

# ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH

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ANNUAL REPORT  
2003-2004

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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It has been an honour to serve the members of the Maryborough Rotary Club as President during the 2003–2004 *Lend a Hand* Rotary year. The Maryborough Rotary Club is well respected in the community and it was an absolute privilege to represent the Club at community events.

Unfortunately, after having missed just two meetings in the first half of the Rotary year (to fulfill a long standing commitment with my sons to visit the USA), due to unforeseen circumstances and family commitments (Laura's and Jacinta's graduations) I have missed more meetings in the second half of the year than I have attended. The 'Rotary World' however provides ample opportunities to make-up missed meetings and I relished this opportunity by attending numerous Rotary Club meetings in our district (Ararat and Stawell), in Australia (Castlemaine, Canberra and Tumarumba) and in the USA (Anaheim and Monterey).

- attend numerous Rotary District 9780 meetings (Bowel Scan, Organ Donation, District Assembly, Membership)
- representing our Club at official functions (Probus/20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinners, Lions Club Changeovers)
- during service work (Brian Dowie Park, Clean Up Australia Day, Carols by Candlelight, RACV Energy Breakthrough, Australia Day)

The amount of enjoyment one gets out of visiting other Rotary Clubs more than compensates for the effort involved (just ask Terry Allan) and I would encourage all Rotarians to visit as many different Rotary Clubs as possible.

Rotary International President Jonathan B Majiyagbe's theme for the 2003–2004 year was *Lend a Hand*. Our Club lived up to this theme by:

- Lending a Hand to the youth through Youth Exchanges (incoming Ana Pimental, outgoing Maddy Alvarez-Harris, returning Selina Chapman), RYLA, RYPEN, Siemens Science *Program*, RACV Energy Breakthrough, Triathlon
- Lending a Hand to the not so young through hosting the Group Study Exchange Team from District 1260 England and the Club Projects Committees work to establish an accommodation facility for the hospital
- Lending a Hand to people of the world through fund raising for Polio Eradication, water supply for Vanuatu, Donations in kind (Avoca Hospital supplies equipment)
- Lending a Hand to members of our community through recognition (Pride of Workmanship, Shine On) and service (BBQ, community events, Brian Dowie Park, Clean Up Australia Day)

Another of RI President Jonathan B Majiyagbe's initiatives this year was 'Family of Rotary' where 'Family' stands for all partners and children of past and present Rotarians. Our Club attempted to involve our Rotary Family more by:

- having more partners nights and informal family meetings
- inviting the families of past members to special meetings and the families of exchange students to meetings
- the weekend at Torquay and the progressive dinner

Our guest speakers for the year were most informative and interesting with topics including:

- health issues (organ donation, cancer, osteopathy, Clarendon House Volunteer Program, chronic fatigue, cystic fibrosis)
- community issues (On-line Centre, Education Precinct, Economic Development, Sound Shell, YMCA, Triathlon, small project funding)
- general interest (leather production, Para-Olympian, Maryborough Harness Racing, Coiltek (gold detection), Stock exchange/banking, employment/VECCI, the new Police Station construction, Police Corruption in Queensland, Kokoda Trail experiences, Maryborough Gun Club, Pivot irrigation scheme)
- Rotary programs (Lend a Hand, Pride of Workmanship, Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange, Ride to Conference, RYLA)
- Job talks (Garry Higgins, Jeff Mackay, David Tynan, Noel Quaipe, Stephen Walker, Peter Silver, Charlie Bovalino and Dean Blaschke)

Special thanks to the following Rotarians who so ably assisted me throughout the year:

- Brian Thomas, Rod Brown, Bob Osborne, Charles Townsing and Anthony Ohlsen for their advice throughout the year
- John Bryant and Charlie Bovalino for 'filling-in' during my absences
- Secretary Derrick and Treasurer Brian for so ably fulfilling their roles
- All Board members for chairing their committees; attending Board meetings and running programs throughout the year
- Ross Forster for the interesting dinner programs
- Sergeant Peter for running meetings
- Gerard Harris and his fellowship team for the numerous BBQ functions
- Geoff James for producing the Bulletin
- Peter McRae for maintaining membership records
- Charlie Bovalino and all host families for looking after Ana during her time in Maryborough
- Derrick Marsden for looking after our outgoing exchange students Maddy and Jennifer
- Bryce Rawlings and committee for ongoing work on Club projects
  
- All host families for looking after our GSE visitors
- My wife Vicki and family for their support

I would like to welcome our two new members Glynn Jarrett and Dean Blaschke and trust that they will enjoy Rotary for many years to come.

