



**Rotary Club of Maryborough Inc.
District 9780**

Chartered – 31st March 1952

**Annual Report
2006 – 2007**



President Grant Kennedy



PRESIDENT

Grant Kennedy

It is indeed an honour to have completed a year as the President of the Rotary Club of Maryborough. A club that is highly regarded in the community, respected within District 9780 and above all a club that continues to achieve so much in so many areas.

The RI theme for 2006/2007 has been 'Lead The Way' and in my address at last year's changeover a year ago I finished with lets strive to "Lead The Way" in Maryborough. I believe this has been achieved. It has been achieved by the hard work done by the members of this club.

The club has been saddened by the recent passing of PP PHF Jon Ritchie. John, a founding member of 55 years will be greatly missed for his contribution in so many areas of Rotary and our community, most recently as Chairman of the District Bowelscan. I know there will be many older members reminiscing and telling us various tales of their time they have shared with John. Our best wishes are with his wife Jean and I hope we continue to enjoy her company at Rotary functions.

There have been challenges the past year. Some good, some not so appealing. As we near the year's end I believe the issues that have cropped up have been addressed and the club continues to go forward. I know when considering the problems before us I found Rotary's Four-Way Test an excellent yardstick in maintaining an even balance to the issues presented to us. *Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?* I hope you agree and support future boards of this club in their decision making.

I thank my board for their much valued support in addressing those challenges presented to us.

To PP Rod Brown, it was a pleasure to be asked to bestow a PHF on your wife Sue. A very generous action on your part, an award that obviously has so much meaning to you and your family and one that Sue has earned through her hard work. Rotary Foundation will of course benefit so much from your gesture too. Congratulations Sue.

I have attended several Rotary functions and local club AGM's on behalf of this club and it has always been a pleasure to represent our club at these functions.

"The Shed", a big project and our "big" purchase for the year, so far costing around the \$19,000 mark, has kept Treasurer Rob Bursill's pencil busy and he has achieved this without delving into our term deposit.



The Shed was a vision by Rtn Noel Quaife – and others - whose wish was for a large shed to be built on the Maryborough Aerodrome's grounds to house our many assets and to be a 'home' for the club. This building was built late last year and at the time there were two trains of thought as to how it should be constructed, however, the end result is, that it happened, and thank you to all those members who worked so hard in its construction and finishing work.

In reviewing the year's programs I would firstly like to thank Program Director John Sedunary for his efforts and achievements in providing a wide and varied year of speakers and visits. Fellowship was to the fore again in the club with many very enjoyable evenings held. We continued with the last Thursday of the month being Partner's evening and it was a pleasure to have our partner's with us on these evenings.

We held two Club assemblies and member's had the opportunity to express their ideas for the club's year. DG Andrew and his wife Betty Suggett visited last August for the DGs evening and as part of the meeting inducted and welcomed Guy and his wife Kim Blanch to our club.

AG Ted Gaffney introduced the group dinners at Ararat, Stawell, Beaufort and Maryborough, a great opportunity to meet Rotarians and share ideas.

Membership and attendance became a little concerning as the year progressed. With losing eight members we have had to look at membership very carefully. With have four new members joining us this year and with a couple of more being considered, we hopefully will bring our numbers back up over the next few weeks. Welcome to Guy Blanch, Gerry Wendels, Paula Nixon and Ian De Lacy.

To Community Director Noel Quaife, thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm in the projects you and your committee undertook. In particular and on behalf of the club, I wish you every good wish for success with your health and the challenge once again put to you. Thank you too to Noel's able assistants Peter Treble and John Stewart, who attended board meetings in Noel's absence. As well as The Shed, BBQ's, marquee erection and dismantling continued again throughout the year with a big effort again achieved at the RACV Energy Breakthrough.

For International Director Shane Dellavedova and his committee a busy year has been had, culminating in a very successful and well organized auction for the Honey Bear Shed.

We were very fortunate this year to be successful with hosting a Group Study Exchange team from Siberia, Russia. Their visit to our town and surrounds was most successful and the contribution of ideas and time put in by members and others in the community made this happen. Thank you to the hosts and to those who gave so much time with the planning and accompanying the visitors on their tours over the four days.



I am also very grateful to Lee Duffin from RITCH who gave so much time towards the event. The enthusiasm from all involved with the GSE tour was another indication of member's willingness to become involved and I found the same with community and industry leaders outside of Rotary. Everyone I approached requesting visits or involvement was interested and keen to assist with this Rotary project.

Glynn Jarrett and his Vocational committee organized a very successful Pride of Workmanship awards evening last year and he and John Sedunary have been an integral part of the upcoming Maryborough Business Awards being held on the 26th June 2007 and presented by Rotary, the Shire and Chamber of Commerce. The workload has been enormous with this project and I wish them all the best for a very successful event.

