

ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH

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ANNUAL REPORT

2002-2003



Fellow Rotarians and partners, well it's said that 12 months is a long time, I can assure you that three years ago when elected as Vice President I would have agreed but now at the conclusion of my 12 months as President I'm not so sure.

From the handover dinner last year, the momentum from the previous year carried on. It seemed that each week a new challenge or a new project was being put forward.

The launch of the mobile BBQ certainly contributed to the momentum, it has I believe galvanised the club members into realising that it's not difficult to get out amongst the community to promote Rotary, to enjoy the experience and to raise funds. From the first catering job it has been constant with the BBQ being used at the Energy Breakthrough, the Great Victorian Bike Ride for breakfast on the Friday morning and then for morning tea on Saturday at Drummond (midway between Daylesford and Malmsbury), at various Golf Club events, Carols by Candlelight, Uniting Church Function, Council Emergency Planning meeting, the Nestlé Auction, it just rolls on and on. What I am pleased to see is that it is not the same members who are putting their hands up all the time, this is great to see. To Gerard Harris, thank you for the huge effort you have put into this project. With regard to the actual BBQ, there has been a considerable amount of interest from other clubs to have a BBQ built for them.

What else have we been involved in, where do I start:-

- Polio Plus – the club has made a concerted effort to meet the call of Rotary International in raising sufficient funds for the eradication of polio in the next 5 years. Our contribution has exceeded \$5,000
- Youth Exchange – we have once again sponsored an outgoing student in Selena Chapman, Selena is currently in Denmark. We have also had an inbound exchange student in Youko Hoshizaki from Japan. Maddie Alverz-Harris is our next outgoing student, Maddie is heading for Finland and we have another incoming student in the next few weeks, Anna Pimental from Brazil.
- Clean Up Australia Day – we have participated in CUAD at the Ballarat Road site.
- Yearly Auction – initially we thought we would have a rest from the auction but thanks to the generosity of Nestle and the keen sense of adventure by Rtn Peter Brown to suggest that the Rotary Club of Maryborough could organise an auction to dispose of surplus goods, boy did we put in a grand effort, almost 100% participation for the day, thank you Peter and your helpers and Nestle for the commission of in excess of \$12,000.
- Energy Breakthrough – always a big weekend for the club, this year no exception as we manned Maryborough Toyota corner and used the BBQ to supply hamburgers etc for sale, thank you to all involved.

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- Nurses Home – well, what started out as a tour of the site of the new buildings at the hospital courtesy of Rtn Bernie Waixel early in 2002, became a project of much fellowship, brute force and a sense of achievement. To basically strip out/salvage anything of value from the 3 storey complex prior to its demolition and then to sell the materials and donate the proceeds back to the building fund was a huge task. But it was fun and achieved a donation of approximately \$10,000 to the building fund
- Brian Dowie Park – a couple of working bees were held at the park to cut grass, prune trees and in general tidy up the surrounds, sadly enthusiasm seems to be waning slightly but I'm sure the park will continue to be a show piece for the club.
- Christmas Function – this year we had a mystery tour travelling by buses via Dunolly, Natta Yallock with the final destination being the Blue Pyrenees Winery. A great night and meal was had by all who attended. The wildlife on the way home was almost to close for comfort.
- Sale of Rotary Art – this year saw the club deciding to sell the 4 paintings it owned from the days of the Rotary Art Show, whilst not a unanimous decision, the outcome was I believe in the best interest of the club, Shapiro Auction House was engaged to undertake the sale. All four paintings have now been sold. With the income from the sale of the first painting being donated to the Hospital Building Fund.
- Centenary Celebrations – whilst late starting with this, we have established a committee to investigate the most opportune way of celebrating the Centenary of Rotary, the club is investigating the possibility of providing much needed accommodation for trainee doctors and family of in care patients at the Maryborough Hospital, plus considering the construction of a sound shell for the community and also a toilet block at Brian Dowie Park, just one of these will be a fitting event, it may be possible to achieve all three.

The club has seen the induction of four new members for the 2002-2003 year and whilst we haven't quite met the goal set, we have certainly achieved quality in with our new members, our first new member Sharon Fanning, Sharon is no stranger to Rotary having previously been a member of the Rotary Club of Nullumby in NT. Sharon has the classification of Banking Services and was inducted on the 05/12/02

Noel Quaife was our next new member and was inducted on the 01/05/03 and has the classification of Textile Services.

Our most recent inductees are Garry Higgins and Stephen Walker both were inducted on the 22/05/03; Garry has the classification of Pastry Cook and Stephen, Forklift Training Services.

During the year we had a one reasonably sad occasion albeit for the right reasons with PP and PHF Lindsay Willersdorf relocating to Melbourne to be closer to his family. Lindsay as you will recall was a charter member of the club, rather than accept Lindsay's resignation

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from the club the Board seen fit to bestow an Honorary Life Membership on Lindsay, the least it could do for a member with the club history that Lindsay has.

To Rotarians Peter Treble (Community), Shane Dellavedova (Youth), Jim Field (Vocational), Col Wallace (International), thankyou for your participation and support as members of the Board and also to the members of your various committees.

To PE Charles Knight (Club Service), Sergeant-At-Arms David Hare, Fellowship Chairman Gerard Harris, Bulletin Editor Geoff James, Program Organiser Peter Haywood please accept my sincere thanks for your untiring efforts throughout the year.

To Bob Osborne, Toby Bainbridge, Bob for the Cakes and Pudds and together with Toby for the footy comp thankyou.

