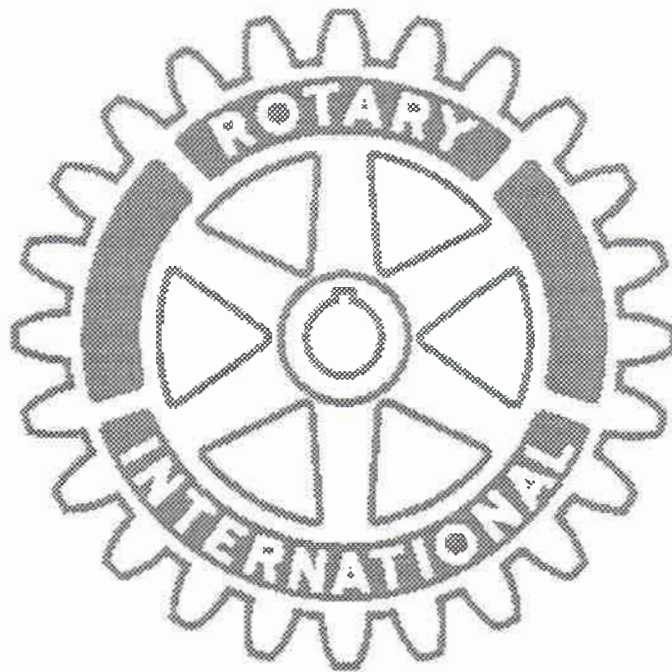


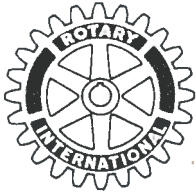
Rotary Club
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Maryborough

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Chartered June 14, 1952



Annual Report
1999-2000



President's Report

1999-2000

As I am sitting thinking about what to write, I must say that since the PETS meeting 14 months ago, I have not had time to reflect on the past, only to keep up with the present.

I admit to not achieving even a beginning on the proposed Sound Shell but am not sure what other steps we could have taken to make this happen. We did not get involved in the Youth Suicide Prevention programme either. This programme has to be professionally orchestrated by RI. It is not for amateurs to play with.

In spite of all that, we had a very full year as you will read in the individual director's reports. Our programme, run by PP Daryl was varied and with as much local content as possible. We still have two speakers whom we have had to re-schedule and they will address the Club in July/August. Professor David James, Vice Chancellor of Ballarat University and Rotarian Darren McClelland from Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. We have also had 12 ladies nights for the year.

Finance: Our Treasurer, Eric, will show that our Club is financially sound but I believe that we should isolate some money for Brian Dowie Park. We should also give some thought to selling the four paintings, add it to the money from the investment accounts and establish a Trust. The interest only from the Trust could then be utilised to fund requests for financial assistance from outside the Club and we will know exactly what we can spend every year.

Club Membership has been written about by greater men than me. Generally, service clubs have to compete with more exciting, time consuming activities and belonging to a service club may not have a lot of appeal. I have tried to give every member meaningful roles with some responsibility to involve them in, and give them an understanding of Rotary. In this way, I have tried to contribute to retaining membership as well as getting new members. We lost 4 members this year and inducted 3 new ones.

The **Brian Dowie Park** working bees and fellowship events were good fun - even the night we finished up at the Carisbrook Creek. Brian Thomas is to be commended for his continuous untiring work.

John Robins and Tom Davies organised a cupboard in the storeroom, a job which has been put off for years. When we cleared out all the rubbish we found the Art Show records which we have been looking for. Very well done John and Tom.

Director of **Community Service**, Anthony Ohlsen, had the weatherman on his side for the Monster Auction in the Clarendon Street car park. Many thanks to the whole club who put in a great effort and we had an excellent result, considering the quality of goods we had to sell. A concert by Lee Kernaghan and a Ute muster have been costed and could still be in the pipeline.

Under the vigilant eye and guidance of Rotarian Shane Dellavedova, **Vocational Service** ran a Supper Ball at the Nestle centre. This was a wonderful night. Shane, our Scottish guests want an invitation to the next one. Funds and details are in the Vocational report. Pride of Workmanship was also organised by the Vocational team and culminated in an Award night a few weeks ago.

Bowelscan: Chairman John Ritchie is now awaiting a hip operation and we wish him well for that. John, a dedicated Rotarian, ably assisted by his wife Jean never fail to show us how important this programme is. Thank you once again John and Jean.

International Service with Director David Tynan at the helm, started their year with a great day of fellowship during their Golf day, topping up their funds for overseas aid. When they were asked by the district to host a GSE team, director David unhesitatingly jumped at the chance - a lot of work but a brilliant result. The members of the Scottish team all concur that the night at the Goldfields is one they will never forget.

Youth Service. We had one student returned, one in from Mexico and one student going out in the next year. It is good to see the whole club behind the Youth Exchange Programme. At district level, Maryborough is held in high esteem for the way we support the youth exchange. Well done and may it long continue. There is a full report by director Mal Rowe, who with his family, gives 100% to this programme, - his lengthy written reports are loved by secretary Charles and editor, Peter.

Op Shop - controlled by John Selmon. Anne Cornwall produced an excellent year again as John's report shows. Anne's team of ladies do a great job, however, we must now look at a possible replacement before the end of the year as Anne is talking about retiring from the shop.

Christmas 'Puds' sold by the club reported a profit of approximately \$800 which was allocated to support RYLA - see PP Bob's report.

Our Public Officer was found (not that he was lost), to be Brian Thomas. This is a six year appointment and there is still one year to go.

As I write this, we have one more Board meeting at which we have to finalise the allocation of funds raised by International and Community Service.

Secretary Charles has been of great assistance to me. He assures me that the second year is easier than the first and I hope that he has enjoyed this year.

Charles has a very busy schedule but has always found time for working bees in which he has usually been able to involve his family. Well done Charles and thank you for your support.

To my Bulletin Editor Peter McRae, thank you Peter for the time and effort you have put in during the year and the excellent Bulletins produced. I will miss my Tuesday night trips to Peter and Cherie's home with my sketchy reports, which Peter always seems to be able to make sense of. I was always made welcome no matter what time I would arrive. Thank you very much for your assistance and consideration, and I hope Moira and I get the opportunity to return the companionship you gave us.

Moira and I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity the Rotary Club of Maryborough has given us to serve as President during the 1999-2000 year. We both thank all of you for your friendship, encouragement and support during the year. It has been an honour and a privilege to have worked together striving to act with Consistency, Credibility and Continuity.

I sincerely wish the 2000-2001 President, Bryce and Jan as fulfilling a year as we have just had and I urge the members to give them the support that Moira and I have received.

Don C. Bruce
President
1999-2000



Secretary's Report

1999-2000

Thank you President Don for being such an understanding President. It was a pleasure to serve as your secretary for the 'Rotary 2000; *Act With Consistency Credibility Continuity*' year.

Thank you to all Board Members (particularly Mel) who took on board my request for reports to the Board to be in writing. This not only saves valuable time at Board meetings (my shorthand skills are non-existent) but it also ensures that the report is recorded correctly in the minutes. This year we had 12 Board Meetings lasting from a few minutes to three or four hours.

