

Rotary Club of Maryborough District 9780



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1997-8 Rotary Information & Bulletin

President: Rodney Brown



District Governor: John Oxley



**ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH
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1997-1998**

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Fellowship	
Gerard Harris	Peter Treble, John Ritchie, Bryce Rawlings, Jim Carew, Robert Rowe, Noel Jennings, John Hazledine, Peter Taylor
ARHRF	
Trevor Lea	Brian Moore, Anthony Ohlsen, Arthur Trainor, Grant Kennedy
Bulletin	
Bryce Rawlings	Peter Treble, Peter McRae, Peter Brown
Rotary Information	
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Programme	
Shane Dellavedova	David Tynan, Lindsay Willersdorf, Bob Osborne
Rotary Foundation	
Bryan Moore	Cliff Phelan, David Tynan, Wes Parsons, Eric Dubourg
Club Manual Preparation/Bylaw Review Committee	
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Director Grant Kennedy	Errol Walsh, Bryan Moore, David Shaw, Barry Harman, John Hazledine
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ROMAC	
INTERPLAST	
FAIM	
Vocational Service	
Director Charles Knight	David Boyes, Tom Davies, Graeme Costelow, Peter McRae, Trevor Potter, John Bryant
Youth Service	
Director David Brown	Anthony Ohlsen, Ted Edwards, Bryce Rawlings
Youth Exchange Counsellor	John Caulfield
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Interact/Rotaract	David Boyes, Daryl McLeish
Community Service Director	
Director Peter Brown	Tom Davies, Noel Jennings, Trevor Potter, John Robins, Colin Wallace, Jeff MacKay, Robert Rowe, David Shaw, Shane Dellavedova, Alhern Cupido, John Bryant, Jim Carew, Peter Taylor, Darren Dineen
Bowel Scan Programme	John Ritchie, Lindsay Willersdorf, Cliff Phelan
Rotary Opportunity Shop	John Selmon, John Ritchie, Ted Edwards, Lindsay Willersdorf, Eric Dubourg

ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH

PRESIDENTS REPORT 1997-98

The activities of the club over the past year are reported in this Annual Report with individual Directors and Chairman making their contribution. As such I will not revisit the areas already covered, rather a general overview of the club.

The Rotary International theme this year was "SHOW ROTARY CARES". The club this year has shown that its members do care very much about our community, our youth, our awareness, and international schemes. All avenues of service have been carried out with the club gaining press coverage and involvement in community events such as the Energy Breakthrough and "Paint Your Heart Out" painting the guide hall.

During the year the club was given all of PP, PHF, PDG Frank Lowery's memorabilia by his wife Shirley to display at club nights. Frank was a charter member and the only District Governor the club has had. Thanks must go to the work Tom Davies put in producing the display case along with Daryl McLeish for setting out the final presentation.

I have tried to impress on members that we need to be far more active in gaining new members to replace those that we stand to lose. This year we have a net gain of one, more good luck than the effort put in. Club numbers can change very rapidly for many reasons so I ask that we all share Rotary with someone else. In fact it was June 1989 that the club passed a resolution "where reference is made in this constitution or these by laws to the male gender, such reference shall also include the female gender".

Inner Wheel have again shown that they are very much a part of Rotary with a donation of \$1000.00 for use on our Preserve Planet Earth, Brian Dowie Park project at Carisbrook. Inner Wheel President Rosemary Edwards and members are to be congratulated on their continued support of Rotary projects.

Brian Dowie Park continues to progress and will in time be something the club can take pride in as a Rotary project.

Member Attendance this year has been excellent at just under 80% considering traditional BBQ's and two bus trip meetings that tend to drag down attendance figures. Programme chairman Shane Dellavedova had an excellent list of speakers during the year which must be reflected in the attendance figures. There are very few members that are under the 60% attendance requirement and quite a number of members have taken the opportunity for make ups at other clubs.

International Service saw the club involved in Donations in Kind, fund raising at our annual golf day, and two club members indicating their willingness to be Faim volunteers. The club also agreed to assist St Arnaud club with a Rotary Foundation/Matching grants program to supply medical equipment to Tonga.

Vocational Service again presented "Pride in Workmanship award" with the Blood Bank group being worthy recipients this year. Young members of the two senior schools in Maryborough were invited to attend a meeting at which a guest speaker from TAFE Bendigo spoke.

Youth Service was a busy year for the committee with club involvement at Youth Exchange levels both inbound and outbound. Tim Ritson-Bennett from Canada has spent nearly twelve months in Australia and has been a great ambassador for his sponsor club and us as his host club. He has participated at school level and outside school meeting all his exchange commitments. I certainly wish him well on his return to Canada and for the future. Of course without host mums and dads we don't have an exchange student. Thanks go to Vickie and Charles Knight and Robyn and Noel Jeennings for their support. Robyn and Noel have hosted Tim for nine months which either shows Robyn is a great cook, a great mum or a good person which Tim couldn't tear himself away from. A great effort and my thanks to you both.

Community Service has been more focused on doing rather than fund raising this year. An auction that has been planned for some time will be held in September this year

Bowel Scan was again a programme that the club was involved in with obvious community benefit. I am sorry that many more people don't participate in this very cheap test for cancer of the bowel. Chairman John Ritchie and wife Jean again have shown their ability to motivate the club and understanding of this scheme. There are a number of people who owe their lives to this simple test and I would urge the club to be more greatly involved.

