



ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH
ANNUAL REPORT



2007 – 2008



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Sandra and I have had the opportunity to attend many Rotary & Community functions during the year and we can but marvel at the wonderful work of Rotary and the many Community organizations that we have visited with during the year.

Our Rotary International theme for the year "Rotary Shares" and our District Governors theme "Share Rotary" were very appropriate when you look back on the past year and our achievements.

Our meeting program arranged by PP Rtn Rod Brown, have been varied and informative. I would like to thank those members and guest's who gave of their time and expertise to keep the Club informed with what is happening in their lives and organizations.

There were a number of meetings that I felt stood out in my mind during the year, the first being the "Survivors Night". I thank those members and their partners who shared their experience as survivors of a heart attack. Their very open and frank accounts of their experience were very moving and an important warning to all of our vulnerability. The roses definitely smelt sweeter the next day.

Our night at the Highland Society with representatives from the Royal Australian Navy to introduce their newest ship in the fleet, HMAS Maryborough, named after Maryborough Victoria and Maryborough Queensland was very enjoyable. Lieutenant Commander Jak Wilson & Captain Gerry Savvakis gave us and insight into the commissioning of the new boat, and what life onboard the vessel would be like. As a result of their visit there was an invitation issued for a young member of our community to participate in part of her maiden voyage. Lucinda Johnson a

17 year old Off Campus VCAL student was nominated and selected to fly to Brisbane and join the "Nuship Maryborough on December 10th for the leg from Brisbane to Sydney. Lucinda, on her return attended a Rotary Dinner Meeting and recounted her experiences onboard a Navy ship.

On another night we were visited by the Commissioner for Small Business and representatives from Consumer Affairs and the ACCC. We enjoyed the company of a number of local business men for this very informative evening and it was indicated on the night that we should possibly invite each group back on separate nights, to give our business community a better opportunity to put questions to the various representatives.

Thank you PP, Rtn. Rod for an innovative and interesting program through out the year.

Our hard working Community Director, Rtn Brenton Fairchild and his team, with able assistance from all club members, have had a very busy year. The Rotary BBQ has been used on many occasions supporting community events from Land Care, CFA, Aero Club, Golf Club and Girl Guides just to name a few. The major community event for the year was once again the RACV Energy Breakthrough and I thank all members for their Marshalling services on the Rotary corner and Catering services on the BBQ trailer, this weekend is a huge commitment by all, but one that is appreciated by visitors and our community.

The Community Committee have been called upon on many occasions to erect the Marquee's on behalf of the Shire Council, and I thank all members who have assisted with these duties, it brings very valuable income into our Club, that we can put back into the community.

It has been decided by the Rotary Club, that a Catering Committee will be formed. The new committee will take over responsibility for all BBQ catering events taken on by the Club, this will allow the Community Committee to direct their attentions to more urgent and varied community projects.

Thank you Rtn. Brenton, for your untiring devotion to your community and the Rotary Club of Maryborough.

The International Committee, so ably led by Rtn. Shane Dellavedova has continued this year with their support for schools and orphanages in Sri Lanka with shipments of books.

Their major fundraising has been the Rotary Golf Day, Rtn. Peter Silva's bookstall and the BRIT auction. Thank you to all members for their participation in these events and a special thank you to Rtn. Jim Field for his contributions with the BRIT auction day.

The first Maryborough Rotary Club "Shelter Box" has been placed in a refugee camp in Zimbabwe in South Africa and it has been decided by the International Committee to purchase another "Shelter Box" to assist the Rotary relief aid program in our international community.

Thank you Rtn. Shane for your innovative and humanitarian projects.

Youth plays a very big part in our Rotary year, and this past year being no exception. Rtn. John Sedunary and his committee have placed their accent on supporting groups of young people, whilst still retain current youth programs such as RYLA, RYPEN, National Youth Science Forum, Siemens Science and TYPO. Their sponsorship of the "Sleeping Stars" production of Peter Pan, which is in rehearsal and due to premier in mid September, is a wonderful program that has the involvement of some 40 young people in the age group from 5 years to 14 years. We look forward the being involved with this program for years to come, and maybe one of the participants will be influenced to enter the world of entertainment.

Thank you Rtn. John for your support to our future, our youth.

During the year our Vocational Director, Rtn. Glynn Jarrett relocated to Inglewood, to be closer to his work commitments in Bendigo. Before leaving Glynn had supervised and put in place a number of programs for the Vocational Committee, including the Powercor Central Goldfields

Business Awards which was a joint effort between the Rotary Club of Maryborough, the Maryborough Chamber of Commerce, and the Central Goldfields Shire Council. We thank the many sponsors who helped to make these awards possible and the Rotarians who assisted with the organization of the night.

The Trivia night, which was a fund raiser for the Pride of Workmanship awards was a night of fun and frivolity.

The Pride of Workmanship Awards this year had a focus on "Customer Service". The presentation was held at the Highland Society and was a wonderful celebration honoring those members of our community that provide service to us each and every day.

Sandra & I had the pleasure of representing the Rotary Club of Maryborough at the presentation of the "2008 Shine on Awards" in Wangaratta, I must say it was a very humbling experience to be amongst so many, who give so much to their respective communities, even though they have to overcome very restrictive disabilities.

