

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

2005 – 2006

**ROTARY CLUB
OF
MARYBOROUGH INC.**

DISTRICT 9780

President: Robert Rowe





President's Report

Robert Rowe

Fellowship and Fun.

In July 2005, that was how I had hoped the following year would unfold for the Rotary Club of Maryborough.

I had also hoped that our Club's first year in the second century of Rotary International would put us in good stead for the coming years.

When you glance back over the Dinner Program and the Bulletin, it certainly has been a year of wonderful fellowship. Think back about the time you spent on the BBQ, erecting the marquees, marshalling on the Energy Breakthrough corner or how much you paid out in fines, deservedly or otherwise, and you will realise how much fun it is to be a member of the Rotary Club of Maryborough.

Have a think about the many programs that you have been involved in, from Bow-elan to TYPO, from National Youth Science Forum and our projects in Sri Lanka, to our sponsorship and support of the Garden Club and the Theatre of the Oppressed. There are many other areas that we have touched, that I haven't mentioned here.

Consider the commitment you have made to the various avenues of service, with service committee meetings now held after hours, often accompanied by good food, good fellowship and always with an opportunity to serve. A great number of wonderful ideas for the future of our club came about by members attending these "after hours meetings".

District Governor PHF, PP Wayne Barrett and Rtn Gail Barrett made seven visits to our club for various functions. DG Wayne and Gail were amazed at how our "Club" had a desire to be continually looking outside the square, right across the board, for avenues where we could "*Serve above Self*". I wish to sincerely thank both DG Wayne and Gail for the leadership and friendship they so willingly gave to Narelle, myself and our club throughout the year.

The number of our Rotarians attending the District Conference, Assembly and Changeover, has surely played an important role in the motivation and education of those who attended, the effects of which, eventually filtering throughout the club.

Throughout the year, the club welcomed Brent, Len, Peita and Matthew into the ranks while Rtn Trevor Giles transferred to a Rotary club in Bendigo. Peita was our first female member to be inducted into the club. They have all demonstrated their willingness to participate and contribute to the fun and fellowship of the club, right from the start.

We also bid a fond farewell to club stalwarts, Rtn PHF PP Charles and Faye Towns-



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ing, as they rode off into the sunset towards their mid western NSW dream. We look forward to their many visits over the coming years as well as the many stories that will no doubt follow. We also remember the passing of Rotarian and PHF Wes Parsons.

Lots of club fellowship activities were planned for the year, however, some of them had to be left out because we were just way too busy with projects, programs and fellowship to fit them all in.

On behalf of the club, and where possible, I attended a number of Annual General meetings of various community clubs and organisations. I have to report that the most interesting and far reaching of these was the Bowelscan AGM. The commitment and dedication of this group of people, some of whom were Rotarians (but all volunteers), with a PHD Student Doctor thrown into the mix, was simply amazing. I would encourage any Rotarians to consider embarking on an apprenticeship to Rtn PP, PHF John Ritchie and PHF Jean Ritchie, in this vitally important, health initiative in our District.

After a shaky start and shallow soup, the Havilah ladies hit their straps, reintroduced sweets and our club is again "the talk of the district" when meal comparisons are made. The Havilah ladies prepared close to 2100 meals and we are again enjoying good old fashion "RSL Ladies" type of meals. Our thanks and appreciation are extended to the many Havilah volunteers that assist on a Thursday night, especially Sue Edmonson, who has now set the attendance record. Our club met at the RSL Clubrooms on 36 occasions, the Golf Club (4), the Highland Society (2), the Blue Light Camp at Maldon (RYPEN), the Flagstaff Hotel, Leilani's Restaurant and two BBQ's at the Adventure Playground. The Fellowship boys provided the BBQ trailer at the Manse, the Airport and the IGA carpark. We also had one pie night.

Throughout the year, the board met at various places on eleven occasions and my thanks to the members and partners for their hospitality and warmth. Other initiatives saw Partners Nights being held on the last Thursday of each month, all meetings started at 6.30, drinks charges were raised and then introduced on Partners nights. Funding from the drinks charges were then used to cover costs of various club fellowship activities from pie nights to BBQs.

In the latter half of the year, accounts were sent out to recoup the cost of meals that were ordered but not needed, due to members failing to notifying the club of their intentions by the required time, thereby saving the club approximately \$546.

I would like to thank Secretary Anthony, Treasurer Rob, members of the Board, bulletin editor and Clubmate guru Peter McRae, Program Director John Sedunary, Fellowship whip Peter Treble, and all Rotarians and partners who have helped in anyway, in making this, a year full of fellowship and fun. Thanks to your efforts, we stand in good stead for many years to come.