To PP Brian Thomas, a big thankyou for your role as Assistant DG to District Governor Pat. Your efforts have been appreciated in being a fine ambassador for our club at the District level.

To PP John Ritchie, what can you say to express gratitude to John for his tireless work over the years towards Bowelscan. Thankyou John.

Thanks also to PP Bryce Rawlings for his role as Attendance Officer and for volunteering to chair the Centenary Celebration Committee.

To Peter McRae for keeping club records intact and also for the effort in putting the Annual Report together, thanks Peter.

To Secretary Derrick Marsden and Treasurer Brian Thomas, a special thankyou to you both for your efforts during the year, the amount of correspondence that has come in over the 12 months has been huge and with the use of email will not reduce. Brian your comprehensive Treasurers report were much appreciated

To the RSL Ladies, what a magnificent job you do, many of our visitors are astounded at the level of services you provide, keep on keeping on.

To my wife Kerrie and family, thankyou for your support and understanding throughout the year, it certainly has been a team effort.

Finally, to all the members and their partners, thankyou, you have all contributed to what has been for me a fantastic experience, one I haven't regretted however I must admit, 12 months ago I wasn't so sure. To the partners, I apologise for allowing the meetings to run late. Oh I forgot most of you wanted the meetings to go longer didn't you.

To incoming President Charles Knight and Vicki, and your Board, I wish you a rewarding and successful year in 2003-2004. I know you will have the full support of a strong and enthusiastic club

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Paul Harris Fellows

The Board has decided to recognise the service to Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Maryborough and to the Maryborough and District community by way of making four of our members Paul Harris Fellows. Those members are Rtn's Wes Parsons, Cliff Phelan, PP Ian Zimmer and PP Peter Treble. I congratulate you all on being recognised for your contribution and service to Rotary and the community.

Anthony Ohlsen

PRESIDENT

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My year as Secretary has been made enjoyable due to the support of President Anthony, Treasurer Brian and our four very able Directors Peter, Col, Jim and Shane.

During the Rotary year I have completed the following tasks

- Collect and distribute inward correspondence
- Completed outward correspondence following Board meetings
- Prepared agendas and minutes for Board meetings
- Prepared the semi annual returns to RI as at July 1st and January 1st.
- Completed half yearly returns to RDU during May and November

During the year we took delivery of our "Food Preparation Vehicle" which has been a wonderful asset to the club and has been very well supported by the community, many thanks to Gerard and his band of helpers.

A much debated subject "The Sale of the Rotary Paintings" was resolved and to date a number of our paintings have been auctioned and or/sold with a very successful result, funds from the sale will go to very worthwhile causes including the Maryborough Hospital Building Fund.

They some good always comes from a sad event, during the year we saw the closure of the Nestle factory. Out of the ashes, due to the support of Rtn. Peter Brown we had a very successful event in the auction of surplus equipment, many thanks to Peter and his team.

On a personal note my involvement with the "Rotary Cricket Fellowship" saw Sandra and I attend a game at the "Home" of Rotary cricket in Victoria at Strath Creek. A wonderful day was had by all. I was lucky enough to play in a winning team. The highlight of the day was to see the children at the game, some without arms and legs and to see the fantastic attitude these kids have to life. The support to these children is Rotary in action.

Not many Rotarians get the opportunity to attend a Rotary International Conference but if you ever do, make the effort. Sandra and I found it a terrific experience and enjoyed every moment. It was an awesome experience to be in a room with 8000 people and to see the fellowship that exists within Rotary.

Derrick Marsden

SECRETARY

Secretary's Report

Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA

Members Attendance Summary: 2002-2003

Name	Member Type	Meetings Attended	Makeups	Meetings Missed	%
Allan Terry	AO	36	12	14	96.00
Bainbridge Toby	AO	42	5	8	94.00
Ball Douglas	AO	9	6	41	30.00
Bovalino Charles	AO	48	1	2	98.00
Boyes David	AO	29	0	21	58.00
Brown David	AO	39	0	11	78.00
Brown Peter	AO	32	10	18	84.00
Brown Rod	AO	43	1	7	88.00
Brownbill Geoff	AO	34	0	16	68.00
Bruce Don	SAO	34	2	16	72.00
Bryant John	AO	42	2	8	88.00
Bursill Robert	AO	42	1	8	86.00
Caulfield John	AO	37	2	13	78.00
Costelow Graham	SAO	40	0	10	80.00
Davies Tom	AO	33	3	17	72.00
Dellavedova Shane	AO	32	2	18	68.00
Dowie Brian	HON	2	0	48	4.00
Edwards Ted	SAO	32	1	18	66.00
Fanning, Sharon	AO	5	1	12	35.29
Field Jim	AO	42	3	8	90.00
Forster, Ross	AO	34	1	16	70.00
Hare, David	AO	50	0	0	100.00
Harris Gerard	AO	33	5	17	76.00
Haywood Peter	AO	44	0	6	88.00
Hazledine John	AO	32	0	18	64.00
Higgins, Garry	AO	6	0	0	100.00
James Geoff	AO	38	2	12	80.00
Jennings Noel	AO	42	1	8	86.00
Kennedy Grant	AO	32	3	18	70.00
Knight Charles	AO	41	7	9	96.00
Mackay Jeff	SAE	24	0	26	48.00
Marsden Derrick	AO	46	1	4	94.00
McCormick Peter	AO	19	4	31	46.00
McLeish Daryl	SAO	44	6	6	100.00
McRae Peter	AO	47	3	3	100.00
Ohlsen Anthony	AO	50	0	0	100.00