We were very proud when our two nominees Mr. Greg Waters (Shine on Award) and Miss Kathryn Dent (Shine on Commendation) awards were announced. Both Greg and Kathryn were unable to attend on the day. They both received their awards at a special presentation at a Rotary dinner meeting.

Thank you Rtn. Glynn for your efforts as Vocational Director and thanks must also go to Rtn. Paula Nixon who stepped into the breach and acted as interim Vocational Director after Glynn's relocation.

Our Club Service Committee's were looked after by Vice President, Rtn. Geoff James, and you will see from the various reports by the committee chairman that there has been a lot happening within the Rotary Club of Maryborough during the year.

Membership and attendance are still of concern and these issues were highlighted in our "Club Review", which was a major undertaking during the year. The member survey and the assemblies which followed have outlined a number of initiatives which must be addressed in the

strategic plan being developed. I thank Rtn Geoff James and Rtn. John Caulfield and their committees for their time and input into the outcomes that have been achieved so far, and look forward to the positive progress that will develop from this "Club Review"

Thank you Rtn Geoff for you inspiration and advice.

Thank you must also go to the following:

PP Rtn. Bob Osborne	Public Relations & Bowel Scan
PP Rtn. Noel Jennings	Fellowship
PP Rtn. Brian Thomas	Membership
Rtn John Williamson	Brian Dowie Park
Rtn David Brown	Attendance
Rtn David Hare	Bulletin
Rtn. Peter McRae	Club Records & Reporting

Sergeant Rtn. Guy Blanch has been a major source of income through out the year with his fines session each week and thank you to all those members who provide Rtn. Guy with so much material.

Thank you Rtn. Guy for keeping our dinner meetings as close to time as our members and guest speakers would allow.

Our big asset purchase for the year was the tandem trailer. The purchase of the trailer will allow us to store and handle the marquees with the minimum of fuss.

It was with sadness that we report the loss of one of our own, Rtn Noel Quaife, who passed away on the 19th June after a long fight with cancer. Our thoughts go out to Maxine and all the family. It was wonderful that we were able to honour Rtn Noel with "Quaife's Corner" in our Rotary Shed at the Maryborough Aerodrome while Noel was still alive. Rtn Noel was a major instigator of our storage shed and "Quaife's Corner" will always be reminder of Noel's contribution to Rotary.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for their continued support throughout the year, with a special thanks to Secretary

PP Rtn. Anthony Ohlsen, Treasurer Rtn Len Anderson, President Elect John Caulfield and Vice President Geoff James your advice and mentoring has been invaluable during my year.

To the members of the Rotary Club of Maryborough my heartfelt thanks for your contribution of your very valuable time to Rotary and our Community.

I wish PE Rtn John and his wife Marj all the best for their year and pledge my support to them during the next twelve months.

Last but not least I would like to thank my wonderful wife, partner and best friend Sandra for her patience and support through what has been a very busy and challenging year as President of the Rotary Club of Maryborough

Derrick John Marsden

President 2007/2008





SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hasn't time flown, it doesn't seem like 12 months since I prepared a Secretary's report and just seems like yesterday that President Derrick inserted the Secretary's badge into my lapel. The quick passing of the year indicates the support I have received from President Derrick Marsden, PE John Caulfield, VP Geoff James, PP Grant Kennedy, Treasurer Len Anderson and our four Directors John Sedunary, Brenton Fairchild, Shane Dellavedova and Glynn Jarrett before his resignation in October and then Paula Nixon.

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,
- Preparation of the agenda and minutes for the AGM including the election of new officer bearers, followed by two extra-ordinary meetings for further elections
- Preparation of the semi annual returns for RI in July and January
- Preparation of information for Rotary Down under
- Advising RI and the DG of changes in the membership.

There have been a number of highlights for the year for me, they include,

- The continued support of the Energy Breakthrough via the marshalling and BBQ,
- The continued support of the community via the "marquees",
- The effort of PHF Jean Ritchie with Bowelscan.

I would also like to acknowledge the time put in by the Board members who have been involved in the Club Survey and the members who have taken the time to complete the survey. The information gained from the survey will help the Rotary Club of Maryborough forge ahead.

To all of the Rotarians who in some way have contributed to making the Secretary's easier, thankyou, it is much appreciated.

Last of all I would like to thank my family for their help throughout the year, your support goes a long way.

PP Anthony Ohlsen

Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Firstly I would like to thank all fellow board members for their support throughout the year in what has been a very busy, demanding and at times difficult year.

I congratulate President Derrick on his year as President and President Elect John and wish John and the incoming board a very successful year ahead.

There have been many activities and projects undertaken throughout the year and I believe we as a club have achieved a lot which in turn benefited our community as well as the less fortunate overseas.

The attached income and expenditure statement sets out where our monies were received from and where that money was spent. I hope that it enables everyone to see clearly the sources and applications of all monies that passed through our bank account for the year.

If anyone would like further explanation or clarification of the accounts please do not hesitate to ask me for more detail.