I had the privilege to work with Brian Thomas on a number of funding applications, notably the *Partnerships for Growth* project for Brian Dowie Park and the *National Heritage Trust* and the *Olympic Landcare 2000* project, both of which were funded. Progress at Brian Dowie Park has been consistent, however more could have been achieved if more members had taken up the challenge and participated. Brian also successfully applied for grants to the DNRE for interpretive signage at the Brian Dowie Park.

A Sound Shell Committee was also set up to investigate the possibility of a Sound Shell for Maryborough to be located at Princes Park. Having written to Council, expressing our Club's support for such a proposal, I then had the responsibility of submitting another *Partnerships for Growth* application for the Sound Shell. This application commits the Club to \$25,000 (plus \$15,000 in voluntary labour, a further \$5,000 community contribution plus a \$5,000 Council contribution) towards the construction of the Sound Shell (total project cost \$100,000). Unfortunately, due to the necessity to complete a master plan for Princes Park and obtain approval from Heritage Victoria and the DNRE Historic Places Section, this application is still to be finalised.

The \$25,000 contribution to the Sound Shell would have come from the Art Funds cash reserve. The Club has resolved to sell the four Rotary paintings to add to this reserve, however this controversial decision has yet to be acted on. A number of people (including present and past Rotarians) have questioned this decision both because of perceived withdrawal from the art gallery (which was commenced mainly due to Rotary's involvement) and because the Club has no need for the funds at this stage.

Despite the efforts of a few members our membership numbers have declined for the second year in a row. Rotary needs members to remain a viable organisation. All members are urged to nominate at least one prospective member per year.

Finally, may I extend my thanks to Peter Walsh for taking on the roll of secretary. I wish you all the best in your term as secretary and trust that you will soon learn how to operate the Club's new computer.

Yours in Rotary

Charles Knight.



Treasurer's Report

1999-2000

The attached *Clubmate Reports* outline the financial position of the club as at May 31, 2000.

Art Show Funds

A discrepancy in the Art Show Term Deposit 3 Account as mentioned in the 1998-99 Annual Report was found to have resulted from an interest payment being entered twice in the Club's accounts. This error has been corrected and the Art Show Term Deposit 3 Account is now reconciled.

Brian Dowie Park Fund

Funds have been transferred from the Sunshine Fund to the Brian Dowie Park Fund to correct postings of receipts and payments incorrectly posted to the Sunshine Fund in the 1998-99 financial year. The net transfer was \$8075.00

Esanda Investment

ESANDA have advised that the club's investment in ESANDA cannot continue in its present form. Options included renewing the investment in a different form or withdrawing the funds. Withdrawal of the funds with transfer to the Project Account has been requested.

G.S.T

The club has applied for and received an Australian Business Number (ABN).

Being a non-profit organisation with a turnover of less than \$100,000.00, the club does not have to register for the GST and has not done so. This means that the club does not collect GST on supplies it makes (this includes membership dues) but that it cannot claim an 'Input Tax Credit' for the GST it pays on supplies it receives.

The club must also re-apply for tax-exempt status as a non-profit organisation and will do so when the relevant forms arrive from the taxation office. The new exemption is to apply from July 1, 2000.

Eric Tunks
Treasurer
1999-2000

Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Club Accounts

Income & Expenditure: Current Month & Year to Date to May 00

Printed 25/06/00

	Current Month	Year to Date
INCOME		
Meal Receipts	\$1,734.00	\$15,932.00
Fellowship Income	\$0.00	\$2,389.75
Heads & Tails / Sgt Fines	\$70.05	\$754.90
Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$4,147.20
Magazine Dues	\$0.00	\$3,052.80
Entrance Fees	\$0.00	\$75.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$261.89
Interest Income (ESANDA)	\$11.10	\$43.86
Interest Income (Term Dep 1,2 &3)	\$494.14	\$1,615.07
Miscellaneous Income	\$65.00	\$255.00
Total Income	\$2,374.29	\$28,527.47
EXPENDITURE		
Badges & Engraving	\$0.00	\$43.00
Bank Fees	\$18.90	\$134.74
GST Paid	\$3.37	\$3.37
Club Bulletin	\$0.00	\$500.00
District Assembly	\$308.00	\$308.00
Dues to District 9780	\$0.00	\$1,650.00
District 9780 Other Expenses	\$40.00	\$240.00
Dues paid to RI	\$0.00	\$2,604.00
Dues paid to RDU Magazine	\$0.00	\$1,445.00
Flowers & Gifts	\$0.00	\$113.00
Donation Payments	\$0.00	\$475.35
Hire Charges	\$0.00	\$100.00
Meal Costs RSL	\$1,560.00	\$12,820.00
Fellowship Expenses	\$38.00	\$2,490.18
Meal Costs Other	\$0.00	\$1,135.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$40.00	\$246.25
Office Expenses	\$0.00	\$233.85
Postage	\$44.98	\$224.98
President's Changeover	\$0.00	(\$295.75)
Printing & Stationery	\$11.75	\$158.80
Travel & Entertainment	\$0.00	\$186.00
Exchange Student Allowance	\$100.00	\$888.30
Total Expenditure	\$2,165.00	\$25,704.07
Excess (Deficit)	\$209.29	\$2,823.40

Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Club Accounts

Bank Balances as at May 00

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Code	Account Name	Account Number	Amount
10	General Account	2895 17632	\$4,073.04
11	Project Account	2895 17659	\$13,743.13
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	\$38,933.46
Total all accounts			\$57,749.63

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Club Accounts

Balance sheet for period ending 31 May 00

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ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Club Funds

Balance at beginning of year	\$6,688.43
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$2,823.40
Balance to Date	\$9,511.83

Sunshine Fund

Balance at beginning of year	\$16,729.73
Excess (Deficit) for period	(\$8,166.05)
Balance to Date	\$8,563.68

Opportunity Shop Fund Account

Balance at beginning of year	\$4,868.02
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$370.55
Balance to Date	\$5,238.57

Rotary Foundation Fund

Balance at beginning of year	(\$140.75)
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$457.00
Balance to Date	\$316.25

Weekly Lotto Fund

Balance at beginning of year	\$1,458.15
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$386.50
Balance to Date	\$1,844.65

Art Show Fund

Balance at beginning of year	\$54,049.74
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$0.00
Balance to Date	\$54,049.74

Brian Dowie Park Project

Balance at beginning of year	\$980.77
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$2,837.39
Balance to Date	\$3,818.16

TOTAL FUNDS

\$83,342.88

Represented by:

ASSETS

General Account	\$4,073.04
Project Account	\$13,743.13
Esanda I/Ac 04A3385061	\$1,000.00
Term Dep 3 (9802-80334)	\$38,933.46
Rotary Foundation	\$1,580.00
Member's Current Accounts	\$525.00
Plant & Equipment	\$4,488.25
Paintings	\$19,000.00
Total Assets	\$83,342.88

Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Club Accounts

Fund Account Details to May 00

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1-9200 - Sunshine Fund

Income

Auction Sale	\$5,871.50
Aust. Rotary Health Research Fund	\$136.00
Brian Dowie Park	\$185.00
Carols By Candlelight	\$192.60
Community BBQ	\$202.10
Community Projects	\$929.40
Golf Day	\$1,317.00
Plum Pudding Sales	\$3,162.05
Youth Raffle	\$2,557.25
Youth Service	\$415.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,967.90

Expenditure

Auction Sale	\$4,309.10
Aust. Rotary Health Research Fund	\$90.00
Bowel Scan	\$500.00
Brian Dowie Park	\$8,260.00
Carols By Candlelight	\$199.45
Community BBQ	\$62.70
Community Projects	\$1,333.50
Donations Made	\$100.00
Exchange Students	\$510.00
GSE Visits	\$114.50
International Projects	\$1,175.30
Plum Pudding Sales	\$3,456.00
R.Y.L.A.	\$560.00
Vocational Sevice	\$349.45
Youth Raffle	\$520.95
Youth Service	\$1,593.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$23,133.95

Excess (Deficit) for Sunshine Fund	(\$8,166.05)
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Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Club Accounts

Fund Account Details to May 00

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1-9210 - Opportunity Shop Fund Account

Income

Income \$10,459.85

TOTAL INCOME \$10,459.85

Expenditure

Donations - Op Shop \$7,840.00

Electricity - Op Shop \$119.30

Miscellaneous Expense - Op Shop \$150.00

Rent - Op Shop \$1,980.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE \$10,089.30

Excess (Deficit) for Opportunity Shop Fund Account \$370.55

Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Club Accounts

Fund Account Details to May 00

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1-9230 - Rotary Foundation Fund

Income

Income & Donations fo Rotary Foundation

\$457.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$457.00

Excess (Deficit) for Rotary Foundation Fund

\$457.00

Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Club Accounts

Fund Account Details to May 00

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1-9240 - Weekly Lotto Fund

Income

Income from weekly lotto

\$873.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$873.00

Expenditure

expenses from weekly lotto

\$486.50

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

\$486.50

Excess (Deficit) for Weekly Lotto Fund

\$386.50

Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Club Accounts

Fund Account Details to May 00

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1-9260 - Brian Dowie Park Project

Income

Income

\$12,320.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$12,320.00

Expenditure

Expenses

\$9,482.61

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

\$9,482.61

Excess (Deficit) for Brian Dowie Park Project

\$2,837.39

Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Attendance Queries : Members - 01/07/1999 to 23/06/2000

Printed 23/06/2000

Member name	Member Type	Meetings Attended	Make Ups	Meetings Missed	Attendance Percentage
BAINBRIDGE Toby	A	4	0	4	50.0%
BOVALINO Charles	A	46	0	4	92.0%
BOYES David	A	30	0	20	60.0%
BROWN David	A	28	0	22	56.0%
BROWN Peter	A	29	0	21	58.0%
BROWN Rod	A	39	6	11	90.0%
BRUCE Don	SA	44	6	6	100.0%
BRYANT John	A	35	1	15	72.0%
CAULFIELD John	A	32	0	18	64.0%
COSTELOW Graham	A	38	5	12	86.0%
DAVIES Tom	A	35	1	15	72.0%
DELLAVEDOVA Shane	A	34	1	16	70.0%
EDWARDS Ted	A	37	0	13	74.0%
FIELD Jim	A	22	0	2	91.7%
HARRIS Gerard	A	36	0	14	72.0%
HAYWOOD Peter	A	42	0	8	84.0%
HAZLEDINE John	A	39	1	11	80.0%
JAMES Geoff	A	39	0	11	78.0%
* JENNINGS Noel	A	36	1	14	74.0%
KENNEDY Grant	A	34	1	16	70.0%
KNIGHT Charles	A	44	4	6	96.0%
MCLEISH Daryl	SA	44	4	6	96.0%
MCRAE Peter	A	44	6	6	100.0%
OHLSEN Anthony	A	46	0	4	92.0%
OSBORNE Bob	PS	41	9	9	100.0%
PHELAN Cliff	SA	37	0	13	74.0%
POTTER Trevor	A	29	1	21	60.0%
RAWLINGS Bryce	A	42	2	8	88.0%
ROWE Robert	A	38	2	12	80.0%
THOMAS Brian	A	35	7	15	84.0%
TOWNSING Charles	A	38	7	12	90.0%
TREBLE Peter	A	46	1	4	94.0%
TUNKS Eric	A	47	0	3	94.0%
TYNAN David	A	43	1	7	88.0%
WAIXEL Bernie	A	14	0	15	48.3%
WALLACE Col	A	34	0	16	68.0%
WALSH Peter	A	45	1	5	92.0%
WILLIAMSON John	A	27	1	23	56.0%
ZIMMER Ian	SA	40	3	10	86.0%

Clubmate



Club Service

1999-2000

President Don and fellow Rotarians, it is my pleasure to present the annual Club Service Report for the Rotary year ending June 2000.

Membership: led by PP Rodney Brown have work hard throughout the year continuously looking for prospective members. With a slight decrease of two (2) for the year, Rodney informs me that that there are still cards being processed in the system.

Program: Director Daryl McLeish has arranged an excellent array of speakers throughout the year. With a mix of varied functions away from the RSL hall, an excellent result has been obtained. Well done *Mr Muscles*.

Seargent At Arms: has been led by Gerard Harris and ably assisted by Col Wallace, have successfully extracted a huge amount of money from members. Each week the fines session was a highlight. (Gerard's jokes were not!).

Bulletins: have once again this year been compiled by Peter McRae and ably assisted by Peter Treble.

The Bulletin team have once again followed up from last years efforts and have supplied to members an informative, entertaining and some-what humorous editions, throughout the year. Well done fellows.

Fellowship: to a lot of members is the backbone of a club. Geoff James and his team have provided the club with an excellent effort throughout the year. from the well stocked fridges to the catering on special occasions, to the Ladie's Nights, well done Geoff from everyone.

I would like to personally congratulate President Don on his year as President and I am looking forward to working closely with PE Bryce.

Noel Jennings
Director
1999-2000



Community Service

1999-2000

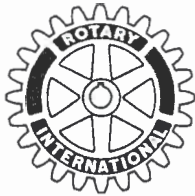
The year started a little slow but it wasn't long and we were at the Energy Breakthrough. This certainly removed any cobwebs. Thank you to the members who committed themselves to help make Rotary's contribution to the weekend a success. Also, thank you to President Don for sponsoring the corner and to Moira for supplying the coffee etc.

The change of format for Australia Day from breakfast to a late afternoon BBQ.. This didn't require a large number of members but we participated along with the Apex and Lions clubs. The Rotary club sold soft drinks to the attendees and we came away with a small profit.

April the 2nd saw the Giant Auction take place in the Clarendon Street car park. Whilst the venue was ideal in that it allowed us to spread out the items for sale. It created a lot of work on the Saturday and Sunday in terms of cataloguing the items and then shifting them from Gerard premises into the car park. If we are to continue holding the auction, we need to seriously consider a permanent venue were storage is available so that collections can occur throughout the year. Sincere thanks to Gerard for the use of his premises and apologies and disruption we caused. To all the Rotarians and partners who helped leading up to and on the day, thank you, without your tireless help it wouldn't have been a success

To the Community Service committee members and to all Rotarians, thanks for your support through the year.