Rotary Foundation is an area of Rotary that the club continues to support with two nominations being processed and the presentations of "Paul Harris Fellow" to the recipients to be made in due course. The cost of these PHF are US\$1000.00 or approximately AUS\$1600.00. This will bring our PHF numbers to 24. These recipients have been given this recognition for excellent service to Rotary or the community which unfortunately does not achieve the intent of Rotary Foundation. The recognition of service is admirable but deters additional support from others within the club or the community. I would certainly support a separate recognition such as a Paul Harris Member, setting apart the two but supporting the Foundation. Member category could if a club wished be upgraded to a Fellow by payment of an additional amount.

The club supported a Group Study Exchange applicant and an Ambassadorial scholarship applicant this year. The two ladies that the club put forward were of a very high standard yet still failed to gain acceptance which is disappointing. Of course it shows the high calibre of the successful applicants.

The District Conference at Ararat gave the Maryborough club the opportunity to assist in supplying marshalls and Stg. at Arms Bryce Rawlings to help run the actual conference. A letter of thanks for support was received from DG John Oxley including a special note on the performance of Bryce.

Opportunity Shop committee has again put in an excellent year of fund raising and fund distribution. Congratulations to all involved and a special thanks to Mrs. Ann Cornwall.

Art Show funds and valuable paintings were again discussed this year. Two bursaries being created, the Charles Mowbray Bursary and the Brian Moore Bursary. There were issues within the club as to the direction that the club should adopt for the funds being held in trust. I wrote to each member with a survey so that each member had an opportunity to answer the questions and submit their comments. The result probably was not a surprise but it certainly set out the direction the club should go with the funds and valuable art.

The club must start to look very seriously at how it intends to celebrate the Federation of Australia 2001, 50 years Rotary Maryborough June 2002 and the 100 years of Rotary International 2005. Concepts and funding requirements must be put into place as a matter of urgency.

Vale

The club unfortunately lost two members during the year. PP, PHF Rory McLeod 28 years with 27 years as 100% attendance and PHF Charles Mowbray 33 years, 5 years as club Treasurer and actively involved in the successful Art Show committee and as its Treasurer. The loss of this much experience always has an impact on the club and their presence will be sadly missed.

Probus clubs have continued to grow in the district with over 200 members currently in three clubs. There was obviously a great need for this type of fellowship club by the way Probus continues to grow from strength to strength. I was delighted during the year to officially Charter our newest Probus club, Avoca and install President Ted Edwards and his committee. Ted as a Rotarian was asked by the club to look at the need for a Probus club in Avoca and now heads a club with in excess of 35 members. Congratulations Ted.

Finally I must thank Secretary Brian Thomas for his support and expertise during the year. All District reports were returned and correspondence handled in a professional way. I am sure many club Presidents would like to have a Brian Thomas to support them. Thanks again Brian. Our Stg. at Arms David Tynan certainly kept the members on the straight and narrow this year with his wit during the fine sessions. Thanks David for your assistance during the meetings. To my Directors and Chairman I thank you for your support during the year and the club members for the privilege to serve as President. To my wife Sue I thank you for your support during the year as without that support I would not have managed.

I wish incoming President Charles Townsing and Faye a wonderful year for 1998-99 and urge members to support them to the full.

Rodney Brown
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ten board meetings were held during the year; the Annual General Meeting was held on December 5th. Audited financial reports were submitted, all positions were filled for the 1998/ 99 Board .

Statutory reporting and District and R.I. reporting has been carried out on time and conforming to requirements.

The R.I. exchange rate has been set at \$1.41 for 1998/9 and is likely to move higher , this will impact on subscriptions as well as all of our International transactions. The District fee for members has increased from \$32 to \$34.

Two agreements are in force , both with Central Goldfields Shire:-

- (1) The Rotary Art Collection and Rotary's paintings are managed, maintained and insured by Council under an agreement which calls for six monthly reviews with the Club Property Committee.
- (2) The management of the 7.2 hectare site , now established as the Brian Dowie Conservation Park at Carisbrook , is delegated to a Rotary Committee of Management under a formal agreement which also nominates the members of that committee.

The Resolution of February 1996 , (Proposing that Service to Youth become the FIFTH avenue of Rotary Service), approved by the Club and accepted by the District was submitted to R.I., and along with others on the same subject, considered in March 1998 at the R.I. Council on Legislation where it was resolved "that the Board of Directors study the possibility of conferring upon the Youth Committee the status of a duly recognized standing committee"

The Board has given balanced attention to members' attendance throughout the year.

The Clubmate computer system continues in use for the secretarial and treasurer functions.

My thanks to all members of the Club for their co-operation and patience throughout the year.

Brian Thomas
Secretary.

ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH

YOUTH SERVICE

It has been another fulfilling year for the youth programme. This being my second year as Youth Director, I have enjoyed the experience associated with all youth programs. My thanks to all members who have assisted me with Youth Service.

Hosted student Tim Ritson-Bennett arrived in Maryborough in August 1997 from Innisfail Alberta Canada. Tim has been a credit to his sponsor club and us as his host club. Tim has not only fitted into our community and life style, he has met his obligations to Rotary, Maryborough Regional College and District 9780.

At school Tim showed many talents in sport, especially in swimming where he achieved best overall swimmer under 21 and went on to represent his school in the regional swimming titles. Tim has also managed to become a playing member of the Maryborough Football Club (recognised for his throw passes of American football). He has enjoyed a lot of trips around Victoria thanks to the members who assisted, and has spent an exciting two weeks touring Central Australia and North Queensland.