Len Anderson
Treasurer

ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
1ST JULY 2007 TO 16TH JUNE 2008

BANK POSITION
AT 16TH JUNE 2008

Prepared by
Len Anderson
Treasurer
16th June 2008

ROTARY CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 2007 TO 16TH JUNE 2008

BALANCE AS PER GENERAL ACCOUNT 1ST JULY 2007	\$10,541.29
BALANCE AS PER INVESTMENT ACCOUNT 1ST JULY 2007	<u>\$64,726.65</u>

SUB TOTAL	\$75,267.94
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PLUS INCOME FOR PERIOD

WEEKLY MEETINGS

MEALS	\$23,287.10
MEALS OTHER	\$3,810.00
RAFFLE	\$1,602.70
FINES	\$782.15
BAR	\$2,943.00
CHANGE	\$251.30
BOWELL SCAN	\$1,103.00

MEMBERS PAYMENTS

ANNUAL FEES	\$9,423.00
ROTARY FOUNDATION	\$600.00

TRAILER INCOME

GOLF CLUB	\$1,212.50
STATION MARKET	\$2,526.50
ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH	\$4,316.05
GARDEN SHOW	\$300.00
CFA AIRPORT	\$600.00
LODGES	\$170.00

OTHER

FARM EQUIP AUCTION	\$3,237.00
CAKES & PUDDINGS	\$2,480.65
MEDICAL BOOKS	\$46.00
BANK INTEREST	\$2,564.94
MERCHANDISE	\$15.00
GOLF SPONSORSHIP AND NET PROCEEDS	\$1,168.15
BENDIGO BANK BARINGHUP COMM	\$4,000.00
BOOK STALL	\$705.00
GOVERNMENT GRANT	\$2,798.00
TRIVIA NIGHT EXTRAS	\$441.00
DONATIONS	\$1,670.00
HIRE SPIT	\$40.00
CLEFT PALLET	\$150.00
TENT INCOME	\$3,100.00
BBQ PARK HIRE	\$95.60

FUNCTIONS

LEGENDS NIGHT	\$930.00
FASHION AND FLOWER MOONLIGHT	\$2,428.90
MELB CUP FUNCTION	\$2,626.70
PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP	\$1,676.00
XMAS BREAK UP	\$1,375.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$84,475.24
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SUB TOTAL	\$159,743.18
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 20TH MAY 2008-16TH JUNE 2008

LESS EXPENDITURE

WEEKLY MEETINGS

HAVILAH MEALS	\$20,283.00
BEVERAGES	\$1,953.59
RAFFLE PAYOUT	\$526.00

TRAILER EXPENSES

INSURANCE	\$305.00
FOOD	\$6,065.75
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$160.30
BLENDER	\$85.00
REGISTRATION	\$70.20
SIGN	\$71.50

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FEES & COSTS

SEMI ANNUAL FEES	\$3,190.51
BOOKS	\$11.00
MERCHANDISE	\$630.01
DISTRICT LEVY & INSURANCE	\$2,915.00
SHELTER BOX	\$1,200.00
CLEFT PALLET	\$750.00
BADGE	\$59.00
ROTARY DOWNUNDER	\$2,041.44
DISTRICT 9780	\$220.00

OTHER

FREEZER	\$295.00
TYPO STATION AND RYLAH	\$1,600.00
DR TENNAKOOON PSUNAMI FUND	\$500.00
FLOWERS	\$415.20
DONATIONS	\$1,961.50
DONATION CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE	\$3,000.00
FARM EQUIP AUCTION EXP	\$165.00
ADVERTISING	\$454.75
SHED COSTS	\$2,079.25
ELECTRICITY	\$797.50
FREIGHT	\$100.00
BARINGHUP COMM COMMITTEE	\$4,000.00
GOLF DAY EXPENSES	\$214.50
BOOK STALL EXP	\$191.90
STATIONERY	\$149.60
MANSE DONATION	\$11,103.00
MANSE DONATION PARSONS FAMILY	\$500.00
MANSE DONATION HL WILLIAMSON TRUST	\$5,000.00
MANSE COSTS	\$82.00
FOOD HANDLING COSTS - COURSE	\$585.00

OTHER CONTINUED

PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$2,552.90
TRAILER FOR TENTS	\$2,000.00
BABY BOOKS	\$375.00
XMAS PUDDINGS,CAKES ETC	\$3,285.84
RENT RSL	\$950.00
ROTARY FOUNDATION	\$1,253.00
NEW MEMBERS NIGHT EXP	\$27.00
BOWELSCAN	\$200.00

FUNCTIONS

CHANGE OVER DINNER	\$3,188.00
LEGENDS NIGHT TO AERO CLUB	\$930.00
TRIVIA NIGHT COSTS	\$223.00
PAID TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM	\$2,428.90
PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS	\$2,396.20
XMAS BREAK UP	\$1,260.00
MELB CUP FUNCTION	\$194.50

ADMINISTRATION COSTS

PRESIDENTS INCIDENTAL COSTS	\$423.20
STATIONERY COMPUTER CONS 2006/2007	\$162.45
TREASURERS COSTS	\$0.00
SECRETARY COSTS	\$0.00
STATIONERY	\$0.00
PRESIDENT ELECT COSTS	\$200.00
CONSUMER AFFAIRS	\$38.60
PO BOX HIRE	\$70.00
PENS PROMOTION & GUEST GIFTS	\$383.90

