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Annual Report

2008/2009

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The Rotary year 2008-2009 theme "Make Dreams Real" aptly fits the ideals and activities of Rotary. As such the Rotary Club of Maryborough has captured the theme through the many projects, programs and supportive activities that are part of the club's broad agenda.

My opportunity to attend and represent Rotary at numerous community events has provided for me an increased awareness of the outstanding work by many organizations. Rotary has continued to maintain a relevance and role in supporting a broad range of individuals and groups that in turn seek that support.

The **Vocational committees** *Shine on Awards* and *Pride of Workmanship* permitted Rotary the opportunity to formally acknowledge the outstanding contribution made by some of our community volunteers and professionals in helping address needs in our community.

A strong commitment of support of youth has provided a major link with our community. This has been achieved through our involvement with the musical Peter Pan, Oakes Day fund raiser, young endeavour leadership, energy breakthrough track supervision and barbeque, chaplaincy, kindergartens, student scholarships, youth mentoring, *Freshwater Research Program* and specific Rotary programs such as National Youth Science Forum, RYLA and RYPEN.

The **Community committee** has offered consistent support and regular service through the catering committee barbeque, erection of marquees and special events. The reliability and dependability provided by the committee and the club is readily recognised by those who seek Rotary support.

Through the **International committee** significant support has been provided to health programs and is highlighted by the polio Plus program and ROMAC. Shelter boxes have gone to families seeking the urgent accommodation and hospital beds have been sent to third world countries.

Thank you to club directors PP Bryce Rawlings (Vocational), Rtn John Sedunary (Youth), Rtn Brenton Fairchild (Community) and PP Robert Rowe (International) for their work in leading their committees in a range of activities, programs and projects. The club focus on service to others through the committees has been a key feature in achieving many excellent outcomes.

District connection has featured through numerous events and this year's District Conference in Ballarat has provided the central focus for inspiration, reflection and future directions. During the year our club was represented by Rtn Terry Allen who was able to contribute to the District Drought Relief Project which gave special emphasis to youth affected by the drought in providing holiday opportunities.

DG Ted Gaffney initiated a project to encourage inter clubs visits. This involved a golden boot which was taken from club to club by a group of members. We received the boot from Ballarat and conveyed it to St Arnaud.

As a Partner's project Rotarian Pat, wife of DG Ted, made a bear for each club to be used to raise money for ROMAC (Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children). Our rugged red bear was named *Lingy* and was hosted by members who paid a fee for the privilege. Marj coordinated this project and \$1,400 was raised with many humorous accounts provided by members of *Lingy's* adventures.

The club and members also responded to the need created by the devastating Victorian bushfires and a total of \$7,500 was provided.

The scheduled District Assemblies and training programs have been valued by our club and the group seven meetings have offered increased links with Rotary clubs of Ararat, Beaufort and Stawell. Assistant District Governor Anne Beer has co-ordinated several events, which has helped maintain a connection across the clubs.

Congratulations to PP Derrick Marsden who has been appointed Assistant Governor Elect and we look forward to working with Derrick in maintaining the Group and District links through his widely acknowledged excellent leadership.

Polio Plus has been supported by our club including a commitment of three thousand dollars over three years. At the district level PP Brian Thomas (Polio Plus Partners sub committee) has accepted the role of Chairman

and has been supported by his wife Alison.

Congratulations to PP. Robert Rowe for his willingness to accept the key role as Chairman of the District Public Relations Committee.

During the year we welcomed two new members Martin McKay (father/son combination) and Thea Allen our first husband and wife team.

Peter Haywood has been Bulletin Editor and has initiated the new format on line as well as providing hard copies. In very recent times *Club Runner* has been adopted to further increase club communication and a variety of valued features which will offer members benefit in the future.

Sgt Shane Dellavedova has developed a very good meeting format and his stories/jokes, vetted by family members, are a highlight and are appreciated by members and guests.

PP Noel Jennings program coordinator has provided a diverse range of speakers and venues for our meetings including a breakfast meeting. The role has many challenges and Noel has always been able to find appropriate options in those situations, much to the relief of the President.

PP Anthony Ohlsen has completed another year of secretarial duties and his knowledge and understanding of the role has been highly valued by the club.