For Youth Director, Steve Walker, unfortunately two main projects had to be rescheduled to the upcoming year – one being the TYPO camp which has had to be delayed. Our next young participant will be attending the next camp in July. The other major project is the big social evening to held Melbourne Cup time. As Director Steve reports in his report, the Youth committee will be strongly supporting the Chaplaincy committee.

To the Chairmen of the various committees, thank you for your support and hard work this past year.

PP PHF John and Jean Ritchie were deservedly recognised at the recent District Bowelscan meeting acknowledging their many years of work in this very worthy Rotary project. Thank you to Rtn Toby Bainbridge for taking the role on with Bowelscan and I wish him well.

In particular I have to make mention of Attendance Office David Brown who had the task of keeping our weekly attendance sheets and recording apologies week in week out. A steady unglamorous task but well done David, thank you.

Also, a big thank you to PP Brian Thomas as Bulletin editor. A huge job that continues each week without fail. You kept us all informed with all things Rotary – locally and internationally.

Thank you PR Chairman PP Bob Osborne who kept the Maryborough Advertiser informed of our events and who in turn printed what we are up to thereby keeping the public informed of our many activities.
Sergeant Bryce – sometimes fair, sometimes cruel and vicious, but always a lot of fun. Thank you for keeping our dinner meetings pretty well on time and making the meetings something to look forward to.



As I mentioned at the beginning of this report we have had some issues to deal with, one of which was to do with the quality of the dinners at the RSL hall. I wish to thank the many members who completed the food survey which was put out to all members to settle any grumblings. As we know, the outcome was that the majority of members want to stay at the RSL and to continue with the Havilah ladies with a couple of suggestions being put forward.

To finish this report for my year as president 2006/2007, I sincerely thank the board for their continued support over the year. Thank you Treasurer Rob for your steady influence in matters financial, to Secretary Anthony for another successful year as club Secretary and personally for having answers to my many queries. To PE Derrick Marsden and VP John Caulfield, thank you for your enthusiasm and reassurances over the year.

One of the backroom workers who quietly works away every week keeping our attendance and financial records up to date is Peter McRae. Another of those jobs which is so important to the running of our club. Thank you Peter.

To PP Malley Rowe, congratulations on a very successful Cleft Palette project raising \$6000 enabling 60 Sri Lankan children the wonderful opportunity they would otherwise never have had - to go out into the world without their sad disfigurement.

I also thank you for always being so positive and willing to assist me and help with advice when I asked.

Thank you to my lovely wife Janette for her help and understanding in what has been a very busy but very interesting year, one in which we have both learnt so much - and enjoyed. Being President of our club is an experience I will always remember and one I am so pleased to have the honour of having.

To PE Derrick and the incoming board, I wish you every success for the coming year and to continue using the words of DG Andrew Suggett - Enjoy Rotary!

Grant Kennedy
President 2006/07





PRESIDENT ELECT Derrick Marsden

This past year has been a very busy one for the President Elect.

Rotary has to be commended for their excellent preparation and training facilities made available to all future Presidents in the District.

The first official training seminar was "Pre PETS" (PETS is President Elect Training Seminar), there were three locations available to attend, Charlton, Hamilton and Colac, I attended Charlton on the 8th October 2006. This seminar was very informative and provided a good grounding in all things Presidential.

I was very fortunate to participate in the Inaugural "Rotary Personal Leadership Program" held on the Warrnambool campus of Deakin University in February 2007.

The course was the brainchild of PDG Cathy Roth, ably assisted by PP Warren Norton and PP Howard Randall and a very intensive weekend, covering personal assessment, goal setting, motivation and leadership, public speaking and effective communication, financial management, conflict resolution and time management. I would recommend this course to all Rotarians, particularly President Elects.

District 9780 Conference this year was held in Warrnambool (it's becoming my second home), and what a Conference it was. The opening was held on the lawns of Flagstaff Hill on a beautiful balmy March afternoon. The highlight of the Conference was one of the most inspirational guest speakers I have ever heard, Moira Kelly from the "Children First Foundation Rotary Farm" (Rotary District 9790); I can guarantee you there was not a dry eye in the place. The Beach Party to close the Conference was a lot of fun and DG Andrew was a devil with the sunscreen, making sure that everyone was protected.

Onto "PETS", held this year at Horsham in March, is a more intensive seminar to prepare you for the up coming Rotary year.

District Assembly is the final rounding off for the training year, in which all club members are invited to attend, particularly those elected to office for the next Rotary year and newly inducted members.



I would like to thank all elected office bearers, committee chairman and club members who so willingly accepted responsibility for the running of our Rotary club in the upcoming year.

The wonderful fellowship that exists within our club is what makes the Rotary Club of Maryborough so special.