TOTAL EXPENSES \$96,273.99

BALANCE OF FUNDS 16TH JUNE 2008 \$63,469.19

This is represented by

RECONCILED GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT 16TH JUNE 2008 \$11,223.85
ANZ V2 INVESTMENT ACCOUNT \$52,245.34

\$63,469.19



CLUB SERVICE

It has been my privilege to serve the club as Club Service Director and Vice President during the Rotary year, 2007–2008. My role has been to work alongside the four club Service Directors and with Program Chairmen in supporting the service projects of their committees, and provide a communication channel to the Board. Every committee has been active over the past twelve months, and many positive outcomes have emerged from the hard work of the committee members. Here's a brief summary of some of this year's achievements.

The Bulletin committee (Chair – David Hare) has continued to keep our club members effectively informed of current and forthcoming Rotary events.

Sergeant Guy Blanche and his team have maintained a good spirit in our weekly club meetings with an ingenious and creative selection of fines and effective time management.

The Centennial Committee (Chair – John Bryant) has taken us through to the point where we're seeing some real progress on the Manse project. Planning has been completed, the necessary demolition work has been done and trades people are now at work shaping what will become a valued asset to our District Hospital and community.

The Rotary Foundation committee (Chair – David Tynan) has continued to build funds for the fight to eradicate Polio from the world and support other projects. This year, for the first time, we're providing members with the opportunity to top up their weekly donations as part of their meal payment to reach "Centurion" status. We hope to see this approach continue in coming years.

The Bowelscan committee (Chair – Bob Osborne) has had a very successful year with over 650 test kits sold to members of the community

in this area – the highest number for many years. We thank Jean Ritchie for her invaluable assistance in distributing and collecting kits during the last weeks of the program when Bob was away.

Whilst the Club survey suggested that members would like to see even more articles in our local paper, we have had a larger number of Rotary related articles published during the last twelve months than in many previous years, thanks to the hard work of Chair, Bob Osborne and his team.

The Brian Dowie Park (Chair – John Williamson) committee has continued to explore ways in which this asset could be of more benefit to the community. Committee members are currently exploring the possibilities of installing a toilet at the site although there are concerns that due to problems with levels, it might cost a large amount to make the link with the current sewerage pipes across the road. The group is also exploring the possibility of a dump pit for Caravans. The Club survey raised issues regarding our “ownership” of this attraction, and this matter will need to be settled during the coming year.

The Membership committee (Chair- Brian Thomas) has been very active this year with the presentation of a very useful membership night, almost a dozen new members considered during the year, and two new members actually installed during the twelve months.

The Fellowship Committee (Chair — Noel Jennings) has continued to effectively provide for the refreshment needs of our members whilst adding over \$3,000 to the coffers of the club.

Attendance Officer (David Brown) has continued to effectively monitor attendances this year, whilst Welfare officer (Grant Kennedy) has monitored the welfare needs of the club.

I would like to thank chairs of all committees for their diligent work in helping to maintain the services of our club over the last twelve months and also the hard working members of committees for their generous time and energy in implementing their committee’s policies. It has certainly been another successful year in the Rotary Club of Maryborough, and I

would particularly like to congratulate Derrick Marsden on his great year as President.

Geoff James
Club Service Director/ Vice President





COMMUNITY SERVICE

Another Rotary year behind us, and once again extremely busy for the Community committee to look after.

The Barbeque Trailer has had an extensive workout this past year with catering for the Golf Club, Energy Breakthrough, Railway Station, Community events at the Information Centre and the Girl Guides who have had our services for a couple of outings as well.

The marquee's have been out and about and up and down several times over the past year for various Community activities. A quick request here for the Membership Committee. Could we please look to the new members for selection to have a height restriction of no-one under 190cm as we have a plethora of members who suffer badly from HDD, (One member in particular who seems to have an extreme case?) and Derricks drink crate can only do so much.

We have marshalled for trucks, trikes, trolleys and trams at the Energy Breakthrough, and gathered in wayward tri-athletes as well as cleaning up one of the entrances to Maryborough for Clean Up Australia. We have corralled wayward Cowboys and Cowgirls at Dunolly, and please "Don't Mention the Drought", for the ladies of the Neighbourhood Centre.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention that a couple of our best have been called up for Higher Service. They will be sorely missed by one and all, and will make a certain corner of the 'Shed' a gentle reminder to us all, that we serve whilst we can for the betterment of our fellow man. Noel and Daryl in absentia, Thankyou.

To all Rotarians, partners, siblings and off-spring, I render a heartfelt thankyou, to you all, for your unswerving assistance over the past year to the call for HELP, from myself on a too regular basis.

On a personal note – what has this Great Ex Warrant Officer Class Two
done to be demoted to Sergeant for next year!!!!!!

Brenton James Fairchild JP
Community Director





INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

This year the International committee has continued supporting projects from the previous year, namely work in Sri Lanka with tsunami relief and sponsorship of hospital refurbishment and educational material for schools.