Rtn David Hare in the treasurer's role has very capably maintained a firm control on the club's finances.

Thank you must also go to the following

PP Rtn. John Bryant	New Projects/Manse
PP Rtn. Bob Osborne	Bowel Scan/ Public Relations/Shine on Awards / Pride of Workmanship
PP Rtn. Derrick Marsden	Attendance/ Rotary International Literacy/Sleeping Stars
PP Rtn. Peter Treble	Fellowship/Catering
PP Rtn. Grant Kennedy	Club Records/Pride of Workmanship Sleeping Stars/Dare to Dance
PP Rtn. Rod Brown	Shed/ Equipment
PP Rtn. Robert Rowe	Foundation/ Grants
PP Rtn. Brian Thomas	Membership/Mentoring
Rtn. Gerard Harris	Catering.
Rtn. John Williamson	Brian Dowie Park/National Youth Science.
Rtn. Peter McRae	Attendance Records/Annual Report
Rtn Guy Blanch	Manse/ Bushfire Clean up.

A sub committee appointed by the Board has recently followed our agreed process of advertising the dinner meeting meal via tender and the successful tender was Havilah. We are currently confirming all the mutual expectations regarding provision of meals.

During the year a Depression Awareness night was conducted through the support of Incitec Pivot, Freemasons and the Health services. This collective approach was very successful in securing excellent presenters and attracting a large audience.

The Opening of the Manse (Centenary Project) was the culmination of several years of hard work, financial support and initiatives by the Rotary Club, Health Services, local tradesmen, individuals and the Federal and State Governments. This outstanding achievement has provided an excellent community asset.

Brian Dowie Park remains an important project and through its establishment over several years now offers many visually attractive features, which complement its natural and historical surrounds.

Following on from the introduction of the Strategy and development plan in 2008 the club has adopted a set of goals that have provided direction across the club's activities. The club's bylaws have been revised, along with the adoption of a district leadership plan, as well as the revision of the procedures manual, thus permitting a new organisational structure to be implemented in July 2009. These changes have occurred after much deliberation and reflection by the membership. The change of process has been challenging but sensitively implemented by working parties under the leadership of PE Geoff James. Geoff has acted responsibly and responsively to a range

of members' views in helping identify a number of changes.

It has been an honour and privilege to have been the President of the Rotary Club of Maryborough. I thank all the members for their support and the many roles that individuals have played during the year.

Thank you to PP Derick Marsden and PE Geoff James, along with individual members, for the untiring support and sound advice provided through out the year.

I wish PE Geoff and his wife Meryl all the best for the upcoming year.

Thank-you to my wife, Marj, for her commitment and support.

John Caulfield
President
2008-2009

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Another year of Rotary has come and gone, it just seems like yesterday that President John presented me with the Secretary's badge. The passing of the year so quickly indicates the support I have received from the Executive of the Club in President John, PP Derrick, VP Geoff, Treasurer David and our four very able Directors John, Brenton, PP Bryce and PP Robert. I must also thank PP Derrick his help and assistance with the Secretary's role whilst I was travelling the country side for 10 weeks late in 2008.

The year has included the:

- 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 resigning and new members

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

- The induction of two new Rotarians, both of whom have family members in the Club already,
- The installation of the lights and power to the Club's "hanger", thanks Tyson,
- The completion of the "Century of Rotary" project, the restoration of "The Manse" for the accommodation of family's of patients at the hospital and medical students,
- The continued support given to the RACV Energy Breakthrough, the Maryborough Garden Club, the Maryborough Cycling Club and the Maryborough Triathlon Club.

Also thankyou to Rotarian Peter McRae for his continued updating of ClubMate and the reporting of monthly Club attendance figures etc to the District Secretary.

To Kerrie, thankyou for your support throughout the year. Last of all, to Geoff and Meryl all the best for the year ahead.