On behalf of the Maryborough Rotary Club I wish to extend our condolences to Lorraine and family on the passing of PP Ian Zimmer, and Jill and John Stewart and family on the sudden deaths of first Nance and PHF Cliff Phelan. May they rest in peace and be remembered for all the good which they did for our club and the community.

Finally, as tonight will be my last meeting at Maryborough (as I plan to transfer in to the Tumbarumba Rotary Club) may I wish the Maryborough Club and all members of its 'Family of Rotary' every success for the future.

Charles Knight

President  
2003–2004

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

During the Rotary year I have completed the following tasks:

- Collect and distribute inward correspondence.
- Prepare and forward outward correspondence following Board Meetings
- Prepare agenda's and minute's for Board meetings
- Prepare semi annual returns to Rotary International, July and January
- Prepare semi annual returns to Rotary Down Under, May and November

We have enjoyed a very full year with a number of highlights.

The visit by the GSE team from District 1260 was very special, we had a lot of fun and I'm sure all members of the team enjoyed their stay at Maryborough.

The visit of the *Ride to Conference* by the members from District 9800, was a hilarious night, District Governor Bob Furner said it was 'one of the best nights that he has ever had at a Rotary Dinner Meeting'.

The later part of the year presented some difficulties with President Charles being away due to his change of employment. A big thank you must go to President Elect John and Vice President Charles Bovalino for filling in under difficult circumstances. We all wish Charles, Vicki and family all the best for the future.

Youth Exchange has played a big part in my Rotary year. Attending the weekend's with Maddy and her parents, in preparation for her year in Finland, Jennifer Brown in her successful selection for her year in Japan and involvement with Anna and Salina's attendance at the various Youth Exchange weekends and been a very enjoyable experience. I have been very impressed with support and attention to detail that the District 9780 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee give to our Youth Exchange students. Its good to see that the next generation are in such good hands.

I was very impressed with Salina Chapman's talk on her return from Denmark, she presented as a very poised and mature young lady. Her ability to give her presentation to her host club in Danish is an indication of her commitment to her year in Denmark.

Sandra and I attended our first District Conference, held at Mt Gambier this year. We enjoyed the programs and fellowship very much. Next years conference is in Geelong, we hope to be there and assure all Rotarians that if they get the opportunity to attend, they will have a very enjoyable experience.

Rotarian, Jim Field is taking on the secretarial position next year, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my full support and to wish him well.

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all Rotarians for their support and assistance during my two years as Secretary, with a special thankyou to my wife Sandra, for her support and participation in my Rotary life.

Derrick Marsden

Secretary

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

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The attached reports reflect the result of the financial activities of the Club in the year to date.

This year has seen the increasing activities of the Barbeque trailer in supplying meals, the final sale of paintings and the continuation of most of the established fund raising projects.

Funds on deposit have increased again with the total amount on deposit now at \$56,246.81 .

The operating account remains at about the same level as at the beginning of the year so income has largely balanced expenditure while fundraising has been dispersed in donations and community activities.

It is anticipated that District and Rotary International dues will rise in the coming years but at least in the coming year we will be able to retain members dues at the same level, we may need to economise in some areas to keep our flow of funds in balance.

I wish to thank our auditor last year, Peter Walsh for attending to that duty for the Club, also P.P. Noel Jennings and Secretary Derrick for taking over in my absences.

P.P. Noel will be our Treasurer next year with the assistance of Rtn Peter McRae who will carry out the book keeping functions. I thank them both for taking on the roles and am sure that will prove a great combination.