Fundraising has been through our annual golf day; raising around \$1000.00 and the BRIT auction which raised around \$4000.00 I would like to thank all the club and committee members for their support with these two projects both in time and sponsorship. I would especially like to thank Jim Field for his part in the BRIT auction. Rotarian Peter Silver ran a very successful bookstall raising \$700.00 in High Street on a Saturday morning, well-done Peter.

We decided to purchase a Shelter Box, which has become part of the disaster relief effort around the world notably in China and Burma.

The new Rotary shed has proved to be useful with the storage and sorting of books ready for shipping to Sri Lanka.

Rotarian 'Mallee' Rowe has continued to promote the very worthwhile Cleft Pallet program which has enabled more of these life-changing operations to take place.

Once again I would like to thank my committee members for their support during the year, and wish incoming International Director 'Mallee' Rowe all the best for his time directing this committee.

I would like to congratulate President Derrick on his year and I look forward to working in Rotary with incoming President John.

Shane Dellavedova
International Director



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

As the interim Vocational Director for the last half of the year, and the loss of Glynn Jarrett to the Inglewood area, I will do my best to recount the endeavours of the committee for 2007–8.

The Vocational Committee began the 2007–8 year with a major event three days after our change-over dinner. The Powercor–Central Goldfields Business Awards were a joint effort between the Rotary Club of Maryborough, the Maryborough Chamber of Commerce, and Central Goldfields Shire Council, but would not have had the success they did without many other major sponsors. Powercor, Tracy the Placement People, Central Highlands Water, Telstra, Victorian Department of Primary Industry, Austbrokers Maryborough, Central Victorian Area Consultative Committee, McPherson's Printing, Maryborough District Advertiser, EasyMix Ten-71, and WIN Television. A tremendous community effort recognising and celebrating the achievements of the Shire's varied and vibrant business sector.

The next project was the Vocational Committee's very popular TRIVIA night and auction. This was held as a fund-raiser for the upcoming annual Pride of Workmanship Awards. The Trivia night was a great night of fellowship and fun for Rotarians and their partners and guests, and was extremely competitive, with some hidden talents coming to the fore. Rotarian Geoff James was the ideal compere for the evening as well as the hard worker behind the preparation of the questions. Many thanks to you Geoff for all your efforts. The committee were very happy with the evening and grateful for the support, enthusiasm and generosity shown by all participants, as well as donators of some great auction prizes.

The annual Pride of Workmanship Awards was the last project for the 2007 year, and one which generated quite a deal of interest. The theme for

these awards was "Customer Service." There were five nominees in all, and they were presented with their awards at an evening held at the Highland Society in front of Rotarians, partners and their family and friends.

The nominees were:

Rod Kennedy	Graham Jacka Holden
Tim Smith	Lyal Eales Stores
Todd Rowe	Maryborough Highland Society / Safeway
Brendan Evans	Clarendon Street Medical Centre
Denai Derecki	Country Trends

Another rewarding and successful evening enjoyed by all.

The "Shine On" Awards 2008 was this year hosted by Rotary Southern Districts with the presentation being held in Wangaratta on Sunday May 4th. The Awards recognise outstanding service to the community of persons with disabilities and this year Rotary Club of Maryborough had 2 nominees, Greg Waters and Kathryn Dent. As neither Greg or Kathryn were able to attend the presentations in Wangaratta, the Rotary Club of Maryborough held a special evening to present Greg Waters with his major "Shine On" award, and Kathryn Dent with a "Shine On" commendation. It was a really wonderful evening with both recipient's families attending, as well as previous awardees, and Rotarians and Partners. Our congratulations to Greg and Kathryn. It truly is quite inspiring to hear of the fantastic achievements of both winners.

To conclude, although most of the Vocational Committee's commitments came in the last half of 2007, it was certainly a challenging and enjoyable year. I would like to thank President Derrick for his fine efforts and wish him well and look forward to all the challenges for the incoming committees and wish them all the best for 2008-9.

Paula Nixon
Interim Vocational Director





YOUTH SERVICE

It has been an honour to be the chair of the Youth Committee this year. To be a part of this team has allowed me to learn more about Rotary as well as enjoy the fellowship of members.

I believe that we have achieved the following:

MEC Breakfast program:

We were approached by a local business (the Moonlight Inn), which was keen to host a fund raising event – with the funds raised being donated to a local youth project.

At the same time, we were approached by the BEST START program which was seeking our assistance to purchase a new commercial toaster for the MEC breakfast program. (It is well known that children who have had a proper breakfast are more able to concentrate and enjoy school. The BEST START program provides a basic breakfast to over 150 MEC students each morning.)

Consequently, we were able to link the two organisations together and as a result, the Moonlight Inn hosted a fantastic flower display and fashion parade, which resulted in approximately \$2,000 being raised.

It should be noted that Joy Anderson was one of the key drivers for this highly successful event.

Sleeping Star Productions:

Sleeping Star Productions is a community based group that aims to provide children with a full theatrical experience from auditioning, rehearsing and performing, through to such things as set building and costume making.

There are 41 children currently rehearsing for the musical Peter Pan, which will be staged on the 5th and 6th of September. (The children range in ages from 5 – 15.)