Derrick Marsden
President Elect





CLUB SERVICE

John Caulfield

In my role as the Vice President and Club Service Director I have had the privilege to work along side the Service Directors and Program Chairs in supporting their projects and providing a communication link to the board.

Our Club's exposure to the broader Rotary International issues and challenges have been highlighted through the District 9780 Conference, District assembly, visits to the Zone Seven Rotary Clubs, Club Assembly and club dinner presentations where many of these have been addressed by the club with outstanding outcomes.

The Rotary Club of Maryborough has a strong sense of inclusion and participation and this coupled with the diverse talent within the membership provides many service opportunities to be realized.

Congratulations to President Grant, President Elect Derrick and the leadership team in continuing to acknowledge the long standing traditions of the club by ensuring that the well being and success of the club is maintained through a healthy balance between fellowship and service. This ultimately supports the needs of local and International Communities through the Rotary international ideals.

John Caulfield
Vice President/Club Service Director





SECRETARY Anthony Ohlsen PP

Well, another Rotary year has come and gone, it just seems like yesterday that President Grant reinserted the Secretary's badge in my lapel. The passing of the year so quickly indicates the support I have received from the Executive of the club in President Grant, PE Derrick, VP John, PP Robert, Treasurer Robert and our four very able Directors Noel, Steve, Shane and Glynn Others to offer support through the year included PP Bryce and PHF PP Peter.

The year has included the

- Collection and distribution of inward correspondence including emails,
- Dispersal of outward correspondence following Board meetings,
- Preparation of agendas and minutes for Board meetings,
- Prepared the semi annual returns to RI as at 1st July and 1st January
- Advising RI of new members
- Advising RI of retiring, resigning and transferring members

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

- The induction of our second female Rotarian
- The construction of the Rotary hangar for storage of equipment.
- The continued support to the Energy Breakthrough,
- The support of the Maryborough Garden Club
- The Club's participation in the "Showerhead Exchange" with CHW, and
- In my final year of participation on the District GSE Committee, I have been involved with the selection of two GSE teams, one visiting the Siberian area of Russia during May 2007 and the second team to travel to Denmark during September 2007..

It would be remiss of me to not thank Rotarian Peter McRae for his efforts with ClubMate and the monthly 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





TREASURER

Robert Bursill

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Grant on his year as President of our club. Over the last twelve months he has had a trying year with a larger than normal number of people having holidays and just taking extended periods time off.

Money is becoming much tighter now that we have built the building at the Airport. There are still a number of projects that are still pending approval by other authorities. The Manse is one which is going ahead by the looks of things. This club is still holding \$5,800.00 in trust along \$20,000.00 being allocated by previous boards for cash and in-kind work. When this project does happen the figures will not look so bountiful.

It has been a reasonably busy year, building into a bigger one next year we hope. There are issues that have gone on over the past year or so within the club that should be address. Some members have concerns and disagree with the majority when decisions are made. Once a decision is made we should then all pull together as team, not go as individuals. I am afraid this has been happening this year in some cases and is starting to affect the running of the club. Let's hope these little issues can be sorted out before too long.

As money has become a little tighter after our big spending year, the Service Committee's need to be a little selective with their projects for on coming year, and a little more active with the fund raising should happen.

Once again I would like to publicly thank Rotarian Peter McRae for his help over the last twelve months, in creating financial reports for board meetings and his my final report.

Robert Bursill
Treasurer



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Cash Basis

Rotary Club of Maryborough, Inc
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2007

	<u>May 31, 2007</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Current/Savings	
ANZ Cheque	4,188.62
ANZ Term Deposit	64,726.65
Total Current/Savings	<u>68,915.27</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	-180.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-180.00</u>
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	180.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>180.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>68,915.27</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>68,915.27</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Rotary Foundation Dues	3,263.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>3,263.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,263.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,263.00</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>65,652.27</u>
EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	67,606.95
Retained Earnings	11,674.78
Net Income	-13,629.46
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>65,652.27</u>

