

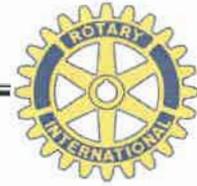
ROTARY CLUB
OF
MARYBOROUGH

Inc. 0021123A
Chartered June 14, 1952



ANNUAL REPORT

2004-2005



It has been a great honour and privilege to have been President of the Rotary Club of Maryborough for the past year.

I am extremely proud of our Rotary Club for the range of programs and activities that we participate in.

Youth Services

Youth exchange is a big commitment by the club. It is a big effort to host incoming exchange students and my thanks and appreciation go to those families that host these students. The effort of these host families is much appreciated by the rest of the club members.

Outgoing exchange students have always been of the highest quality and have represented our club and community in a way that we can be proud of.

RYLA. We have as usual sponsored two young people for the RYLA experience.

These young people have benefited as has our club from knowing we have helped to make a difference to the lives of two young people.

RYPEN. A very successful RYPEN weekend was held in Maldon for 36 young people from District 9780. This was the first time our club had organised such a weekend.

International Services

This year the world experienced the horror of the Tsunami and its aftermath. The event occurred on Boxing day and by New Years day Maryborough Rotarians were collecting money to help victims.

We were communicating soon after through the RI structure, with Rotary districts in the affected countries. The world wide organisation of Rotary showed its might and power at this time and continues to do so. Rotary can do things on a global basis that governments and others cannot.

President's Report



Community Services

Our club is constantly helping others in the community. The BarBQ trailer provides food at events and earns the club valuable funds. Members assist at community events such as the Energy Breakthrough. We hold auctions to raise funds. We participate in working bees such as at the Brian Dowie Park.

Centenary of Rotary

This year was very special as we commemorated 100 years since Rotary was started in Chicago by Paul Harris and others.

The Manse project was nominated to be our primary centennial project. This project is proving difficult to finalise but we hope it will eventually happen.

The kit *Good as Gold* was developed to assist mature age job seekers.

One hundred trees were planted in the community as part of a general Rotary Centenary project.

A community concert in Princes Park was a very successful event to highlight the centenary of Rotary.

To celebrate the centenary we held a special club dinner which District Governor Cathy Roth attended, one of her three visits for the year. We cut a centenary cake and presented a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Extensive publicity was featured in the Maryborough Advertiser telling the story of 100 years of Rotary.

Other Activities

During the year we have had many and varied guest speakers to provide us with interest and stimulation.

We held an enjoyable Christmas picnic at *Lochinver* in a lovely setting by the creek. Two Paul Harris fellowships were presented.

Probus continues to prosper locally.

RSL Ladies

How can we adequately express our gratitude to the RSL Ladies? They have catered for the Rotary Club for 54 years. Their retirement was not entirely unexpected but it was a huge blow. Time will tell whether or not the new arrangement will be satisfactory. We convey our immense gratitude to the ladies for so many years voluntary work and so many wonderful meals.

President s Report



Conclusion

I would particularly like to thank the Board members for their work and assistance given to me during the year.

There are many individuals to thank for contributing to the club and for helping me during the year. Rather than mentioning them by name I would like to thank each and every Rotarian in the club for their contribution. The great strength of the Rotary Club of Maryborough is the fellowship amongst the members, the willingness to accept another person's point of view, the enthusiasm shown at question times and the willingness to help out when asked to attend working bees, auctions, cleanups etc. Thank you one and all for your contribution this past year.

I would like to congratulate the following members for receiving awards during the year; Don Bruce, Rodney Brown, Tom Davies and Charles Townsing were all made *Paul Harris fellows*.

Peter McRae received the *Royce Abbey Award*, the first awarded in our District 9780

I will thank one person by name. Thank you Sally for all your help.

John Bryant

President
2004 2005

President's Report



During the Rotary year my duties have included the following:

- Collection, collation and distribution of inward mail.
- Preparation and distribution of outward mail at the direction of the Board.
- Preparation of the agenda for monthly Board meetings.
- Recording of the minutes of Board meetings.
- Preparation of semi-annual returns to Rotary International as at July 1st and January 1st each year.
- Completion of half yearly returns to Rotary Down Under during May and November.
- Ordering Club supplies as required.

