

Maryborough Rotary Club

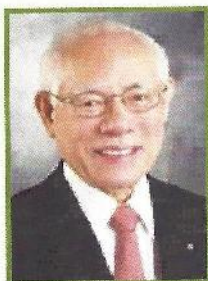
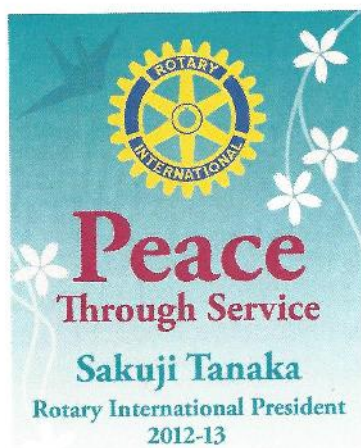


Annual Report 2012 - 2013



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The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace is one of the cornerstones of the Rotary movement. With Rotary's active presence in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, our organization has established itself as a world leader in fostering *Peace Through Service*. We have accomplished a great deal in this area throughout our history, but we must continue to look forward and recognize that the future of Rotary — and the future prospects for world peace — rest with today's youth. To ensure a lasting legacy in this arena, we must engage young people in a meaningful way and empower them to carry Rotary's peace-building efforts into the future.

In 2012-13, Rotary International will hold three Rotary Global Peace Forums. Each forum will consist of a three-day program to engage and inspire Rotarians and community leaders. The forum in Berlin will emphasize the value of democracy and freedom. The forums in Honolulu and Hiroshima will focus on young people, including New Generations program participants (Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students, and RYLarians), Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Peace Fellows, alumni, and young Rotarian leaders. I am encouraging each district to send at least two participants from these demographic groups. Others will have an opportunity to participate in the forums remotely through live, interactive telecasts. Find links to more information at www.rotary.org.

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Sakuji Tanaka
President, Rotary International, 2012-13



Bob's Annual Report 2012-13

Just as there is a beginning, so there is an end.

In Rotary, the beginning is the installation of a new president, full of aims for his/her year, and the end is when one hands over to his/her successor at the next changeover dinner. The time differential always appears to be less than 12 months.

This has been my second term as President, the first being 20 years ago and Rotary is certainly a different organisation than it was 32 years ago when I joined. However all things change, Rotary is less formal, yet still has proud traditions that we adhere to in the 4 Way Test. We cannot oppose change, just as King Canute of England learned, when he tried to turn back the tide in the 11th Century.

Several clubs and volunteer organisations have faced difficulty in recent years, with membership dropping. Looking at the gains and losses in this club in the last decade or so, we had in fact shown a net loss of about 17 members.

When the succession plan fell over two years ago, no-one was prepared to step into the role for the year past. It was suggested that "I give it a go" and bearing in mind my state of health, I obtained medical clearance to try.

I have in fact enjoyed the challenge and I believe that we have had a successful year as a club.

This has only been possible with the efforts of club members. Your support for me has been outstanding and I give you my grateful thanks for "carrying" me through the year.

Twelve months ago we were a group of 36 old and faceless men with only one lady member. At the rate of membership loss we needed to do something or go out of existence.

The genesis of the rebirth of the club was the decision to conduct a Strategic Planning day.

This was the brainchild of PE Garry Higgins and facilitated by DGN Geoff James.

We looked at all aspects of the club - strengths and weakness; did we really want to continue; if so, why?

We restructured the board, elevating Membership and Public Relations to the Board and formed a membership task force led by PP Anthony Ohlsen.

We all wanted the club to continue and to focus on all aspects of Rotary. A decision was made that if Rotary International could collectively eradicate Polio from our planet, what could Maryborough Rotary do to improve

the lot of our local community.

We had to rebrand ourselves as a club and we needed fresh faces as members.

All this has happened. Director's reports following will show what has been done.