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 Cash Basis

Rotary Club of Maryborough, Inc
Profit & Loss
 July 2006 through May 2007

	Jul '2006 - May 2007
Income	
ANZ Interest Earned	
Current account interest	51.33
Term Interest	3,095.92
Total ANZ Interest Earned	3,147.25
CLUB INCOME MEMBERS	
Dinner Drink Sales	2,919.65
Dinner Fees	25,874.00
Dinner Fees - Change Over	2,610.00
Members Dues Paid	9,240.00
Sergeants Fines	723.85
Sundry Income - Members	56.00
Weekly Raffle	1,686.30
Total CLUB INCOME MEMBERS	43,109.80
CLUB SERVICE	
BBQ Trailer	
BBQ Trailer - Sundry Income	162.30
Catering (External)	
Energy Breakthrough	4,869.00
Station Market Day Catering	2,860.00
Catering (External) - Other	3,674.35
Total Catering (External)	11,403.35
Total BBQ Trailer	11,565.65
Bowel Scan Program	332.00
Total CLUB SERVICE	11,897.65
COMMUNITY SERVICE	
Donations	
Dunolly Rodeo Committee	600.00
Total Donations	600.00
Electric BBQs	52.10
Manse Redevelopment Project	500.00
Marquee Income	900.00
Train Excursion - St Arnaud	3,048.00
Wine Sales	240.00
Total COMMUNITY SERVICE	5,340.10
FUNDS & PROJ INC	
INTERNATIONAL	
Auction Income-Honey Bear Shed	6,993.65
Golf Day	
Golf Day Sponsorship	450.00
Total Golf Day	450.00
Operation Cleft	700.00
RAWCS	74.00
Total INTERNATIONAL	8,217.65
ROTARY FOUNDATION	
Gifts from Members	2,097.30
Total ROTARY FOUNDATION	2,097.30
VOCATIONAL SERVICE	
Trivia Night	1,425.00
Total VOCATIONAL SERVICE	1,425.00

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Rotary Club of Maryborough, Inc
Profit & Loss
July 2006 through May 2007

	Jul '2006 - May 2007
YOUTH SERVICE	
Pudding Cake Sales	3,375.45
RYLA	300.00
Spare Change	199.45
Youth Exchange Incoming	33.60
Total YOUTH SERVICE	<u>3,908.50</u>
Total FUNDS & PROJ INC	<u>15,648.45</u>
Total Income	79,143.25
Expense	
BBQ TRAILER	
Sundry Expenses	1,745.85
Supplies	
Energy Breakthrough	3,459.90
Station Market Day Catering	791.98
Supplies - Other	2,897.24
Total Supplies	<u>7,149.12</u>
Total BBQ TRAILER	8,894.97
CLUB EXPENSES	
Administration Expenses	
Advertising & Promotion	77.00
Airport Rental	382.65
Badges & Engraving	711.85
Bank Charges	9.00
Building Construction - Airport	20,678.08
Bulletin Production	775.46
Change Over Dinner Expense	289.00
Dinner Drinks Purchase	1,441.80
Gifts/Donations	
Goldfields Community Radio	5,000.00
Gifts/Donations - Other	1,179.95
Total Gifts/Donations	<u>6,179.95</u>
Postal Expenses	359.50
Raffle Winner	125.00
Utilities	146.20
Administration Expenses - Other	614.50
Total Administration Expenses	31,789.99
CLUB MEAL COSTS	
Dinner Fees - Change Over	2,870.00
Havilah - Meal Costs	19,694.00
Other Functions	3,047.53
RSL Hall Hire	1,115.00
Total CLUB MEAL COSTS	<u>26,726.53</u>
DUES PAID	
District Assembly Costs	200.00
District Dues	3,245.00
PETS Training	260.00
Rotary Down Under	1,090.20
Rotary Foundation	1,525.00
Rotary International	4,932.10
Total DUES PAID	<u>11,252.30</u>
Total CLUB EXPENSES	69,768.82
COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPENSES	
Medical Booklets	34.00
Student Bursaries	450.00
Train Excursion - St Arnaud	3,048.00
Total COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPENSES	<u>3,532.00</u>

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Rotary Club of Maryborough, Inc
Profit & Loss
July 2006 through May 2007

	Jul '2006 - May 2007
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES	
Auction-Honey Bear Shed	5,441.11
GSE Hosting Expenses	531.45
Operation Cleft	700.00
RAWCS	75.00
Total INTERNATIONAL SERVICES	6,747.56
VOCATIONAL SERVICES	
New Years Eve	364.07
Pride of Workmanship	190.60
Trivia Night	1,005.00
Total VOCATIONAL SERVICES	1,559.67
YOUTH SERVICE EXPENSES	
Staying Alive Youth Program	141.85
Xmas Cakes & Puddings	1,967.84
Youth Committee - Sponsorship	160.00
Total YOUTH SERVICE EXPENSES	2,269.69
Total Expense	92,772.71
Net Income	-13,629.46



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Shane Dellavedova

The International Committee has had a busy year, dominated by Sri Lankan projects.

As David Tynan, Mallee Rowe and myself have all recently been on tsunami relief work in Sri Lanka, it was always going to be a focal point. We have sent many boxes of books and supplies to a primary and secondary school located in Welligama, as well as medical supplies and books to the Denipytia Hospital. Financial support has also been provided to assist the local communities. Dr Tennakoon recently informed us that one of the schools has now been able to employ an English teacher as a result of the donated books. I would like to thank Central Victorian Transports (Rod Brown & Derek Marsden) for their help with the transport of these goods to the port.

Mallee identified a special Rotary project that involved doctors in Colombo performing cleft pallet surgery. He has since single-handedly raised enough money for 50 cleft pallet operations in Colombo. Well-done Mallee!