Osborne Bob		PSO	43	7	7	100.00
Parsons Wes		HON	1	0	49	2.00
Phelan Cliff		SAO	31	1	19	64.00
Potter Trevor		AO	33	5	17	76.00
Quaife Noel	*	AO	7	1	1	100.00
Rawlings Bryce		AO	39	6	11	90.00
Ritchie John		SAE	24	0	26	48.00
Robins John		SAEIH	35	2	15	74.00
Rowe Robert		AO	33	3	17	72.00
Selmon John		SAE	39	1	11	80.00
Silver Peter		AO	36	4	14	80.00
Stewart John		AO	37	9	13	92.00
Thomas Brian		AO	37	5	13	84.00
Townsing Charles		AO	26	14	24	80.00
Traynor Arthur		SAE	4	2	46	12.00
Treble Fred		SAE	27	5	23	64.00
Treble Peter		AO	45	2	5	94.00
Tynan David		AO	38	2	12	80.00
Waixel Bernie		AO	32	5	18	74.00
Walker, Stephen	*	AO	6	0	0	100.00
Wallace Col		AO	41	2	9	86.00
Walsh Peter		AO	39	6	11	90.00
Willersdorf Lindsay		HON	14	3	36	34.00
Williamson John		AO	21	4	29	50.00
Zimmer Ian		SAO	40	4	10	88.00

* New Members



The attached reports indicate the financial operations of the Rotary Club for 2002-3. These reports are not the accounting reports which will be presented following the final reconciliation and audit procedures.

This year has seen an increase in the financial transactions of the club due to the Nurses Home demolition, Nestle's Auction sale, the Barbecue trailer operations and the sale of paintings.

This year the club has made significant donations to:

- The Maryborough District Health Service
- The Community
- Polio Plus
- The Rotary Foundation
- INTERPLAST
- ROMAC
- SES and the seven local fire brigades.

In addition we have supported RYLA and conducted Youth Exchange, both inbound and outbound. Our Project Funds have been dispersed within the local and wider community as shown on the attached list.

Our invested funds have grown to \$45,265.47 as a result of further painting sales.

Our club funds have balanced out well and leave the club with a small operating fund to carry us into 2003-4.

I thank all members for their co-operation during the year and especially Past President. Noel Jennings who has taken on the Treasurer role in my absences throughout the year.

P.P. Brian Thomas

TREASURER

Treasurer's Report

Projects & Fundraising	Income	Expenses	Donations
BBQ Service-Funds Earned	\$ 8,094.25	\$ 5,321.87	
Donations Received	\$ 200.00		
Fellowship Activities	\$ 832.75	\$ 227.85	
Food Handling Course		\$ 275.00	
Footy Tipping Project-Fund Raiser	\$ 3,480.02	\$ 2,035.00	
Toss The Coin Raffle	\$ 295.00		-\$ 295.00
Brian Dowie Park	\$ 45.00		
Bursaries-Annual Bursaries to Colleges			-\$ 450.00
Demolition of Nurses Home	\$ 4,640.25	\$ 312.15	
Donation to Maryborough Health Service			-\$ 4,328.00
Donations to Community Committees			-\$ 1,029.85
Electricity acct Park BBQ-Paid to Utility		\$ 153.15	
Mental Health Seminar	\$ 1,000.00		-\$ 1,000.00
Insurance Seminar	\$ 1,500.00		
Seminar Donation to Polio Plus			-\$ 1,500.00
Medical Booklet	\$ 229.85	\$ 501.00	
Nestles Auction	\$ 13,887.87	\$ 1,158.14	
Auction Donations, Fire Brigades, SES & Polio Plus			-\$ 12,729.73
Golf Day-Annual Fundraiser:	\$ 1,900.05	\$ 77.00	
Donation To Interplast			-\$ 1,000.00
Donation To Romac			-\$ 1,000.00
Rotary Foundation Centurion Program	\$ 850.00		-\$ 850.00
Club Allocation To R.F.-Matching Dollar for Polio Plus			-\$ 1,039.00
Gifts from Members-Donations by members	\$ 635.00		-\$ 310.00
Polio Plus Donations Made	\$ 209.85		-\$ 219.85
Pride of Workmanship Plaques Awarded			-\$ 442.97
Progressive Dinner	\$ 752.30		
Xmas Tree Raffle		\$ 23.60	
Carols By Candlelight Drink Sales	\$ 200.00		
Youth Entertainment Events	\$ 6,486.00	\$ 4,455.00	
National Summer Science-Fees for			-\$ 620.00
Pudding Cake Sales	\$ 3,893.20	\$ 3,168.00	
RYLA-Attendance fees paid on behalf of students.	\$ 1,050.00		-\$ 1,670.00
RYPEN-Student fees paid			-\$ 120.00
Youth Exchange Incoming-Youko Expenses			-\$ 2,042.90
Youth Exchange Outgoing-Salena Expenses			-\$ 341.00
Painting Sale Donated to Maryborough Hospital			-\$ 13,264.75
	\$ 50,181.39	\$ 17,707.76	-\$ 44,253.05

	Funds	Income	Expenses	Donations	Investments	Funds As At 30/06/03
	\$ 32,139.80					\$ 45,265.47
Term Deposit B/f	\$ 23,361.00					\$ 15,423.81
Operating account B/F		\$ 50,181.39	-\$17,707.76	\$(44,253.05)		
Projects & Fundraising		\$ 34,737.54	-\$33,190.89	\$ (1,039.85)		
Club Operating Fund		\$ 27,334.22				
Sale of Paintings		\$ 1,280.70			\$ (1,280.70)	
Interest on Investments					\$ (11,844.97)	
Transfer to term deposit			-\$12,191.58			
Invested in Trailer						
	\$ 55,500.80	\$ 113,533.85	-\$63,090.23	-\$ 45,292.90	-\$ 13,125.67	\$ 60,689.28



President Anthony and fellow Rotarians, it is with much pleasure that I present this year's Club Service report.