The club again extends our greatest appreciation to Tim's host parents, Charles and Vicki Knight who had Tim for three months, and a very special thanks to Robyn and Noel Jennings who had Tim for nine months. Tim obviously felt so much at home and became such a part of the family that both the Jennings family and Tim were happy to extend the hosting. During the year we had a visit from Tims father, Greg and brother Noel who were both accomodated by Robyn and Noel during their stay in Australia.

A visit from the parents of our previous exchange student, Margi Quinn occurred in January this year. Ken and Gill wanted to meet the host families of Margi and enjoyed the hospitality of Kerrie and Anthony Ohlson during their stay. Kerrie and Anthony arranged a BBQ for the get together and again went out of their way to ensure that Ken and Gill enjoyed their stay. The news on Margi was that she had settled back well in South Africa.

Our out going exchange student this year is Melissa Jacobs. She and her parents Graham and Aileen have attended pre selection interviews and gone through to briefing sessions on the exchange. The final briefing is to be held in Swan Hill during October with a departure date in mid January. Melissa has been given Sweden as her country for the twelve months away.

Our exchange student from last year, Andrew Kemp returned in January from twelve months in Mexico. Andrew recently spoke to Rotary on his experiences whilst in Mexico and all signs were that he had a most enjoyable time away.

BHP- National Engineering Summer School '98

The BHP- NESS '98 brings together 125 students from around Australia who are about to enter their final year (year 12) and are faced with choices which will influence their future careers. Our club sponsored James Mullins, and after extensive interviews he was offered a place to spend one week living at a college residence at the University of Queensland. During the NESS'98 students attended lectures and demonstrations from various University campuses.

SIEMENS SCIENCE SCHOOL

This is a three day hands on science school for year 10 students to which the club sponsored Nelle Pierce to the University of Melbourne.

ROTARACT

The club is still hopeful of getting a Rotaract club going in Maryborough. There is a strong core which only needs to be built upon to get the numbers to charter the club. This is an excellent opportunity for 18 to 30 year olds to be involved in their community and I ask that members support the efforts of the committee to ensure that the club does grow in the coming year.

RYLA - ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

This has a separate report in the annual report.

It has certainly been a busy year for the committee and again I thank them for their help and the other club members where they have assisted.

David Brown
Youth Services Director

ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH
ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD
RYLA

President Rod & fellow Rotarians,

RYLA is one of Rotary's best programs and District 9780 has a program of the highest calibre. The program is conducted for young men and women between the ages of 18 and over. Our club is a regular participant and this year sent three candidates, Sarnia Rawlings, Jason Hendrickson and Craig Jennings to the one week camp during April at Kangarooobie (near Princetown). Each gained valuable experience which they will be able to apply to their employment situation as well as to their own personal lives.

Next year the site of the RYLA camp will be at CAVE HILL CK near Raglan, and Maryborough will be the host club. It will be rewarding to us Rotarians as well as to the RYLA participants.

Bob Osborne
District RYLA Committee

ROTARY XMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS

President Rod and fellow Rotarians,

After last years aggressive marketing campaign, where we re developed much of our previously held market in this area, I was dissapointed that the board took no action until prompted very close to Christmas.

Never the less we did have reasonable sales and retain some stock for this year. However if we are to continue with the popular items action must be taken much earlier in the Rotary year and greater support given to the project by Rotarians.

1. Expenses	20 boxes purchased	\$1080.00
2. Sales		1019.05

Loss \$ 60.95

Stock in hand 67 units which represents value at \$599.65

Bob Osborne

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Club Accounts

Bank Balances as at May 98

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Code	Account Name	Account Number	Amount
0	General Account	2895 17632	\$4,123.16
11	Project Account	2895 17659	\$12,456.44
12	Esanda Investment Account	043385061A	\$1,000.00
13	Art Show Current Account	2895 17624	\$0.00
15	Art Show Term Deposit 1	9802 80385	\$0.00
16	Art Show Term Deposit 2	9802 80342	\$0.00
17	Art Show Term Depsit 3	9802 80334	\$35,123.44
Total all accounts			<hr/> \$52,703.04

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Balance sheet for period ending 31 May 98

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ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Club Funds

Balance at beginning of year	\$1,740.58
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$1,927.98
Balance to Date	\$3,668.56

Sunshine Fund

Balance at beginning of year	\$13,805.43
Excess (Deficit) for period	(\$3,596.85)
Balance to Date	\$10,208.58

Opportunity Shop Fund Account

Balance at beginning of year	\$4,653.57
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$1,941.80
Balance to Date	\$6,595.37

Rotary Foundation Fund

Balance at beginning of year	\$542.40
Excess (Deficit) for period	(\$687.15)
Balance to Date	(\$144.75)

Weekly Lotto Fund

Balance at beginning of year	\$680.25
Excess (Deficit) for period	(\$566.10)
Balance to Date	\$114.15

Art Show Fund

Balance at beginning of year	\$53,319.50
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$730.24
Balance to Date	\$54,049.74

Brian Dowie Park Project

Balance at beginning of year	\$1,415.10
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$765.00
Balance to Date	\$2,180.10

TOTAL FUNDS

\$76,671.75

Represented by:

ASSETS

General Account	\$4,123.16
Project Account	\$12,976.90
Esanda I/Ac 04A3385061	\$1,000.00
Term Dep 3 (9802-80334)	\$35,123.44
Member's Current Accounts	\$525.00
Plant & Equipment	\$3,923.25
Paintings	\$19,000.00
Total Assets	\$76,671.75

Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Club Accounts

Income & Expenditure: Current Month & Year to Date to May 98

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Current Month

Year to Date

INCOME

Meal Receipts	\$2,091.00	\$17,693.00
Fellowship Income	\$300.00	\$1,102.50
Heads & Tails / Sgt Fines	\$95.45	\$873.70
Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$4,327.36
Magazine Dues	\$0.00	\$3,065.04
Entrance Fees	\$0.00	\$140.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$62.11
Interest Income (ESANDA)	\$0.00	\$10.53
Interest Income (Term Dep 1,2 &3)	\$0.00	\$51.85
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$750.49
President's Changeover	\$0.00	(\$24.95)
Total Income	\$2,486.45	\$28,051.63

EXPENDITURE

Advertising & Promotion	\$0.00	\$17.90
Badges & Engraving	\$150.00	\$358.50
Bank Fees	\$4.60	\$108.54
District Assembly	\$198.00	\$198.00
Dues to District 9780	\$0.00	\$1,728.00
District 9780 Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$223.20
Dues paid to RI	\$0.00	\$2,577.37
Dues paid to RDU Magazine	\$0.00	\$941.85
Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$32.00
Flowers & Gifts	\$0.00	\$75.40
Meal Costs RSL	\$1,368.00	\$15,367.50
Fellowship Expenses	\$48.00	\$1,684.58
Meal Costs Other	\$0.00	\$48.45
Miscellaneous Expense	\$62.00	\$562.50
Office Expenses	\$0.00	\$13.95
Postage	\$45.00	\$233.00
Post Office Box	\$0.00	\$44.00
President's Changeover	\$0.00	\$662.80
Printing & Stationery	\$44.00	\$134.90
Purchase Regalia & Banners	\$0.00	\$722.82
Repairs & Maintenance	\$0.00	\$186.44
Water Gas Electricity	\$0.00	\$161.95
Guest Expenses	\$0.00	\$40.00
Total Expenditure	\$1,919.60	\$26,123.65

Excess (Deficit)

\$566.85 **\$1,927.98**

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Club Accounts

Fund Account Details to May 98

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1-9200 - Sunshine Fund

Income

Aust. Rotary Health Research Fund	\$650.00
Bowel Scan	\$1,035.50
Community BBQ	\$111.95
Community Projects	\$50.00
Donations Made	\$50.00
Golf Day	\$1,589.00
Plum Pudding Sales	\$1,019.05
Profits from Lotto	\$1,077.00
Projects For RAWCS	\$67.00
Youth Service	\$287.90
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,937.40

Expenditure

Aust. Rotary Health Research Fund	\$652.00
Bowel Scan	\$850.00
Carols By Candlelight	\$100.00
Community BBQ	\$204.15
Community Projects	\$561.35
Donations Made	\$1,008.00
Exchange Students	\$1,376.00
Golf Day	\$130.00
GSE Visits	\$216.00
Plum Pudding Sales	\$1,080.00
Projects For RAWCS	\$168.00
R.Y.L.A.	\$750.00
Rotaract Club	\$99.00
Vocational Service	\$178.70
Youth Service	\$2,161.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$9,534.25

Excess (Deficit) for Sunshine Fund

(\$3,596.85)

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Fund Account Details to May 98

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1-9210 - Opportunity Shop Fund Account

Income

Income	\$10,893.30
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,893.30

Expenditure

Donations - Op Shop	\$7,365.00
Electricity - Op Shop	\$111.50
Miscellaneous Expense - Op Shop	\$35.00
Rent - Op Shop	\$1,440.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$8,951.50

Excess (Deficit) for Opportunity Shop Fund Account	\$1,941.80
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1-9230 - Rotary Foundation Fund

Income

Income & Donations fo Rotary Foundation

\$600.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$600.00

Expenditure

Income & Donations fo Rotary Foundation

\$1,287.15

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

\$1,287.15

Excess (Deficit) for Rotary Foundation Fund

(\$687.15)

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1-9240 - Weekly Lotto Fund

Income

Income from weekly lotto

\$1,511.90

TOTAL INCOME

\$1,511.90

Expenditure

expenses from weekly lotto

\$2,078.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

\$2,078.00

Excess (Deficit) for Weekly Lotto Fund

(\$566.10)

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1-9250 - Art Show Fund

Income

Art Show - Income

\$803.39

TOTAL INCOME

\$803.39

Expenditure

Art Show - Expenses

\$73.15

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

\$73.15

Excess (Deficit) for Art Show Fund

\$730.24

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Fund Account Details to May 98

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1-9260 - Brian Dowie Park Project

Income

Income

\$1,000.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$1,000.00

Expenditure

Expenses

\$235.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

\$235.00

Excess (Deficit) for Brian Dowie Park Project

\$765.00

VOCATIONAL SERVICES REPORT 1997/98

Although the year in office was cut in half by my unexpected transfer to Melbourne, a number of important contributions were made to vocational services within the Maryborough district.

Firstly, I would like to thank each of the vocational service team members for their assistance and contribution, for without assistance very little can be achieved.

Secondly, our projects revolved in the main, around "Youth Unemployment" and trying to find ways to assist in the reduction of this undesirable fact.