In March, we were fortunate to be able to host the Rotary Group Study Exchange Team from Russia for 3 days. This was a very rewarding experience. We learnt much from the Russians about their way of life but also, learnt something new about our area as a result of the tours. Thanks to all the members who gave up their time to make the visit a great success.

Our main fund raising activity was the auction for the Honey Bear Shed. This was a full weekend activity and ran very well, proving once again that the club is well equipped to run an excellent auction.

I would like to congratulate President Grant on his year and I look forward to working with the incoming President Derrick.

Shane Dellavedova
International Director





YOUTH SERVICES

Stephen Walker

The year of 2007 has passed very quickly. Through our communications with the various Youth agencies and Committees throughout Maryborough, we feel the best way we can at present support the youth of Maryborough is to assist the Chaplaincy Committee which already has in place connections to youth through the schools. This does not mean we will not look at other areas of need as they arise in the future.

- This year there were no incoming or outgoing Rotary exchange students.
- **Typo Station:** This year Typo Station has postponed their activities due to the disruption of the Whitfield area by fire over the summer months. Their next intake commences on 2nd July and we have one young person ready to attend.
- **The Chaplaincy program:** This valuable program ran into a funding crisis recently. At a meeting of the Rotary Youth Committee it was suggested that publicity be given to their needs through the Maryborough Advertiser. As a result the Chaplaincy Committee meeting was well attended with promises of support. Ray Ollerton's program as part of the Chaplaincy mission is the running of the 'Theatre of the Oppressed' that some members attended last year. We are going to be supporting the Chaplaincy program as a main focus for the Youth Committee through the coming year. Rodney Brown is now a member of the Chaplaincy Committee.
- The **Melbourne Cup extravaganza** will be held this year on Cup Eve. We have many ideas for making this a successful night with the hope of getting 200 people in attendance. The Cup Extravaganza scheduled for 2006 did not go ahead due to circumstances beyond our control.
- Connection and communication between Rotary Maryborough and **local youth services** is continuing.
- **RYLA. (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)** Despite publicizing RYLA there was little interest this year.



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- **RYPEN. (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)** This year, RYPEN was hosted by Mt. Gambier Rotary.
 - **Cakes and puddings fundraising** efforts raised \$1660.60. Thanks to all those who bought or sold these for their contribution to fundraising, especially Derrick Marsden.

I would like to thank all the members of the Youth Committee and Rotary members in general for their support and assistance over the last two years.

Steve Walker
Youth Director





COMMUNITY

Noel Quaife

There have been plenty of events again this past year for the Community committee to look after.

The marquees have been erected for the the Energy Breakthrough, the Cycling at the Velodrome, in the Phillips Gardens for the Garden Club and the Get Amped Concert in Princes Park.

The Rotary BBQ again had a huge weekend in November at the RACV Energy Breakthrough and also kept Rotarians busy at two Railway Station Markets where a wide variety of gourmet sausages were on offer. This wide range of speciality bangers keeping the cooks vigilant as to which was which!! Rotarians also cooked for the Get Amped concert, Book Fair and several breakfasts at the Golf Club.

Marshalling was undertaken once again for the Energy Breakthrough and for the Traithalon with members manning the gates for the Dunolly Rodeo and we cleaned up along the Talbot Road on Clean Up Australia Day.

The Rotary Shed was built at the Aerodrome and we are now able to house our trailers and the many pieces of equipment we have collected over the years in one spot, rather than around the district. Thank you to all those concerned with the planning, building and finishing of the shed and of course for the creation of "Quaife's Corner".

Thank you to PP Brian Thomas from whom we bought the cooler trailer. A very useful addition to our BBQ and something that can also be used to bring in funds when hired out.

As well as purchasing a large free standing awning, we also recently purchased a spit roast thereby expanding our culinary offerings to the community.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted in our various events throughout the year.

Noel Quaife
Community Director





MEMBERSHIP DON BRUCE PP PHF, NOEL JENNINGS PP

This year we have lost 8 members and welcomed 4 new members.

Early in the Rotary year we unfortunately farewelled Arthur Traynor, Daryl McLeish, Glynn Castanelli and Matt Kippen and then early in 2007 Charles Bovalino transferred to Bendigo. Ross Forster also had to leave us as he and Cheryl commenced their new business.

The passing of PP PHF John Ritchie was a great loss. As a foundation member with 55 years service in Rotary he will be remembered with the highest esteem.

We were also very sorry to lose Rtn Peita McNaught who transferred to Burnie in Tasmania for two years in a new role within the bank. David and Jeanette Boyes are also in the process of relocating to Ballarat and he will be sadly missed for his hard work and of course, great humour.

Several members requested Leave of Absence for various reasons and we have unfortunately not seen some for several months, Gerard Harris, PP David Boyes and membership Chairman PP Don Bruce with PP Rod Brown returning after his 3 months absence. Welcome back!