Brian Thomas P.P  
Treasurer

**ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH YEAR 2003-2004**  
**Report As At June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004**

**CLUB INCOME MEMBERS-Members funds:**

ANZ Interest Earned:		
Current account interest-Held in Club account	92.41	
Term Interest-Transferred to term deposit	2526.34	
<b>TOTAL ANZ Interest Earned</b>		2618.75
Cap Sales-Result of sales	25.60	
Change-over Dinner-Income & Expenses	2125.00	
Cricket Fellowship-Visit of Fellowship	-113.93	
<b>Dinner Fees-Fees Collected From members.:</b>		
Dinner Fees-Fees Collected From members.-Other	23730.40	
Levy to foundation Paid	-1467.00	
<b>TOTAL Dinner Fees-Fees Collected From members.</b>		22263.40
Entry Fee-New MBR	65.00	
Members Dues Paid	9950.00	
Sergeants Fines	530.70	
Spare Change	91.10	
<b>Weekly raffle:</b>		
Weekly raffle-	1252.25	
Contribution to Rotary Foundation	-1000.00	
Net Weekly raffle		252.25
<b>TOTAL CLUB INCOME MEMBERS-</b>		<b>37807.87</b>

**CLUB EXPENSES**

**ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:**

Advertising & Promotion	571.80	
Badges & Engraving	206.48	
Bank charges-Bank & Govt charges, fees....	12.70	
Bulletin production-Printing etc.	261.58	
Gifts	257.96	
Govt Debits Tax	56.40	
Postage Paid	655.00	
Printing & Copying-Office expense	75.00	
Professional Fees-Legal and Accounting fees	35.00	
Publications purchased	47.30	
Repairs to Equipment	387.65	
-Other	198.07	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		<b>2764.94</b>

BBQ Trailer -COST OF TRAILER 745.75

**CLUB MEAL COSTS-**

Other Functions	2468.80	
RSL Meal Costs	18982.00	
<b>TOTAL CLUB MEAL COSTS-</b>		<b>21450.80</b>

District Dues-Annual District Dues	3240.00	
Rotary Down Under-Magazine Subs	1936.00	
Rotary International-Semi-Annual Dues	3039.36	

**TOTAL DUES PAID**

8215.36

Meeting Expenses-Payments for attendance at meetings:

Assembly registrations	135.00	
President Elect Training	167.00	
<b>TOTAL Meeting Expenses-</b>		<b>302.00</b>

Trailer-Annual Insurance	69.95	
Vehicle Registration insurance-BBQ Trailer	257.95	

**TOTAL Vehicle Registration insurance-BBQ Trailer** 327.90

**TOTAL CLUB EXPENSES** 33806.75

**CLUB INCOME LESS EXPENSES TO 3/6/04**

**\$5904.74**



**FUNDS & PROJECTS INCOME Net Income From Activities**

<b>CLUB SERVICE:</b>		
BBQ Service-Funds Earned:		
Cost of Meals BBQ	-391.44	
Energy Break Through	1637.96	
Meals for Members-BBQ service Club	1488.00	
Regular Events	1396.00	
Swimming Carnival	998.00	
BBQ Service- -Other Expenses	-3379.51	
<b>TOTAL BBQ Service-Funds Earned</b>		<b>1749.01</b>
Bike Ride Fund Roy Knudsen-Hold	244.90	
Bowel Scan Program-By J.Richie	116.70	
Club Donations Made	-500.00	
Donations Received-Gifts to Club	100.00	
Fellowship Activities	-724.12	
Footy Tipping project-Fund Raiser B/F	-1600.00	
Sale of Paintings	6230.00	
Shirt sales	10.00	
CLUB service other	-268.63	
<b>TOTAL CLUB SERVICE</b>		<b>5357.86</b>
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE:</b>		
Car boot Sale-Com Service Event	52.10	
Bursaries-Annual Bursaries to Colleges	-450.00	
Donations to community	-304.85	
Donations	-400.00	
Electricity acct Park BBQ-Paid to Utility	-171.10	
Medical booklet	62.05	
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>		<b>-1211.80</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:</b>		
Golf Day:		
Sponsorship	750.00	
Golf Day-Other	1342.92	
<b>TOTAL Golf Day-Annual fundraiser</b>	<b>2092.92</b>	
Donations to International Projects	-2366.45	
<b>NET TOTAL INTERNATIONAL</b>		<b>-273.53</b>
<b>ROTARY FOUNDATION:</b>		
Centurion Paid by Members	280.00	
Centurion Amounts forwarded to RI	-180.00	
Club Allocation To R.F.-	2467.00	
Forwarded For Foundn-Sent to RF	-2882.00	
Gifts from members-Donations by members	445.00	
<b>TOTAL ROTARY FOUNDATION On Hand</b>		<b>130.00</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL SERVICE:</b>		
Cost Of Awards-Plaques etc	-319.01	
MRC Business Guide	-200.00	
Trivia Night-Function Organised	401.10	
Xmas Card sales	-286.00	
<b>NET VOCATIONAL SERVICE</b>		<b>-403.91</b>
<b>YOUTH SERVICE:</b>		
Carols Drink Sales	90.00	
Pudding Cake sales	655.00	
RYLA-Attendance fees	-650.00	
Youth Exchange Student Expenses	-1851.00	
Other	61.00	
<b>NETT YOUTH SERVICE</b>		<b>-1695.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS &amp; PROJ INC-Total Projects activity</b>		<b>1903.62</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT**  
**3/6/04**