I also wish to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Narelle and Callum, for all their help, assistance and understanding, throughout what has been a thoroughly enjoyable year.

I wish Grant and his board, every success and enjoyment in the coming year.

I know he will *Lead the Way*.

Robert Rowe

President 2005-2006



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President Elect

Grant Kennedy

With the 2005/2006 Rotary year, so ably led by President Robert Rowe and his committees, coming to a close, I am reminded what a very active and busy club we are fortunate to belong to in Maryborough.

As my year as President Elect has progressed through the year I have been a lot more closely involved with club activities, it has been emphasised to me what a unique organisation this worldwide family of Rotary is and what an honour it is to belong to such a club.

My wife Janette and I attended this years District Conference in Portland, the PETS weekend in Horsham and I attended the District Assembly in Stawell. From these visits we have learnt much about what Rotary is about. I am really looking forward to the challenges and activities that will occur in my upcoming role as President.

One area to be looked at is Membership. It is so important to the future of our club to have a structured and innovative plan for Membership in place. The years seem to be flashing by and whilst we are fortunate to have a stable membership, we have to continually look at ways to maintain membership growth.

The Four Avenues in Motion have been very active and several of the established projects, as well as new ones, will continue to grow during the next twelve months.

There are two members in the club who have agreed to continue on the board for another year – PP Anthony Ohlsen as Secretary, and Rtn Robert Bursill as Treasurer.

These jobs are continuous week in week out and I sincerely thank them for accepting these positions. I look forward to working with them and all the directors and chairmen who have accepted positions on the board.

A new Committee of *Information Technology & Rotary Information* will be established to assist with the learning process for the Rotary and Clubrunner websites. The information and administration material available from these sites is excellent and is going to assist all members to access Rotary information at any time. We will be organising a hands on demonstration at an online site as soon as it can be organised so that all members can then utilise the websites to their advantage.

Acknowledged as one of the great things about belonging to the Rotary Club of Maryborough is the excellent fellowship and goodwill that exists in our club. This is always evident at our meetings and various community activities we become involved in. I look forward to the coming year being no exception.

I congratulate President Robert and his board on a very successful year. His year has been a busy one with many activities covering all committees and with his inimitable



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ability at the helm, we have had many laughs.

Our District Governor for 2006/2007 is DGE Andrew Suggett and I wish Andrew, and his wife Betty, all the best for the coming year. DGE Andrew in his address at the District Assembly has asked the District 9780 clubs to promote membership, the local community and to promote the family of Rotary – but above all, he has asked us to all - Enjoy Rotary – Lets do that!

Grant Kennedy

President Elect



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Secretary's Report

Anthony Ohlsen PP

I have enjoyed my year as Secretary of the Maryborough Rotary Club Inc. due largely to the support of the executive of the club in President Robert, President Elect Grant, VP Derrick, Treasurer Robert and our four very able Directors Peter, David, Noel and Steve. There have also been a number of other members who have been willing to help along the way, these have included PP Peter Treble, PP Bryce Rawlings and Past Secretary Jim Field..

During the Rotary year the following tasks were undertaken

Some of the highlights for the year for me have included:

- The induction of our first female Rotarian by invitation; amid fears of loss of members this hasn't proved to be the case.
- The continued support afforded to the local community and in fact the enhanced support to local youth by the club as well as our support to the international community.
- The continued and increasing support to the Energy Breakthrough with not only the "Corner" and the "BBQ" but also the new activity of erecting and dismantling of the marquees.
- My participation on the District GSE Committee, which has seen a very successful two way exchange with District 7120 in the USA, plus a team from District 9780 to District 1630 (Belgium) with a return visit to 9780 next year.

I would also like to thank Rotarian Peter McRae for his support via the maintenance of the Clubs Clubmate program and reporting of Club attendance figures etc to the District Secretary.

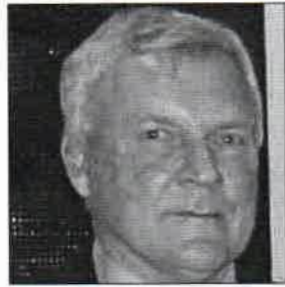
Last of all I would like to thank my family for their help throughout the year.

PP Anthony Ohlsen

Secretary



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Treasurer's Report

Robert Bursill

I would like to congratulate Malley on his year as President. Over the last twelve months he has been very busy keeping everybody informed and trying to keep projects moving along.

It has been a reasonably busy year, building into a bigger one next year. A real learning experience as to what goes on behind the norm. There are a number of projects that have gone on, which we all should know about and agree with. There are others, yet to get off the ground that some members are concerned with. But once the decision is made by the Board we should all go along with it.

We have maintained our operating account, along with interest increasing in the Term Deposit account. The Directors will need to be mindful that each Service Committee has to be selective with their projects and operate to a strict budget for the next Rotary year.