Anthony Ohlsen
Director



International Service

1999-2000

This committee has had another successful year with its two principal activities being the Rotary Golf Day and the visit of the Group Study Exchange team from Scotland.

GOLF DAY.

This was again held on the Sunday before the Melbourne Cup. The weather was very kind to us and 56 Golfers enjoyed the day, contributing \$8 each. (\$454). Rotarians and local businesses were again generous in their support of the event, either with \$50 sponsorship of holes or donation of trophies.

We would like to thank the following:

Sponsors:

Bucknall & Gowers.
Central Highlands Water.
Centre State Printing.
Davies Joinery.
Don Bruce Toyota.
David Hare Optician.
Dental Surgery Maryborough.
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Red House Bakery.
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The Image Company.
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Trophy Donors.

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Sportscene.
Central Musik.
Gary Hutchinson Insurances.
Sportsco.
Shane Dellavedova.
Geoff James.
Noel Jennings.
Bob Osborne.
Errol Walsh.

And of course a big thank you to all the Rotarians and their families who helped on the day.

At the end of the day, we achieved a profit of almost \$1500. With some funds also left over from last year, we have contributed \$1000 to an orphanage in India, whose needs were seen first hand by our own cricketing Rotarians, Charles Townsing, Peter McRae and Rodney Brown. Together with money from other Rotary Clubs,

this will go a long way to improving the lot of the children that they care for. It is also planned that we will contribute a significant sum to Polio Plus, and any remaining funds to Interplast.

G.S.E. TEAM.

On the 18th March this year Warracknabeal Rotarians delivered five Scots to us, fresh(?) from their "day off" in Horsham. Graham Brown (leader), Joanna Jeffery (corporate banker), Jonathon Lieper (accountant), Carol MacLennan (optometrist) and Mark Czerniakiewicz (policeman), arrived to a welcome at Rtn Grant Kennedy's home for lunch, and later joined the International Committee for a BBQ tea at Rtn David Tynan's. On Sunday they enjoyed a picnic lunch at Blue Pyrenees Estate, unfortunately in the rain. Monday provided a chance to tour Maryborough and district, as well as visiting some of our industries, and was followed by their presentation to our Rotary Dinner meeting at Goldfields Restaurant. This was a very informative as well as enjoyable evening for all involved and culminated in everyone singing the unofficial new Scottish National Anthem, "Flower of Scotland". On the Tuesday, the Team spent their Vocational Day, with local members of their professions (whilst their leader played golf). I know that everyone involved found this experience both informative and broadening. I would like to thank all the Host Families. I know that you enjoyed it as much as my family did. Thanks also to Rtn Bob Osborne and President Don Bruce for showing the Team around the District on the Monday.

Thank you to my Committee for their assistance during my two years as International Director. I personally wish Rtn Col Wallace all the best for his term as Director. I regret that we have not been involved in the *Donations in Kind* program during my term, and commend that program to him.

COMMITTEE 1999 - 2000.

David Tynan (Director)

John Hazledine	Ian Zimmer	Errol Walsh	Tom Davies
Grant Kennedy	Peter Walsh	Rodney Brown	Col Wallace
Cliff Phelan	John Ritchie.		

David Tynan.
Director
1999-2000



Vocational Service

1999-2000

The first project undertaken was the 'Rotary Ball' which raised money for the TAFE building project for 'at risk' young people. The Ball was a great success, both socially and financially raising \$800, of which \$600 was donated to Jim Field for the purchase of tool boxes for his youth project.

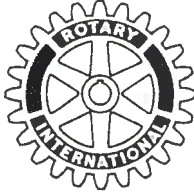
The 'Pride of Workmanship Awards' were held in March and recognised six people who displayed outstanding service to the community through their chosen profession within the category of 'small business'. The highlight of the night was viewing a video of the recipient's at work. Many thanks to Grant Kennedy for his expertise in compiling the video.

The Vocational Director has represented the Rotary Club at the monthly meetings of the Maryborough Network Group. The Group's aim is to support youths at risk in our community. A program is being developed which will involve Rotary members acting as mentors in their area of expertise.

Thank-you to all the committee members for their assistance and support throughout the year.

My best wishes are extended to the incoming committee.

Shane Dellavedova.
Director
1999-2000



Youth Service

1999-2000

The past twelve months has seen a very active and rewarding year in Youth Services for all members of the Maryborough Rotary Club.

Youth Exchange

Towards the end of July 1999, Faye Townsing accompanied me to the airport to meet our incoming exchange student and provide assistance with the interpretation.

Jorge Enrique Banos Illana had arrived from Tuxtpepex in Mexico, tired and jet lagged but managed to stay awake until he hit Maryborough.

Enrique attended Highview Christian Community College, was a member of the local volleyball team and gave a report at the District Conference in Mt Gambier.

Enrique attended to all Rotary functions and obligations in the youth arena with enthusiasm and has made a number of lasting friendships and contacts. Enrique was a particularly strong promoter to the youth exchange hopefuls at the Ballarat briefing session in March, of the idea of exchanges to Mexico. On behalf of Enrique, thanks are extended to the host mums and dads, Faye and Charles Townsing, Marissa and Eric Tunks, Sue and Rodney Brown, Glenys and David Tynan and Moira and Don Bruce.

Thanks are also extended to all Rotarians and their partners who have assisted in making Enrique's stay in Maryborough and Australia a most memorable affair.

Melissa Jacobs returned from her twelve month exchange in Ljungby, Sweden, in mid January 2000. Melissa's presentation to the Club outlined some of the highlights and the experiences of the exchange, and her European tour. Her thanks are extended to all Rotarians who made the exchange possible and so enjoyable.

Also in attendance at Melissa's presentation to the club were her mum and dad, grandpa and grandmother, Melissa's host sister and her friend who were visiting from Ljungby, Callum McClure, Castlemaine Rotary Clubs Exchange student and his dad, Tim Grogan, our outbound student for the year 2001 and his mum and dad, visiting Rotarians from the Stawell Rotary Club and their exchange student from the Phillipines, and some students from Enrique's school. What a great way to promote Rotary, our club, the youth exchange program and the youth of today.

Two very good applications were received for the Outgoing Exchange position for 2001 and thanks are extended to Jan Rawlings and Rotarian Daryl Mcleish for their assistance on the selection panel. As mentioned above, Tim Grogan was nominated by our club for this position, and the District Youth Committee have selected Tim as our exchange student. Tim will be hosted by a Rotary Club in France and we wish him well.

The Club have agreed to host an exchange student, Senna, from Finland, in the coming Rotary year and thanks are extended to all Rotarians and partners for their support, assistance and hostings in this most rewarding service.

The role of student counsellor is ever changing and very important to the success of any student's exchange. It is also a very rewarding role and as counsellors to both Melissa and Enrique, Narelle and I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thanks for the hints and guidance, Jan and Bryce.

Rotarian John Hazeldine offered to take on the role of outbound student counsellor and John will be of great assistance to Tim in his journey to France.