Other duties included assistance to President John Bryant, incoming President Robert Rowe and the Board in the preparation of selection criteria, and collation of documents related to the selection of the clubs catering position.

Special thanks to Peter McRae for monitoring the Club s attendance, and reporting to the District Governor on a monthly basis.

Thank you in particular to President John Bryant and also to all club members for their support through out the year.

Jim Field
Secretary

Secretary's Report



The following report shows the financial position and activities of the Maryborough Rotary Club for the year 2004 2005.

The report indicates the operating account as being down in funds for the year, with an interest increase in the Term deposit account.

The past year highlights the need for a major fund raiser to be held yearly. Hopefully International Director, Peter Silver's cycling expo will come to fruition and may be the catalyst that we need to generate an ongoing major activity.

The financial position also highlights the need for all Directors and their committees to establish and operate a specific budget for the forthcoming Rotary year. Without such, the financial reserves of the club can and will be quickly eroded.

I would like to thank all the Board members for their input over the past twelve months and especially to Peter McRae for his assistance throughout the year.

Rotarian Robert Bursill will be taking over the role of Treasurer for the new year and will be assisted by Rotarian Peter McRae. I wish them all the best in their roles for the new year.

Noel Jennings PP

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report



Rotary Club of Maryborough, Inc
Balance Sheet
As of June 25, 2005

ASSETS

Current Assets

Current/Savings

ANZ Cheque 5,548.07

ANZ Term Deposit 58,670.61

Total Current/Savings 64,218.68

Total Current Assets 64,218.68

TOTAL ASSETS 64,218.68

LIABILITIES 0.00

NET ASSETS 64,218.68

EQUITY

Opening Bal Equity 67,606.95

Retained Earnings 444.80

Net Income 3,833.07

TOTAL EQUITY 64,218.68

Treasurer's Report



This year has certainly been very busy on a number of fronts across our club. It never ceases to amaze me, how much Rotarians from Maryborough can achieve, while enjoying the friendship and fellowship that our club is renowned for.

Our mobile BBQ trailer has continued to prove its worth in terms of both its service to numerous community groups, to our club, and to the promotion of Rotary service in our community. Thanks to the fellowship Rotarians who, supply provisions, operate, clean, cart, drag, tow and store this unit.

The Bowel Scan project under the continued guidance of Rotarian John and Jean Ritchie has again highlighted the need to continue our participation in this life saving effort.

The Program for the year, due to the efforts of Rotarian Ross Forster and crew, has been extensive and varied and has continued to provide guest speakers from many different backgrounds, interests and adventures. It is a great part of our Rotary activities

Rotary Foundation is a cornerstone for rotary activities worldwide. Thanks to Rotarian David Tynan in providing information and guidance to club members throughout the year.

Club Membership has increased. A number of our newer members have agreed to take on various roles and responsibilities within our club for which I am extremely grateful. The health of our club can only be enhanced by this sort of involvement. Thank you very much.

Our Centennial Project, "The Manse" has been placed in uncertain territory. The initial certainties for external funding evaporated and project details and information became confused. A robust meeting of the club saw the need to re-establish criteria for our involvement. The outcome is still to be determined.

I must apologise to the club for my wayward efforts in relation to the maintenance and upkeep of Brian Dowie Park. The future of this project will be in the guiding hands of Rotarian Brian Thomas over the next year and I ask fellow members to provide Brian any assistance he seeks.

I am happy to report that our Grievance Officer has had no causes placed before him for his attention or action.

A number of club activities throughout the year have received great media attention. If undertaken in accordance with club guidelines, this type of public relations material can only enhance the reputation and standing of our club in the community.

The Sergeant! What can I say about the Sergeant? A great consecutive effort by the Sarg. throughout the year and thanks to all the tossers who assisted. Exhaustive and interesting observations aplenty.

Thanks also must be handed to the Bulletin editor for his continued efforts in providing information, reports, photos and 60 copies, each and every week, throughout the past year.