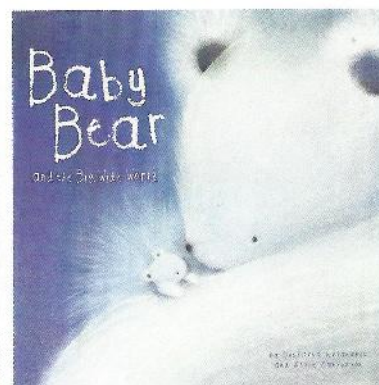
Overview – Club Achievements:

Membership: A grant was sourced from District funds to promote membership and P.R to the tune of \$1500 and the club had to match this. While the club had never been opposed to women in the club, we have never actually targeted them. A major New Member evening was conducted with a large attendance. Hosted by DGN Geoff James and PE Garry Higgins, members explained their thought on Rotary along with various programs conducted. It was actually a good education night for the whole club. Seven new members, of whom six are women, joined as a consequence. We gained a total of 11 new members for the year, with considerable further interest. All are progressing well and some have positions of responsibility in 2013-24.

We are introducing the concept of Friends of Rotary, for people who are prepared to help when required, but cannot commit full time to Rotary.

Public Relations: We needed to sell the club to the community. Rotarian Chris Frahn and partner Sue put together a monthly full page in the Maryborough Advertiser. Each month featured the Rotary monthly theme. This along with articles on Rotary activities has reinforced the Rotary brand in the local Community. The club went on Facebook as a means of communication. New Rotarian, Kate Ashton has done and is continuing to do a great job with our Facebook page. I acknowledge the co-operation of the Maryborough Advertiser and Community Radio Goldfields 99.1FM for their publicity of Maryborough Rotary.

Vocational Service: Participation by individual members in courses, especially the Beacon Polish program, mock interviews was one facet. Our Pride of Workmanship Awards, which is always a highlight of our Rotary year, was awarded to people working with youth. A new innovation was the awarding of a scholarship, up to the value of \$5000, to one successful applicant. This award went to Ms Eva Julian – a primary school teacher



at Maryborough Education Centre. Eva went to a world conference in San Diego and since returning has worked hard in the role of strengthening positive relationships, among young people. This was a worthy venture for the club. Thanks to Committee Chair PP Tom Davies and VP Graeme Rogan for their efforts.

Community Service: Led by Rotarian David Hare, this committee was again busy:

Australia Day BBQ

Energy Breakthrough

Numerous other BBQs

Brian Dowie Park

— this committee has been rejuvenated

Co Sponsor Men's Health Breakfast

Clean Up Australia day

PROBUS: The four clubs we started are all still functioning well, two in Maryborough, one each in Avoca and Dunolly. Bowelscan – Held in May again this year, with more than 900 kits available. Results are not yet known.

Youth Services: Initially led by Rotarian Guy Blanch and more latterly by Rotarian Shane Dellavedova, much has been accomplished.

- Conducted another successful RYPEN camp.
- Annual scholarships to both secondary schools.
- Sponsored Odd Sock circus program at MEC which included students from Talbot PS.
- Provide a book for each new baby born at local hospital.
- Sponsored Chaplaincy committee.

Unfortunately there were no RYLA participants this year. At the time of writing, we are seeking applicants for Summer Science School and Defying the Drift. We are also investigating the possibility of hosting an exchange student again.

International Service: Supporting various international programs. The club has purchased four Disaster Aid boxes for emergency accommodation in disaster areas. I acknowledge the generous support of the small, but dynamic Eddington community for their generous donation of \$950 towards the purchase of boxes.

Foundation: The Rotary Foundation is a financial trust that was set up in 1917 and is one of the largest financial charity organisations in the world. It gains funds from benefactors such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and contributions by Rotarians and clubs for Paul Harris recognition and other means.

This year we pledged \$100 per member contribution to the fund. Importantly, these funds can be accessed by District and clubs for appropriate projects. We have also contributed our share to Polio Plus – the Polio eradication program, which has almost rid the world of polio.

Special Events: We conducted a successful Peace Forum. Not as well attended as we would have liked, but successful and should be conducted again.

We had adequate attendance at Conference and District assembly and were awarded the District Aitken Public Relations and Media award.

Past President and PADG Geoff James is the successful nominee for District Governor in 2014/15. This will give the club some exposure since we will be hosting the 2015 District Changeover and District Conference. It will take maximum effort from all members to both assist Geoff and to ensure that it is a successful year.

Congratulations Geoff and Meryl, one of our newest Rotarians.

We have applied for a Rotary International Presidential Citation. At the time of writing, we await the result.