PP Anthony Ohlsen
Secretary
2008-2009

TREASURER'S REPORT



Income and Expenditure for 1st July 2008 to 12th June 2009

Bal General account 1st July 2008 \$11388.93

Income

Bar	\$ 2885.75
Bowelscan	\$ 34.00
Catering	\$10560.15
Changeover '09	\$ 1560.00
Dinner fees (incl Changeover '08 \$2970)	\$25040.00
Donations	\$ 6376.03
Directory sales	\$ 52.00
Fines	\$ 790.90
Foundation donations	\$ 270.00
MEC fundraiser	\$ 1636.00
Golf day '07/08	\$ 50.00
Marque	\$ 2000.00
Med book sale	\$ 27.00
Members Subs	\$ 8830.00
National Sci parent ½ pay	\$ 915.00
Polio badge	\$ 37.00
Pride work dinner	\$ 2540.00
Raffles	\$ 2943.20
Returned chq	\$ 81.40
Romac bear	\$ 1423.40
Spare change	\$ 294.80
Tshirt sales	\$ 1555.00
Xmas cakes	\$ 1352.95
Xmas Dinner	\$ 2415.00
Interest (Gen Acc)	\$ 19.83
Lapsed Chq	\$ 200.00
Total	\$73889.41

Expenditure

Bar	\$ 2383.59
Bowel scan	\$ 200.00
Catering	\$ 7617.06
Changeover '08	\$ 3258.28
Donations-Community	\$14906.01
Donations-International	\$ 4390.80
Equipment	\$ 650.00
Meals- at RSL	\$16058.00
Meals- Away	\$ 1849.30
Members (Admin, Hall hire & RI dues)	\$12786.60
Raffle Payout	\$ 1110.00
Shed & Trailer	\$ 1108.95
Pride of Work Dinner	\$ 3081.50
Xmas Dinner	\$ 2520.00
Youth Programs	\$ 4271.95
Total	\$ 76192.04

Bal General Account 12th June 2009	\$ 9086.30
Bal Investment Account 1 st July 2008	\$ 53057.18
Interest	\$ 1727.27
Bal investment Account 31 st March 2009	\$54784.45
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Balance of funds 1st July 2008	\$64446.11
Balance of funds 12th June 2009	\$63870.75

This report has not been audited; also it does not include all figures for the full financial year.
If any member wishes to see the full breakdown of the above figures please contact me.

David Hare
Treasurer

PRESIDENT ELECT



Over this past year, I have been thinking about all the ways Rotary makes a positive difference to the lives of people in local communities and around the world. I started making a list of everything our club does for other people and the results are pretty staggering. Here are the items on my list and I daresay you'll find others listed in the other reports in this booklet. Over the last twelve months or so...

- We've provided two shelter boxes to family groups in desperate need in both Australia and in Swaziland.
- We've provided seven and a half thousand dollars to bushfire victims to help get their lives back together.
- We've helped bushfire victims repair fences.
- We've provided over \$1400 to assist health programs with children through the ROMAC program and with the assistance of our mascot bear, "Lingy".
- We've provided five boxes of books for Sri Lankan orphanages
- We've helped to inspire young people with a scientific vision through the National Youth Science Forum and the Siemens Science Experience programs
- We've provided funds to the local Probus organization to assist them in producing a history of their club
- We've helped to improve the education of Sri Lankan children through the provision of school books
- We've provided \$500 to assist a young person participate in the Young Endeavour leadership program
- We've encouraged young families to improve the literacy of their children through the "Books for Babies" program in our own hospital
- We've been instrumental in renovating a local heritage building whilst also providing a place for families of hospital patients and medical students to stay whilst in Maryborough
- We've assisted the local council in removing thousands of paving tiles from the main street of the city whilst arranging for a "good home" for each tile
- We've helped to keep a section of the Ballarat road free from unsightly litter through the Clean Up Australia program
- We've provided Barbeque facilities at the local Australia Day celebrations, for a joint local kindergarten fund raiser, for the Y's Service Club, for Dunolly Lodge and for a number of other organizations
- We've provided hours of supervision at the Energy Breakthrough as well Barbeque facilities for the public.
- We've supported the District "Drought Relief" program
- We've assisted in the construction of sets for the Sleeping Stars production as well as providing supervisors, supper makers and front of house people during the shows.
- We've provided front of house people for the "Dare to Dance" finale.
- We've set up marquees for numerous organizations and events such as the Annual Flower show and after each event, we removed the marquees.
- We've provided finance for the local community radio station to help it meet its annual financial commitments.
- We've helped to promote mental health for people in the local community through our support and organization of the mental health seminar.
- We've encouraged artistic excellence through two art scholarships to young people in local secondary schools and another scholarship for general excellence.
- We've made plans for even more scholarships that will directly promote the ideals of Rotary whilst rewarding ordinary students for being "community builders" in their schools.
- We've sent 28 hospital beds to hospitals in third world countries.
- We've provided the personal power to set up the stage for the annual Carols by Candlelight event.
- We've provided support, feedback and a public audience for young secondary students as they've made their final learning presentations to the community (8/12/08)
- We provided hundreds of silver coins to the Ballarat Young Ambition club to help them fill their "Ute with Loot" at the District Conference