Quite a few members also decided to head off for an overseas holiday last year and this also affected our attendance record quite hard. I am pleased to say that the club attendance has improved again and we continue to enjoy good numbers at our meetings and events. Thank you to PP Noel Jennings who ably filled the gap left when PP Don Bruce had to take time off for ill health and then continued leave of absence to work out of Maryborough.

On the plus side, we were fortunate to welcome four new members into our club, Guy Blanch, Gerry Wendels and Paula Nixon with Ian DeLacy transferring to us from Camberwell.

Membership is an all member's responsibility. To have a nett loss of four over the year is not a good way to end the year so I do encourage everyone to consider potential suitable new Rotarians.

A footnote from President Grant...

Thank you to Don for taking on the role at the beginning the year as Chairman of Membership and then, following your health concern and your new work venture requiring leave of absence for several months, thank you Noel for taking on the role for the past six months.





FELLOWSHIP Peter Treble PP PHF

Rotarians,

Fellowship this year has operated the fellowship fridge at a profit; thank you to the drinkers in the corner. this money goes toward subsidising our functions during the year.

We have worked closely with the community committee during the year, catering for the golf club on many occasions, as well as the Fire Brigade, Catholic Church, Maryborough Junior Football Club, as well as catering for the Rotary Ride to conference group that came through in late March.

We have raised money in conjunction with the Community Service Committee at the Energy Breakthrough [over \$5000.00 turnover this year] at the Railway Station in March and again in May.

Our catering options have been expanded recently with the purchase of a spit roast, which was used at the Railway Station in May. Thank you to Ian [Jeeves] De Lacy for organising the purchase of the spit.

The shed has been completed. Thank you to all the members who were involved ,from the site selection of the aerodrome, the setting out and pouring of the foundations, erection of the frame and pouring of the concrete floor. This project not only gives the club a secure home for all our equipment, but also created good fellowship among the members involved in its construction. A special thank you to Jeff Mackay, Rod Brown, Guy Blanch and Trevor Potter for their expertise and use of their equipment.

A spit roast night is planned for the President's last night and official opening of the shed in mid June.

Finally thank you to the members who have assisted with our catering during the year.

Peter Treble
Fellowship Chairman





FOUNDATION

David Tynan

The following is a Foundation report from PDG Ron Pickford which I will share with you as my annual report .

The world is a big place with many different types of people, people in need. Helping others that are in need to live a life above mere existence is our responsibility. Rotarians use different ways to convey their help to those in need, and that is the reasons we contribute to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The greatest gifts anyone can give to another person are "Happiness and Opportunities".

We often hear in conversations, "how can you be happy in this world the way it is". "Nothing can change the world, that is the way the world is". Our Rotarian humanitarian beliefs and values allow us to dream about how we can expect things to be. We, and those that worked the world before us, made the world the way it is to day, but we can change it back with good works after good works through our Rotary Foundation. We can dream of what can be, not what is!

DREAM of a world not burdened with the Poliovirus – a world without polio. Your children and grandchildren living without the fear of contracting Polio, no matter where they travel or who they meet.

DREAM of every child be able to drink clean fresh potable water, free of parasites and pollutants.

DREAM of health care available to mothers and children in countries bankrupt of basic health services.

DREAM of every child being taught to read, write, and have numeracy skills.

DREAM of food in every child's stomach, at least once every day.

DREAM of safe, secure, shelter for every mother and child, at the end of each day.

DREAM of sparing every child the trauma, and pain of egotistical driven selfish human conflict.

DREAM - dream until it hurts. It will always hurt from not to do something, from not doing what we can, and should.



I can hear your silent thoughts – I cannot do anything that will change things from what the world is now, the task is beyond me. This is not so, we can change the lives of those that need the gift of happiness and opportunity, need our help, need water, need literacy and numeracy skills, need shelter. We can do that by giving thought, time, effort and contributing to our Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is real, you can touch it, you can see it, you can be involved with it, you can witness and see it in action, and you and I together can change the world from what it is, to the way it is meant to be, we can do this the way it is meant to be, project by project, contribution by contribution. No matter how small the project is, or how small the contribution, we can do it through our Rotary Foundation.

Please continue our Foundation's important work, but rather than try to squeeze ourselves to contribute more, let us pursue the maintenance and our ability to let contributions flow freely through the complimentary use of funds raised by your club during this Rotary year, or even reserves your club is holding. Making a club contribution to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International will not only ensure the good humanitarian works we dream of are continued, but your club is credited with contributions for future recognition of Paul Harris Fellows.

The Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is the hands and heart of our Rotary Foundation. It affords us the resources to reach those who need Rotary the most – people who hunger, thirst, and yearns for better lives for themselves, and especially for children.