Membership

Led by PP Rodney Brown the Membership committee managed to find four new members (Sharon Fanning, Noel Quaffe, Garry Higgins, Stephen Walker), and with no losses our total membership is now 62. We have however had three members leave the district in recent times, two of whom are expected to resign (Lindsay Willersdorf will remain as an Honorary Member). With an aging membership newer (younger) members are always needed.

Program

Peter Haywood, assisted by Don Bruce and other members, put together an excellent and varied program with guest speakers ranging from 'member job talks' to youth exchange, diving at Vanuatu, drug and alcohol, valuations, heritage, sustainable resources, genetically modified food, dentistry in China, Polio Plus, bike riding, Antarctica and local business development. The calibre of the speakers was often demonstrated by the number of questions which followed the speech.

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant David Hare, assisted by Rob Bursill and Trevor Potter, effectively opened and controlled the meetings, ran interesting fines and heads and tails sessions and entertained us with (mostly appropriate) jokes that kept members and guests amused.

Bulletin

Geoff James, assisted by Toby Bainbridge and Peter Brown, managed to provide a consistently high quality bulletin making the finals of the District 9780 Bulletin Award. I personally found the self help articles to be both interesting and informative. Congratulations must go to Geoff in particular and my thanks for volunteering to continue as Bulletin Editor next year.

Fellowship

Congratulations to Gerard Harris and his team who have put the new BBQ trailer to such good use at social functions and various fundraisers. Robert Bursill has taken on the role of stocking the fridge and catering for partners functions. An application has been lodged with Liquor Licencing for a Club license from 6pm to 9pm on Thursdays.

I would like to congratulate President Anthony for his year of service *Sowing the Seeds of Love*. I am looking forward to working with PE John Bryant and other club members in 2003/04 *Lending a Hand*.

Charles Knight

PE/CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR

Club Services



This year started with the demolition and salvage of the interior of the nurses home, most weekends were taken up removing desks, doors, wardrobes, light fittings etc. these were stored within the building for our sale day in November. The day of the sale resulted in a large crowd moving in to view and purchase goods at 9:00 am. We completed the sale before 12:00 noon with cash sales on the day of around \$4,000. This combined with money already received resulted in an amount of approximately \$10,000 being donated to the hospital building fund.

Our medical alert booklets are still being sold within the community, we are currently awaiting our third package of books to sell, the books are available at the chemists and local surgeries.

The BBQ trailer hit the scene in July and we have used it our auctions and the Energy Breakthrough to sell food to the public, it has also been used for catering for our club nights away from the hall, providing a BBQ for the CFA and other organisations in the district including the Golf Club and the Uniting Church. We also used it to provide breakfast at the Great Victorian Bike Ride in December, this resulted in five Rotarians taking the trailer down to Drummond (near Kyneton) to provide morning tea on the following day. This was a great exercise as all income from this was from out of town (the bike riders). A possible off shoot of this is an invitation to travel with the riders and cater along the route.

The BBQ trailer is proving to be a good provider of funds for the club and is also promoting Rotary to the community.

The Energy Breakthrough proved a huge commitment for the club this year with not only manning the Maryborough Toyota corner but it also involved three days of cooking in the food court, this resulted in a \$1,900 turnover for the weekend.

In December we were approached by Nestlé via Rotarian Peter Brown to conduct an auction of surplus equipment from the Nestlé factory. This we took on with some trepidation, but in March, with almost a 100% turnout by club members over the weekend we had a very successful day. Thanks must go to Peter and his assistants from Nestlé for organising the auction layout and the paperwork, which the club will be able to use for future auctions. The day resulted in a turnover well in excess of Nestlé's expectation with the club receiving a commission of \$12,700. The money has been distributed as donations of \$1,000 each to the seven CFA units in the Tullaroop group and a donation of \$1,000 to the Maryborough SES. The \$4,700 balance was split between Polio Plus and Rotary Foundation.

The club has once again participated in *Clean Up Australia Day*, on Ballarat Road, this was followed by a sausage sizzle and fellowship.

I must thank the members of the Community Service Committee and the Rotary Club as a whole for the commitment to our working bees and projects in what was one of our busiest Rotary years.

Peter Treble
DIRECTOR

Community Services



The major fundraising event for the International Committee was the annual Golf Day. This year the committee took on a different format, that being a 4 Person Ambrose event, which proved to be a huge success from both the participation of players and from a financial aspect with in excess of \$2000.00 being raised. These funds were distributed to the two very deserving areas ROMAC and INTERPLAST.

I would like to thank my committee and in particular the following. To Charles Townsing and Ian Zimmer for their assistance in the organising and collection of all sponsorships and trophies, and also to Peter Haywood and all the ladies for their catering for a very successful afternoon tea.

We are also at present organizing, with the assistance of Jill White, (who is a teacher at the Carisbrook Primary School) for the forwarding of parcels of books, pencils, teaching resources and games to two schools on the island of Bebu which is located in the Phillipines.

I would like to thank President Anthony for his support and wish P.E Charles the very best for the forthcoming year.