I would like to thank those Rotarians who have provided support and guidance to me throughout this year and who have offered the same for my term as President.

I am very excited about commencing my term as President as the Rotary Club of Maryborough as it steps into the first year of the second century of Rotary International. I am comforted, knowing I have the support needed to carry out such a task.

ROBERT ROWE

PRESIDENT ELECT

Club Service



A big thanks to all Rotarians who helped with a variety of projects this year. Our projects ranged from an Auction at Bovolino s, selling wine, *Clean Up Australia Day*, Energy Breakthrough duties and many BBQ s.

At this stage the wine sales are nearing our breakeven cost and could ultimately raise nearly \$6000 once it is all sold. However, we need to sell our stock to realise this profit. So if you drink wine, or know someone who does, consider our Cabernet Sauvignon or Chardonnay; it s a good drop at a very reasonable price.

Our effort with *Clean Up Australia* collected about fifty bags of rubbish from our little cleanup along the Ballarat Road.

Our annual Energy Breakthrough weekend is a major commitment for the club and requires an effort by all Rotarians to fill the various rosters. Rotarians please try to keep part of this weekend free to help out.

Finally a reminder to all, the ultimate community service is the gift of life through Organ transplantation .This is a Rotary endorsed program and should be discussed with your family well beforehand if you wish to be involved.

Rotarians John Stewart and Noel Quaife will take over the Community directorship And I wish them an enjoyable and successful term.

Peter Haywood

Community Service Chairman

Community Services



Golf Day

Unfortunately the Rotary Golf Day which traditionally is the major fund raiser for the International Committee had to be cancelled this year for a number of reasons.

However we are now back on track and look forward to your support for our golf day on the 28th August.

Tsunami Appeal

At short notice our members rallied to the call on New Years day to rattle tins for the Tsunami appeal at the Maryborough Highland Games. Our thanks to the Maryborough Highland Society for allowing us to use their day to assist with the appeal.

Thanks to President John for getting the ball rolling, Don Bruce for organising signage, Glynn Jarrett for the tins and everyone else who participated on the day.

The money raised on the day was increased with the generous support of Rotary members and the local community. A special mention is extended to the *Maryborough Boot Scooters* who donated \$1218.00 to the appeal.

The end result was :

Tin Rattle	\$3983.00
Maryborough Boot Scooters	\$1218.00
Donations (Rotary & Community)	<u>\$2733.00</u>
Total	\$7934.00

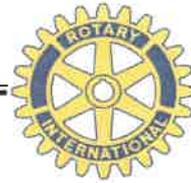
A contribution from Club funds enabled us to forward an initial donation of \$10,000 to Rotary International District 3220 in Sri Lanka, for immediate use in the distribution of water, food and blankets.

In the next 12 months we are planning to support a school or hospital in one of Tsunami devastated areas and in doing so hope to form an ongoing relationship with a local Rotary club.

Peter Silver

International Service Chairman

International Service



The year commenced with our annual music trivia night held at the Maryborough Golf Club. The night again proved very successful especially considering that we were up against a live AFL finals telecast. The evening raised \$500 to go towards the major Vocational project for the year that would assist mature age jobseekers in regaining employment.

The *Good as Gold* project was launched at the Pride of Workmanship awards in April. The evening was attended by representatives of many of the project partners including Goldfields Employment & Learning Centre, BRIT, B.R.A.C.E, Tracey s, Community Health and the RITCH program.

Fifty *Good as Gold* kits were made up by the board members and these were distributed to local employment agencies as well as Maryborough Centrelink. The project launch received excellent media coverage and will be launched into Bendigo and Ballarat in the new Rotary year.



To highlight the benefits of employing mature age jobseekers our Pride of Workmanship Awards recognised mature age persons that had successfully returned to full time work.



Employer citations detailed the qualities this sector brought to their respective work forces. Special guest speaker Mr Graeme Rogan talked about the barriers and prejudices he faced when attempting to return to work after receiving a redundancy package and being out of the workforce for several years.

During April President John and Sally, Rtn Bob Osborne, Jeanette and myself attended the annual *Shine on Awards* in Yarraville. This was an inspirational afternoon as awards were presented to people with a disability that had made a significant contribution to their communities.