SSP is providing the following benefits to the community:

- It is fostering creative energy and talent within children;
- It is fostering leadership and organisational skills for teenagers and young adults;
- People of different generations are learning to work and share together as a close knit team;
- People who would not normally mix socially are now working together to create what will be a benchmark production;
- It is providing an opportunity for people who do not have other options to participate in a group activity;
- It is creating a real sense of community as people of all ages and from across the Shire come together;
- It is allowing people to see new possibilities and opportunities for themselves and for their community.

The Rotary Club of Maryborough has provided financial support (approx \$1,300) as well as administrative support. Two members of the club are on the management committee (one as a Rotary representative) and another member (Peter Silver) is the set building co-ordinator.

Thank you to Grant Kennedy who has been a major driver of this project.



Two people were nominated to attend the RYLA camp and both were accepted. Their feedback is that their experience 'was life changing' and as a result, both participants have set new life goals for themselves.

Thank you to David Hare and to Noel Jennings for helping to organize our participants.

National Youth Science Forum

This year, two students have been nominated to attend this program. Both are excellent candidates and it is interesting to note that both MEC and Highview College are represented.

Thank you to John Williamson for coordinating this project on behalf of the Club.

Strategic Direction:

Importantly, we have also decided on a broad direction for the Youth Committee, which will see the club working in partnership with the local community to address the real needs of our local young people.

While this is still a work in progress, we see that this provides many exciting prospects for not only our young people, but also the wider community. Already we are looking at such things as:

- Integrating our efforts with the other committees within the club;
- Participating in a mentoring training program, so that we can better connect (and assist) young people;
- Working with other local providers and networks to ensure that we have a whole of community approach;
- Ensuring that we support Rotary's 'traditional' youth programs;
- Revisiting the International Exchange program.

The year ahead is exciting as we finalise our approach and implement real actions. I am confident that both the club and the community will gain real benefits as a result of the work being undertaken by the Youth Committee.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the individual contributions made by the members of the Committee. We have had some long discussions about how we can best serve our community and, each person has taken on a project or assignment on behalf of the club.

J.G. Sedunary



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Service Clubs generally have had a difficult time retaining past levels of membership. It is good to know that Rotary in Australia is having a good year this year with an increase of 390 members or 1.6%.

World wide, with 32,901 clubs and 1217901 members, we have increased by 1.96%.

Maryborough has had a difficult year with numbers, we have lost PHF PP David Boyes, Glyn Jarrett, Peter McCormick and PHF PP Charles Townsing. Four of these past members have in fact transferred into other Rotary Clubs. On the other hand we have welcomed Mark Edmonson, Ray Hannan and Neil Arbuthnot.

PHF PP Charles Townsing has made a big effort to overcome his remote location and remain a Rotarian and has joined an "e" Club, RECSWUSA (Rotary E Club South West USA), this means that he attends meetings via the internet and is happy learning a great deal from speakers on those internet meetings.



Focusing on increasing membership, *Humanity in Motion IV*

Our aim was to get our numbers back up to 56 this year but instead we will be at 50 so we need to continue our efforts. World wide figures indicate that only 10% of prospective members are inducted into clubs, we will need a big effort this year to regain our target membership and will need the help of all members to succeed.

Our major effort this year centred on an information night where we issued 32 invitations and had 17 attendees and will induct two of the participants. The effort will be made each six months in order to get our numbers.

It is obvious that we need this level of membership in order to run an effective Club and support Rotary's program in Maryborough, Victoria and around the world.

We thank all members for their contribution to our membership activities and look forward to a real growth in membership in 2008/9.

P.P. Brian Thomas
Chairman
Membership Committee



PROGRAM REPORT

Fellow Rotarians

It has been a pleasure to bring the 2007–08 program to the Club which included 15 partner nights. Even after some very late Speaker cancellations and changes, members responded to being “thrown in the deep end” with competence and skill.

There were certainly some very big nights with the joint Aero Club Meeting, Small Business Commissioner and Team, Navy Commanders of the Armidale Class vessels and our own Survivors (heart attack) night.

Our club is very diverse in age, vocation and knowledge which on one hand presents challenges to keep interest, on the other it gives us a huge resource of very competent speakers and stories to compliment invited guest speakers. This year we have had 53 meetings between the Changeover Dinners and with the new overhead projector the club has enjoyed much better presentations by speakers.

I sincerely thank those that helped in any way to ensure the program remained on track with special mention of John Sedunary.