Sadly our last foundation member (1952) Lindsay Willersdorf, aged 97, passed away. Remarkably Lindsay was also a foundation member of APEX in 1939. We were delighted that last year he was presented with a plaque to commemorate his membership and our 60 years, in service.





At the District Conference after being presented with the Aifken Print & Media Award

Conclusion:

As well as those acknowledged earlier, I would like to thank Program co-ordinator and Sergeant PP PHF Bryce for his lively meetings each week and to Murray for standing in, sometimes with very little notice.

I would also like to acknowledge our veteran members Jeff Mackay (91) our oldest member, John Selmon 90 within weeks and Brian Thomas (81). Brian is a font of knowledge and a willing worker. John is our longest servicing member, being inducted in 1965 and this year his contributions to the Rotary Foundation elevated him in station to a sapphire level of Paul Harris recognition.

The administration of the club is dependant on effective communication and of good financial management. I thank Secretary Thea Allan and Treasurer John Williamson for their diligence in these matters.

I was pleased that PP Terry Allan was prepared to produce the Bulletin each week. Communication to members between meetings is important.

Our meals have been convivial at varied sites and our regular dinners at the RSL hall with catering by the Havilah auxiliary. We thank them sincerely for their efforts.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Robyn Jennings for her help at my changeover and through out the year.

Finally, I again thank all of you for your efforts. The world would be poorer without Rotary as well as this town. Be proud to wear your Rotary badge.

Congratulations to Garry Higgins for assuming the role of president in 2013-14. A lateral thinker, Garry will lead you well and consolidate the strengths of our club's Strategic Plan, as we part from Peace Through Service to Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

President

Bob Osborne OAM PHF



President Elect

The year has been a very positive one in preparing me for the year ahead as President of Maryborough Rotary. Working with President Bob has allowed me to gain the knowledge of Rotary in terms of an understanding of the operations of the whole Club. There has been to some extent a "return to the past" with traditional values of Rotary re emphasised and implemented into the operations of the Club and I think this has been a significant contribution to our renewed success.

Rotary conducted for the first time a multi districts PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) weekend which was conducted in Ballarat. All districts in Victoria attended and this allowed a number of international speakers to attend. I was quite inspired by the achievements of Rotary and also its potential in making our world a better place.

At the beginning of this year we conducted a strategic planning session and this has had a profound effect on all aspects of our Club. It has focused our attention on addressing our local issues as well as making a concentrated commitment to Rotary International projects. As a major part of this planning day, members of our Club were asked to talk about what they would like our local community to look like and this Vision has had a significant influence on the projects that have and will continue to be conducted by the Club.

Maryborough Rotary Vision for Maryborough.

Maryborough is a place where all citizens have community pride and a positive self-image; where people are fully employed; where there is no vandalism or teenage suicide and little crime; where people are better educated with more local students in the top 10% of the state, where gambling has decreased; where people have better incomes; where there are no child protection issues or unwanted pregnancies; and a place regarded as an innovative community that is no longer at the bottom of the low socio-economic list of communities. If Rotary International can virtually eradicate polio globally then I have no doubt that Maryborough Rotary can make a significant impact on achieving our vision for our local community. There is within our Club, a real commitment to undertake projects that make a real difference and an acceptance of the need for change to allow this to happen.

Our Club is well placed to be the key community driver in helping our communities to meet their full potential.

Garry Higgins President Elect



Treasurer

Rotary Club of Maryborough Inc. Balance Sheet As of June 6, 2013

	<u>Jun 6, 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
ANZ Cheque Account	12,652.79
Coin Tin	75.45
Term Deposit	44,962.36
V2PLUS Account	9,012.81
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>66,903.41</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>66,903.41</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>66,903.41</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Adjustments	200.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>200.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>200.00</u></u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>66,703.41</u></u>
EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	69,716.08
Retained Earnings	7,511.97
Net Income	-10,524.64
TOTAL EQUITY	<u><u>66,703.41</u></u>