It will be an exciting time next year for Maryborough as the *Shine on Awards* are hosted by our own club. Recipients of these prestigious awards will travel from all around the state as all Victorian Rotary clubs are able to nominate candidates.

As usual we were entertained through the year by several members jobtalks as well as a visit to Pyrenees Press, second home (workplace) of Rotarian Glynn Castanelli.

Vocational service committee members were also involved in the RYPEN careers

Vocational Services



forum. This was a great opportunity for Rotarians to share their work experiences and talk about the vocational fields that they had worked in during their work lives.

David Boyes
Vocational Director

Vocational Services



President John and fellow Rotarians, it is with pleasure that I present the annual Youth Services Report for the Rotary year ending June 2005

This year's youth committee consisted of John Williamson (Director) Charles Bovalino, John Caulfield, Graham Costelow, David Hare, Geoff James, Glynn Jarrett, Derrick Marsden, Daryl McLeish, Peter McRae, and Bob Osborne.

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

Siemens Science Experience

The Club was not represented this year.

National Youth Science Forum

The Club was represented at this Year's NYSF by Alicia Cain. Alicia is a student at the Maryborough Regional College and earlier this year gave an excellent presentation to the Club of her two weeks in Canberra at NYSF. Our Club's nomination for 2006 is Charles Williamson who is a student at Highview Christian Community College Maryborough.

Rotary Youth Leadership Program (RYLA)

Two of Maryborough's youth, Tyler Howden, and James Hanley attended the 2005 RYLA Program that was held at Kangarooie in April. Rotarian David Hare is our representative on the District RYLA Committee, thank you David. Tyler and James recently gave an inspiring talk to the Club.

Rotary Youth Exchange

During this Rotary year the Club has hosted Meaghann Lucy from Gillete Wyoming U.S.A. Jennifer Brown is our outgoing exchange student, and is now in Tokyo Japan. A big thankyou to all people involved in this program, especially those families that hosted our incoming student Meaghann.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (R.Y.P.E.N.)

This Year our club hosted the weekend camp at Derby Hill in Maldon. It was the vision and hard work of the convener Rodney Brown that made this weekend possible, and also made it the success that it was. Thank you to the camp Mum and Dad and all Rotarians and wives that contributed to a great weekend at Maldon.

John Williamson
Youth Director

Youth Services



At the time of compiling this report the Rotary Club of Maryborough has a membership base of fifty-three members.

Over the past twelve months we have accepted the resignation of seven members who have during the time with us have been actively involved in all areas of club activities and we wish them all the very best luck in whatever they do in the future. and we hope that they are not lost to Rotary. Goodbye, good luck and thank you. Dean Blaschke, Peter Brown, Sharon Fanning, Charles Knight, John Robins, Bernie Waixel and Col Wallace.

Early this year Brian Dowie passed away after a long illness. Brian's contribution to Rotary International has been immense and we are lucky to have had a Rotarian of his calibre as a member of our club.

On a brighter note we have welcomed into our club, Glyn Castanelli, Trevor Giles and John Sedunary and we wish them a very long and fruitful association with Rotary.

Although we have had a nett loss of five members for the year there is currently cards being processed for five new members.

Bryce Rawlings
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Membership



We have just completed the most successful campaign in recent years with excellent sales of screening kits. Once again all results will be notified, the positive tests being known only to the patient's doctor and Dr Colin Aberly of our District Committee.

The excellent co-operation of the owners and staff of Haywood & Robinson, Millikan's and the Clunes, Avoca and Dunolly pharmacies is greatly appreciated. Special thanks must be extended to the Maryborough Advertiser and Westberg carriers who have also helped most generously

I have attended meetings at Geelong and the Annual meeting was once again held in Maryborough at the Maryborough Highland Society.

The District Bowelscan committee runs at a considerable profit each year. In conjunction with the Rotary Australian Health Research Fund, Rotary District 9780 Bowelscan and the University of Melbourne, a PhD Scholarship has been awarded to Lisa Chan to investigate aspects of Bowel cancer. Our commitment to the scholarship is for three years and her research will be carefully scrutinised.