Rod Brown PP PHF
Program Chairman

Meeting	Topic
28/06/07	Risk management club forum/discussion
05/07/07	Club Assembly
*12/07/07	PP PHF Charles Townsing – Home at Cawkers Well
19/07/07	Debate by Rotarians – Should parents teach children to drive
26/07/07	Job Talk – Paula Nixon -Teaching in NSW
*02/08/07	DG Visit
09/08/07	Job Talk Peter Haywood – Pharmacy
16/08/07	Kelly Mason “Tracy the Employment People”
*17/08/07	Aero Club with Jeff Mackay (WW2) and John Fisher – Tiger Moth flight from London to Melbourne
23/08/07	Membership Night
*30/08/07	Survivors Night (Heart Attack) PP PHF Don Bruce, John Williamson, John Caulfield and Ross Forster
06/09/07	Brian Dowie Park clean up
13/09/07	Youth Committee presentation
20/09/07	Dr Dean Shirley Principal at Maryborough Education Centre
*27/09/07	Hayden Stewart – Prison Management
04/10/07	Hayden Pilgrim – Chairman Bendigo Community Bank
*11/10/07	Navy Armidale class HMAS Maryborough
*18/10/07	Trivia Night
25/10/07	Rotarians x 6 – What do I think talks
01/11/07	Marty Mark – RACV Energy Breakthrough
08/11/07	Foundation Committee presentation
15/11/07	Pride in Workmanship presentations
*22/11/07	Small Business Commissioner Mark Brennan & Consumer Affairs
29/11/07	Annual General Meeting
06/12/07	Community Service Committee presentation
*13/12/07	Rotary Christmas Dinner
20/12/07	BBQ at Princes Park
27/12/07	No meeting
03/01/08	No Meeting
10/01/08	BBQ at Princes Park
17/01/08	Group 7 meeting at Maryborough
24/01/08	Sue Brown and Paul Michele: French Teacher Exchange program
*31/01/08	Joyce Sedunary: Sleeping Stars Program
07/02/08	Lucinda Johnson HMAS Maryborough trip

14/02/08	Central Highlands Water – Program Aquarius
21/02/08	Membership Len Anderson Malley Rowe Peter McRae
*28/02/08	Ladies night General discussion (DVD failure J)
06/03/08	Steve Walker Outback Challenge
13/03/08	Maryborough Gun Club Clay target shoot
20/03/08	Club Night at Albion Hotel – Rotary Plan for Carbon Emissions
*27/03/08	Jane Anderson – OTIS Foundation
03/04/08	BBQ Airport John Fisher Hanger – Tiger moths Sabre Jet
10/04/08	Job Talk – Ray Hannan
17/04/08	Kay Parkin – CGSC Art Gallery Manager
*24/04/08	Talbot Observatory Visit / Dinner
01/05/08	DVD “The Crude Story” Oil and where it comes from
08/05/08	John Hazledine – Germany trip
15/05/08	John Sedunary – B.E.A.R.S.
22/05/08	RYLA Candidates De and Victoria
29/05/08	Club Assembly
05/06/08	Job Talk Trevor Potter – Bricklaying
12/06/08	Mark Edmondson – Solar Grid Connection
19/06/08	Club Committee Meeting 2008 – 2009 programs
26/06/08	Games Night – snooker competition Highland Society
*04/07/08	Changeover Dinner
*10/07/08	DG Visit
17/07/08	Club Assembly
* denotes partner nights	



ROTARY FOUNDATION REPORT

It has been a quiet year for this committee. We did a presentation to the Club during the Rotary Foundation month, highlighting the work of the Foundation in the Polio Plus campaign, and the success it has achieved so far in almost eradicating this crippling and deadly disease from the world. We also encouraged more of our Rotarians to consider becoming *Centurions*, and undertaking to donate A\$100 to the Foundation each year.

The Foundation remains a very worthy charity that continues its good work, with no money donated going directly to the administration of the Foundation. I would continue to encourage Rotarians to consider commencing or continuing to make regular donations.

David Tynan



A Rotarian immunizes a child against polio. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



SERGEANT'S REPORT

I'll start this report by congratulating President Derrick and his wife, Sandra, on a great effort and enjoyable year at Maryborough Rotary Club. Having barely been a Rotarian for 12 months at the start of my term as sergeant, I was somewhat intimidated by the effort required to fill this role. I am thankful for the role model Bryce Rawlings provided the previous year.

I would like to thank every member and guest who throughout the year helped to make my job possible. The call to meetings and order is only made possible by your cooperation. Thank you.

As with regards to the fines session, these often humorous and sometimes belittling events were taken in good humour and in the spirit of things. Special thanks to regular fines recipients Rodney Brown, John Caulfield, Paula Nixon and Malley Rowe. Your good humour was my savour on many nights.

I believe that taking on this role has allowed me to grow as an individual and become a much more aware Rotarian. I would recommend it to anyone. I thank the club and Rotary in general for this opportunity.

Guy Blanch



BOWELSCAN REPORT

President Derrick and fellow Rotarians.

At the time of writing, the Bowelscan program for 2008 is almost complete. Currently 695 kits are in use, and it would appear that sales in the area will be again most satisfactory.

The Bowelscan Program throughout Australia are linked through the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

The district committee now coordinates the advertising and coverage through television, various newspapers and the local Goldfield FM 99.1 has been excellent.

The local pharmacies (Haywood and Robinson and Millikens) distribute the kits in Maryborough, Avoca and Dunolly. The Clunes pharmacy have participated again this year, whilst Brian and Alison Thomas linked with the Maldon pharmacy.

My grateful thanks to all those people who have assisted. Special mention of Jean Ritchie whose assistance has been invaluable, in that she took charge of the collection and dispatch at times when I was away. Many thanks Jean.

Bowel cancer claims the lives of 5,000 Australians each year, and more than 11,000 are diagnosed. Early diagnosis is vital and that is where this program is so vital.