Please continue to contribute to achieve this year's Worldwide Annual Program's Goal by May 2007. For end of the Rotary year contributions to be credited for the 2006-2007 Rotary year, they must be posted to Rotary International South Pacific and Philippines Office for processing during June. The earlier your club submit their contribution, the earlier appropriate recognition can be prepared. Contributions received after May 2007 is counted in the 2007-2008 Rotary year.

Please continue to dream what will be, and continue to contribute.

PDG Ron Pickford.

District 9780 Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman.





PROGRAM

JOHN SEDUNARY

The 2006/07 calendar was full of interesting topics that at times both informed and challenged members. One of the year's highlights was the presentation by Chris Earl, who showed us a film depicting Maryborough in the 50's and 60's. This was a 'walk down memory lane' for some while for us newer residents, the film gave us a real insight into our history.

Another highlight of the year was the talks given by our own members. Members had many opportunities to make a presentation this year. These ranged from being the main speaker for the evening, participating in the Speakers Competition, through to being 'volunteered' to provide a 3 minute talk.

The standard of each and every presentation was very high and this shows that the club is blessed with a great deal of talent, knowledge and humour. Congratulations to all speakers.

This year, we also started to revisit what has happened in the past by using alternative venues for our meetings. Consequently, we enjoyed some very good evenings at local restaurants - both here in Maryborough and elsewhere. These evenings were full of great fellowship which shows the level comradeship and warmth within the club.

On behalf of the Program Committee, I thank all members who helped us to put together an interesting and varied year.

John sedunary
Program Chairman





Public Relations Bob Osborne PP PHF

President Grant and fellow Rotarians,

The role of the Public Relations officer is to keep the public informed of what is going on in our Rotary World.

Gone are the days when we "hid our light under a bushel". If we want public support we are in turn accountable to ther public for what we do.

In most areas our activities have been well publicised, and I have all the material which has appeared in the newspaper.

The addition of Goldfields 99.1 FM radio is another outlet for us to pursue. Our visiting GSE team features prominently here.

President Grant, Rtn Shane Dellavedova and myself have been interviewed on the community programme, and frequent community service announcements re our activities appear regularly.

Thanks to those Rotarians/Committee chairs who have provided material for publication during the past twelve months.

Remember Club, PR can only be done effectively if you provide details of your activities to the PR Officer

Yours in Rotary

Bob Osborne
Public Relations Chairman





SERGEANT'S REPORT Bryce Rawlings PP

President Grant and fellow Rotarians.

It has been a pleasure to be your Sergeant at Arms for the 2006/07 Rotary year. Thank you President Grant for asking me to fill this position, which I have taken on willingly and enjoyed immensely.

Apart from the obvious task of the sergeant to call the weekly dinner meeting to order and ensure the smooth running of the program, it is also a requirement to relieve members of their loose change during the fines session.

I thank members for their eagerness to "dob in" fellow Rotarians, which of course made my job so much easier and helped to swell the weekly "take". I also thank members for the manner in which they have accepted fines and of the energy put in to make the session enjoyable.

Thank you to my assistant, Rotarian Peita, who has filled in very capably on occasions during the year.

The fines sessions have raised approximately \$???? .

Congratulations President Grant and Jeanette on a job well done as leaders of our club over the last 12 months and to incoming President Derrick and Sandra, our leaders for the ensuing 12 months I offer my very best wishes.

Bryce Rawlings
Sergeant at Arms 2006/07





PROBUS

Bob Osborne PP PHF

President Grant and fellow Rotarians,

Probus continues in its role as Rotary's best Community project in Australia and New Zealand where there are approximately 200,000 Probians in 2200 clubs.

In District 9780 there are 148 clubs with about 12,000 members. This represents the largest number of clubs/district in Australia/New Zealand.

Locally, our four sponsored clubs function at various levels. In Maryborough, the combined club and the ladies club are numerically strong, but both need to ensure that the average age of the members does not get too high.

Avoca is a small club and celebrate its 10th Anniversary in August.

Dunolly struggles too for numbers, despite efforts to encourage new faces to join as members.

In 2007/08 it is proposed that Maryborough Rotary investigates Inglewood with the aim of forming a Probus club.

My role in Probus is now downsized. My role on the Victorian Probus Association has finished and due to the Rotary District three year plan, I step down as D9780 Probus Chairman on 30th June. Ken Brand from Hamilton takes over this role and I wish him well

I shall have two years to serve on the P.C.S.P (Probus Centre South Pacific) Committee.

My grateful thanks to the Maryborough Rotary Club for its continued support of Probus in the area.

Bob Osborne
Probus Liaison Officer





BOWELSCAN

Toby Bainbridge

This year's BowelScan project was the first after John and Jean Ritchie retired from active duty. I would like to thank them for their immense effort over many years as the BowelScan experts.