I would like to publicly thank Rotarian Peter McRae for his help over the past twelve months, in creating reports for board meetings and the Annual meeting.

Robert Bursill

Treasurer



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Rotary Club of Maryborough, Inc
Balance Sheet
As of June 12, 2006

	<u>Jun 12, 2006</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Current/Savings	
ANZ Cheque	19,294.90
ANZ Term Deposit	61,630.73
Total Current/Savings	80,925.63
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	-180.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-180.00
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	180.00
Total Other Current Assets	180.00
Total Current Assets	80,925.63
TOTAL ASSETS	80,925.63
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Rotary Foundation Dues	1,648.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,648.00
Total Current Liabilities	1,648.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,648.00
NET ASSETS	79,277.63
EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	67,606.95
Retained Earnings	-3,796.07
Net Income	15,466.75
TOTAL EQUITY	79,277.63



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Rotary Club of Maryborough, Inc
Profit & Loss
 July 1, 2005 through June 12, 2006

Jul 1, '05 - Jun 12, 2006

Income		
ANZ Interest Earned		
Current account interest	111.99	
Term Interest	2,960.12	
Total ANZ Interest Earned		3,072.11
CLUB INCOME MEMBERS		
Dinner Drink Sales	3,275.95	
Dinner Fees	31,961.90	
Dinner Fees - (On Account)	164.00	
Members Dues Paid	9,600.00	
Sergeants Fines	467.45	
Weekly Raffle	1,508.60	
Total CLUB INCOME MEMBERS		46,977.90
CLUB SERVICE		
BBQ Trailer		
Catering (External)	5,964.80	
BBQ Trailer - Other	77.35	
Total BBQ Trailer		6,042.15
Club Donations	500.00	
Donations Received	170.00	
Total CLUB SERVICE		6,712.15
COMMUNITY SERVICE		
Donations		
Bursaries	700.00	
Community	100.00	
Donations - Other	-500.00	
Total Donations		300.00
Electric BBQs	150.00	
Manse Redevelopment Project	5,303.00	
Marquee Income	600.00	
Medical Booklet	54.40	
Wine Sales	1,612.00	
Total COMMUNITY SERVICE		8,019.40
FUNDS & PROJ INC		
INTERNATIONAL		
Golf Day		
Golf Day Entry Fees	805.95	
Golf Day Sponsorship	1,400.00	
Total Golf Day		2,205.95
Total INTERNATIONAL		2,205.95
ROTARY FOUNDATION		
Centurion Paid by Members	200.00	
Gifts from Members	770.00	
Total ROTARY FOUNDATION		970.00
VOCATIONAL SERVICE		
Pride of Workmanship	1,098.00	
Shine-On-Awards	5,000.00	
Total VOCATIONAL SERVICE		6,098.00



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YOUTH SERVICE	
Calcutta Income	8,320.00
Carols Drink Sales	57.00
National Summer Science Forum	862.50
Pudding Cake Sales	2,944.65
RYLA	145.00
RYPEN	5,323.00
Spare Change	122.80
TYPO Station	50.00
Total YOUTH SERVICE	17,824.95
Total FUNDS & PROJ INC	27,098.90
Total Income	91,880.46
Expense	
BBQ TRAILER	
Maintenance	357.28
Registration & Insurance	353.70
Sundry Expenses	150.00
Supplies	4,548.84
Total BBQ TRAILER	5,409.82
CLUB EXPENSES	
Administration Expenses	
Advertising & Promotion	343.56
Badges & Engraving	337.98
Bank Charges	3.70
Bulletin Production	374.25
Change Over Dinner Expense	513.30
Dinner Drinks Purchase	2,169.79
Gifts/Donations	1,341.20
Postal Expenses	416.00
Printing & Copying	260.90
Professional Fees	36.70
Repairs & Maintenance	31.04
Utilities	152.25
Administration Expenses - Other	502.20
Total Administration Expenses	6,482.87
CLUB MEAL COSTS	
Dinner Fees - Change Over	2,760.10
Havilah - Meal Costs	20,006.00
Other Functions	3,385.00
RSL Hall Hire	495.00
Total CLUB MEAL COSTS	26,646.10
DUES PAID	
District Assembly Costs	292.00
District Dues	47.25
Matching Grant	128.00
PETS Training	413.50
Rotary Down Under	2,176.60
Rotary Foundation	1,648.00
Rotary International	3,587.18
Total DUES PAID	8,292.53
Total CLUB EXPENSES	41,421.50
COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPENSES	
Auction Expenses	132.00
Brian Dowie Park Expenses	745.48
Mental Health Research	857.00
Student Bursaries	450.00
Total COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPENSES	2,184.48
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES	
Golf Day - Expenses	447.11
International Donations	500.00
Total INTERNATIONAL SERVICES	947.11