- We've encouraged and thanked Disabled Community Contributors through three nominations to the *Shine On Awards*
- We've provided funds to assist the Riding for the Disabled Program in Maryborough
- We've encouraged leadership in young people through nominations to RYLA and RYPEN

That's a pretty impressive list, isn't it?! And it clearly shows that Rotary is a multi-faceted service organisation that is helping to make this world a better place on a number of levels. And that very fact is what has most impressed me over this past year as I have attended a number of Rotary District training events. Rotary is helping people worldwide in literally thousands of different ways. We do our little bit in our small corner of the globe whilst over a million other Rotarians are doing their bit in their "small corners". The result is that Rotary is having a significant impact on the world. If Rotary didn't exist, this world would be a far poorer place.

I must congratulate President John and his team for those fantastic outcomes listed above that he and his team have achieved over the past twelve months. Our community is certainly a far better place as a result and that list is one of which any Rotary club would be proud. On top of those outcomes, the club has also taken significant steps to address those issues of falling membership – the Strategic plan, the adoption of the Leadership Plan, and the introduction of the "Clubrunner" club communication system are all examples of strategies designed to improve the well being of members, the level of their involvement and their enjoyment of Rotary. Our future as a club looks positive and the next Rotary year has certainly been set up for success. For that, we owe our hard working team of Directors and Coordinators much gratitude.

I would like to also congratulate Past President Derrick Marsden on being appointed as the Assistant District Governor for the group of Rotary clubs known as Group Seven. Derrick has already been of immense help to me in preparing for the coming year and I wish him all the very best in this very important position. The position is not only an honour for Derrick, but an honour for the club.

Finally, talking of "honours", I must add that I count it as a significant honour to have been asked to serve this team as President for 2009-2010. The position carries some large responsibilities and "big shoes" to fill, but I am certainly looking forward to working with each of you as we strive to build on the great work that has gone before. We are surrounded by a community and a world in need and together we can play a part to make life better for many. As we do that, I also hope we can have a lot of fun. It's up to us. As the President Elect of Rotary International said at the International Convention recently, "The future of Rotary is in (our) hands".

Geoff James
President Elect
2008-2009

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Once again, another Rotary year has passed in a blur of activity and Fellowship. The Marquee's have had several outings celebrations/commemorations they have seen Flowers arranged and displayed, been involved again with the RACV Energy Breakthrough and watched bicycles go round and round, seen horses parade and people carouse . From myself a heartfelt thank you to all Rotarians and Friends who have assisted with the erection and dismantling over the last couple of years.

The Bar-b-que trailer has been out and about under the guidance of Gerard and Peter on many occasions to keep the funds trickling in for all and sundry to assist with all club projects and activities. If you had asked me if we could sell a Snag in a Serviette with sauce six months ago I would have said no, but we have and we did and they were enjoyed with great gusto. I must remind myself not to ask the Undertaker to take our more senior members home when we have almost worked them to death. Thank you John and John.

For those in Community involved with the activities of the *Sleeping Star* performance; what an inspirational and rewarding time we have had. Up and down ladders, moving sets, ducking, and dodging around the children behind the stage. It is most rewarding to see that the youth of our town are so eager to participate in community activities.

To Rotarian Shane thank-you for having so few nights away, so I did not have to tell to many jokes that I know that you would not have told to our members.

To all Rotarians of our club thank you all for putting your hands up on the many occasions that I needed your help for our towns many and varied activities.

Brent Fairchild
Director

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



While I am pleased to be able to present the International Committees report for the 2008/2009 Rotary year, I am mindful that, a number of false starts, incomplete projects and personal distractions, have resulted in my efforts to lead the International committee and its workings, being somewhat disengaged and disconnected. For that, I accept responsibility and I offer my personal apology to the club and President John.

