for which I thank him most sincerely.

On behalf of the Club members I would like to express our thanks to those Rotarians and Partners of Rotary and other members of the community who so willingly have hosted or who have agreed to host our incoming students. Without this assistance the exchange program could not function.

I also wish to thank President Elect Ken Dowsley for accepting the student exchange portfolio of youth services and for doing it so well.

RYLA - The Rotary Youth Leadership Award

This seminar which is designed to help young people between the age of 18 and 24 years to realise their leadership potential, was held at Kangarooie, near Port Campbell from April 19th to 24th, this year. Kara Sonogo was sponsored by our Club to this leadership training seminar. Kara has addressed the Club and is very appreciative of the opportunity she was given. I wish to thank Rotarian Mike Rodgers for accepting the RYLA portfolio of youth services and for his work with RYLA this year.

Siemens Science Schools

The Club sponsored eight students to the Siemens Science Experience held in January this year. Lauren Mitchell, Kimberley Hagen, Peter Liston and Erin O'Connor all attended the Experience at Deakin University. Ben Ulwin attended the Experience at RMIT University. Peter Bretag, Claire Haby and Katana Smith attended the Experience at the University of Melbourne. These participants have addressed the members at a Club meeting about their experiences and the value of the program to them.

Adventure in Citizenship

This is the first time the Club has sponsored a student to this program. Lawrence Liston of St. Brigid's College was the successful applicant and attended the program in Canberra from Sunday May 24th to Saturday, May 30th. Lawrence addressed the Club on June 3rd about this program.

CRA National Youth Science Forum

The Club nominated a student for this program in January 1998 but unfortunately she was unsuccessful at the District interview stage. I was very disappointed when this occurred as she was an excellent candidate who would have gained much from and given a lot to the Forum. The standard for this program is very high indeed. Our sponsored student to this Forum in 1997, Trudi McKenzie gained a position in engineering/science at Melbourne University this year.

RYPEN - The Rotary Youth Personal Enrichment Program

The Club sponsored Melanie Tippet, a student at Horsham college to the Rypen seminar held at Mt. Gambier. Melanie, on her return, addressed the Club and featured in a press article. The recipient of this award in 1996 Katherine Berrisford was successful this year in gaining a place to do medicine at the University of Adelaide.

College Debate



The Club hosted the final of the Horsham College Junior Debating Competition on June 3rd this year.

In addition the Club updated the shields at the Horsham College for the Junior and Senior Horsham College Debating Contest.

Public Speaking

In July 1997, Faith Hardman, a Horsham College student who was a National finalist in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition, presented her speech "The Winds of Change" at a Club meeting in preparation for the National competition. Faith did very well in her prepared speech in Brisbane later that month.

Julia Flack, another Horsham College student also presented her speech, "Just a Red Poppy" which she gave at the National final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking competition in Sydney in November. Julia also did very well in Sydney.

The Club presented two awards for public speaking at the Horsham College Awards presentations in December 1997. Julia Flack received the Junior Award and Faith Hardman the Senior Award. The Club gave a \$50.00 cheque to each of these students.

The Bill Davey Rotary Club of Horsham East Award

This Award is of special significance to the members of the Rotary Club of Horsham East as it is in memory of the Late Bill Davey, a Past President of the Club. Claire Hallam of St. Brigid's College was awarded the Bill Davey Rotary Club of Horsham East Award for 1997. The Club members were pleased that Mrs. Kay Davey was able to attend our Club meeting and make the Award to Claire.

Tournament of Minds

Rotarian Brian Brooke, representing the Rotary Club of Horsham East Inc., was a judge at the 1997 Tournament of Minds. My thanks to Brian for his willingness to do that task.

Peer Support Program

The Club was responsible for initiating two peer support in-service programs. The first, a two day peer mediation program the teachers was held in Horsham with Dr. Ted Stephens leading this program. The Second, the Supportive Friends Program for VCE students was held at Kaniva. The Kaniva Rotary Club fully funded this program for twenty five Kaniva College VCE students at a cost of \$700.00.

The Ambassadorial Scholarship

The Club, for the first time, had two applicants for the Academic Year Ambassadorial Scholarship offered by District 9780. Victoria Clyne was the successful applicant at the Club level. I am very pleased that the Club is involved in this very valuable scholarship scheme.