Col Wallace
DIRECTOR

International Services



Membership

This year's committee included, Jim Field (Director), Terry Allen, Toby Bainbridge, David Boyes, Geoffrey Brownbill, John Caulfield, Tom Davies, Brian Dowie, Grant Kennedy, Peter McRae, Peter Silver, Fred Treble, and Eric Tunks.

Activities

The major focus of this committee for the year was the *Pride of Workmanship Awards*. The vocational committee met several times in order to establish a theme for the awards. After considerable discussion it was decided to recognise 'excellence in the teaching profession'. Invitations for nominations were sent to the Maryborough Regional College, Maryborough Primary Schools 404, 2828 and St Augustine's as well as Highview Christian Community College and Maryborough Specialist School. Nominations were received for Tony Macer, Andrea Saunders, Judy Bowden, Marylyn Tangy, and Jane Kane, from the Maryborough Regional College, Cait Upton from St Augustine's and Judy Hudson from the Maryborough Specialist School. These teachers were nominated by their peers, they all shared a similar philosophy to their work, doing those extra things that make a difference to those students whom they had contact with.

The vocational committee also nominated Mr Noel Pollerd for a *Shine On Award*. This award is presented to individuals within the community, who, despite having a disability, have made a significant contribution to society. Noel's nomination was successful and he was presented with his award at a function hosted by the Rotary club of Kilmore.

Vocational Services also represented Rotary on the local *Network* committee. This community committee was established several years ago to help link schools and school leavers to further education and work. This committee meets on a monthly basis. We also had input into the local *Careers Expo* and we would expect to provide support for that event again this year.

Fund raising

We conducted a very successful Progressive dinner with a total of 87 people attending. The support we received from members and friends was greatly appreciated. We were able to clear \$752.30 as a result of this event. The general feeling from members was that this event could be included as an annual event in our club calendar.

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the Vocational Service committee for their work and support over the past year.

Jim Field

DIRECTOR

Vocational Services



The Maryborough Rotary Club has participated in a number of very worthwhile Youth programs this year.

We have supported students participating in the Siemens Science Experience, as we have done in past years. Jessica Hurse was our successful applicant for the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. Heidi Deason has recently been selected to represent our Club at the District selections for NYSF 2004.

We supported Todd Rowe and Neil Davies for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program in April. Both shared their experiences with our members at a dinner meeting.

We sponsored Chelsea Lillie to attend the RYPEN program in Ballarat in April this year.

Last year was relatively quiet for Youth Exchange, however we are making up for it now. At present, Selina Chapman is in Denmark with six months to go. She is being supported by her councillor Robert Rowe. Youko Hoshizaki is our current inbound student from Japan. Youko has been with us for nearly 12 months and returned home on the 4th July, she has returned early to continue her schooling with the intention of attending University without missing a year, a big ask but all the best Youko. I would like to especially thank the host families that have so willingly opened their homes to Youko and been shining examples of what the Rotary spirit is all about. Thankyou to Peter and Cherie McRae, Anthony and Kerrie Ohlsen, Charlie and Gayle Bovolino, Rodney and Sue Brown and councillor David Tynan.

Maddie Alverz-Harris has been selected as our next outgoing exchange student. Maddie is going to Finland. Derrick Marsden has taken on the role as the outbound councillor, Derrick has, in true Rotary spirit thrown himself into the role and has attended all briefings with Maddie.

Anna Pimental from Brazil is our next incoming exchange student,. At this stage it is believed Anna will arrive in August, Charles Bovolino has volunteered to take on the role of councillor for Anna. Charles has already made contact with Anna and current indications are that Anna should fit into our community quite well.

The committee has tried to cover costs with some fundraising activities such as the Dirty Dicks night and comedy acts at the Golf Club. We also manned the drink van at the Australia Day celebrations.

Finally I would like to thank the rest of my committee. I have enjoyed my time as Youth Director and wish the new team all the best.

Regards

Shane Dellavedova
DIRECTOR

Youth Services



Forty-seven weekly bulletins were prepared through the 2002-2003 Rotary year following the format established by previous Bulletin editor, Derrick Marsden.

We've used an 8 X A5 page format with the four outer pages in coloured paper (this year's colour was yellow), and the four inner pages were white. The front page our Four Way Test and an indication of each night's meeting. Early in the year, we also added the Bulletin number. The very back page remained unchanged and contained a list of members in this year's committees.

Inside the back and front covers, we included a list of all current members as well as a list of the Objects of Rotary. Apart from changes to membership, these pages also remained unchanged during the year.

The four inner pages changed each week. Page 3 included a list of members on fellowship duty each week, members' anniversaries and reminders about absences. Early in the Rotary year, we spelt out the weekly duties in more detail, allocating a member to each of the required duties of welcoming members and guests, taking money and managing the bar. Pages 4 and 5, the middle pages, were used for a summary of the previous week's meeting, usually with one or two photographs, and page 6 was used for club notes.

Half way through the year, we reduced the previous meeting summary to one page and included several general articles e.g. a series on the 50 Self Help Classics. After some feedback from the District Assembly, we decided to include more information on International Rotary Projects, and recent editions have reflected this change.

To fill up gaps, we've included various "self-help" quotations, jokes, and facts and figures about Rotary. A survey on the Bulletin format was presented to members early in the year, and whilst there weren't a large number of replies, the survey revealed that members were generally happy with the way things were. Thanks to those members who took the time to reply.