Rotarian David Tynan also offered to take up the position of incoming student counsellor and the Tynan's will be our young girl from Finland first host family on arrival.

In brief, the year in Youth Exchange went something like this; Melissa away, Enrique incoming, Melissa return, Tim outgoing, Enrique leaving, Hazeldine in, Rowe out, Tynan in, Senna in.

Seimenns Summer Science Experience

This year, our Club sponsored four local students to participate in this event. Students nominated a university that they would like to attend to study science and after a selection process, they were sent off to the university for three days of adventure, learning, and familiarisation.

David Symington attended the University of Melbourne, Ashley Laurens and Ewan Dowie attended the University of Ballarat and Sally Hudson attended the University of Adelaide.

National Youth Science Forum

Maryborough Regional College student, Wendy Field was selected by our club to spend two weeks at the National Youth Science Forum at the National University in Canberra from the 1st to the 17th of January 2000. Wendy had a wonderful experience and gave a presentation to the club that was both informative and appreciative in nature and content.

Wendy has also made promotional presentations to other schools in our district, as well as the Rotary Club of St Arnaud, and has turned into an accomplished and willing speaker on the benefits of this forum.

Because of her efforts at the forum, Wendy was chosen to represent the Rotary Club of Maryborough, her school, her country and herself at the National Youth Science World Forum in South Africa in July 2000. Wendy is the first representative of this club to reach this level of achievement and she is only one of 26, selected from in excess of 300 students from across Australia. Wendy will be attending Universities in Pretoria, Johannesburg and Cape Town.

To be able to attend this *chance of a life time*, Wendy and her family, with the assistance of the University of Canberra, undertook fundraising activities and thanks are extended to all those who have assisted in these efforts.

Wendy has also been selected to return to Canberra next January as a student councillor for the 2001 intake.

Congratulations are extended to Wendy and we look forward to future evenings when Wendy will be our guest speaker.

Wendy wished me to record her thanks to the Maryborough Rotary Club and its members for this wonderful opportunity.

Major Raffle

Rotarian Charles and Gayle Bovalino must be thanked for their effort in organising and coordinating this fund raiser and all club members who assisted with this effort are also to be congratulated.

Cranborne Exchange

This year, twelve students from the Cranborne Secondary College made a return visit with the Highview Christian Community College. Activities were arranged by the Highview staff and included visits to a farm, goldpanning and bushwalking. A pizza and video night capped off the exchange. A letter of appreciation was received from the Cranborne Rotary Club on behalf of the students and thanks are forwarded to the Highview staff.

Thanks are also extended to Rotarian Daryl McLeish for driving the bus to Melbourne and President Don Bruce for donating the hire of one of his buses from his car lot.

Cakes and Pudds!

Rotarian Bob Osborne must be thanked for his continuing efforts in organising and coordinating the annual "cakes and pudds" fund raiser prior to Christmas. All club members who assisted Bob with this effort are also to be congratulated.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Rotarian Bob Osborne once sought nominations for young adults aged between 18 to 24 to participate in this excellent program. Hanna Mortlock and Celia Williamson were sponsored by our club to attend this worthwhile program. The venue was Cave Hill Creek at the base of Mt Cole and the Rotary Club of Beaufort was the coordinating club. Barry Furness, the course facilitator was ably assisted by paststudents and David and Jenny flames were the host mum and dad. Hanna and Celia, in their presentation to the Club, outlined their initial apprehension in attending RYLA, but went on to highlight their experiences and forward their appreciation to all concerned for a wonderful program.

The following youth, have all been touched by Rotary Youth programs and they have been assisted and helped by the members and partners of the Maryborough Rotary Club. Melissa Jacobs, Jorge Enrique Banos Illana, Wendy Field, Tim Grogan, Tara Patterson, David Symington, Ashley Laurens, Ewan Dowie, Sally Hudson, Hanna Mortlock, Celia Williamson and the 12 member Cranborne Youth Ensemble.

It does not include those that they have spoken to about their experiences.

Robert Rowe
Director
1999-2000



Fellowship Report

1999-2000

The Fellowship committee of the Rotary Club of Maryborough started the year with grand ambitions of introducing a range of new fellowship activities to the club. We explored the possibilities of some 'fun' activities each meeting like "guessing the song" or "secret sound", or writing captions for photographs etc.

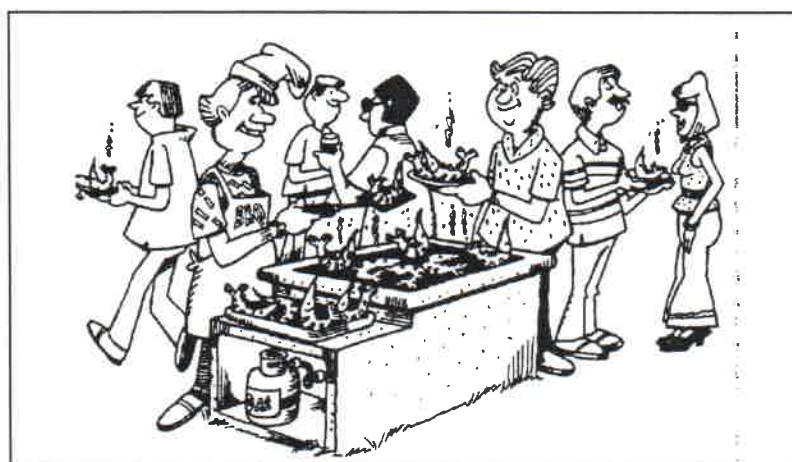
Upon reflection, we realized that our weekly meetings are already fairly crowded with activities, and we do in fact continue to enjoy the traditional "fun" activities like "Heads and Tails" and "Fines", so that idea was shelved - maybe next year? We also thought about having some more special evening events like movie nights, or trips to see interesting businesses in Ballarat or Bendigo, or maybe even a trip to the motor event at Bathurst or something like a "Christmas in July" evening. As the year evolved, we realized that the program committee of the club had already planned a rich range of experiences, and that many of these included a strong "fellowship" element. In the end, we did run an enjoyable "Movie Night" of our own, and assisted with a combined Movie night with the Maryborough Hospital committee. We didn't get to Bathurst, but we did get to Clunes to see Wesley College and join with members from the Wendouree Rotary Club.

We didn't get a "Christmas in July", but we did join with the Vocational Service committee to run an enjoyable Dinner Dance last September. In between times, we sold drinks at our weekly meetings, provided drinks and "nibblies" at quite a few "Ladies Nights", catered for several Bar-B-Que teas at Working Bees, and also provided food and drinks for this year's Rotary Auction. Whilst there weren't a great number of events that we could call exclusively "Fellowship" activities, our committee certainly facilitated and assisted with many events where "fellowship" certainly happened! Early in our year we also suggested a change to the number of people "on fellowship duties" each week. By having an extra person on the roster, we figured that we would have someone available to act as a "host" and be able to welcome visitors as they arrive at our weekly meetings. This plan seemed to work fairly well during the year, and we would certainly recommend that the procedure be continued.