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**ASSETS**

Cash and Bank Accounts	ANX Deposit 2	56246.81
General Account		10333.91
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts		\$66580.72
TOTAL ASSETS		\$66580.72

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	66580.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$66580.72

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## CLUB SERVICE

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### **Membership**

The membership committee was this year led by P.P Charles Townsing.

The membership of the club had its highs and lows. The highs saw the induction of two new members, Glynn Jarrett and Dean Blaschke, the lows being the sad passing of two of our esteem members, and Paul Harris Fellows; Ian Zimmer PP and Cliff Phelan.

Both gentlemen will be sadly missed by all the members of our club and our thoughts will be with their respective families always.

Unfortunately two other valued members will be moving on in the very near future. President Charles has accepted a position in Tumbarumba in NSW and Bernie Waixel and his wife Jill will be retiring to Port Fairy in the early part of the new Rotary year; from the club we extend to both members best wishes for the future.

### **Program**

Ross Forster assisted by Shane Dellavedova and Peter Haywood have supplied a marvellous array of interesting and thought provoking presentations to our membership.

Thanks and congratulations for a job well done.

### **Sergeant-At-Arms**

Peter McCormick assisted by Stephen Walker and Peter Brown have contributed greatly to one of the most important section of our weekly meetings, contributing greatly to the fellowship of our club. The enjoyment that has come from this element of our meetings has been one of the highlights of our club year. Thank you all.

### **Bulletin**

Geoff James and Toby Bainbridge have supplied us with a newsletter filled with interesting articles and associated images.

A great deal of time, effort and dedication has produced an excellent publication every week. The theft of the club's digital camera was big news at one stage of the year; investigations are still being carried out!

Congratulations to you both on a fine effort.

### **Fellowship**

An even greater level of expertise has been displayed this past year in the 'art of catering' with the club's mobile BBQ.

Many and varied events have been attended by Gerard Harris and his band of fellowship disciples. Funds have been raised, fellowship has been enjoyed at the same time while the catering operations have been successfully carried out. Congratulations to all those who have participated.

**Club Projects**

Aby led by P.P Bryce Rawlings this committee has many challenges ahead for the coming year. A great deal of ground work has been done but more effort will hopefully give us some outstanding results in the Rotary centennial year ahead.

**Bowelscan**

Once again, good on you John and Jean Ritchie for another outstanding effort in your continued work for the Bowelscan program. The club thanks you both for your dedication to this program.

John Bryant PE

# Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA



## Attendance Queries: Members (Current Year)

Printed 07/06/2004

Name	Member Type	Meetings Attended	Makeups	Meetings Missed	%
Allan Terry	AO	22	12	24	73.91
Bainbridge Toby	AO	39	1	7	86.96
Blaschke Dean	AO	5	0	1	83.33
Bovalino Charles	AO	39	2	7	89.13
Boyes David	AO	36	2	10	82.61
Brown David	AO	32	0	14	69.57
Brown Peter	AO	33	0	13	71.74
Brown Rod	AO	40	1	6	89.13
Bruce Don	SAO	30	0	16	65.22
Bryant John	AO	38	2	8	86.96
Bursill Robert	AO	36	0	10	78.26
Caulfield John	AO	37	3	9	86.96
Costelow Graham	SAO	29	2	17	67.39
Davies Tom	AO	27	0	19	58.70
Dellavedova Shane	AO	30	0	16	65.22
Dowie Brian	HON	0	0	46	0.00
Edwards Ted	SAO	37	0	9	80.43
Fanning, Sharon	AL	7	1	39	17.39
Field Jim	AO	39	0	7	84.78
Forster, Ross	AO	38	0	8	82.61
Hare, David	AO	45	1	1	100.00
Harris Gerard	AO	35	4	11	84.78
Haywood Peter	AO	43	0	3	93.48
Hazledine John	AO	35	0	11	76.09
Higgins, Garry	AO	41	0	5	89.13
James Geoff	AO	41	0	5	89.13
Jarrett Glynn	AO	8	0	2	80.00
Jennings Noel	AO	39	1	7	86.96
Kennedy Grant	AO	27	0	19	58.70
Knight Charles	AO	36	10	10	100.00
Mackay Jeff	SAE	9	0	37	19.57
Marsden Derrick	AO	40	1	6	89.13
McCormick Peter	AO	33	0	13	71.74
McLeish Daryl	SAO	41	1	5	91.30
McRae Peter	AO	43	3	3	100.00
Ohlsen Anthony	AO	41	1	5	91.30
Osborne Bob	PSO	33	13	13	100.00
Parsons Wes	HON	0	0	46	0.00
Potter Trevor	AO	31	0	15	67.39
Quaife Noel	AO	38	6	8	95.65