The International committee did however manage to make available one shelter box, No. AUS4738 which was sent Olanen & Dewey Islands in the Phillipines on 21/10/2008 for disaster relief.

A planned social evening took a back seat to a career change and while still being discussed and entertainment activities being tossed around, it is hoped that this "idea" will under go resurgence in the next Rotary year.

Our Sri Lankan connections provided us with an opportunity to further strengthen our connections with the Udakawa Primary School by seeking some funding assistance to help build a school library to house all the books we have sent them. A quote to construct the library was requested and duly provided. In an attempt to take advantage of "Foundation" funds, several attempts were made to make contact with the Colombo Regency Rotary Club to enter into a joint project arrangement, but nothing of interest was forthcoming. It is hoped that a donation of approximately \$2400 will be able to be made towards the construction of the library, in the coming year.

The lack of a suitable venue to hold another "book sale" and some timing issues held up this little fundraiser. I hope that the committee will have another go at this event in the coming year to clear out the last of the stock of books from our Rotary shed and various other stock piles around the homes of several Rotarians. Our last book sale raised about \$700 so it is an event well worth consideration.

Again, our efforts to bring out one or two nurses from the Deniyaya Hospital, received no support from the Sri Lankan government and because of strict funding criteria our club was not able to pursue "foundation" funding to assist us. The hospital management changed hands and considerable difficulty was had in obtaining candidates and supporting information. This is a project with considerable benefits to both parties and is one that is well worth pursuing. We may have better luck in the field of education.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Tennakoon and "our man" in Colombo, Dicky Delpechitra for the time and effort they give to these projects.

I wish to thank both Club and Committee members for their patience and support and my offer for the coming year is for one of renewed enthusiasm for all things *International*.

Robert Rowe
Director

VOCATIONAL SERVICES



Committee Members

B. Rawlings (C)	T. Allan	P. Nixon	P. McRae	T. Bainbridge	R. Osborne
T. Edwards	T. Davies	J. Hazeldine	J. Mackay	G. Kennedy	M. Edmonson

Activities

The Vocational Service Committee had a fairly slow start to this Rotary year, however things really got underway from February.

PP PHF Bob Osborne took control of requirements for the annual *Shine-On Awards* and arranged the nomination of three worthy candidates, Des Lawson, Libby Barber and Marie Taylor who each received a Certificate of Commendation at the awards ceremony held at the Civic Centre, Glenferrie Rd Hawthorn on Sunday 2nd May 2009.

It is interesting to note that the Rotary Club of Maryborough has been represented at these awards with nominations for the majority of years.

Thank you President John Caulfield and PP Bob Osborne for making your time available to attend and support our nominees.

Our major event for the year was the annual *Pride of Workmanship* presentation and this year "Health Service" was our target group.

Fourteen nominations were received :- Kelly Gell (Asteria Services), Karen Bailey and Lisa Evans (Clarendon St Medical Practice), Leah Dix (Nightingale Clinic), Sue Edmondson (Havilah Hostel), Julie Kollmorgen (Prices Park Lodge), Maria Bench (Clarendon Street Dental Practice), Karen Hendrikson, Robin Jensen, Debbie Cameron, Raelene Edwards and Fay Cloke (Maryborough District Health Service), Brendan Dridan (MDHS Avoca Campus) and Margaret Murphy (MDHS and Central Goldfields Shire).

Each nomination included a reference from the nominees employer/manager and when reading these it became very obvious the esteem to which each individual was held within their workplace.

Our *Pride of Workmanship* presentations were held at the Maryborough Highland Society with approximately 160 people in attendance (nominees, family, friends, workmates, Rotarians and partners).

Each presentation was preceded with a short video clip of the individual at their workplace. (Thank you PP Grant Kennedy for your time and effort to produce and present these.)

To all members of the Vocational Service committee, thank you for your effort and support over the past year.

To President John and Marj thank you for your leadership and direction for the year. Congratulations on a job well done.

Bryce Rawlings
Director

YOUTH SERVICES



The Youth Committee, like all of our committees, has faced the major challenge of having an ambitious agenda with precious little time to implement what we wanted to do. That, of course, is the challenge of all volunteer organisations. Despite this, I believe that we have achieved much for our community this year:

Sleeping Star Productions

Once again the club is actively supporting this great community group. This year, we again provided funds to ensure that it had adequate insurance cover for its volunteers and participants.