In retrospect, one other suggestion our executive might consider is some way in which the Program group and Fellowship Committee could link together early in each Rotary year to plan events together. We certainly ended up doing this, and the process worked well. However, before the Fellowship committee plans anything, the members need to have a fair idea of what is being planned for the club week by week so that clashes are avoided.

This year's committee members included Geoff James (Chairman), Ian Zimmer, Ted. Potter, David Brown, Tom Davies, Graeme Costelow, Anthony Ohlsen, Peter Haywood, Charles Knight, and Don Bruce. My thanks goes to each member for their hard work, fellowship and support over the year.

Geoff James
CHAIRMAN





Program

1999-2000

In my 25th year as a Rotarian I ventured, unwittingly, into the world of the unknown. Having figured as President and Secretary and through most of the realms of Rotary Service I agreed to become Program Chairman for President Don.

I never envisaged what a challenging position it would be!

If one looks at the statistics there is about 40 speakers needed a year, or nights of entertainment to be filled for the meetings, Club Assemblies, new members and exchange speakers make up the other about 10.

Now that doesn't seem a big problem until one remembers that about the last four or five years of speakers are out of contention so that takes care of about 160 to 200 possibilities.

Then there is the sweat on the brow whilst indulging in fellowship before the meeting and the speaker has not arrived and the relief as he or she emerges through the door. But then there is the speaker that finds that they cannot make it this Thursday and the panic to have suitable entertainment at such short notice, especially when its a ladies night the urgency compounds.

So take heed any future President of the Rotary Club of Maryborough if you get ambitious enough to ask me to be Program Chairman for you the answer will be a flat...Yes! and why not, there out there in their score and I'll get them even if I have to drag them screaming by the toe nails and strap them to the lectern and prod them with sharp pins, 'yep' the show must go on.

Yes there is three people in this world that age prematurely, The President of the United States of America, The Prime Minister of Australia and The Program Chairman of the Maryborough Rotary Club.

Even so I must thank President Don, who incidently was my sponsor into Rotary 25 years ago, for asking me to assist him in this capacity for his year and for the opportunity of being MC for the Changeover on July first 1999. President Don and Moira received a right royal Scottish welcome on that night of his induction, a night that was complimented by many, thankyous.

I was also able to assist with the welcome for the Scottish GSE Team which was a great night.

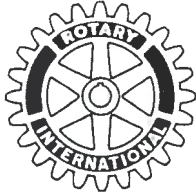
A number of other Rotarians assisted me when the chips were down and speakers hard to find, so along with my accomplices, John Hazledine and John Caulfield I thank you all and hope that you had a good year.

Daryl McLeish
Program Chairman
1999-2000.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH
PROGRAM REPORT 1999-2000**

Date	Chairman	Speaker	Topic
July	8th Daryl McLeish	Charles Townsing	Changeover - Don Bruce
	15th Pres Don Bruce	D G Bruce Ridland	District Info Visit
	22nd John Williamson	Sonia Stoneman	Literacy Month (Ladies Night)
	29th Charles Bolivno	Lynette Burns/ Adrian Stevens	Skateboard Park
Aug	5th John Hazledine	Peter Haywood	My Job Talk
	12th Daryl McLeish	Daryl McLeish	Carisbrook Ghosts
	19th Ted Edwards	Cpt Bruce Cassidy	The Community Story
	26th John Selmon/Rod Brown		Rotary Information
Sept	2nd VP Noel Jennings		Club Assembly
	9th Pres Don Bruce	Committee Chairmen	Club Assembly
	16th Picture Night Ladies Night		"Runaway Bride"
	23rd Noel Jennings	Rohan Macaulay	Community Banking
	30th Peter Treble	Garry Higgins	Revised Chamber of Commerce
Oct	7th Daryl McLeish	Ian Kemp	Goldfields Tourism
	14th Daryl McLeish	Committee Chairmen	Club Assembly
	21st Grant Kennedy	Trish Walsh	Employment Placement
	28th Bob Osborne	Claire Williams	RYLA Re-visit
Nov	4th Robert Rowe	Wendy Field	Summer Science School
	11th Peter Treble	Maggie Isom	Rotary Health
	18th Pres Don Bruce	District Presidents	Group 7 Club Reports
	25th Pres Don	Brian Thomas Annual Meeting	Rotary Fellowship Elections
Dec	2nd David Boyes	Nestle' Visit	Wendouree Breakfast
	9th Brian Thomas	Brian Dowie Park	Evening working Bee
	16th Christmas Breakup		Maldon Hotel
	23rd Christmas Recess		
	30th Christmas Recess		
Jan	6th B B Q	Jubilee Park	B Y O Social get together
	13th B B Q	Jubilee Park	B Y O Social get together
	20th Robert Rowe	Wendy Field	Returned from Summer Science School
	27th Pres Don Bruce	Club Chairmen	Club Assembly
Feb	3rd Daryl McLeish	Toby Bainbridge	G S T and Computers
	10th Industry Visit to Gells Honey		Extracting Honey Demo/B B Q
	17th Charles Townsing	Hal Fry Rotary	Rotary Foundation
	24th Brian Thomas	Brian Dowie Park	Working Bee & B B Q
Mar	2nd Robert Rowe	Melissa Jacobs	After a Year of Youth Exchange
	9th David Tynan	Peter Keast	Specialist in Anaesthesia.
	16th Bryce Rawlings	Bowls Night	Inter Club Function-Lions & Apex
	20th Pres Don	G S E Team from Scotland	Ladies Night
	30th Peter Haywood	Bernie Waxiel	My Job Talk

April	6th	Trevor Potter	Jim Field	My Job Talk
	13th	Charles Bolovino	Melinda Cain	Venturing into business at 17 years
	20th	Pres Don	Brian Thomas	Garden Week Celebrations
	27th	Shane Dellavedova		Pride of Workmanship Awards
May	4th	John Hazeldine	Chris Hadwin	Optomology
	11th	David Boyes	Peter Bruce	Working for the Dole
	18th	Tom Davies	Alan Denham	Talbot Today & Tomorrow
	25th	Bob Osborne	RYLA Attendees	Celia Williamson & Hanna Mortlock
		Rob Rowe	Wendy Field	Kim Windmill Sarah Jelderks Trust
June	1st	Daryl McLeish	Wesley College,	Clunes Campus
	8th	Ian Zimmer	Marcia Dion	Joint visit with Wendouree Breakfast
		also	Jorge Enrique Banos Illana	Polio Plus
	15th	Bryce Rawlings	Incoming President's night	My year in Australia
22nd	Pres Don	Don's Party Dons	Club Assembly	
				Highland Society



Bowelscan

2000

Bowelscan 2000 was conducted during the month of May 2000.

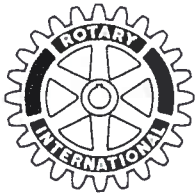
The result has been satisfactory with 692 kits being sold, an increase of 15% of the figures of last year.

We are again indebted to Peter Haywood and Peter Millikan and their staff at Maryborough, Avoca and Dunolly. The fact that the kits are readily available in the pharmacies is of great help to the public and of course, to us Rotarians.

Once again the Maryborough Advertiser has been generous with their publicity.

This project once again has proved a very powerful public relations exercise for our club.