I consider that the Bowelscan project is a very worthwhile exercise for this club to support.

John Ritchie

Co-ordinator

Bowelscan



During the 2004—2005 Rotary year the *Bulletin* was produced fifty-two times. The format for the *Bulletin* remained the same as that used by the previous Editor as it was found to be helpful to the members. In the front page, the photographs and Rotary logos were changed to reflect the new incumbents and the new Rotary year.

There was the usual break over the Christmas—New Year period when no events happened and there was nothing to report. This *silly season* period is traditionally a period when members leave for warmer climates so there are traditionally no meetings and hence no *Bulletins* were produced.

I wish to thank all those who helped me over the last year, in particular:

- Ross Forster for his timely help in the schedule of speakers for the following weeks
- Glynn Jarrett for taking notes and photographs when I had a ten-week course in Melbourne
- Peter McRae and John Caulfield for printing the *Bulletin* at the last minute on more than one occasion, and finally
- Gerard Harris for taking photographs at short notice.

There were the usual typographical errors that produced mirth on more than one occasion. Please be assured that they were there to satisfy all those readers who spend time looking for such errors as I aim to please all my readers.

There were also the errors introduced to see if anyone actually read the *Bulletin*. In particular I changed one heading to read *The Five-Way Test* to see how long it lasted before an observant reader discovered it. Unfortunately I lost my bet with myself, because Rotarian Terry Allan discovered it on the first night that it appeared. This discovery, however, did result in a fine for all members of the club so it cannot have been all bad.

Toby Bainbridge

Bulletin Editor

Bulletin



The project to restore the former Uniting Church 'Manse' in Neill Street, Maryborough into low cost, short term accommodation for family members of hospital patients, medical and nursing students and others providing health/medical services to the Maryborough district, has unfortunately not proceeded to the extent our club would have liked over the past twelve months.

The Maryborough District Health Service CEO and administrative staff have continued to apply for funding through various government and private organisations and although success has been limited, efforts continue.

Our thanks go to the CEO, the board members and the administration staff of Maryborough District Health Service for the great effort put in to date in relation to this project.

I firmly believe this project to be worthwhile, however the time is drawing near to a decision from our club as to the future of the project and a re-think of the monetary contribution to ensure the completion of the project.

Bryce Rawlings

CHAIRMAN

Centenary Project



It has certainly been an honour and a wonderful experience over the past 2 years since I became your President at the Festival in Young, NSW. I am truly heartened that the fellowship has blossomed to the extent that it is today. I certainly must acknowledge that this is due to the huge contribution of our Honorary World Life Vice President Gordon Fenwick.

I take this opportunity to thank all board members for their time and effort and welcome new board member, John Sheldrick and on behalf of the board, I thank PDG Nevin Hughes, our treasurer, for his dedicated services to IFCR over the past 8 years. Unfortunately, due to ill health, Nevin sends his apologies for the Festival.

During the past 2 years, NZ IFCR toured Southern Queensland in 2003 coordinated by Ian Petherick and Brian Fulcher. Ian Petherick also organised a Friendship/Cricket tour of Chennai, India 2003. These were followed up with Richard Groom taking an AussieTeam, joined by some very keen Pakistan cricketers, to Mumbai and Chennai in Feb this year, with both sides fostering International friendships as well as fellowship and cricket and promoting our World Festival of Cricket in the Hunter Valley. Syd Lewis and Ken Jones headed up a team to test the cricketing ability of our wonderful Kiwi counter parts and experienced the usual warm welcome, fellowship and rivalry we have come to expect.

History was made in February this year, when through our Managing Editor of RDU, Bob Aitken and his mutual friend PDG Gordon Dowsett, a team of 12 Aussies and 2 very Privileged Poms touched down in Johannesburg, South Africa on the foundation tour to spread the word of IFCR fellowship to this very unique country. The fellowship, friendship, cricket and home hosting have worked their magic once again, with 9 South Africans and their partners arriving Perth for a week of pre Festival matches, organised by PDG. David Horsley. Word has it that a NZ team will follow up with a tour of South Africa in the near future. Funds remaining from the South African tour were donated to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. IFCR headed up the beginning of a International school competition, when the National University of Singapore played Maryborough Regional College, supported by the Rotary Club of Maryborough, District Cricket Ass. and Central Goldfields Shire, Graeme Amore and Richard Groom were on hand, showing a great example of IFCR and local community partnerships.