These projects included:

- Involvement in the Shell sponsored program requiring a mentor to help an unemployed person to set up their own business. In this regard some success was achieved because, although the business venture didn't get off the ground, the person found a job in Avoca and is still employed.
- A presentation was made to the Maryborough Regional College Year 11 and 12 students showing how to prepare themselves for the job market.
- A presentation was arranged and held at our club where the principal of the Bendigo Regional College of TAFE was the guest speaker and to which students looking to enhance their job opportunities were invited.
- A Rotary plaque was procured for presentation to the local Red Cross Blood Bank to honour its service to our community.

In conclusion, I would again like to thank my fellow Rotarians and especially the President, Rodney Brown and his Board for their assistance and support during my period in office.

I take this opportunity to wish the Rotary Club of Maryborough good membership hunting and a terrific future in a wonderful community both of which I sincerely admire.



Lawrence Hass
Vocational Service Director

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Energy Breakthrough continues to be the main event of the Community Service Program this year with an excellent turn up of members to a very long event. It was good to have the help of that other Car Club (I must be Joking). Thank you Members for your participation in this event and many thanks to Don Bruce for sponsorship of the Tent and all the facilities.

I would hope that next year we will be left to our own devices in the running of the Don Bruce corner as we have done well in the past years quite successfully.

The painting of the Guide Hall as part of the Paint Your Heart Out Program (Sponsored by Bristle Paint) is almost finished. You don't realise how big that hall is until you go to paint it.

We've had several Working Bees on repairing the old timber work and a massive turn out of Rotary and Guide Members to scrap and wash the building in preparation for painting.

The day the hall was painted, (and some of the windows thanks to Ian paint anything Zimmer) consumed 80 lts of paint. Many thanks to those who donated equipment such as a Scissor Lift, Spray Guns, Paint Brushes. All that is remaining to paint is the trim and the job is finished. A special thanks to all those Members that turned up to the working bees and that continuing supply of food and drinks from the Guides Support Group.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for their help through the year and look forward to another fore filling year as a Rotarian.

Peter Brown
Director

ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH

CLUB SERVICE

President Rod and fellow Rotarians,

Firstly I would like to thank the chairman that have taken the time to write individual reports for the annual report, these are contained herein.

The District Conference was not well attended by the club members as the usual weekend away due to accommodation restrictions in easy reach of the venues. Whilst this was disappointing there were upto twelve members that assisted at the Conference with various duties including special mention of Bryce Rawlings as Stg. at arms for the weekend. Bryce was certainly a credit to himself and the club and received a letter of commendation from DG John Oxley.

The club membership still remains one of the club priorities for 1998-99. There are a number of classifications available and I would expect that these will be filled soon. Women in Rotary remains a topic that will have to be addressed at some time by the club when there are so many clubs around us with lady Rotarians. There are quite obviously a number of suitable women that would fit the available classifications within our area.

This year I believe we have had a very interesting program thanks to Shane Dellavedova. The calibre of speakers has been both high and informative with again many of our own club members giving excellent talks. The debate held between club members early in the year added a new dimension and was certainly enjoyed by all in attendance.

I am disturbed that the hall is not being set up by those members on fellowship each night. It is not only disappointing to see but really does let the club down. I will ask the Stg. at Arms to fine members that don't follow the set up procedure in future, that includes the club banners being properly displayed.

All in all the club seems to be going very well with some of the issues that have niggled away being addressed this year. The Art Show Trust fund was addressed when President Rod asked that a survey of members be carried out to establish the future direction of the club and the trust funds. A special project committee has been set up to look at the new direction and projects for the future.

For 1998-99 I have created an Executive Advisory Committee of our very experienced and knowledgeable Rotarians to offer advice and individual information to the club and its committees.

I am looking forward to an exciting year for all members in 1998-99.

Club Service Director



ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH

HISTORIANS AND CLUB PROPERTY REPORT

This committee was saddened to lose two of its members with the passing of Rory McLeod and Charles Mowbray.

One of the tasks, apart from keeping the club archives, was to receive all the memorabilia that once belonged to Past District Governor, Past Club President and Paul Harris Fellow, Frank Lowery, that was donated by his wife Shirley and placed in a show case for all to see.

Past President Tom Davies was recruited to make the show case and Moira Bruce, wife of Rotarian Don, suitably inscribed the information with calligraphy.

At a Rotary meeting Shirley Lowery officially handed over the collection of Franks life work in Rotary to President Rodney.

The second request from President Rodney was to evaluate the situation with the storage of our belongings at the RSL clubrooms. Also included were the storage and handling of our club banners and flags. The idea of a portable folding display unit is being seriously looked at as it would allow the display banners and flags to be handled by two members at one time keeping presentation consistent and preserve the collection for the future.

Shelving is needed but a proper and more serious look can be made after the folding display is made.

From a personal side the involvement in the District Conference was a rewarding experience. In all five trips to and from Ararat were needed to complete the formalities and take part in the running of the conference. To record the member involvement, about 12 members of the club joined me as crowd managers, stage hands and in setting up tables over the weekend with great efficiency.

Rotarian Bryce Rawlings was the Sergeant at Arms for the conference and did himself and the our club proud.

Others will record the events of the year with majors being the painting of the Guide Hall, the Energy Breakthrough and Brian Dowie Park.

Daryl McLeish
Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Energy Breakthrough continues to be the main event of the Community Service Program this year with an excellent turn up of members to a very long event. It was good to have the help of that other Car Club (I must be Joking). Thank you Members for your participation in this event and many thanks to Don Bruce for sponsorship of the Tent and all the facilities.