Combined Service Clubs' Meeting

On April 24th this year, a combined service clubs' meeting was held. The theme for the night was "Youth Issues". Rotarian Roy Knudson was the guest speaker. Roy gave a valuable thought provoking address. Christine Harrison, as Chairman of the Wimmera Regional Youth Committee spoke of a proposal to establish a youth centre and Kristy Ward, accompanied by Sean Hallam provided very enjoyable musical entertainment. This was a worthwhile meeting involving the members Horsham and Horsham East Rotary Clubs and representatives of thirteen other Horsham Service Clubs.

As Director of the Youth Services Committee, I wish to thank all members of the Youth Committee and the other Club members for the work they have done to ensure that Rotary is assisting and developing our youth, who will be the leaders of tomorrow

**John Nunn,
Director,
Youth Service Committee.**

Art Exhibition

Director : John Nunn

Members

Bruce Johansen, Geoff Tually, Barry McClure, David McKenzie, Trevor Bysouth, Ken Dowsley, Greg Schreck, Greg Wickes, Steve Sostheim & Jim Lonsdale.

The aims of the Art Exhibition as I see them are threefold:

1. To provide a vehicle whereby artists, particularly local artists, have the opportunity to display their work to visitors to the exhibition.
2. To provide to those visitors, a display of art not readily available in the community, as well as the opportunity to purchase works of art which will enhance the decor of their home or office.
3. To provide a satisfactory profit for the Rotary Club to enable it to distribute such profit back into the community, as donations to worthy causes.

Tribute to Kevin Hogan

The 1997 Wimmera Art Exhibition is one that holds a special importance and significance to the members of the Horsham East Rotary Club Inc. It was the Exhibition directed by the late Past President, Paul Harris Fellow, Kevin Hogan. Kevin devoted many hours to ensuring the success of the Exhibition. Possessed with a gregarious, friendly, cheerful nature, Kevin not only directed the Exhibition with Club support but he also enjoyed the many hours he spent selling raffle tickets where he had the opportunity to meet and talk with his many friends. I appreciated Kevin's quiet methodical approach which emphasised close attention to detail, his ability to get the work done and his capacity to work hard to achieve his objectives. The Club, the Exhibition and the community are less for his passing but very appreciative of his being.

Recognition of work of Greg Schreck

The Club members wish to recognise the sincere work done by Rotarian Greg Schreck who also directed the Wimmera Art Exhibition prior to Kevin taking on the responsibility. Greg was the treasurer of the Wimmera Art Exhibition when illness forced him to relinquish that position. He only relinquished that role after a courageous fight to continue. The many hours Greg devoted to the Wimmera Art Exhibition are appreciated by the Club. He had a real interest in staging the Exhibition for the benefit of the community over many years and devoted countless hours to ensuring its success. The Club members wish Greg improved health so that he can again attend and enjoy his Rotary nights.

The Club owes a debt of gratitude to these two worthy Rotarians who truly exemplified the Rotary motto 'Service above Self'.

The 1997 Exhibition was billed as the 25th Annual Wimmera Art Exhibition. Stage and entrance decorations heralded that special occasion and Director Kevin cut the 25th Anniversary cake. However careful research by Past President Jim Lonsdale, a member of the Exhibition Committee, has shown that whilst twenty five years have elapsed since the first Exhibition, only twenty four Exhibitions have been staged. In order to rectify this blip in the historical record and so straighten out the facts for posterity, the 1998 Wimmera Art Exhibition is again taking the title of the 25th Annual Wimmera Art Exhibition, remembering that this special milestone was celebrated at the last Exhibition.

The Exhibition was staged from August 21st to the 24th in the Horsham Town Hall. Malcolm Beattie, the judge of the Exhibition also opened the Exhibition. Displayed were 217 oils, 219 watercolours, 67 other medium, 22 china painting, 12 pottery and 9 sculpture entries. Of these 13 entries were entered in the Paul Farnham Award for students 18 years and under.

The income from the 1997 Exhibition totalled \$33,072.52. Expenses totalled \$28,605.59. The profit was \$4,466.93. This profit was an increase on the profit made from the 1996 Exhibition.

The income from the sale of the paintings at the 1997 Exhibition increased over the sales of the previous Exhibition. It is hoped that this improvement in sales is a trend that will continue at the 1998 Exhibition. The Club members were impressed with the quality of the entries displayed in the Exhibition and appreciated the patronage of the community in purchasing those displayed works.