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VOCATIONAL SERVICES	
Pride of Workmanship	3,355.40
Shine-On-Awards	5,170.70
Total VOCATIONAL SERVICES	<u>8,526.10</u>
YOUTH SERVICE EXPENSES	
Auction Sales	276.60
Calcutta Fundraising	6,130.20
National Summer Science Forum	1,925.00
RYLA Expenses	325.00
RYPEN Expenses	5,774.20
TYPO Station	1,449.00
Xmas Cakes & Puddings	1,844.70
Youth Exchange - Outgoing	200.00
Total YOUTH SERVICE EXPENSES	<u>17,924.70</u>
Total Expense	<u>76,413.71</u>
Net Income	<u><u>15,466.75</u></u>



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Club Service Report

Derrick Marsden

My congratulations to all Rotarians for their fellowship, and untiring work during the past year.

Rotarian Peter McRae's effort in producing the Bulletin each week, assisting Rotarian Robbie Bursill with the Treasurers reports, keeping the club records and reporting the monthly attendance to District, deserves special mention. Congratulations Peter on being a wonderful Rotarian.

Our public face has been to the fore front this year, with Rotarian Bob Osborne arranging for many articles to appear in "The Advertiser". It is important that the community be aware of the many projects that Rotarians are involved in.

Bowel Scan, once again has been a very successful and important community project, Rotary's involvement in this program has saved many lives. We thank Rotarian John and Jean Ritchie for their many years untiring work for Bowel Scan.

Thank you to the Fellowship group for their effort with the Rotary BBQ trailer. With the support of all members we are able to contribute too many local functions, not the least being the annual "RACV Energy Breakthrough".

To provide interesting variety in our weekly program is a challenge, and our thanks must go to Rotarian John Sedunary and his team, for interesting and thought provoking speakers this

Our Centennial Project has received a considerable boost this year, with pledges from The Maryborough Highland Society, Tattersalls, Heritage Victoria and Maryborough District Health Service, with support from our local trades persons and "in kind contributions" from Rotarians, we feel sure that this project will now get off the ground..

We must thank Rotarian Brian Thomas and his small band of helpers for their ongoing work at Brian Dowie Park. Thanks to Rotarian David Tynan for his information and support with Rotary Foundation.

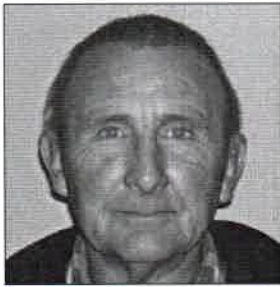
Club Membership Committee under the leadership of Charles Bovalino, has introduced a number of new members this year, and we look forward to their future contributions and fellowship. It is an important part of each member's responsibility to put forward names to the Membership Committee, to ensure the ongoing viability of our club.

I would like to congratulate Rotarian Robert (Malley) Rowe for wonderful Rotarian year, and look forward to Rotarian Grant Kennedy to provide and equally interesting and challenging year for 2006/2007

Derrick Marsden



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Community Service

Noel Quaife

Another active year for Rotary Community Services.

Thank you one and all for your support over the past twelve months.

Clean-Up Australia: Ballarat Road was cleaned up again, thanks to the Daisy Hill Store for the drinks supplied on the day.

The Energy Breakthrough weekend was a success because all Rotarians helped at some stage on the BBQ or spent time marshalling at the Rotary corner. We also helped yet another organisation, the Freemasons, to set up their corner. A big thank you to the non-Rotarians.

The added task of controlling the Central Goldfields Shire Marquees was another new facet for the club. Putting them up and taking them down at all times, day and night was a challenge. The local community groups are very grateful for the work done by the Rotary Club and express this continually.

The Rotary BBQ trailer has been used extensively this year as the local community have realised what an asset it is and have in turn relied on our support throughout the year.

Listed below is a short list on tasks that the Community Services have been involved in during the past twelve months:

- Australia Day (IGA carpark)
- Opening on the Maryborough Education Centre
- New Year's Eve Celebrations
- Maryborough Aerodrome (Captain Boggles)
- 'Get Amped' concert in the park
- 'Fun in the Park' concerts
- Coates Hire Social Day – Maryborough Golf Club
- Police Golf Day – Maryborough Golf Club
- 'Ride to Work' Day – Resource Centre Forecourt
- Australian Rotary Health Research – Safeway Car Park
- 'Back to Baringhup' festivities



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The council marquees were at the following locations:

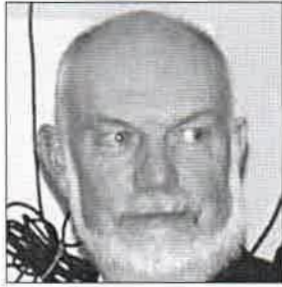
- Maryborough Garden Club – Phillips Gardens
- Dunolly Football/Netball Club
- RACV Energy Breakthrough
- Cycling Australia – Maryborough Velodrome

Noel Quaife

Director



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International Service

Peter Silver

Over the past twelve months the International Committee have set in place a number of initiatives to further develop the ties and relationships with remote villages affected by the Tsunami in Sri Lanka.