We've seen the main aims of our Bulletin as being:

- To keep absent members and members' partners informed of club events and previous meetings
- To remind members of upcoming events and projects
- To keep members informed of Rotary activities in the wider world
- To provide an historical record of Club events

Given these aims, we continue to encourage members to read each week's bulletin and make sure they take a copy home to their partners. Copies are sent to all members marked absent on the previous week's attendance sheet, to life members as well as the District Governor, the District Governor elect, the District co-ordinator of Rotary Bulletins, and Bulletin editors at near-by Rotary Clubs (currently, Stawell and St. Arnaud).



In closing, I would like to sincerely thank fellow Bulletin team member, Toby Bainbridge for taking over Bulletin production on those weeks when I was absent from the area, and pass on my thanks to our other team member, Peter Brown, to Highview College for providing over 14, 526 photocopies of Bulletin pages over the year, and to students of the "Rotary Support Student Involvement Group" at Highview who have assisted with folding bulletins and placing them in envelopes for sending to absent members and district representatives each week. On average, we've posted out around 20 Bulletins every week, which adds up to almost a thousand stamps or nearly \$500.00 for the year, not to mention the time of the students.

Our Bulletin demands a fairly large commitment from our club, so I encourage all members to provide feedback on how the publication can best serve the needs of our community. Since Toby and I will be continuing in the job again next year, we look forward to this feed-back so our Bulletin can improve.

Geoff James.
BULLETIN EDITOR,



Firstly, let me thank all the Rotarian fellowship and Rotarian members of the Maryborough Rotary Club for a fantastic year. Their participation has been sensational. Fellowship has had a very busy year catering for various functions and the everyday requirements of the club. A vital part of any club.....fellowship.

We have been able to provide pre-dinner appetisers etc at the weekly meetings and free of charge drinks and snacks at ladies and partner nights (special thanks to Rtn. Rob Bursill. for his tireless effort in not letting anyone go thirsty).

We have catered at the Brian Dowie Park for the hard working Rotarians who participated in the working bees.

There was the *Adopt-a-Highway* day and fellowship supplied a BBQ after the work was done. No such finds were recorded this year.

The Rotary Auction and the Nestlé Auctions were a huge success, and a decent profit was made from the BBQ and drink sales adding to the amount of donations to the community. In particular the Nestlé Auction put the new van to the test and it came through with flying colours.

The highlight of the of the year was definitely the new mobile bbq. It has travelled many miles and cooked many steaks, hamburgers and sausages with the "odd" bag of onions. There have been some very big occasions for the catering corp.

The Great Victorian. Bike Ride, Energy Breakthrough, Carols, Golf Club and numerous other occasions.

The Maryborough Golf Club has seen the potential in the BBQ. We have catered for numerous breakfasts' early in the mornings of weekends at a price that suits all parties. There will be more of these in the future. Thanks to all the early "morning risers" ie., the boys that "turned" up to cook, not the boys that "got" up.

The replacement BBQ was launched last year at this time. (If I remember correctly it was "... the greatest waste of money that I have ever seen!"). Great to see new pres. Charles enjoying cooking and participating in the fellowship of the most up-to-date mobile food catering wagon that the Maryborough Rotary Club has put in the face off thousands as a service to the community and as a fund-raising vehicle. We did it and are very proud of it and have become the caters of distinction in Maryborough.

Please accept the appreciation of the Rotary Club of Maryborough to all those members who participated with the catering . There has not been a turnout like this year since I have been part of Fellowship. I know it will continue in the next. There are bigger things in the pipeline for next year. Thanks again to all especially to Rtn. Peter Treble (the ORGANiser of the year).

Yours in Rotary

Gerard Harris

CHAIRMAN

Fellowship



To provide a weekly speaker or club activity that loosely fits the IR theme of *Sowing the Seeds of Love* was an interesting challenge.

Many times it was 'cold calling' prospective speakers which after some initial hesitation almost always resulted in a commitment.

Such is the respect of Rotary that speakers give up their time for us.

We have a great depth of interesting people as evidenced by our own job talks, and I would like to thank everyone who helped to fill up the calendar.

Rt. Don Bruce and I hope you enjoyed the program and look forward to Rt. Ross Forster's program for next year.

Peter Haywood
PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Program calendar

04/07/02	President's Fellowship	Pool competition at Highland Society
13/07/02	Change Over Dinner	
18/07/02	Club Assembly	
25/07/02	David Hare	Job Talk
01/08/02	District Governor Visit	DG Pat Robertson
08/08/02	Graham Fary	Drug and Alcohol Counsellor
15/08/02	Combined Service Clubs Dinner	
22/08/02	Geoff Lovett	Maryborough Developments
29/08/02	PP Rod Brown	Membership
05/09/02	Marg Flowers	The Petanque Festival
12/09/02	Bernadette Hoy	Community Health-Stress Management
19/09/02	Fund Raiser	Dirty Dicks Theatre Restaurant
26/09/02	Robert De Flegely	Sustainable Resources
03/10/02	Shane Dellavedova	European travels
10/10/02	Daryl Symons	Genetically Modified Foods
17/10/02	Russel Dale	Workcover consultant
24/10/02	Rong Tan	Chinese Dentist
30/10/02	IFCR Cricketers from New Zealand	
07/11/02	Pride of Workmanship	Education Sector
17/11/02	Brian Dowie Park	Working Bee
21/11/02	PP Bob Osborne	Polio Plus
28/11/02	Selena Chapman	Outgoing Exchange Student
05/12/02	Annual general Meeting	