Importantly, we have four Rotarians actively involved in the group: Grant Kennedy (Secretary), Derrick Marsden (Rotary Representative on the management committee), Terry Allan (supporting Derrick) and Peter Silver (Set Construction). Fiona Silver is also actively involved as the set painter.

We all will be called upon in August to help out when the production is staged at the Town Hall. (This year, they have a cast of over 40 boys and girls.)

RYLA

One participant was sent to RYLA this year. (Our other nominated person withdrew at the last minute due to illness.) Once again great personal development was received by our participant. We should make it our goal to ensure that we send more people next year.

Other sponsorships

The club help to sponsor a young person to attend a national youth program being supported by the Shire. We paid for a Highview student to attend the Freshwater Fish Science School in Albury. This program is conducted by La Trobe University and is supported by the Rotary Club of Albury.

Maryborough Education Centre

Several members of the club joined a panel late last year to listen to presentations by Year 8 students. Each student was asked to present 3 examples of their work completed during the year and explain why they enjoyed those projects.

It was a remarkable event, which highlighted the range of talent and sense of accomplishment exhibited by the students. As well as providing a service to the school, each person attending gained a real sense of satisfaction. You are strongly encouraged to participate if the opportunity arises this year.

We have also established a program to assist Year 12 students to purchase compulsory text books. Our goal is to ensure students are not prevented from studying their desired subjects due to a lack of finance.

Youth Mentoring: We are currently working on a range of projects focussed on mentoring. This will involve Rotary volunteers participating in a training program and then working with young people in a structured mentoring program. It is hoped that we will have this underway later this year.

On a personal note, I am now completing my 'tour of duty' as Youth Director. It has been a real privilege to have this role over the last two years. I have learned a lot and I would like to thank all members for their support.

John Sedunary
Director

'THE BULLETIN'



This years Bulletin was different.

It was different because it crossed the line into an electronic version.

After the initial teething problems, and reducing the size to 500KB the emailed Bulletin provided the potential for greater communication.

This speedier communication meant the members could receive the Bulletin between 3-5 days prior to the meeting. Any sudden news could be emailed to members prior to a meeting, members could be prompted of their fellowship duty, and the Bulletin was as close as the computer.

I believe it provided more benefits than problems. Often it would have fancy touches such as a hyperlink to relevant rotary sites. A printed version was also provided each meeting for visitors and members without an email address.

The print run reduced from over 50 to 25 saving a few trees over the year.

I take it as a compliment that the new board has decided to trial the Rotary "Clubrunner". The "clubrunner" program is a more refined version of our current "Bulletin" and hopefully it will offer more to our members (with internet connection).

Some members have a passion for writing and would relish the chance to be a journalist, if this is you ...please put up your hand when "The Bulletin" is offered.

This way our club will benefit from your skill.

I do not fit into this category, and the joy of being editor of the Bulletin was instead an "out of comfort zone experience".

I was helped along the way with articles, jokes and reports which help to fill the often blank pages that stared back at me.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Signing off...

Peter Haywood
Bulletin Editor

MEMBERSHIP



During the year the Club has carried out membership evenings and a “Fireside Chat” as the major membership activities and while, as a result, we have communicated in one way or another with over thirty five people as potential Rotarians, the nett result has been that our membership has remained static at 51.

We have been delighted to welcome Martin Mackay and Thea Allan. In a way this really does add to our Rotary family with two Mackays and two Allans now contributing greatly to our Club! Thea represents the first lady directly recruited (rather than an existing Rotarian transferring in) and makes our first husband and wife team in the Club, so an historic event. It was disappointing to learn of the resignation of Len Anderson, we will miss Len and Joy from our club activities.

During the year meeting attendance has varied widely and indicates a need to continue to bolster our membership. In this next year we all need to focus clearly on our individual responsibility to recruit and to work toward adding new members with a spread of age, gender, vocation and background. While the Club will provide the format for recruiting we will need an all out effort to sustain and grow the Club for the future .

PP Brian Thomas,
Chairman

PROGRAMME



Our programme for the last twelve months has been centred around a local and fellowship theme, showcasing local identities and organisations.