I would hope that next year we will be left to our own devices in the running of the Don Bruce corner as we have done well in the past years quite successfully.

The painting of the Guide Hall as part of the Paint Your Heart Out Program (Sponsored by Bristle Paint) is almost finished. You don't realise how big that hall is until you go to paint it.

We've had several Working Bees on repairing the old timber work and a massive turn out of Rotary and Guide Members to scrap and wash the building in preparation for painting.

The day the hall was painted, (and some of the windows thanks to Ian paint anything Zimmer) consumed 80 lts of paint. Many thanks to those who donated equipment such as a Scissor Lift, Spray Guns, Paint Brushes. All that is remaining to paint is the trim and the job is finished. A special thanks to all those Members that turned up to the working bees and that continuing supply of food and drinks from the Guides Support Group.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for their help through the year and look forward to another fore filling year as a Rotarian.

Peter Brown
Director

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 1997-98

The Public Relations Committee has not had very many large projects completed this year to capitalize on. Decisions were made to publicize what we have done and what we are doing.

A portable Rotary Project board has been built to be taken to all working bees so that the public are aware of what we are doing while we are doing it.

The barbeques at the Goldfields Reservoir and the recreation area at Princes Park have signs to be affixed showing that they are there courtesy of Rotary.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 1997-98

Membership for the year was down by 4
Membership for the year was up by 5

Activities by the Committee began with a membership month when a few nominations were received, however, the results were very disappointing.
5 new members were inducted for the year.

I do believe that quality is more important than quantity as far as membership goes.

I would like to thank all of the Rotarians who made the effort to encourage new membership. We must remember to look after the new members who have joined the Club - make sure they enjoy the fellowship of Rotary and get them involved.

Don. Biles

ATTENDANCE REPORT 1997/8

Attendance throughout the year has been generally very good.

Make-ups leading to attendance credits were just on 50 for the year with quite a few extras which were not usable in attendance terms .

Average attendance over the year was just on 80% , including our special barbeque meetings.

The board reviewed attendance in line with our Constitution and by-laws at each Board meeting and during the year one member was found unable to meet those obligations and his membership could not be continued.

Attention of the Club was also drawn to the fact that on most weeks we had members who did not apologise for their absence and as a consequence we paid for their meals. It was decided that offending members would be charge for the meal , resulting in a big reduction in that problem.

The attached reports detail the attendance for the Club and members.

Bob Osborne is the only member to achieve !00% for the year but many members had very high levels and some were only beaten by our Clubs strict observance of the rules !
R . I . has adopted changes to the attendance rules for 1998/9 and the Board will have the option of nominating Club projects which will qualify for make-up credits.

Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Member Attendance Query - 01/07/1997 to 15/06/1998

Printed 15/06/98

Member name	Member Type	Meetings Attended	Make Ups	Meetings Missed	Attendance Percentage
BOYES, David	A	28	1	19	61.7%
BROWN, David	A	39	0	8	83.0%
BROWN, Peter	A	38	0	9	80.9%
BROWN, Rod	A	44	1	3	95.7%
BRUCE, Don	SA	32	0	15	68.1%
BRYANT, John	A	28	0	19	59.6%
CAREW, Jim	A	42	1	5	91.5%
CAULFIELD, John	A	30	0	17	63.8%
COSTELOW, Graham	A	32	1	15	70.2%
CUPIDO, Al	A	30	0	17	63.8%
DAVIES, Tom	A	38	1	9	83.0%
DELLAVEDOVA, Shane	A	34	0	13	72.3%
DINEEN, Darren	A	40	0	7	85.1%
DOWIE, Brian	EIH	1	0	46	2.1%
DUBOURG, Eric	SE	0	0	47	0.0%
EDWARDS, Ted	A	36	0	11	76.6%
HARMAN, Barry	A	29	3	18	68.1%
HARRIS, Gerard	EIH	30	0	17	63.8%
HAZLEDINE, John	A	27	1	9	77.8%
JENNINGS, Noel	A	32	0	15	68.1%
KENNEDY, Grant	A	28	0	19	59.6%
KNIGHT, Charles	A	41	0	6	87.2%
LEA, Trevor	A	39	7	8	97.9%
MACKAY, Jeff	SE	33	0	14	70.2%
MC RAE, Peter	A	37	1	10	80.9%
MCLEISH, Daryl	SA	43	3	4	97.9%
MOORE, Bryan	SA	38	2	9	85.1%
MOWBRAY, Charles	EIH	0	0	47	0.0%
OHLSEN, Anthony	A	36	0	11	76.6%
OSBORNE, Bob	PS	34	13	13	100.0%
PARSONS, Wes	SE	0	0	47	0.0%
PHELAN, Cliff	SA	37	0	10	78.7%
POTTER, Trev	A	28	0	19	59.6%
RAWLINGS, Bryce	A	36	3	11	83.0%
RITCHIE, John	SE	35	0	12	74.5%
ROBINS, John	SA	26	0	21	55.3%
ROWE, Mal	A	28	0	19	59.6%
SELMON, John	SE	35	0	12	74.5%
SHAW, David	SA	23	1	24	51.1%
TAYLOR, Peter	A	6	2	12	44.4%
THOMAS, Brian	A	38	0	9	80.9%
TOWNSING, Charlie	A	40	4	7	93.6%
TRAYNOR, Arthur	SE	3	0	44	6.4%
TREBLE, Fred	SE	30	0	17	63.8%
TREBLE, Peter	A	41	1	6	89.4%
TYNAN, David	A	38	0	9	80.9%
WALLACE, Col	A	36	0	11	76.6%
WALSH, Errol	SE	31	0	16	66.0%
WALSH, Peter	A	17	2	5	86.4%
WILLERSDORF, Lindsay	SE	16	0	31	34.0%
ZIMMER, Ian	SA	33	0	14	70.2%

Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Club Attendance Query - 01/07/1997 to 15/06/1998

Printed 15/06/98

Meeting Date	Members Present	Make Ups	Members Missed	Attendance Percentage
3/07/97	35	1	11	78.26%
10/07/97	36	2	9	84.44%
17/07/97	33	1	10	79.07%
24/07/97	38	1	8	84.78%
31/07/97	34	0	12	73.91%
7/08/97	38	0	7	84.44%
14/08/97	39	0	6	86.67%
21/08/97	40	0	6	86.96%
28/08/97	39	0	6	86.67%
4/09/97	36	0	9	80.00%
11/09/97	36	1	7	86.05%
18/09/97	29	1	17	65.22%
25/09/97	34	3	13	78.72%
2/10/97	33	1	12	75.56%
9/10/97	39	0	7	84.78%
16/10/97	34	1	12	76.09%
23/10/97	40	0	7	85.11%
30/10/97	38	0	8	82.61%
6/11/97	40	0	6	86.96%
13/11/97	35	0	9	79.55%
20/11/97	23	1	18	58.54%
27/11/97	31	1	13	72.73%
4/12/97	40	2	5	93.33%
11/12/97	29	0	15	65.91%
18/12/97	17	0	23	42.50%
8/01/98	17	1	25	42.86%
15/01/98	19	1	22	48.78%
22/01/98	33	1	13	73.91%
29/01/98	39	0	5	88.64%
5/02/98	37	0	9	80.43%
12/02/98	39	0	8	82.98%
19/02/98	34	0	10	77.27%
26/02/98	36	2	10	82.61%
5/03/98	25	4	18	67.44%
12/03/98	35	3	10	84.44%
19/03/98	30	5	14	79.55%
26/03/98	34	4	11	84.44%
2/04/98	33	3	11	81.82%
9/04/98	19	1	24	46.51%
16/04/98	28	3	17	68.89%
23/04/98	36	1	9	82.22%
30/04/98	29	0	13	69.05%
7/05/98	34	1	10	79.55%
14/05/98	36	1	7	86.05%
21/05/98	35	1	8	83.72%
28/05/98	38	0	6	86.36%
4/06/98	35	0	10	77.78%

ROTARY BOWELSCAN 1998.

Many Rotary Clubs in Victoria participated in the Rotary Bowelscan 1998.

As in previous years, advertising was done by the distribution of pamphlets in Maryborough & surrounding districts. There was also good coverage by the Maryborough Advertiser which included a photograph & write up of a former participant of Bowelscan in appreciation of the fact that his cancer had been detected in a previous survey & successfully treated.

This year 600 kits were sold which was a very good result. Nevertheless, more people should be participating in this very important survey.

For the first time here, all Maryborough pharmacies & the Pharmacy depots in Dunolly & Avoca were used for the distribution of kits & thanks are extended to the Pharmacists & their staff for their help.

Thanks are also extended to Rotarians & other helpers who sold kits at the Maryborough Town Hall Foyer which was provided free of charge by the Goldfields Shire.

As in past years, Mrs Margaret Barker & the Avoca Lions club have helped with the distribution of kits in Avoca & thanks are tendered to them.

This Rotary project is well worthwhile as the test used is the simplest method recommended by the Australian Health Technology Advisory Committee. A positive test requires further investigation & Colonoscopy is the test usually advised.

As yearly testing is strongly recommended, it is important that Maryborough Rotary club continue to be involved in the future.

John Ritchie (Co-ordinator, Rotary Bowelscan 1998)

Brian Dowie Conservation Park .

Progress on the Park has been slower this year. However we have proceeded with clean-up of the area and removed the trees from the arboretum area and have burned up most of those. We have also cleaned up (partly) the area around the old mine site.

We have consulted with Garry Cheers on the wetlands aspect of the Park and with David Berniere regarding the handling of the Goldmine History.

A wonderful donation from Inner Wheel of \$1000.00 was matched by the Club and put us within striking distance of having the central Interpretive centre built. Quotes were obtained and the Board approved the quote of Trevor Butcher to build the centre. The building has now been completed and we will paint it in the near future.

The very dry year last year led us to deferring any further planting and our plan is to prepare the Arboretum area during winter and spring and plant in Autumn.

We have available a set of gates and we have obtained rocks for the construction of the Entrance which we plan to build during Spring. We also have a quantity of large rocks which will eventually form an enclosed area for a possible time capsule and a 'recognitions 'area for future sponsors.

Funding applications to Parks Victoria were again unsuccessful and we are looking for help to secure significant funds next year. The Park is now starting to take shape and the Club should include it as a venue next year. Our thanks to all members who have helped push the project along.

Jeff Mackay

Chairman

Brian Dowie Conservation Park

Committee of Management.

ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

During the year the Fellowship Committee arranged pre dinner nibbles and drinks at a number of ladies nights and special occasions. The various BBQ requirements at service work were also arranged by the committee to support the other avenues of service within the club.