Rotary Club of Maryborough Inc. Profit & Loss July 1, 2012 through June 6, 2013

	Jul 1, '12 - Jun 6, 13
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Grants	
Membership Drive from Dist.9780	1,500.00
Grants - Other	2,171.50
Total Grants	3,671.50
INCOME FROM COMMUNITY EVENTS	
BBQ Trailer Service	7,045.05
Bowelscan	1,188.00
Golf Day	100.00
Manning assistance at Community	250.00
Marquee	3,550.00
RYPEN Camp	7,568.00
Shelter Kit Appeal	1,494.25
INCOME FROM COMMUNITY EVENTS - Other	40.00
Total INCOME FROM COMMUNITY EVENTS	21,235.30
INCOME FROM MEMBERS	
2013 Change over Dinner	160.00
Bar	2,965.00
Cakes & Puddings Xmas	3,814.50
Change Over Dinner Fees	5,130.00
Dinner fees	18,704.00
Disaster Aid Australia Fund	1,614.10
End Polio Now	110.00
Fines and Spare Change	972.95
Footy tipping competition	140.00
Friday Footy Frenzy	700.00
Leave of Absence levy	200.00
Membership Dues	8,900.00
Non RSL Dinners	9,739.25
Other Raffles	103.45
Raffle Prize Pool	37.00
Raffle ticket sales	506.10
Relay for Life Fundraiser	87.60
Rotary Foundation	2,074.00
Sale of Rotary Merchandise	443.73
Total INCOME FROM MEMBERS	56,401.68
Interest received	2,272.37
Miscellaneous Income	227.40
Total Income	83,808.25
Expense	
A.PROGRAMME EXPENSES	
BBQ	
BBQ Supplies	2,155.68
BBQ - Other	582.45
Total BBQ	2,738.13
BBQ at Goldfields Reservoir	275.82
Brian Dowie Park	1,000.00
Burseries	900.00
Community Events Expenses	601.00
Goldfields FM Radio	200.00
Health Night	600.00
Maryborough Garden Club	250.00
MEC Chaplaincy	2,000.00
MEC Circus Programme	2,200.00
MEC plumbing workshop	2,171.50
P of W Scholarship	2,850.00
Pride of Workmanship	80.00
RACV Energy Breakthrough	600.00
RYPEN Fees	8,693.20
Xmas Cakes and Puddings	3,595.20
Total A.PROGRAMME EXPENSES	28,754.85
B.MEMBERS EXPENSES	
60th Anniversary Celebrations	1,734.85
Badges Pins Kits etc	1,151.85
Bar Costs	2,955.23

**Rotary Club of Maryborough Inc.****Profit & Loss**

July 1, 2012 through June 6, 2013

	Jul 1, '12 - Jun 6, 13
Change over Dinner cost	4,913.44
Dinner Costs	
Catering Costs	15,014.00
Hire of Hall	1,045.00
Total Dinner Costs	16,059.00
Dues and Subscriptions	7,008.05
Membership Drive	6,462.50
Non RSL Dinner Costs	8,118.26
Public Notices	148.30
B.MEMBERS EXPENSES - Other	120.00
Total B.MEMBERS EXPENSES	48,671.48
C.ROTARY PROGRAMMES	
Australian Rotary Health Resear	200.00
Disaster Aid Australia Boxes	4,800.00
Flood and Fire victim support	1,500.00
Rotary Foundation	
Members birthday and other gift	1,254.00
Rotary Foundation - Other	4,600.00
Total Rotary Foundation	5,854.00
Total C.ROTARY PROGRAMMES	12,354.00
D.SUPORT TO OTHER PROGRAMMES	
Alzheimer's Australia	500.00
Total D.SUPORT TO OTHER PROGRAMMES	500.00
E.OVERHEAD COSTS	
Gas and Electric	491.48
Gifts and Donations	45.00
Licenses and Permits	312.50
Miscellaneous	24.00
Office Supplies	566.34
Postage and Delivery	99.00
Prize Money	80.00
Professional Fees	
Leadership Development	490.00
Total Professional Fees	490.00
Promotion	1,295.24
Repairs	
Computer Repairs	649.00
Total Repairs	649.00
Total E.OVERHEAD COSTS	4,052.56
Total Expense	94,332.89
Net Ordinary Income	-10,524.64
Net Income	-10,524.64

John Williamson Treasurer



Maryborough Rotarians in North Dakota USA

Secretary

My second year as secretary is almost at a close. What a steep learning curve for me to firstly learn about publishing the bulletin each week in my first year in Rotary and then the next two years learning all that a Secretary needs to know.