The members of the Rotary Club of Horsham East Inc., are very appreciative of the sponsorship provided by a large number of business houses and individuals in the Horsham area and beyond. We are particularly grateful to our major sponsors - The Wimmera Mail Times, Weight's Mitre 10, McDonald's and 3WM for their continued sponsorship. Without the financial support provided by our sponsors this worthwhile community service could not continue.

The planning for the 1998 Wimmera Art Exhibition is now under way. Whilst the committee does the planning and organising, all members of the Club and their partners are very much involved in staging the Exhibition. We all hope to make it another Exhibition that both Kevin and Greg would be pleased to be a part of.

**John Nunn,
Director,
Art Exhibition**

**PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
1997 ART EXHIBITION**

INCOME	1996	1997
Sponsorship	7,355.00	7,850.00
Raffle	2,882.20	2,962.00
Entries	1,416.00	1,505.00
Sales of paintings during exhibition	13,603.00	17,501.00
Ticket sales, opening night	1,970.00	1,660.00
Admission (door takings)	927.00	1,536.00
Interest on funds	139.77	3.52
Sundry Income (return of change, etc)	123.55	55.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,416.52	\$33,072.52
EXPENSES		
Advertising	1,146.80	847.70
Bank fees	261.09	0.00
Dinner : judge	70.60	0.00
Drinks	558.83	0.00
Food	144.90	456.00
Hall Hire	795.00	1,289.55
Judges expenses	581.45	729.10
Payments to artists	10,769.75	13,126.25
Postage	435.18	281.60
Printing	1,890.65	1,816.55
Prizemoney	8,675.00	7,975.00
Registration : raffle	46.50	0.00
Raffle purchase	1,031.38	*1,046.84
Stationery	00.00	138.00
Sundries	358.86	909.00
Kiosk Hire	21.00	0.00
Merchant Fees (credit card facility)	120.84	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$26,907.83	\$28,605.59
PROFIT	\$1,508.69	\$4,466.93

*This figure include \$636.00 still to be paid for a weekend to Sydney when the lucky couple use their prize

Secretary's Report

Secretary: Terry Harris

The job of Secretary is a very demanding one but it is also a very rewarding task in that you are always aware of what the club is doing. It is also a very pleasing task in being able to advise people of the generous donations that the Club has been able to make to their organisation. I would recommend that every member gives the job of Secretary their consideration because it is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Rotary in your own club and through other clubs correspondence, more about what they are doing and achieving.

During the last year, we have received some 500 pieces of inwards correspondence and this has resulted in the Club responding with over 120 letters and a number of facsimiles.

I would like to congratulate the members of the Club for the success of the last twelve months, and I am sure that much of this success is due to the leadership President Bob has shown the club and the dedication of his Board.

During the last twelve months, President Bob instigated Monthly Projects for all members to be involved in small groups, in a community based project. This was very successful and varied as shown by the list of projects completed by members -

JULY	Implementation of Apprenticeship Award for trainee apprentices
AUGUST	Landscaping of Kurrajong Lodge grounds
SEPTEMBER	Implementation of "Good Patient Awards" in Children's Ward at Base Hospital
OCTOBER	Installation of Totem Poles at Mibus Memorial Library Car Park
NOVEMBER	Acquisition of Federal funding for "Jobs for Kids" program with Horsham College
DECEMBER	Twinning with a Rotary Club in U.S.A.
JANUARY	Installation and maintenance of Smoke Alarms
FEBRUARY	Clean flat for Wimmera Community Care
MARCH	Gardening at Kurrajong Lodge
APRIL	Renovating and clearing grounds at Wimmera Community Care Youth Home
MAY	Visit to McDonalds for Kurrajong Lodge residents
JUNE	To be completed

In closing, I would like to thank all club members for their support during the year and wish incoming Secretary John and President Ken all the best for the next twelve months. A special thank-you to the outgoing Board Members for their written reports and detailed motions to me prior to Board meeting to enable the Secretary's role to be so much more enjoyable.

Board Attendance

	POSSIBLE	ATTENDED	%		POSSIBLE	ATTENDED	%
K. Dowsley	12	10	84	R. Mibus	12	10	84
T.Harris	12	12	100	J. Nunn	12	8	67
R. Hayes	12	12	100	M. Taylor	12	3	25
K. Hogan	6	4	67	G. Tually	12	7	59
R. Lardner	12	7	59	A. Vickers	12	8	67
B. McClure	12	10	84				

Terry Harris,
Secretary.