As well as our international tours, at District level, we have the annual game held at Hume & Hovel, by Don McQueen in Strath Creek, John Hamblin maintains IFCR cricket in the Young area as does Ian Petherick in Bundaberg. A cricket match was held after the RI Conference in Brisbane, organised by David Breusch, to be played at the Alan Border ground, unfortunately, due to a wash out, the game had to transferred to a different venue, where the match was played in true IFCR spirit.

While on the subject of the RI Conference, Brisbane, I would like to thank all members who gave their time to help man the Cricket booth in the House of friendship..

IFCR



Plans are in place for another exciting Tour of the UK in 2005, with a stopover match in Singapore. Interested members, have the ideal opportunity to discuss the tour with organisers, John Hamblin or Don McQueen, during the Festival

A big thank you to our Secretary, Graeme Amooore, for all his valued assistance over the past 2 years, his communication with our members establishes excellent rapor between us all.

To Peter Daly, our Festival Convenor, Bob Kerr and their strong Committee, an enormous thank you for their exceptional effort and expertise in organising teams from UK, NZ, India, South Africa, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, for a wonderful week of fellowship and cricket in a very beautiful part of the world, the Hunter Valley.

Many thanks to Leigh Watts of Kookaburra, John Forbes of Puma and Cricket Australia for their contributions and donations of signed bats, stumps and cricket gear at reduced prices for us

One of our many friends in IFCR, John Hamblin invited us to join his Aussie Crocks Veteran cricket tour to Western Australia. We were able to visit Perth and Kalgoorlie Rotary clubs and help our Rotary members in those areas endorse our wonderful cricket fellowship

Rotarian Derrick Marsden represented our club at the annual Hume & Hovel Cricket weekend in April this year.

The month of May saw a visit from Indian friends, made through IFCR, to our district. President John Bryant showed the visitors over his farm with great interest shown to the shearing and size of machinery. Peter Silver and David Boyes made themselves available for a tour of the Capilano Honey Factory where many business cards changed hands.

Ram and Ravi were guest speakers at our club meeting and extended an invitation to members of the Maryborough Rotary Club to visit Chennai.

Charles Townsing
Past President
IFCR Australia.

IFCR



President John and fellow Rotarians.

Probus continues to grow at a phenomenal rate, particularly in District 9780, where there are now 140 Probus Clubs. Our district has the second highest number of clubs in the South Pacific area.

Locally, the four clubs started by the Maryborough Rotary Club continue to thrive and perform adequately in their own way.

A highlight of the past year was the District 9780 Probus seminar, hosted at the Maryborough Highland Society by the Maryborough Rotary Club. Almost 300 delegates attended, and we were pleased to have District Governor Cathy Roth in attendance, along with President John and Sally Bryant. The event was a huge success.

My own role in Probus is complete, in that I have served at four levels: club, District 9780 Rotary/Probus Liaison Officer, Past President of the Victorian Probus Association, Past President of the Victorian Probus Association and currently in the final year of a three year appointment on the controlling body RDU PCSA (Probus Centre South Pacific). It is really just working on four rungs of the same ladder. It is time consuming but enjoyable.

In this centenary year of Rotary, I re-emphasise the need for Rotary Clubs and Probus Clubs to maintain a liaison with each other.

Probus in Australia/New Zealand is still the biggest and best, with around 200,000 Probians in 2200 clubs.

Probians are grateful to Rotary for its invitation in:

- a. Starting Probus in the United Kingdom in 1964.
- b. Continuing its formation and guidance role as a major community service project.

My grateful thanks to the maryborough Rotary Club for its support to myself, and to Probus in this area over the past twelve months.

Bob Osborne
Probus Liaison Officer

Probus Report