The Committee plan to provide further assistance to a 120 bed hospital that serves 200,000 people and provide educational resources for two schools in the area.

In the area of health we partially funded an emergency heart operation for one of the patients from the remote village of Deniyaya and we are currently organising to fund a doctor from the Deniyaya hospital to visit Australia on a study tour. The aim of the this program to enable the doctor to gain experience in the application of hygiene and infection control methods used in Australia and also provide some practical experience in hospital and clinical management.

The schools have benefited from a large shipment of books and school aids over the past few months. In addition, we were able to secure over seventy "Milo" cricket bats and balls from Cricket Victoria to distribute to the schools. It is also interesting to note that the village we are assisting is approximately 50 kms from the famous Galle cricket ground which was destroyed by the Tsunami.

The majority of the funding was raised at our Golf day. Thanks go to everyone that sponsored a hole and assisted on the day with special thanks to our major sponsor J.A DODD Ltd.

Finally thank you to the committee for their help and to President Robert Rowe for his enthusiastic support in all our endeavours.



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Vocational Service

David Boyes

The efforts of Vocational Service during the past 12 months have been directed into two major Rotary events.

The Pride of Workmanship awards were held in November before a packed gathering at the Maryborough Highland Society of over 150 employers, family, guests and Rotarians.

The awards recognised twelve outstanding young apprentices for excellence in both their work standards and skills as well as their work attitude.

The quality outlined in the employer citations showed that Central Goldfields Shire can be very proud of the achievements of its youth. Apprentices were chosen from a wide range of vocations including hairdressing, mechanics, baking, cooking, agriculture, printing, electrical, plumbing, joinery and building and construction. Each apprentice was presented with a commemorative plaque and as this was presented a citation from their employer was read out.



Guest speaker for the night was VECCI field officer and 2004 Victorian Outstanding Apprentice of the year Mr Andrew Dower. Andrew gave an inspirational address on how he worked his way up from a young joiner with a Ballarat kitchen Company to travelling the world on a Big Brother technical Scholarship culminating in working in London and undergoing leadership training with the Royal Marines.

On his journey he had won a Worldskills Gold medal in 2002, was Team Makita National young Achiever of 2003, Rotary Club of Melbourne Apprentice of the year 2004 and was a finalist in 2004 in the Australian ANTA Apprentice of the year. Andrew told the audience that too much emphasis was put on tertiary qualifications and that a person commencing in a trade could also become a high achiever.

In responding on behalf of the employers McPherson Printing Representative Mr John Jackson spoke of the quality of the young recipients and how important they were to the future success of any business.

Apprentice Chef Matthew Rowles then thanked the Rotary Club of Maryborough for providing the opportunity for apprentices to be recognised through the awards.

All in all the night was a resounding success.

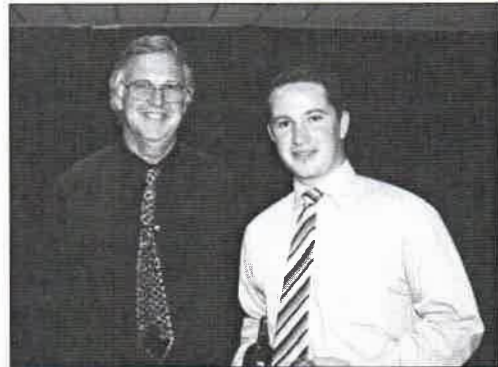


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Our other major event was the 2006 Southern Districts *Shine On Awards*.

Nominees for the awards were received from Rotary clubs across the state. The planning for the event was done over 14 months and not only was the Highland Society used for the main event but a dinner meeting was also held at the Golf Club in the evening.

The logistics included issuing 150 invitations to nominees, nominators and Rotary clubs and documenting attendances at both events. Rotarian Glynn Castanelli did a great job in coordinating this process.



As expected the *ShineOn* award presentation proved to be an inspirational day. After a bright opening from the Maryborough City Brass Band, Mayor Cr Brian O'Connor welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests .

DG Wayne Barrett then spoke of the importance and history of the *Shine On* awards.