Treasurers Report July 1 1997 - May 31 1998

Treasurer: Bob Mibus

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Brought Forward	\$9,336.78		
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Joining fees & subscriptions	7,885.00	R.I. & District Dues	3,632.71
Raffles	1,540.80	R.D.U.	1,215.70
Fines & small change	762.40	Secretarial & Treasurers expenses	112.90
Clubrooms	905.50	Bulletin	1,020.87
Rate rebate	214.00	Glasses, banners & badges	650.33
Interest	350.46	H.R.C.C. Rates	213.53
Dinner Payments	18,453.70	Dinner cost	17,854.06
Ladies of Rotary	300.00	Clubrooms	1,025.29
Bank charges refund	30.90	Rotary Foundation	1,016.00
Refund Art Show	51.68	Audit & bank charges	90.90
Donation	5.00	D.G. visit	94.85
Rotary Directory	2.00	G.S.E. & District Assembly	799.07
Drink sales	383.35	Changeover Dinner	330.00
Warrnambool East R.C.	49.00	P.E.T.S.	364.85
Horsham R.C.	40.00	Flowers	346.50
	30,973.79	Polio Plus	300.00
		Centre Cinema	222.00
		H.S.&C.C. Membership	120.00
		Office of Fair Trading	32.00
		Kumi's parents farewell	105.00
		John Moreki's farewell	90.50
		Newsagency	15.50
		Women's Apex Charter night	50.00
		Warrnambool Rotary Club	50.00
		Centenary Book	15.00
		Camera World	20.95
		Raffle	14.50
		Wimmera Mail Times	117.27
		R. Knudson	50.00
		Raffle & signwritin	36.10
		Bank deposit book	3.00
		Carols night	75.40
	\$40,310.57		\$30,094.78
CREDIT BALANCE	\$10,215.79		

SERVICE ACCOUNT

Brought Forward	\$1,568.74		
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Art Show	4,000.00	Community Service	320.24
Apex Fishing Competition	160.00	Tandara Rotary Exchange Sel.	4,309.00
Car Raffle	14,765.00	Student Exchange	1,647.65
Youth Exchange Reg.	60.00	Rotary Adventure in Citizenship	595.00
Youth Exchange weekend	4,865.00	RYLA Committee	275.00
Youth Services	155.00	RYPEN Registration	125.00
Car raffle profit	13,482.00	Siemens Science Experience	440.00
	37,487.00	Bill Davey Award	450.00
		Apprenticeship Award	250.00
		Ballarat South R.C. raffle	14,980.00
		Mt. Eliza R.C.	100.00
		Public Speaking Awards	100.00
		Kaniva R.C.	172.00
		3HHH	437.40
		Wimmera Community Care	1,319.40
		Ambassadorial Expenses	57.80
		Awards Certificates	175.00
		Anti Cancer Council	200.00
		Horsham Art Gallery	1,000.00
		Wimmera Volunteers	200.00
		Horsham Motor Sports Club	300.00
		Horsham Gymnastic Club	200.00
		Wimmera Community Care	250.00
		Papua Neew Guinea Appeal	500.00
		W.B.H. Appeal	4,000.00
		Wimmera Older Adults Rec.Assoc.	200.00
		Miscellaneous	244.95
	\$39,055.74		\$32,848.44
CREDIT BALANCE	\$6,207.30		
SUMMARY		END OF YEAR DISBURSEMENTS	
Balance: General Account	10,215.79	Wimmera Hearing Society	500.00
Balance: Service Account	6,207.30	Wimmera Community Care	250.00
TOTAL	16,423.09	Jobs Pathway Program	250.00
Unpresented cheques	146.80	Wimmera Hospice Care	1,000.00
Balance: Bank Statement, May 31 1998	\$16,569.89	Polio Support Group	100.00
		St. John Ambulance	600.00
		Horsham Chaplaincy Committee	500.00
		Karkana	500.00
		ARHRF	1,000.00
			\$4,700.00