John Ritchie PP, PHF
Bowelscan Co-Ordinator



Brian Dowie Park

1999-2000

The year 1999/2000 has been a significant year for development of the Brian Dowie Park. Thanks to the decision of the Board in 1998/9 to underwrite the project to the value of \$12,500, the committee has been able to seek and obtain funding, and major works have been completed.

Thanks also to the efforts of Charles Knight, and the co-operation of Central Goldfields Shire, we received a "Partnership for Growth" grant and with donations received earlier, and the grant from Parks Victoria received in March 1999, we were able to proceed with the planned works and the value of contracts, supplies and time donated, amounted to approximately \$44,000.

The first two thirds of the arboretum area was laid out and planted by Club members.

The car park area was formed and gravelled by Council, the large rocks which we acquired thanks to Charles Townsing were placed in position on the Heritage walk by Noel Nunn.

Steven Lettisser and Wayne Shay made the water connection and we received valuable assistance from Central Highlands Water in organising that installation.

The floor of the Interpretive Centre was laid in pattern concrete.

The plan which was donated by Carramar Nursery was used as the basis for landscaping. Subsequently a contract was let to Carramar to form and plant the rockeries, install the water area for birds, the irrigation system and lay the pathways around the interpretive centre, including the heritage walkway. We were well pleased with the work done by David Schupan.

The future wetlands area and the car park was fenced by Alan Stead in his professional manner and more gravel was used to complete the walkway to the old Chalk's No. 2 mine site.

Our earlier application to Parks Victoria for funding of the panels of the Interpretive centre had been successful (with a grant of \$ 5960), so we set about the composition of the text and photos for the panels. Alec Stoneman

made a huge contribution by developing the total text for the Geology panel while Gary Cheers, Daryl McLeish, Betty Osborn, Barbara Willis, Alison Thiess all helped with the information for the remaining panels, while Grant Kennedy took photos for use in the compositions.. Many others also helped including those who reviewed the text and provided photos.

Gerard Harris used the resources of The Image Company to create the final artwork, while Tom Davies made the supporting panels and frames and carried out the installation, all to the original estimates.

In the mean time we have secured a further grant from Parks Victoria for a small interpretive stand at the Chalks gold mine site; that will be completed in early Spring.

The Friends of Tullaroop Creek, Moolort Landcare, Central Goldfields and Rotary are working together on an Olympic tree planting project. Resulting funds will enable further tree planting in the arboretum area in August. Students from Maryborough Secondary College will work with us to do the actual planting.

The total project has benefited from the participation of many people and is now showing its potential to be a significant community asset.

While we have been fortunate to acquire grants for much of the work, it has been the effort of our members which has made the project possible and, if we can step this up for the next six months, we will have a wonderful contribution to make to the celebration of the Centenary of Federation when the Brian Dowie Park is finally opened on January 26th. 2001.

Brian Thomas
Chairman.



Davies family Appeal

President Don and fellow Rotarians.

In early March a family lost its home, and all their belongings due to fire. The Davies family of Red Lion did not have the house and contents insured whatsoever.

The family consists the father, a son (Year 12) and a daughter (Year 8).

There were extenuating circumstances in that Mrs Davies had died of a heart attack about two years ago when rescuing their daughter from drowning in the sea.

On request from the Central Goldfields Shire Council, Rotary and Lions were asked to co-ordinate an appeal to assist the family. Highview College had received numerous donations and were not in a position to act themselves.

A small committee involving Eric Symons (CGSC & Lions) and myself as convenor was set up to organise the program.

The following has since transpired.

Donations received were recorded and placed in a Trust account at the ANZ bank. The Trustees are President Don Bruce, Mayor Barry Rinaldi and myself. Amounts from this account are being disbursed as required.

It should be recorded that all service clubs, State Relief and many local businesses and other individuals have been most supportive in either generous donations or given of their time at working bees.

Mr Ian McMillan in particular has spent considerable time in consultation with the Australian Taxation Office, and in particular with the establishment of the Trust Deed.

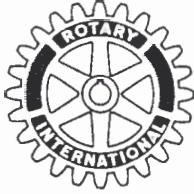
The family is currently housed on the site in a shed which has been made suitably comfortable for occupation.

Mr Davies with the help of friends and volunteers is currently rebuilding the home. Much of the donated goods will become part of the furniture in the rebuilt home. Shortly a call for volunteers will be made asking for volunteers to assist in the making of mud bricks.

Appropriate counselling is being given as requested to the various family members.

I acknowledge the families of Highview College for their continued support, and all others who have contributed in any way.

Bob Osborne PP, PHF
Conveynor, Davies Family Appeal



Fundraising Report

1999-2000

President Don and fellow Rotarians.

Maryborough Rotary Club once again participated in the sales of Cakes and Puddings as a form of club fundraising.

Sixty (60) boxes were purchased due to the fact that we did not have any carry over stock from the previous year, due to large sales. As a result twelve boxes remain with the odd sale from time to time.

as stated in previous years sales efforts rely on only a few members, and I believe that the potential is there to greatly increase the revenue without too much effort.

as a result we made \$2.25 profit per unit which is a very good margin. Our profits were approximately \$800.00 and have been allocated to the Youth committee.

My thanks are extended to those who were supportive in 1999/2000, and in particular to Rotarian Anthony Ohlsen for allowing us to use his premises as a store and pick-up-point for the products.

I recommend that the project continues in the coming year, hopefully realising its full potential.

Bob Osborne PP, PHF



Opportunity Shop

1999-2000

Several organisations once again received financial benefits from the operation of the Burns St, 'Op-Shop'.

They are:

Back Creek Kindergarten, Talbot

Carisbrook Scouts

Maryborough Bone Marrow District Register

Toy Library

Red Cross

Save The Children Fund

School Chaplaincy

Riding For The Disabled

Inner Wheel Club

Maryborough Hospital Auxiliary.

We are indebted to Mrs Ann Cornwill and her band of helpers who were responsible for raising an amount of \$12,719.00, a great result considering the shop is only open approximately 12 hours per week. After expenses such as rent and other incidentals were met, an amount of \$9910.00 was distributed to the above organisations.

As in the past this report relates to the calendar year and reflects the figures as at December 1999.

After 10 years of valuable, dedicated and unselfish service, Mrs Cornwill has indicated that she is going to retire from the responsibility of overseeing the shop at the end of December 2000. She has been a wonderful asset, we will surely miss her.

This committee made up of PP Lindsay Willersdorf, PP John Ritchie and myself has been a very workable one.

John Selmon PP
Chairman



Probus Report

1999-2000

President Don and fellow Rotarians.

The Probus movement continues to go from strength to strength, with rapid growth in Victoria and within our District 9780.

Locally, the combined club, Ladies Club, Avoca and our new club in Dunolly continue to flourish with approximately 300 probians in the area.

The Maryborough Rotary Club was successful in accrediting Dunolly this year with a foundation membership of 37. It is already adding new members and looks set for a bright future.

Thanks are due to President Don Bruce and the club board for their support, along with Probians from the other three clubs.

Maryborough has a sound representation at the State Association, and our clubs are held in high esteem.