I strongly recommend that the Maryborough Rotary club continue its participation in this valuable community program.

PP Bob Osborne PHF
Rotary Bowelscan 2008



PUBLIC RELATIONS

President Derrick and fellow Rotarians.

We have this year contributed a number of articles for publication in the media during the past twelve months. Some of the articles include, the Manse project, the Shine On Awards, RYLA and general articles on Rotary involvement in the community.

We have also featured in regular interviews on Goldfields FM 99.1 where several of our members have been interviewed.

Newspaper coverage included the Maryborough Advertiser, Carisbrook Mercury and other publications throughout the district.

My thanks go to the members who provided the source material for publication.

I believe that the message of Rotary is well disseminated to the local community.

My particular thanks go to Shandelle Woods at the Maryborough Advertiser and to Dan Leddin at Goldfields FM 99.1 for their assistance.

PP Bob Osborne PHF
Public Relations Coordinator



PROBUS

President Derrick and fellow Rotarians.

Probus the 'love child' of Rotary continues its growth throughout the South Pacific region.

Founded by Rotary in England in 1964, the movement spread to New Zealand in 1974 and to Australia in 1976. The wisdom of RDU in forming a committee to oversee the development of Probus proved to be a wise move. This sub-committee developed into the PCSP (Probus Centre South Pacific) committee which administers the organisation in the South Pacific area. Recently expansion has taken place in the Philippines and six (6) clubs have recently been formed. Within the South Pacific area, there are now approximately 200,000 Probian, in more than 2000 clubs.

I have been a member of the PCSP committee for five years with one more year to serve, which will be as secretary.

Closer to home District 9780 has 152 clubs (as against 62 Rotary clubs) with more than 12,000 Probian. Locally, Maryborough Rotary club has started four clubs, Maryborough Combines (25 years old in 2009), Maryborough Ladies (15 years), Avoca (11 years) and Dunolly (8 years).

The only criteria for joining Probus is to be no longer employed on a full time basis. Probus itself is not a fund raising organisation.

PROBUS—TOMORROWS VISION FOR ACTIVE RETIREES.

PP Bob Osborne PHF
Secretary PCSP

Rotary Club of Maryborough, Victoria



Member Attendance - All Current Members
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Member Name	Meetings Attended	Meetings Missed	Apologies Given	Leave of Absence	Makeups Presented	%
Allan Terrence	35	3	9	0	10	95.74
Anderson Len	45	0	2	0	4	100.00
Bainbridge Toby	35	5	7	0	3	80.85
Blanch Guy	40	2	5	0	3	91.49
Brown David	31	1	15	0	1	68.09
Brown Rodney	37	1	9	0	5	89.36
Bruce Don	7	2	36	0	0	15.56
Bryant John	33	1	13	0	1	72.34
Bursill Robert	32	3	12	0	2	72.34
Caulfield John	42	0	5	0	2	93.62
Costelow Graham	31	1	15	0	0	65.96
Davies Tom	39	4	4	0	0	82.98
DeLacey Ian	26	5	16	0	5	65.96
Dellavedova Shane	40	0	7	0	3	91.49
Edmonson Mark	21	1	18	0	1	55.00
Edwards Ted	28	3	16	0	0	59.57
Fairchild, Brenton	41	1	5	0	5	97.87
Field James	28	3	16	0	2	63.83
Hannan Ray	15	0	8	0	0	65.22
Hare, David	44	0	3	0	2	97.87
Harris Gerard	20	3	24	0	1	44.68
Haywood Peter	37	0	10	0	2	82.98
Hazledine John	34	1	12	0	2	76.60
Higgins, Garry	37	1	9	0	4	87.23
James Geoff	40	0	7	0	3	91.49
Jennings Noel	39	1	7	0	4	91.49
Kennedy Grant	28	1	18	0	8	76.60
Mackay Jeff	29	5	13	0	1	63.83
Marsden Derrick	46	0	1	0	6	100.00
McCormick Peter	2	0	45	22	2	8.51
McRae Peter	36	0	11	0	5	87.23
Nixon Paula	35	0	12	0	3	80.85
Ohlsen Anthony	46	0	1	0	4	100.00
Osborne Robert	35	2	10	0	13	100.00
Potter Trevor	29	0	18	0	7	76.60
Rawlings Bryce	37	1	9	0	5	89.36
Rowe Robert	39	1	7	0	3	89.36
Sedunary, John	32	1	14	0	5	78.72
Selmon John	37	0	10	0	2	82.98
Silver Peter	31	2	14	0	4	74.47
Stewart John	35	4	8	0	1	76.60

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Thomas Brian	33	2	12	0	7	85.11
Townsing Charles	3	6	37	26	0	6.52
Treble Fred	21	3	23	0	0	44.68
Treble Peter	31	0	16	0	5	76.60
Tynan David	30	4	13	0	2	68.09
Walker, Stephen	11	9	27	0	1	25.53
Walsh Peter	33	2	12	0	5	80.85
Wendels Gerard	24	2	21	0	4	59.57
Willersdorf Lindsay	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Williamson John	30	2	15	0	4	72.34