We tried to have at least one meeting a month away from the RSL Hall with meetings being held at different venues such as the Lawn Tennis Club Complex and the Maryborough Football Club clubrooms, and of course the fun nights held at the 'shed' all went towards good fellowship.

There was a special guest speaker this year. Ron Burroughs spoke of being a prisoner of war in the infamous Changi prison camp and spoke at great length on his wartime experiences.

I would like to thank President John for giving me the opportunity to be the Programme chairman and congratulate him on the completion of a terrific Rotary year.

Finally in closing I would like to thank Robert Bursill and David Brown for their assistance with the programme portfolio throughout the year.

I wish incoming President Geoff James and his committee all the best for the coming year..

PP Noel Jennings
Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS



President John and fellow Rotarians.

Since re-inheriting this portfolio mid term, I have attempted to ensure a good coverage of our activities to all areas of the media.

Articles covered included RYLA, The Mance Project, The Shine On Awards, Ride of Workmanship, Bowelscan and other areas of of Rotary involvement in the community.

Newspaper coverage included exposure in The Maryborough Advertiser and the Carisbrook Mercury, and radio coverage included regular interviews with members took place on Goldfields FM 99.1.

My thanks are extended to members who have contributed material for publication throughout the year.

I will be serving in this role again next year in the next Rotary year and urge that if any committees and members wish to advertise a particular facet of the club and its activities, then please let me know of the details.

At this stage of the year we still have a \$600.00 advertising package available to us on Easymix 1071 radio, which was won by Rotarian Paula Nixon.

If we have a big project upcoming then please keep this in mind as the voucher is only valid for the remainder of this year..

PP Bob Osborne PHF
Public Relations Coordinator

PROBUS



President John and fellow Rotarians.

The activities of Probus in this area continue to thrive.

Our original club Maryborough Combined celebrated its 25th Anniversary in grand style, with 170 in attendance from more than twenty clubs. President John represented Rotary on this occasion. In recognition of the event a 25 Year History publication was launched in recognition of the event.

The Ladies club celebrates its 15th birthday in early July. This too will also be a grand occasion.

Avoca has past the 10 year mark and Dunolly will soon achieve this milestone.

Our club has been represented at the various Annual General Meetings of each club, and hopefully they in turn will be in attendance at our club's changeover dinner.

Within District 9780 there are 155 Probus clubs (compared to 60 Rotary clubs) and is still growing.

In my own area I have just completed a decade of activities at a higher level including:

- 4 years as President of the Probus Association of Victoria
- 3 years as Rotary's District Probus Chairman
- 6 years on the Board of Probus Centre South Pacific with the last being the secretary of the board. Ken Brand from Hamilton will be replacing myself on the board at PCSP. It is of interest to note that the last three Victorians on this board have all come from District 9780.

The only criteria for joining Probus is to be no longer in full time employment. It should also be noted that Probus is a non-fund raising organisation.

Probus - Tommorrow's Vision For Active Retirees

PP Bob Osborne PHF
Probus Liason Officer

NEW PROJECTS



The Mance built c. 1860

The Rotary 'Manse' project was first discussed formally as a Rotary project committee meeting in 2003.

Rotary took on this project with enthusiasm by raising funds and commitment from groups within the community including a meeting of trades people willing to help.

Maryborough Rotary recognised the need to show by example that old buildings could be revitalised and ultimately be put to good use-this at a time where a number of instances of controversy concerning old buildings was occurring in the community.

We now have an example of a lovely old building put to good use with a new lease of life.

The use of the house by relatives of people in hospital and visiting students involved with medicine has already commenced.

The 6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, kitchen, study room and living rooms result in comfortable accommodation for needy people. The garden and fencing are yet to be completed, but that should occur during the next few weeks.

This project is one in which the Rotary Club of Maryborough can be justifiable very proud. Rotary man-hours to date total 215 plus the provision of plant and equipment over the period.

The total cost of the the project is \$350,000.00.

PP John Bryant
Director

BOWELSCAN



President John and fellow Rotarians.

The involvement of Rotary in the Bowelscan Program commenced in Geelong in 1988 resulting in more than 200,000 kits having been tested to date.