Certificates of Commendation were then presented to the 31 nominees present by their District Govenors or DG Reps.

After interval MP Mr Joe Helper read a message from the Premier of Victoria Rt Hn Mr Steve Bracks. Brigadier Douglas Ball AM RFD Retired provided the key note address. The *Shine On* awards were then presented by Brigadier Ball and our nominee Mr Kristan Gray was a recipient of one of only seven major awards.

The response on behalf of the awardees was given by Sam Byrne, a sixteen year old blind student from Bendigo.

The Southern Districts *ShineOn* Awards presentation will be remembered as one of our clubs greatest undertakings and also as one of ShineOn's most successful events in its short history.

A big thank you to the members of the Vocational Committee especially Rtms Glyn Castanelli, Glynn Jarrett, Toby Bainbridge, Geoff James, Bob Osborne and the many members who contributed their time on the day.

The car raffle held during summer raised \$800 which went towards both events. The *ShineOn* awards were generously sponsored by Goldman Sachs JB Were for \$5,000.

All in all it has been a very big year in Vocational Service.

David Boyes
Vocational Director



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Youth Services

Stephen Walker

The last year has been a very positive experience for the members of this committee.

We began by having our first meeting as general wide ranging discussion group/think tank with ideas on how to best assist the youth of Maryborough. As a result members endorsed the valuable existing programs such as the Youth Science Forum, RYLA and RYPEN, as well as coming up with ideas for some new areas of activity.

- RYLA. (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) Scheduled for 25th June, 2006, interviews are still being conducted. This award is for young people 18 to 24 years old to promote potential leadership qualities in young persons in our community for the future.

- RYPEN. (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) This program was run on the last weekend of April, with Rod Brown as coordinator. Participants experienced various team/skill building activities, a bike ride, camp fire cooking and discussion groups, with the Rotary dinner being held here on Saturday night. I am sure all those who attended got a lot out of the experience which will help to prepare young people for the demanding years ahead.

- Youth Science Forum. Charles Williamson, son of John and Alison Williamson attended this year's Youth Science Forum in Canberra, with very positive results. The visit comprised site visits, general study skill seminars and development of social networks. Charles has raised money towards a proposed visit to the Canada wide Science Fair in Quebec in May, by conducting a film night of "Walk the Line". A \$200.00 donation has been made to the NWSF to assist Charles in his trip to Canada. Charles is one of only six Australians chosen to be invited.

- Jenny Brown, local Rotary exchange student, returned from Japan in January 2006. She stayed with four families in Fujisawa, starting school in year 10 and going on to year 11 in April 2005. She enjoyed her time there, and considers that going there was one of the best decisions she has ever made, as she found out not only about people in another country, but also more about herself. She learnt to speak Japanese while there and is now continuing her study of Japanese back in Australia.

- This year there were no incoming or outgoing Rotary exchange students.

- Cakes and puddings fundraising efforts raised \$1400.00. Thanks to all those who bought or sold these for their contribution to fundraising, especially Derrick Marsden.

Some new areas of activity are:



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- Assistance to Maryborough youth experiencing difficulties at home and at school by sponsoring one or two young people a year to attend suitable programs. This year a young person from the area attended Typo Station, in N.E. Victoria, which is an independent 'not for profit' organisation operating a life skills alternate education and mentoring program. This is a unique early intervention activity for young men aged between 15 and 17 years with a 'get back to basics' approach. The two year journey begins with a residential experience at Typo Station completed over five weeks, including a 9 day hike into the high country. Participants return to Typo Station for follow up programs and receive ongoing mentoring over the next two years. Our first participant has recently returned, having had a very positive experience which he hopes to come to a Rotary meeting to report on soon. Just as a side note, at the Portland Annual Conference, several other Rotary Clubs expressed interest in this idea and requested contact information for Typo Station.

- The Youth Committee instituted a new fund raising effort, the Melbourne Cup extravaganza (raising about \$1500 for the Typo Station program) held at the Maryborough Harness Racing Club. The night was both enjoyable and successful, and it is planned that this will be a yearly event in the future. I would like particularly to thank Rotarian Gary Higgins, his friend Les Chapman of the Maryborough Harness Racing Club for their efforts, and local businesses for their support in making this night such a success.

- Connection and communication has begun between Rotary Maryborough and local youth services with a view to assist with specific existing programs as the need arises. In this area we have identified that there is a lack of focus and connection as many groups are proceeding without being aware of what others are doing in the same area. We were lucky to be assisted by Mel Taylor from the Council Youth Workers Network, who has recently got together a booklet listing all youth services currently available in Maryborough, and noting particular gaps and areas which need further attention. We have made known the Typo Station initiative to other groups so that they will be aware of what is possible for specific young men who may benefit from this experience.