Program



	Tony Barter	Great Victorian Bike Ride
14/12/02	Christmas Breakup Mystery Tour	Blue Pyrenees Winery
21/12/02	Informal meal and drinks	Albion Hotel
27/12/02	No Meeting Held	
02/01/03	No Meeting Held	
09/01/03	BBQ /Working Bee	Goldfields Reservoir
16/01/03	BBQ at Adventure Playground	Princes Park
23/01/03	Lindsay Willersdorf	Farewell
30/01/03	Gun Club Event	Maryborough Gun Club
06/02/03	Jung's Personality Typology	Rt Geoff James
13/02/03	Community Radio in Maryborough	Mark Wood .Goldfields Employment
20/02/03	Fundraiser	Comedy Cocktail at Golf Club
27/02/03	Jessica Hurse	Science Forum
	Annual General Meeting (continued)	
06/03/03	Working Bee	Brian Dowie Park
13/03/03	Nestle Factory	Auction Preparation
20/03/03	Fellowship Rotary Bike Riders	
27/03/03	Visit from Fitzroy Rotary Club ..	President Joy Dale
03/04/03	Vocational Fund Raiser	Progressive Dinner
10/04/03	Tony Hudson	P& N Manager
17/04/03	Albion Hotel	Get Together
24/04/03	Pool Competition	<i>Come See Me Shield</i>
01/05/03	Neale Chandler	Connecting Confident Communities
08/05/03	Alan Harvey	Shire Valuer
15/05/03	\$8000 giveaway	Distribution of Nestle Auction profit
22/05/03	Peter Silver	Job Talk
29/05/03	Youko Hoshizaki	Exchange Student Experiences
05/06/03	Noel Quaife	Job Talk
12/06/03	2005 Rotary Centenary Year Projects	
19/06/03	Brian Ayres	Scuba Diving in Vanuatu
26/06/03	President Anthony's Night	RSL Hall
03/07/03	PE Charles First Dinner	Youko's farewell



When then President Elect Anthony, asked me to be the clubs Sergeant, he caught me by surprise. having only been in the club for about six months at that time I didn't expect to be playing an important part in the club meetings.

I was a bit concerned at the first regular meeting when a well worn mace was put in front of me.

The fine sessions have gone well throughout the year. at the start of most meetings I usually had no fines on anyone, but members would soon come up to either 'dob' themselves or someone else, sometimes I felt like the clubs confessor. If I offended anybody, TOUGH, it was for the entertainment of the rest of the club.

Finding a good joke to tell was a difficult task. Luckily the internet proved a plentiful source of material. After having been told to tone down the risky jokes early in the year I think I was able to eventually find the right level of acceptable humour.

I wish the incoming Sergeant all the best for the next year.

David Hare

SERGEANT

Sergeant-at-Arms



The Bowelscan project for 2003 has been completed with excellent sales of the Bowelscan kits, there were many more kits sold this year than last.

The willing cooperation of Rtn. Peter Haywood and his staff both at Maryborough and Avoca and also Peter Millikan and his staff at Maryborough and Dunolly have made the project easy to run.

Once again all participants, positive and negative, will be notified of the results of the test. This is a daunting exercise for the Bowelscan Committee as there are about 10,000 mail outs to occur.

I have attended numerous Bowelscan meetings with the AGM being held in Maryborough at the Highland Society, the District Governor was in attendance. The members of the committee who came from various parts of District 9780 were very impressed with our facilities.

Bowelscan is considered a very worthwhile project by the residents of Maryborough and District as the participation rate is considerably higher in comparison to other areas in District 9780, I believe this is partly due to the good coverage provided by the local media and the work put in by the Maryborough Rotary Club

Yours in Rotary

PP John Ritchie
BOWELSCAN COORDINATOR

Bowelscan



From humble beginnings in UK in 1964 the organisation has progressed in leaps and bounds in many areas of the western world. Nowhere has that growth been more spectacular than in the ANZO region (Aus, NZ, PNG and the Pacific Islands) where it has grown the largest Probus structure in the world with more than 2000 clubs and almost 200,000 members. Maybe it is our Australian way of life that contributes to this.

Probus is a Rotary Community service project, Probus clubs must be started by Rotary Clubs but are almost immediately autonomous.

All Rotary Districts have (should) a District Probus Liaison Committee to help plan, and assist clubs to develop new Probus Clubs as requested.

D9780 has a strong presence here and I participated in a series of Probus education/liaison days along with presenting the discussion paper at the District Assembly.

Within some states strong associations have been develop. I have been President of the Victorian Probus Assoc. for almost four years.

The whole governing body of Probus is vested in a committee of RDU - Probus Centre South Pacific, comprising of nine members nation wide, I have jut been appointed to this committee, and will relinquish my state role in November.

At a local level, both clubs celebrate milestones in 2004 – Combined Club 20 years, Ladies Club 10 years. Both clubs are still suffering with an ageing problem. However the recent *Better Living Exhibition* increased interest and many names were gained. There needs to be a process with the view of absorbing the new names in to the existing club membership (already 100) or to the forming of another club in the area.

The two smaller clubs (Avoca and Dunolly) each struggle to develop their identity, but function well at what they do. They may need help.

Yours In Rotary

PP Bob Osborne

Probus Report



President Anthony and fellow Rotarians.

Whilst the club has had an outstanding year of fundraising and service which is to its credit, it has been only too easy to forget two of our regular fundraisers, cakes and puddings and the more recently introduced football tipping. In typical manner the club agrees to be part of it but then when members are asked to sell tickets there is a reluctance to participate.