The dinner meeting at Mt. Lonarch to see how fine china is made was very well attended by members and their wives and was appreciated by all in attendance. It was quite obvious that there are many attractions in this region that local people have not visited.

The Christmas dinner was held at Stately House this year with pre dinner drinks prior to being seated for the meal. The venue was somewhat noisy and detracted from what was otherwise a great evening.

Thanks to the committee members for their assistance during the year running the fellowship bar and assisting with the other events.

Gerard Harris
Fellowship Chairman

ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH

OPPORTUNITY SHOP

It is with pleasure that I report on the activities of the Opportunity Shop for the calendar year of 1997-98.

The turnover for the year has shown an increase of a little over 90% on the previous year, this I am sure is due to the dedication of Mrs. Anne Cornwall and the band of helpers she has gathered around her, our grateful thanks go to each and every one of them.

After meeting our rent commitment of \$2160.00 and also our electricity accounts we were able to distribute \$7680.00 to the following organisations.

1. Chaplaincy in the schools.
2. Maryborough Benevolent Society.
3. Palliative Care.
4. Red Cross.
5. Brass Band.
6. Scouts.
7. Toy Library.
8. Bone Marrow.
9. Inner Wheel.
10. Havilah Hostel.

During the year we had PP Tom Davies construct and install a show bench in the window area of the shop. This has made it much easier to display some of our goods and also for cleaning that particular area.

Thank you to all those people who helped supply us with saleable goods, without their help we would find it difficult to function. We have also been able to help the Salvation Army opportunity shop supplying them with goods that were in excess of our needs.

The members of my committee have been most helpful and were always available when the need arose. The shop has been operating since 1983 and up to December 1997 an amount of \$116,891.00 has been raised.

John Selmon
Chairman
Op shop committee

ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

A number of areas from International were covered this year and I am pleased to report the following.

GOLF DAY

The annual golf day was held on the Sunday of the Melbourne cup weekend and although numbers were down this year, the competition was still as tough with everyone enjoying the challenge for the many wonderful prizes so kindly donated by the businesses of Maryborough.

With the prizes and trophies totalling many dollars and the sponsorship of each hole, we were pleased to raise \$1459.00. Our gratitude is extended to the people who assisted from outside Rotary, including Max Lare and Cyril Cunningham. Without their help the scoring would be sadly lacking. The Maryborough Golf club again is to be thanked for their help and the use of the many facilities. I would like to personally thank Barry Harmon and Charles Townsing for their invaluable help.

DONATIONS IN KIND

Following some letter writing to the schools and hospital, we were pleased to receive thirteen cartons of school books and some usefull medical equipment that we were able to transport to Melbourne, thanks to CVT, and Fredrick Wright who is the DIK co-ordinator for the region. He in turn arranged the shipment of these goods to the appropriate country needing the items. I expect that with the changes in the health and education systems we may find some more equipment to continue with the DIK program.

FAIM

At this point in time two members have indicated that they are willing to go on a FAIM trip to assist South Pacific islanders and New Guinea. Both Shane Dellavedova and Tom Davies are waiting for further information and timing from District chairman.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Several members attended the GSE dinner in March at Ballarat where the visiting and outgoing GSE team members were present. Trevor Lea commented that the standard of team members was exceptionally high.

The club again sort applicants to become GSE team members to go to either France or Canada in 1999 year. The club nominated Tracie Smith who is the Bursar at the Regional College and is we believe equal to the task of being a GSE team member and a great ambassador for Australia. Unfortunately Tracie was not selected which the committee was very dissapointed with. The club does spend alot of time selecting the most suitable applicant and does not put anyone forward unless they believe that person is suitable.

All in all I believe it has been a satisfying year and thank my committee for their assistance.

Grant Kennedy
Director

PROBUS 1997-98

President Rod and fellow Rotarians,

In 1964 Rotary in England started a club for retired business men. There were two similar clubs, Probus is the one which thrived.

It is now a well established club worldwide, and is the fastest growing of all clubs. The philosophy has spread to retired people rather than retired professional and business men (Probus).

It is a social club and is specifically non fund raising. Probus clubs must be sponsored by a Rotary club. Probus South Pacific operates out of RDU (Rotary Down Under) in Sydney and each state has its own association.

Maryborough past DG the late Frank Lowery was an integral part of the formation of Probus clubs in District 9780 and Maryborough was one of the earlier clubs formed (1984). The ladies club was formed in 1994. Within the past twelve months Probus has been active in Maryborough with the following achievements.

1. The original Maryborough club (with the sanction of the Maryborough Rotary club) changed its constitution to become a combined club. This was an immediate success. The club started the year with 61 members, lost seven through deaths and two on transfer, but with the constitution change and effective promotion ended the year with 88 members.
2. The ladies club is at its maximum membership of 100 with a waiting list.
3. Rotary Maryborough appointed Rotarian Ted Edwards to investigate Avoca and with the assistance of the Maryborough club successfully started the Avoca Probus club which currently has 35 members with Ted as President.
4. The Maryborough club applied to conduct the Spring Friendship Day which was a successful event despite the hot weather (40°c and a total fire ban day) on November 26th at Princes Park. Approximately 1700 people visited the area, and all three clubs worked together to host what is regarded as one of the best events of the type conducted in Probus.

In summary Probus has a healthy membership, a high profile, and many inquiring about how to join. In the current year it is planned to investigate the Dunolly area with a view to form a new club.

Bob Osborne
Probus Liaison Officer