Within the next twelve months there is potential to investigate the possibility of a third club in Maryborough.

Bob Osborne PP, PHF
Probus Liaison Officer
President Probus Association of Victoria



RYLA Report

1999-2000

President Don and fellow Rotarians.

This club has a considerable commitment to Youth programs, not the least being that of RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).

We have had representation on the district committee for many years, with myself since 1995 (currently chairman) and prior to this PP Daryl McLeish.

I apologise if you occasionally all feel 'RYLA'd out' due to my constant promotion of this program within the club, however I believe this program is to be considered as one of Rotary's best hidden programs in District 9780.

This years event was again conducted at Cave Hill Creek (near Beaufort) and it was a successful event.

Hannah Mortlock and Celia Williamson were our worthy representatives of our club, and this was illustrated when they addressed the club in may.

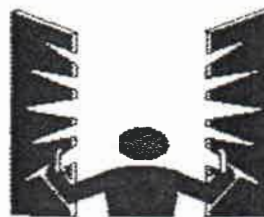
Young people who undertake this program gain great benefit both personally and usually return with a greater understanding of themselves and often better employees in the work place.

A difficulty encountered this year was that clubs were late with their entries, almost causing a cancellation of this years program. Fortunately this was not the case and forty seven (47) participants had a great week.

The host club this year was Beaufort, and the camp *Mum and Dad* were David and Jenny Haymes from Ballarat.

My thanks are extended to our Youth Chairman, Robert Rowe for his support in gaining our representatives in the year 2000.

Bob Osborne PP, PHF
District 9780
RYLA Chairman





Sound Shell Report

1999-2000

In March 1999, I was asked by then President-Elect Don Bruce to help form a committee to investigate the possibility of building a Sound Shell during his year as President.

In May 1999, we obtained copies of plans that the Rotary Club of Bright had used to build a Sound Shell in 1988.

In June 1999, I drove to Swan Hill and Moama with Rotarian's Charles Knight and Ian Zimmer to photograph and see their Sound Shells first hand. The committee then met to see how these designs could be improved upon. We received a large amount of feedback from potential user groups as to what their individual requirements would be in a Sound Shell concept.

In July, President Don and myself met with the then local State MLA Stephen Elder, to see what State Government assistance was available. He was very very supportive of the club's proposal and suggested a *Partnerships in Growth* Grant be applied for. The Engineering Department of the Central Goldfields Shire Council developed a preliminary design and costings for the proposed Sound Shell.

Subsequently in August 1999, the committee met with three councillors and council staff in Princes Park to discuss our preferred site. We were asked, why site a Sound Shell in Princes Park? Why not Phillips Gardens? We answered that the Princes Park site was central to all, a traditional meeting place with an abundance of room for people to move without having to remove trees or buildings. It is also the preferred site of Carols by Candlelight. It is ironic that the Carols by Candlelight was moved from Phillips Gardens due to the lack of space for such a production.

The Grant application was finally submitted in late August 1999, using our preliminary plan and costings. The Grant application was for \$50,000, with a \$25,000 contribution from the Rotary Club of Maryborough, \$5,000 from the Council and \$20,000 from donations and in kind labour. A total of \$100,00 was the budgeted figure for the project.

In September 1999 the club engaged Brian Douglas to refine and draw up detailed plans.

After the State election in October 1999, President Don and myself met with the new local member, Joe Helper, to discuss the Sound Shell project and gain his support. Mr Helper was fully supportive of the project and we have since kept him informed of our progress.

On March 23rd, 2000, the committee agreed to write a letter to the C.G.S.C to the attention of Mr Mark Johnson, inquiring about the progress of our grant application. Two weeks had lapsed when we received a response that the council would inquire about our application and would inturn advise the club. On May 24, 2000, we received a fax from Charles Knight which is included in this report.

The protracted delay has been caused by the Heritage cover being placed on Princes Park, and the conservation masterplan that is being undertaken by the Central Goldfields Shire Council.

I have since been in contact with Donna Collier at Business Victoria, who has suggested that I contact Heritage Victoria about our concept and design. In turn, Heritage Victoria requested that we send a copy of our detailed plans and a site plan for their records/information. This has duly been done.

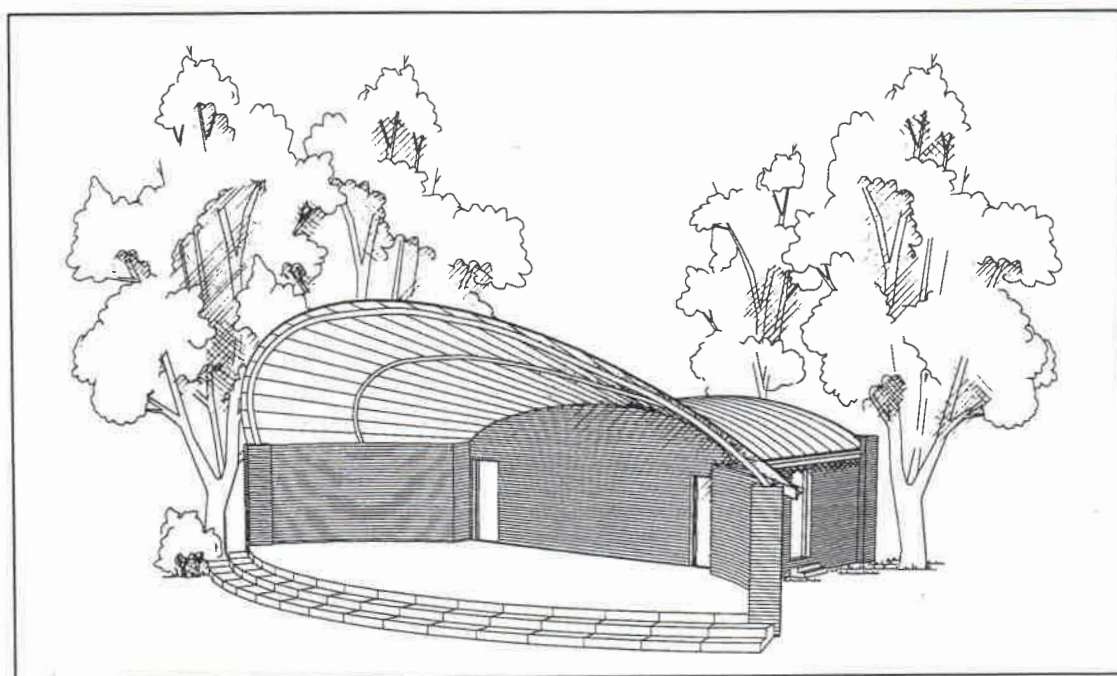
Due to the delays caused by the drafting of a conservation masterplan for Princes Park, we will have to re-submit our application for the *Partnerships in Growth* funding.

Heritage Victoria have informed me that even if they ultimately approve our design concepts, we will still need approval from D.N.R.E and a permit from council, before any further action will take place.

I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their input and support, over what has been a long drawn out process, and we can only hope that we will reach a satisfactory outcome in the very near future.

Yours in Rotary

Peter Treble PP
Chairman



Proposed Rotary Sound Shell - Princes Park