Attendance 1997 - 98

Attendance Officer : Brian Brooke

MEMBER	POSS.	%
Mervyn Adams	49	83
Robert Aisbett	49	83
Barry Bell	49	63
Ab Bragonge	HONORARY MEMBER	
Brian Brooke	49	93
Trevor Bysouth	49	83
Maurie Crooke	48	60
Ken Dowsley	49	89
Russell Eastwood	1	100
Leon Forrest	1	100
Joe Freijah	SICK LEAVE GRANTED	
Denis Grosser	49	71
Terry Harris	49	100
Stan Hawker	49	81
Anne Hayes	47	55
Bob Hayes	49	100
Michael Hoey	49	100
Kevin Hogan: died 25-1-98	27	92
Cec Hopper: died 21-1-98	HONORARY MEMBER	
Bruce Johansen	49	77
Bruce Kuhne	37	81
Ian Ladlow	49	71
Robyn Lardner	49	65
David Leembruggen	49	75
Celia Lofthouse: left district	32	96
Jim Lonsdale	49	57

MEMBER	POSS.	%
Barry McClure	49	83
Robert McDonald	49	41
David McKenzie	49	63
Bob Mibus	49	100
John Moreki	HONORARY MEMBER	
John Nunn	48	98
David Owens	49	63
Bob Phillips: resigned	7	85
John Peachey	49	87
Kevin Plush	49	100
Neil Popple	49	83
Peter Rafter	49	77
Mike Rodgers	49	69
Jack Schier	45	62
Greg Schreck	SICK LEAVE GRANTED	
Steve Sostheim	44	77
Mark Taylor	45	51
Geoff Tually	49	77
Alan Uebergang	49	67
Alan Vickers	49	100
John Waddell	43	86
Pawel Wajszel	20	45
Robert Walter	47	73
Graham Whyatt	48	56
Greg Wickes	26	88

Programs 1997 - 98

July 2	Meetings of Committees
July 9	Life & Job Talk: Neil Popple
July 16	Rod Rethus: "The Wool Factory"
July 23	Games/Quiz night: Personality analysis
July 30	Lindy Muller: "Koori Health"
August 6	Joint Meeting with Horsham Club: guest Speaker Debra Simmons
August 13	Steve Schofield: "Road safety"
August 20	Setting up of Art Exhibition
August 27	Megan Peters: "JANA- jobs, a new approach"
September 3	Joanne Bourke: Wimmera Skillshare
September 10	Club Assembly
September 17	Kumi Uenoda: presentation
September 24	Murray Minnie: "Restoring the fountain"
October 1	Frank Blake & Celia Lofthouse: "Diabetes Awareness"
October 8	Membership Development
October 18	Visit by District Governor
October 22	Ron Pratt: "Horse racing & the community"
October 29	Life & job talk: Mike Rodgers
November 5	Alan Vickers: "Corneal transplant surgery"
November 12	Visit to Wimmera Business Centre
November 19	Paddy Handbury: "Collinsville Merino Stud"
November 26	Fellowship
December 3	Bill Davey Award Presentation & Rotary Foundation address: John Nunn
December 10	Alan Pickens: "Salvation Army emergency housing"
December 18	Christmas Dinner at Glen Logan
December 24	Recess
December 31	Recess
January 7	Christine Latham: "Centrelink"
January 14	John Young: "DNRE water management"
January 21	Dr Robert Grenfell: "Tourist health"
January 28	Film night at theatre: "In & Out"
February 4	Sharon Lamshed: "Teaching in Japan"
February 11	Mark Goode, CFA: "Fire investigation"
February 18	Visit to Dick Wilson Motors
February 25	Georgie Willmore: "My year in Germany"
March 4	Kumi Uenoda: "My year in Australia"
March 11	Combined meeting with Horsham Rotary Club: GSE Team visit (America/Canada)
March 18	Working bee at Veta Landt fountain
March 25	Progressive dinner
April 3	Combined meeting with Horsham Rotary Club: GSE Team visit (France)
April 8	Bryce Simpson: "Personel recruitment"
April 15	Peter Blair: "The Lentil Company"
April 24	Combined service clubs meeting: Roy Knudson guest speaker
April 29	Life & job talk: Greg Wickes
May 6	Visit to Warracknabeal Rotary Club
May 13	Clive Couch: "Ecology"
May 20	Siemens Science Experience - participants reports
May 27	Christine Solly: "Jobs Pathway Program"
June 3	Junior Debating Team final
June 10	Visit to Horsham College: "Musical recital"
June 17	Pride of Workmanship Award presentations
June 24	Changeover Dinner