# Rotary Club of MARYBOROUGH, VICTORIA



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Name	Member Type	Meetings Attended	Makeups	Meetings Missed	%
Rawlings Bryce	AO	38	8	8	100.00
Ritchie John	SAE	19	1	27	43.48
Robins John	SAEIH	28	0	18	60.87
Rowe Robert	AO	37	1	9	82.61
Selmon John	SAE	31	0	15	67.39
Silver Peter	AL	26	1	20	58.70
Stewart John	AO	34	4	12	82.61
Thomas Brian	AO	38	2	8	86.96
Townsing Charles	AO	17	16	29	71.74
Traynor Arthur	SAE	1	0	45	2.17
Treble Fred	SAE	22	0	24	47.83
Treble Peter	AO	39	3	7	91.30
Tynan David	AO	34	0	12	73.91
Waixel Bernie	AO	31	3	15	73.91
Walker, Stephen	AO	29	6	17	76.09
Wallace Col	AO	38	2	8	86.96
Walsh Peter	AO	37	2	9	84.78
Willersdorf Lindsay	HON	0	0	46	0.00
Williamson John	AO	33	3	13	78.26

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## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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Another busy year for the International Committee with the major fundraising event being the Annual Golf Day. This year the committee followed once again the successful format of running a 4 person Ambrose Event. This resulted in over \$2100.00 being praised.

Proceed were allocated as follows:

\$700.00 allocated to ROMAC

\$700.00 allocated to INTERPLAST

\$700.00 allocated to supplying a water tank for the village of Valahi in Northern Vanuatu

Early in the year we were able to supply parcels of books, pencils, teaching resources and games to two schools on the island of Sebu, which is located in the Philippines.

The GSE Team from England was a highlight for the International Committee; very special thanks must go to PP Anthony Ohlsen for his superb organization skills to make this event for our visitors such a memorable occasion.

Peter Walsh, Peter Haywood and yours truly, had the opportunity to play in the Bendigo golf fundraising day in aid of Interplast. Thanks to both peters' for playing so well we managed to bring home the winning trophy.

### **Donations In Kind**

With the help of many eager members we ventured out to the Avoca Hospital to clean out the obsolete medical equipment. This resulted in an almost full truck of equipment being forwarded to the Corio Rotary Club for distribution to countries such as Papua New Guinea, east Timor and Fiji.

Special thanks to Bernie Waixel for making this equipment available and to PP Rod brown for generously supplying the truck and driver, this was much appreciated and thanks are extended to both members.

I would like to thank President Charles for the opportunity to serve on his board and wish the Incoming President John Bryant every success for the coming Rotary year.

Col Wallace

Director

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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In some ways it has been a disappointing year. Indeed any year following an extremely busy year is an anti-climax.

We started the year with eager Rotarians John and Noel sawing firewood for an elderly gent. This seemed fine until it was mentioned that the gent and his friends were concerned with the risk of injury to themselves.

This brought to light that our activities should be mindful of the risk of injury to our Rotarian volunteers. Hence risk management became a major consideration. This together with the delays involved with paperwork permits etc often tempered enthusiasm and the spontaneity of an idea was often lost.

There were a number of ideas that didn't eventuate. Community Asthma Grant, RACV car accident competition, Golf/Bowls club score card advertising: good ideas without any results.