I have frequently been out of my comfort zone, but my skills have increased exponentially.

I am indebted to DGN Geoff and PP Derrick, Peter Haywood and President Bob for all their help and understanding and Treasurer John for doing the Semi Annual Reports

My duties have included:

- Collecting and distributing mail and email correspondence.
- Agenda preparation and minute taking for 11 Board meeting.
- The same for the AGM
- Advising Rotary Down Under and Rotary International of changes and new members.
- Reading Bob's handwriting and typing his bulletin message every week; lately collecting it when Bob stopped driving.
- Writing letters either granting requests of time or money or declining help, this can be quite challenging!
- Ordering supplies for the club, new member and themed articles from RDU and other suppliers
- Sending invitations and receiving replies for our President's change over and other events.
- Supporting members in their general contact with the organisation,

Highlights for the year are:

- Visiting Rotary District 5580 in Minnesota and North Dakota USA on a Rotary Group Friendship Exchange with Terry and five other couples. It was fun and awesome!
- Organising and participating in another successful RYPEN Camp near Creswick, where 36 youngsters had life-changing experiences.

I am excited by the work we are doing with youth and families to make Maryborough a better place and look forward to next year.

I wish Garry a great year as President and also to Anthony taking up the reins as Secretary again

Thea Allan PHF

Vocational Service Stronger Families Vocational Scholarship

The Pride of Workmanship Awards 2012

seeks to identify individuals whose exemplary contribution to their vocation is worthy of acknowledgement

The Rotary Club of Maryborough has come together with the Co Goldfields Alliance and the Maryborough Education Centre in a partnership designed to deliver improved outcomes for all families in our community.

Rotary Maryborough is offering a scholarship to one successful applicant to

'investigate world's best practice in an area that will help make our families stronger'

Maryborough Rotary is providing up to \$5,000, to fund conferences, accommodation, travel or other expenses deemed appropriate to achieve the aim of the scholarship.

The aim of the scholarship is to identify world excellence in a vocational field for the advancement of our families and to bring this into our community.

The scholarship is open to any one over the age of 18 years who is working in a volunteer or paid capacity within the Shire and within a field which impacts on the wellbeing of families. The successful candidate will need to be able to undertake the work and complete the work within 12 months for presentation back by October 2013. Additionally giving a commitment to provide ongoing contributions to families within the Shire over the subsequent two years. Applicants will need to show support from their employer.

Applications open 14th September 2012

Members of the local community are welcome to attend the Pride of Workmanship Awards night, to be held at the Maryborough Highland Society on Tuesday 30th October 2012 to support the awardees.

Applications close 1st October

For information on Scholarship applications or to book for the Pride of Workmanship Awards night ring:

Graeme Rogan: 0400 656 574
Tom Davies: 0409 959 797

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mining and community



Celebrating 60 years of service in Maryborough

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Public Relations

The brief for 2012 -13 was to put the Rotary name out to the general public.

We decided that we should 'pat ourselves on the back' where necessary, by letting the community know what Rotary :

- has done
- is doing
- will be doing, locally, nationally and internationally
- and that we are not a secret handshake organisation and are quite approachable.

This was done by:

- monthly full page advertisements in the Maryborough Advertiser relating to the Rotary monthly themes.
- working with the Maryborough Advertiser to get editorials printed on Rotary events.
- money for 4 Shelter Boxes has been raised through community awareness.
- purchasing an A frame to display whilst meetings are in progress.

Tom Davies has kindly allowed Rotary the use of his shop in High Street to display the Shelter box & contents.

Our success can be measured by our recruitment drive and the District Aitken Public Relations and Media award.

Chris Frahm



Oaks Day for MEC



Veronica Palmer handing Bob \$950.00 for the Shelter Box Fundraiser. The money was the result of 10 years of Community Concerts.