There was a new initiative this year: writing to all those who had completed a BowelScan last year. This had the intended outcome of increasing the number of people who bought kits this year, and sales appear to have increased by some 20% over 2006 figures.

The normal advertising leaflet drop was held this year, and it is unknown whether it has had any real impact on sales as there are no comparative figures from previous years. This is a major cost for the Club, as there are few other costs to the Club associated with BowelScan.

I thank the pharmacies who supported the project. The pharmacies and their sales are:

Haywood & Robinson	233
Millikan's	196
Maldon.....	16
Clunes	15
Total.....	460

Altogether this has been an exceptional year for BowelScan, and most of the thanks should go to John & Jean Ritchie for their outstanding work over many years. It is an honour to be able to follow in their well-marked footsteps.

We mourn the recent death of John Ritchie and I am pleased that John Wilson, the BowelScan coordinator for many years, had the opportunity to present both John and Jean Ritchie with their award for their years of service while John was still alive to appreciate the gesture.

Toby Bainbridge

Chairman Bowelscan





CLEFT PALATE

Robert Rowe PP

While at the Deniyaya Hospital during a trip to Sri Lanka in June 2006, Dr Tennakoon introduced two children to the team members. The children suffered with cleft palates and PP Robert Rowe was asked if there were any Rotary programs that could help with medical aid to these two children. Upon his return, Robert addressed the club in early August, and the following week, PP PHF Brian Thomas gave Robert a cutting from a March 2006 Rotary Down Under magazine, describing a project of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central and the GLENCOE Foundation called "Operation Cleft". Robert informed the members that for a little as \$100, this project would repair a child's cleft palate or lips in hospitals in Sri Lanka, Vietnam, or Bangladesh and he would investigate the program further and report back to the membership. By the time Robert returned to his seat that night, he had received donations from club members, totalling \$400. This was enough to treat our two children and two more.

By November, members had donated or collected \$3500 and by the following February, donations in excess of \$6000 had been forwarded to "Operation Cleft". This is enough to treat some 50 to 60 children.

Our two children had their operations in February and March this year. Dr Dias from the Cleft Rehabilitation Centre in Mattra has written and advise that the operations were a success. The children now enjoy a healthier life and are no longer suffering socially or emotionally because of their cleft palates.



After his visit to our club in May, Colin Macfarlane from "Operation Cleft" wished me to extend his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those who have supported this project.

Robert Rowe



Rotary Club of Maryborough, Victoria

Summary of Attendance 2006 – 2007

Member	Attended	Missed	Make-Ups	%
Allan Terrence	31	18	9	81.63
Anderson, Len	41	8	2	87.76
Bainbridge, Toby	26	23	1	55.10
Blanch, Guy	36	6	6	100.00
Boyes, David	4	45	1	10.20
Brown, David	35	14		71.43
Brown, Rodney	27	22	1	57.14
Bruce, Don	12	37	3	30.61
Bryant, John	38	11		77.55
Bursill, Robert	42	7	4	93.88
Caulfield, John	42	7	2	89.80
Costellow, Graham	24	25		48.98
Davies, Tom	33	16	5	77.55
DeLacey, Ian	7	2	2	100.00
Dellavedova, Shane	32	17	4	73.47
Edwards, Ted	35	14		71.43
Fairchild, Brenton	45	4	4	100.00
Field, James	31	18	6	75.51
Hare, David	46	3	3	100.00
Harris, Gerard	0	49	5	10.20
Haywood, Peter	42	7		85.71
Hazledine, John	32	17		65.31
Higgins, Garry	41	8	1	85.71
James, Geoff	36	13	3	79.59
Jarrett, Glynn	28	21	1	59.18
Jennings, Noel	42	7	1	87.76
Kennedy, Grant	46	3	3	100.00
Mackay, Jeff	32	17	2	69.39
Marsden, Derrick	48	1	1	100.00
McCormick, Peter	18	31	3	42.86
McRae, Peter	39	10	6	91.84
Nixon, Paula	5	2		71.43

Ohlsen, Anthony	45	4	4	100.00
Osborne, Robert	39	10	10	100.00
Potter, Trevor	32	17	7	79.59
Quaife, Noel	16	33	13	59.18
Rawlings, Bryce	39	10	1	81.63
Rowe, Robert	42	7	7	100.00
Sedunary, John	35	14	2	75.51
Selmon, John	39	10	2	83.67
Silver, Peter	34	15	6	81.83
Stewart, John	32	17	10	85.71
Thomas, Brian	40	9	4	89.80
Townsing, Charles	2	47		4.08
Treble, Fred	15	34	3	36.73
Treble, Peter	37	12	12	100.00
Tynan, David	30	19		61.22
Walker, Stephen	31	18	4	71.43
Walsh, Peter	39	10	6	91.84
Wendels, Gerard	11	5	2	81.25
Williamson, John	23	26		46.94