Particular areas of note are:

'Theatre of the Oppressed' visited by various members of Rotary in April. This program uses theatre to act out areas of concern to youth. Because of it is a hands on creation by youth, for youth, it is a very effective tool to assist young people in understanding themselves and the world around them, and hopefully making the right choices as they go along. Ray Ollerton is very involved in the promotion of this program.

This year has hopefully set a new course in some areas for the Youth Committee, its success can be judged by the fact that many of the members of our team, having enjoyed the inspiration and good fellowship of this year, have requested to stay on for a second term to see these initiatives through. I would like to thank all those involved for their assistance, commitment, hard work, enthusiasm and positivity, and look forward to a further year of their good company.

Steve Walker

Director



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Program Report

John Sedunary

This year we enjoyed a variety of speakers from both inside and outside the club. Our external speakers spoke on topics as diverse as the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race, the Commonwealth Games, through to Falls Prevention.

Several of our senior members spoke to the Club about their own reminiscences and areas of interest. These presentations were exceptional and were very well received by all members. Our newer members gave their 'job talk' and reminded all of us about the depth of talent and experience that resides in our club.

Our Fellowship nights were both interesting and diverse. We debated and discussed topics such as the future of Maryborough through to the sex life of a giraffe!

Thank you to all members who assisted the Programs committee to put together an interesting calendar.

John Sedunary



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Fellowship Report

Peter Treble PP PHF

The fellowship committee this year has been fairly quiet. We have increased the prices of drinks and at the same time supplied bar snacks for members and guests. The partner's nights have also been well catered for.

I personally would have liked to have had a few more nights away from the RSL Hall for barbeques, maybe next year we can have a few visits to industries or other places of interest.

During the year we assisted the Community Service committee in the running of the BBQ trailer at the Energy Breakthrough weekend. The Christmas function held at Leilani's Restaurant was a very relaxed informal evening which was well attended by our members. Thanks must go to President Robert for the mystery photo competition he put together.

The last meeting of 2005 was an informal gathering at the Flagstaff Hotel for a meal and fellowship and was enjoyed by all those that attended.

Our April 6th meeting was held at the Maryborough International Airport in the prestigious 'Club Lounge'. The guest speakers for the evening were Captain and Mrs Boggles, who spoke about barnstorming and the history of the Tiger Moth Bi-Plane. Rotarians and guests enjoyed the gourmet BBQ prepared by our well-credentialed Rotary chefs.

Our last event for President Robert's year was a 'healthy' pie night to celebrate Mal's year as President.

Thank you to the committee for all their assistance during the year.

Peter Treble PP PHF
Fellowship Chairman



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Centennial Project

John Bryant PP

The past 12 months have involved the raising of funds for the Manse project. The funds are commitments by various public minded bodies, including our own Rotary Club, to this worthwhile project.

Progress to date:

\$50,000 Tattslotto (cash)

\$20,000 Central Goldfields Council (kind and cash)

\$20,000 Maryborough Rotary Club (kind and cash)

\$20,000 McPherson Smith Trust (cash)

\$20,000 League of ex Servicemen and Servicewomen

\$20,000 Maryborough District Health Service (kind and cash)

\$8,000 Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (cash)

\$30,000 Maryborough Highland Society (cash)

\$5,000 H.L Williams Memorial Trust (cash)

\$30,000 Heritage Victoria (cash)

\$15,000 value of commitments made by various trades people within the community

Total \$238,000

This figure will be added to by the Regional Partnership fund which is federally funded.

Detailed costings are being finalised in the next few weeks and works should commence later this year.

With continued support from all areas the project should result in great benefit to the Maryborough and District community.

John Bryant



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Bowelscan Report

John Ritchie PP PHF

Another successful Bowelscan project has just been completed. The percentage participation of Maryborough & District residents is the highest in the Rotary District 9780.

The continued co-operation of the proprietors of Haywood & Robinsons, Millikans, Dunolly & Avoca Pharmacy depots, Clunes & Maldon Pharmacies, together with their staff is invaluable.

The advertising budget for the year's project is in excess of \$15,000 and covers printing, display materials, newspaper radio and TV advertising. The enormous success of last year's project has been related to the increased publicity.

Bowelscan has made a \$30,000 contribution towards the PhD research scholarship pursued by Lisa Chan in Bowel Cancer, The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund and Melbourne University also participated.

We are also indebted to the Maryborough Advertiser and Westberg carriers who collect the completed kits and returned them to Geelong at no charge.

As in the past years, the Bowelscan Annual meeting was well attended at the Maryborough Highland Society.

I consider this project of paramount importance, not only in the aid of Bowel Cancer detection but in the promotion of Rotary.