Program

- 05/07/12 Annual Presidents Changeover dinner – incoming President, Bob Osborne
- 12/07/12 Club Assembly
- 19/07/12 Sarah Wanden, Pharmacy student, work experience at Priceline Pharmacy
- 26/07/12 Visit Maryborough Football Club – Stephen Olver CEO BFL

- 02/08/12 Membership Information Night – Membership Task Force
- 09/08/12 Ian De Lacy, Treas. Maryborough Aero Club – October “Spring Fling”
- 16/08/12 Visit True Foods Maryborough
- 23/08/12 Membership Drive – PDG Jessie Harmon and Elizabeth Nuttall “Women in Rotary
- 30/08/12 Toby Bainbridge – “A Photographic Journey of Vietnam”

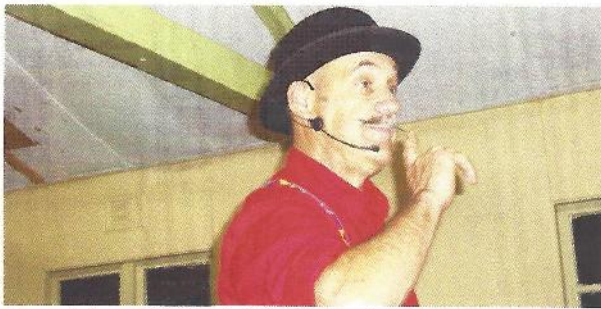
- 06/09/12 Debra Pell – Youth Mentor and White Lion Youth Project
- 13/09/12 Barney Healey (principal) and Terry Hillier (teacher) MEC – “Profit Youth Engagement Program”
- 20/09/12 Faye White – “Circus Skills Engagement Project” at MEC
- 27/09/12 Induction of 7 new members to Maryborough Rotary

- 04/10/12 Club Committees
- 11/10/12 Matt Broad – Understanding Poverty
- 18/10/12 Membership Drive – Rtn David Tynan and Rtn Wayne Gregson
- 25/10/12 Club visit from DG Helen Trigg
- 30/10/12 Pride of Workmanship Awards night @ Highland Society

- 01/11/12 No meeting POW Awards night in lieu
- 08/11/12 Club Annual General Meeting
- 15/11/12 Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians visit, speakers from group.
- 22/11/12 BBQ at Princos Park – RACV Energy Breakthrough weekend
- 29/11/12 Dean & Rachael Nuttall – competitor & crew DAKAR Rally

- 06/12/12 Christmas celebration at Goldfields Restaurant
- 13/12/12 Breakfast meeting at Bristol Hill Motel – job talks Kate Ashton and Bob Butterfield
- 20/12/12 Job talks – Wayne Sheean and Melinda Dridan
- 27/12/12 No meeting

- 03/01/13 No meeting
- 10/01/13 Casual BBQ at Lake Victoria
- 17/01/13 Casual BBQ at Lake Victoria