The testing program is very strong throughout District 9780 and many other districts under the auspice of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

Within this district we coordinate the advertising, distribution, collection and the final testing of all the kits.

Local publicity was achieved through the Maryborough Advertiser and Goldfields FM 99.1.

Local pharmacies, Haywood & Robinson and Millikens distribute kits both in Maryborough, Dunolly and Avoca, along with the Clunes pharmacy which are willing participants. Brian and Alison Thomas coordinate the Maldon area through their local pharmacy, and this year Inglewood also came on board with the program.

The Anti Cancer Council along with the Australian Government also conduct similar programs in pursuit of the early detection of bowel cancer. There was a 'scare' this year when the program conducted by the Australian Government provided some faulty results from tests, but this was soon rectified, luckily the Rotary program was not involved or affected in any way. The difference between the programs is quite significant. The alternative programs offer only a five year test, whereas Rotary Bowelscan is offered on a yearly basis.

More than 5000 people die of bowel cancer each year in Australia. Early detection can in most cases cure many of these.

It should be reported that the public generally is becoming more aware of the program and a significant increase in sales of test kits took place this year.

In our own area more than 750 kits were issued— an increase of 100 over last years sales.

My thanks to all who assisted me where necessary, and also to the participating pharmacies throughout the area.

PP Bob Osborne PFH
Bowelscan Coordinator

Rotary Club of Maryborough, Victoria



Member Attendance - All Current Members

For Period Between 1/07/2008 And 25/06/2009

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Member Name	Meetings Attended	Meetings Missed	Apologies Given	Leave of Absence	Makeups Presented	%
Allan Terrence	33	7	9	0	6	79.59
Allan Thea	6	0	0	0	1	100.00
Arbuthnot Neil	35	7	7	0	0	71.43
Bainbridge Toby	45	2	2	0	0	91.84
Blanch Guy	42	3	4	0	0	85.71
Brown David	34	0	15	0	1	71.43
Brown Rodney	44	0	5	0	1	91.84
Bryant John	40	1	8	0	0	81.63
Bursill Robert	47	1	1	0	0	95.92
Caulfield John	47	2	0	0	2	100.00
Costelow Graham	21	5	23	0	0	42.86
Davies Tom	40	3	6	0	1	83.67
DeLacey Ian	35	8	6	0	3	77.55
Dellavedova Shane	41	1	7	0	1	85.71
Edmonson Mark	37	5	7	0	0	75.51
Edwards Ted	33	3	13	0	0	67.35
Fairchild, Brenton	38	6	5	0	0	77.55
Field James	38	2	9	0	2	81.63
Hannan Ray	40	2	7	0	1	83.67
Hare, David	48	1	0	0	1	100.00
Harris Gerard	35	2	12	0	1	73.47
Haywood Peter	44	1	4	0	0	89.80
Hazledine John	29	9	11	0	0	59.18
Higgins, Garry	35	10	4	0	1	73.47
James Geoff	48	0	1	0	1	100.00
Jennings Noel	46	0	3	0	2	97.96
Kennedy Grant	38	2	9	0	0	77.55
Mackay Jeff	34	4	11	0	0	69.39
Mackay Martin	19	2	3	0	0	79.17
Marsden Derrick	45	0	4	0	3	97.96
McRae Peter	34	1	14	0	1	71.43
Nixon Paula	18	5	26	18	3	42.86
Ohlsen Anthony	37	1	11	0	0	75.51
Osborne Robert	45	0	4	0	4	100.00
Potter Trevor	34	1	14	0	4	77.55
Rawlings Bryce	37	1	11	6	1	77.55
Rowe Robert	43	0	6	0	1	89.80
Sedunary, John	26	2	21	0	0	53.06
Selmon John	47	1	1	0	1	97.96
Silver Peter	33	1	15	0	1	69.39
Stewart John	40	3	6	0	2	85.71

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Thomas Brian	40	0	9	0	0	81.63
Treble Fred	22	7	20	0	1	46.94
Treble Peter	36	1	12	0	5	83.67
Tynan David	31	7	11	0	0	63.27
Walker, Stephen	16	4	29	0	0	32.65
Walsh Peter	37	2	10	0	5	85.71
Wendels Gerard	20	6	23	6	2	44.90
Willersdorf Lindsay	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Williamson John	34	2	13	0	1	71.43