This is particularly disappointing given that the funds appear to be earmarked for a fairly dedicated area of the club. Anyway having got that off my chest, let's look at the year past.

Xmas Cakes and Puddings

A good result, but again we rely on the efforts of too few members to promote and sell the items. If we have a go we could raise substantial funds for the club. A profit of \$725 was gained as compared to \$1300 in 2001-2002. My thanks to those Rotarians who helped in some way but in particular Bryce Rawlings, Peter Haywood, Rod Brown, Bernie Waixel and John Hazledine also to President Anthony for the use of his shop as a depot.

My role in this project is now concluded, I wish my successor all the best.

Football Tipping

A recent addition to the club, which in its first year netted the club a profit of \$3400, this year however sales appear to have gone begging, with our profit being only \$1800. Part of this down turn can be attributed to having some opposition from a football/cricket club, who had the same rules, for the same cost but offered less in prizes, \$600 compared to our \$1000. Maybe people see the prospect of picking all games before the season starts as a problem however there is a "quickpic" option. Circulation of the results is still a difficulty but we are improving. Leaders at the mid point were Mandy Sawyers and Christine Bovalino and soon we will have another happy tipster.

My grateful thanks to Bucknall and Gowers and the Park Hotel for sponsorship and to Peter McRae for printing and stationery etc.

I would also like to thank Toby Bainbridge for the effort put in throughout the period of the tipping competition, I don't think any one in the club but myself appreciates the amount of time required to keep the records – thanks Toby

Yours in Rotary

PP Bob Osborne

Fundraising Report



The International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians continues to grow in membership. With the potential to meet new Rotary Friends in this wonderful Fellowship, beyond our own club and district and maybe combine another fellowship, anything is possible with visibility and imagination. In my nine years of IFCR I have seen very few members drop out of Rotary, our fellowship plays a very important part in Rotary world.

My first six months as IFCR President have been very busy and rewarding, with excellent support from Secretary Graeme Amooore, Treasurer. Nevin Hughes and all board members.

Since our wonderful AU/IFCR at Young, Fay and I have attended the annual Hume & Hovel Cricket Carnival run by Rtn. Don McQueen and Anne. This was so well attended by 46 IFCR members we were able to conduct a Board Meeting Sat afternoon, a Dinner Sat evening in Yea and a great fellowship day on Sunday played in the usual great Rotary spirit.

During our lunch break we had a visit from Moira Kelly and some of her children in residence at the farm, some of these children we had all met before and we were pleased and very impressed to see their progress and how happy they are.

Over the last three years \$5,000 has been raised from this carnival day with the help of the Rotary Club of Kilmore/Broadford and all those who attended; WELL DONE.

During this time, we had the privilege of hosting Past Sec IFCR Gordon Fenwick & Julie from Adelaide for 10 days. Over that time they visited the McQueen's on the carnival weekend, allowing them to catch up with many of their Rotary friends. They also spent some time with the Corbetts down on the farm and from what I hear they had a very enjoyable time.

February 2003 saw the Friendship Tour to India arranged by Ian Petherick & Alison. Seven IFCR members and eight ladies were on this 2 week, home hosted tour. Two cricket matches were played against Rotarians from Bangalore and Chennai.

The touring around India was by car, bus, train, houseboat and plane and that enabled us to fit in a lot of sight seeing in a short time. We were able to follow up the matching grant program with Banya, a project supported by the Bundaberg Sunrise Club for the homeless and mentally ill women of India. *I Exist, Therefore I Am*, is their motto. All in all we saw the different aspects of India, another very enjoyable Rotary experience.

While on the subject of India, Rtn. Richard Groom has, with board approval, organised an IFCR tour to Bombay for 18 days in February 2004. The Australian tour group, including partners will be home hosted. Three cricket match will be played in Bombay. Rtn Richard also has board approval to establish or upgrade the existing IFCR website.

IFCR New Zealand is to tour South East Qld. Bundaberg from 30th August to 14th Sept. 2003.

I am looking forward to any new members who joined IFCR Fellowship at the RI

IFCR Report



Conference donning the whites for their first outing.

The board has agreed to a team from district 9790 to tour New Zealand in February 2004.

Members of IFCR New Zealand had a most successful weekend in March in Wellington, where they played their North versus South annual fixture and held a meeting to make decisions about the future directions for NZ IFCR.

IFCR Great Britain & Ireland President Eric Hill has sent an official invitation for the 2005 UK Tour to Australians organisers John Hamblin and Don McQueen. I have been advised that they have started initial planning and have also received an invitation to play a match in Singapore, which will be included in the tour.

PP IFCR Peter Daly has reported that the World Rotary Cricket Festival to be held at Cessnock in the Hunter Valley in November, 2004 is well in hand. Invitations have been sent to World Pres. Nom. 2004-5 Glen Estees Snr, RI Director John Thorne, Prime Minister John Howard, Past RI Pres Raja Saboo. All parties have acknowledged their participation if circumstances permit.

The RI Conference in Brisbane was a great experience, a beautiful city and reasonable weather. A big thank you to everyone that helped at the IFCR booth in the house of friendship. Sec Graeme Amoore has indicated that we could have in the vicinity of 20 new IFCR members. It was a very rewarding four days, meeting lots of interested cricket followers from many different countries of the world.

In closing I would like to offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to the members of the Maryborough Rotary Club who home hosted the visiting NZ IFCR team in November 2002.

Yours in Rotary

Charles Townsing
IFCR PRESIDENT (AUSTRALIA).