Thank goodness for the BBQ trailer.

The BBQ had a workout during "The Energy Breakthrough" weekend and our Rotarians did an excellent job throughout the day and night from Friday to Sunday.

Our community auction had to be re-assessed as our venue of many years kindly left vacant by Rotarian Rod was actually put to commercial use.

Instead we trialed a car-boot-sale. We will have another attempt to decide if it has a future.

We often get requests from needy individuals and can create an awkward precedent. At this stage we will help individuals get support through our Rotary contacts and networks and give our fundraising to needy groups.

Hoping we get more activities off the drawing board next year, thanks to all the Rotarians who helped throughout the year.

Yours in Rotary.

Peter Haywood

Director



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# VOCATIONAL SERVICE

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## **Membership of the Vocational Committee**

This year's committee included Jim Field (Director) Terry Allen, Toby Bainbridge, David Boyes, John Caulfield, Tom Davies, Sharon Fanning, Grant Kennedy, Peter McCormick, Anthony Ohlsen, Peter Silver, Fred Treble and Stephen Walker.

## **Activities**

Once again the major focus of this committee was the Pride of Workmanship Awards. Presentations were made to Lorraine Nicholson, Genevieve Williamson, Cory Holland, Wendy McIvor, Karen Hendrickson and Helen Ryan. All of these nominees shared a similar philosophy in their attitude to their work. This year the committee decided to change the usual format of the awards in order to recognise a particular individual for long term dedicated service. To this end, a presentation was made to Rhonda Clark who left Goldfields Employment and Training after ten years of exemplary service.

The committee continued to recognise local students who had achieved excellence in their studies, including awards at the Maryborough Campus of BRIT for the most outstanding Information Technology student this award was presented to Gillian Watling. Two local secondary students received recognition from our club. Stacy McIntosh- (Maryborough Regional College) received the Charles Mowbray Award and Michael Grant (Highview Community College), received the Brian Moore Award. Both of these awards were for excellence in the area of art.

The vocational committee also nominated two individuals, Jill Hunter and Cameron Howard for the *Shine on Awards* which were presented at a function held at Glen Waverly. These awards are presented to members of our community who, despite having a significant disability, have been able to make a significant contribution to our community.

The Vocational committee was also represented on a number of local committees, including the Lead On committee and the local Network committee which is a sub committee of the Goldfields Local Learning and Employment Network.

The three minute job talk was also reintroduced as a lead up to the Pride of Workmanship Awards. These talks were very interesting and well received by members.

## **Fund Raising**

Our major fundraising was the progressive dinner. Although not as well attended as last year, those that did attend had a great night. Thanks in particular to David Boyes and Grant Kennedy and those great entertainers Mallee and Bryce. David Boyes was also instrumental in organising a Music Trivia night that was a very successful night.

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

Jim Field  
Director

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## YOUTH SERVICE

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President Charles and fellow Rotarians, it is with pleasure that I present the annual Youth Services Report for the Rotary year ending June 2004

This year's youth committee consisted of John Williamson (Director) Charles Bovalino, David Brown, Graham Costelow, Shane Dellavedova, Geoff James, Derrick Marsden, Daryl McLeish, Peter McRae, Bob Osborne, Robert Rowe, John Stewart, and David Tynan.

The Rotary Club of Maryborough participates in a number of exciting and worthwhile youth programs as the following paragraphs outline

### Siemens Science Experience

This year Danielle Payne and Vanessa Stephenson attended this excellent program in Ballarat

### National Youth Science Forum

The Club was not represented at this Year's NYSF, however we have a very good nomination in Alicia Cain for next years forum

### ***Rotary Youth Leadership Program (RYLA)***

Two of Maryborough's youth, Courtney Higgins and Tim Grogan attended the 2004 RYLA Program that was held at Kangarooie in April. Rotarian David Hare is our representative on the District RYLA Committee, Thank you David.

### Rotary Youth Exchange

During this Rotary year the Club has hosted Ana Pimenter from Brazil, welcomed home Selina Chapman from her stay in Denmark, and selected Jennifer Brown to be our outgoing exchange student for next year. The Club has also accepted an incoming exchange student from America Meaghann Lucy. A big thankyou to all people involved in this program, especially those families that hosted our incoming student Ana.