John Ritchie

Bowelscan Co-ordinator



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Publicity Report

Bob Osborne PP PHF

President Robert and fellow Rotarians

Having been allocated the task of publicity for the club in the past twelve months, I took a positive approach, with the view, that rather than 'hide our light under a bushell', we would sell the public about Rotary and what it does.

The club has achieved a number of significant achievements, and particularly in the first half of the Rotary year we were well highlighted. A booklet of press releases for the first half-year was compiled by Glynn Jarrett and received commendation from Bob Aitken at Rotary Down Under.

Hopefully, the second half will be presented tonight.

To all those who have made contributions for articles throughout the year I thank you.

I would also like to publicly thank the staff at the Maryborough Advertiser for their co-operation in helping to promote the Maryborough Rotary Club.

Yours in Rotary

Bob Osborne



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RYPEN Report

Rodney Brown PP PHF

President Robert and Rotarians,

The RYPEN camp for District 9780 was again run by members of the club at Derby Hill Camp Maldon which is owned by the Victoria Police Blue Light Group.

The camp ran from Friday lunch time on 28th April till Sunday 30th April with 38 participants from as far away as Apollo Bay, Warrnambool and Geelong. Again I believe we had a strong program with feed back indicating those that participated had a positive experience.

The program included exercises on Budgeting, speakers on Disability, Life issues, Goal setting, Opportunities, Team building and Challenges. Again a feature of the weekend was the Maryborough Education Centre Chaplain, Ray Ollerton who not only spoke on ≥Goal Setting and Life Experiences≤, he was again able to bring the ≥Theatre



of the Oppressed≤ group to Maldon for a performance to an audience of 54 people on Friday night. This truly is an amazing group of young people that tell a story about life the way it is. Ray then invites comment from the audience and at times replays parts of the performance to add to the connection with the audience. For those that have not seen the performance take the time to see it and be rewarded.

The weekend cannot happen without the assistance of others. A special thanks to John and Joyce Sedunary as camp Mum and Dad and my wife Sue for being there on the long shifts required to run the camp. The Derby Hill Camp personnel were again fantastic to work with and are truly professional in catering for such groups.

Our own members and wives assisted in the preparation and running of various programs. Thank you for the commitment to Youth. A special thanks to Moira Bruce for her calligraphy skill on the certificates presented over the weekend. To Glynn Jarrett for his computer skills and assistance in setting out and preparing the certificates. Glynn is a great and reliable energy source committed to Rotary and as a ≥From the Heart≤ speaker on the RYPEN weekend. Len Anderson for his role as a presenter with a topic ≥Budgeting≤. Shane and Jackie Dellavedova for their attendance on Sunday for the Careers forum and of course President Robert for his input and involvement over the weekend.

The District Chairman John Watts spent the whole weekend with us and DG Wayne



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Barrett and Gail arrived to open the camp on Friday afternoon and returned for the Saturday evening Dinner meeting attended by 70 members and guests. A huge effort by DG Wayne and Gail, thank you.

There are many things that we can get satisfaction from in life, but there Can't be much better satisfaction than to help our youth and encourage them to enjoy life and to focus on the many positive opportunities that are available. The Youth of today that take the opportunity of exposure to attend programs like RYPEN and the many Rotary and Community programs available, benefit by seeing new opportunities, meeting new friends, building their network contacts and become far more aware of the world and wider opportunities that are available to them.

Again THANK YOU to all that made RYPEN a outstanding success.

Rod Brown
RYPEN 2006 Chairman



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Probus Report

Bob Osborne PP PHF

President Robert and Fellow Rotarians

The Probus movement continues to grow, particularly in Australia and New Zealand (2200 clubs and 200,000 Probians) where there are more clubs than the rest of the world combined. It is regarded as Rotary's best community service project.

Probus in Australia is 30 years old this year. In our area the clubs was started by the Maryborough Rotary Club (Maryborough Combined, Maryborough Ladies, Avoca and Dunolly) each function in their own unique way.

Avoca and Dunolly have small membership. Dunolly in itself has an age problem in that there are few younger retirees in their catchment area.

Recently Ballarat East Rotary Club started A club in Clunes with thirty members.

In my role as Rotary District Probus Chairman, and a member of the P.C.S.P (Probus Centre South Pacific Committee) I visit many clubs. Also in our district I conduct a series of education/information days for clubs each year, and this helps to keep the quality of clubs at a sound level.

I have just been successful in gaining a rare second three year term to P.C.S.P.

The growth of Probus has not yet peaked with the 'baby boomer' era entering retirement mode, further growth is expected in the next few years.

In District 9780 we currently have 145 clubs with about 12,000 Probians.

My thanks to the club for its support and tolerance towards me in my Probus activities.

Bob Osborne



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