John Williamson  
Director

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## BULLETIN REPORT

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Another 47 weekly bulletins were prepared through the 2002-2003 Rotary year following the overall format used in previous years with a little tweaking to the actual appearance of the publication. We've used an 8 X A5 page format with the four outer pages in colored paper (this year's color was pink), and the four inner pages were white. The front page contained this year's Rotary symbol, details of the Club's mailing address and meeting times, a copy of the four Rotary commandments, an indication of each night's meeting and the Bulletin number. This year we added photographs of the RI President, our District Governor and our local President, Secretary and Attendance Officer. The very back page 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. Page 4 usually contained a one page summary of the previous week's meeting, usually with one or two photographs. This was reduced from one and a half to two pages last year. Page 5 usually contained club notes and if there was spare space, a joke or article of general interest. In line with some suggestions from the Rotary officials who evaluate our bulletins, page 6 was usually used for an article relating to Rotary International issues or the monthly letter from our District Governor.

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 coordinator of Rotary Bulletins, and Bulletin editors at near-by Rotary Clubs (currently, Stawell, Ararat and St. Arnaud).

In closing, I'd 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 to Peter McRae who produced a bulletin when Toby and I were both unavailable. I would also like to once again thank Highview College for providing almost 15,000 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. The two main contributors in the group were Year 9 students, Bonnie Borland and Bianca Maher. On average, we've posted out around 23 Bulletins every week, which adds up to over a thousand

stamps or over \$500.00 for the year – not to mention the time of the students and around two to three hours of preparation time each week.. As I mentioned last year, 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. I wish the new Bulletin editor(s) well as they take over what has been for me a demanding but very rewarding way of contributing to the work of Rotary in this community.

Geoff James.  
Bulletin Editor

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## BOWELSCAN

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At the time of writing this report, the May Bowelscan project is underway and it is expected that the sale of kits will be satisfactory. Last year Maryborough's sales showed an increase, whereas the rest of District 9780s results were considerably down on previous years. This may have been due to reduced advertising. As a result the District Bowelscan committee has increased both television, radio and newspaper advertising this year. We have continued with letterbox drops in Maryborough, Carisbrook, Dunolly and Avoca, as well as in the Maryborough Advertiser, which provides us with very reasonable rates to place the advertisements.

From this year, all Bowelscan programs throughout Australia are united through the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

The District 9780 Bowelscan annual meeting was held at the Maryborough Highland Society in April and was attended by representatives from Millicent, Portland, Ararat and Belmont. The programs are being constantly upgraded.

Once again Rotary is indebted to Haywood & Robinson's staff at both Maryborough and Avoca, and to Millikan's staff at Maryborough and Dunolly. I cannot stress strongly enough our appreciation of their willing co-operation.

Both negative and positive results will be notified once again this year, which will result in nearly 10,000 mail-outs.

As well as being an excellent public relations exercise for Rotary, I believe the program should be pursued in the future to encourage people to care for and be aware of their personal health.

John Ritchie PP

Coordinator  
Rotary Bowelscan 2004

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## PROBUS

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Fellow Rotarians.

Probus continues its rapid growth, particularly in the South Pacific region where there are now almost 200,000 Probians in about 2000 clubs.

Closer to home within District 9780 there are 137 clubs (at the time of writing) with about 12,000 Probians; compare this with 59 Rotary Clubs and about 3000 Rotarians. The 'off-spring' has certainly outgrown the 'parent'.

The only criteria for membership of Probus is to be no longer involve on a full time basis in the workforce. It should be noted that Probus clubs are not fundraising groups.

Locally, the Maryborough Rotary Club has sponsored four Probus clubs—Maryborough, Maryborough Ladies, Avoca and Dunolly.

The two Maryborough clubs both celebrated milestones in 2004; it was Maryborough's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Maryborough Ladies 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Avoca and Dunolly will always be outpost clubs in smaller areas, but they continue to serve the needs of their individual communities in their own special way.

In October, the two Maryborough clubs will host the Annual Seminar of Probus Clubs within District 9780 of which 300 delegates are expected to be in attendance at the Maryborough Highland Society.

In my own case, I have been fortunate to have been appointed for a three year term to the committee of Probus Centre South Pacific (P.C.S.P) which is the body responsible for policy and organization of Probus in the South Pacific region.

Finally. *Aging is a natural process, but Probians do it better.*

Bob Osborne PP