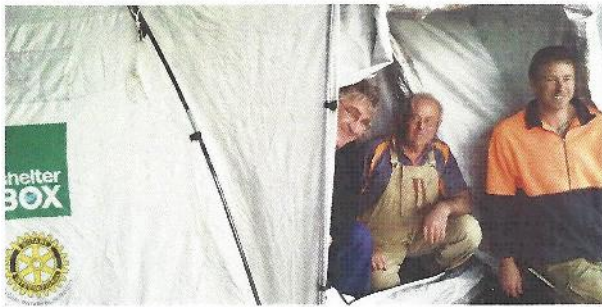


The original Odd Sock Phil Melgaard



MEC & Talbot student Odd Sock Circus Performers

- 24/01/13 Informal Committees information night
- 31/01/13 Talks without notice "What I would like to see in Rotary" John Weir, Ray Hannan & Meryl James
- 07/02/13 Eva Julian – Maryborough Rotary Scholarship awardee – speaking on Student behaviour program at MEC and her forthcoming trip to attend a "Positive Behaviour Support" conference in San Diego, USA which is part of her scholarship conditions.
- 14/02/13 Breakfast meeting at Bristol Hill Motel – job talk Tracey Smith.
- 21/02/13 Sandy Roberts "Central Goldfields Development Plan"
- 28/02/13 Inspection of Havilah Hostel, Palmerston Street complex
- 07/03/13 Peace Forum – PDG Cathy Roth
- 14/03/13 BBQ at Eddington Community Hall, presentation of proceeds from Eddington Community Christmas Carols "collection plate" for the purchase of a "Shelter Box".
- 21/03/13 Jane Gehrig GELC – Adult Literacy
- 28/03/13 Breakfast meeting at Bristol Hill Motel – job talks, Meryl James and Esther Waters
- 04/04/13 Working Bee Brian Dowie Conservation Park, Carisbrook
- 11/04/13 Diane Davies – Women in Harness Racing
- 18/04/13 MEC Chaplaincy fundraiser/BBQ at Priceline Pharmacy
- 25/04/13 No meeting – attendance at an ANZAC service = make up
- 02/05/13 Rtn David Hare – Macular Degeneration, prevention & care
- 09/05/13 Rtn Bill Freeman (Charlton RC) Bowelscan
- 16/05/13 Eva Julian (Maryborough RC scholarship awardee) – report on attendance at Positive Behaviour Support Conference, San Diego, USA
- 23/05/13 PDG Ted Gaffney – Rotary Planned Giving & Centurion Program
- 30/05/13 2013 -02014 Committees
- 06/06/13 Terry Payne (teacher) Chelsea Deason, Jsanna Leech and Sophy Williams (students) Highview College – Volunteer work project in Vietnam
- 13/06/13 Tracey Smith – Alzheimer's, another perspective
- 20/06/13 No meeting – Presidents changeover 22/6/13 in lieu
- 22/06/13 Presidents Changeover Dinner – incoming President Garry Higgins



Bulletin

Members of the Club received a bulletin each week, mostly electronically, through Club runner and with hard copies for those without computers.

The bulletin linked in with the club webpage and during the year a Facebook link was added.

DGN Geoff James was invaluable in mentoring the process and adding info to both bulletin and website.

New Rotarian, Kate Ashton excelled with Facebook technicalities,

Geoff's support became invaluable towards the end of the year when an upgrade to Clubrunner 3 disrupted my equilibrium and resulted in some Bulletin (lite) editions.

These were ably put together by my helpful wife Thea, while I was bussing the cyclists from Maryborough Vic to Maryborough Qld for three weeks when Thea could not access the bulletin through Clubrunner!

Thank you to all who gave contributions and photos and for your support.

PP *Terry Allan* PHF

Bulletin editor



Attendance Report

Rotary is no different to many other service clubs, busy people with busy lives, dividing their time between work, family, sport and many other commitments.

Being an active member and attending the weekly meeting provides the opportunity to keep in touch with what is happening within our club and the experience of listening to the many wonderful guest speakers.

Congratulations to those members who took the opportunity to attend another Rotary Club or Rotary Event during the year, your participation has contributed towards your Rotary experience and if required provided you with a make-up for missed meeting.

This year has seen a number of members achieve 100% attendance record for Rotary year 2012-2013.



P.P. Terry Allan PHF
Thea Allan PHF
Garry Higgins
P.P. Geoffrey James PHF
P.P. Noel Jennings PHF
Martin Mackay
P.P. Robert Osborne PHF OEM
John Williamson

I would like to thank members for notifications when they are unable to attend meetings; this is most important for catering purposes.

Congratulations to President Bob and the members of the Rotary Club of Maryborough for a wonderful year of Rotary.

P.P. *Derrick Marsden* PHF
Attendance Officer 2012-2013

Terry Allan and friend at Minot State Fair, North Dakota, USA, on Friendship Exchange.



Club Administration

Another outstanding year from our Sergeant Bryce very ably assisted by his trusty deputy Murray (often at short notice).

Our Program of diverse and extremely interesting speakers and visits was a weekly highlight over the course of the year particularly the extra coordination required during our extended absence from the RSL due to renovations. On several occasions when the guest speaker was unable to attend; newer members readily filled the void and gave intriguing overviews and insights into their vocations and backgrounds.

Thank you to Terry our Bulletin Editor who on a number of occasions availed himself of "free speech" but produced a quality document on a weekly basis.

The marquees and barbecue trailer were once again used regularly throughout the year not only by the club but also by a number of diverse community groups and thank you to David and his assistants.

Maintenance of the club website/Club Runner is the domain of DGN Geoff and a huge thankyou to him for his tireless efforts which enable the outside world to keep abreast of what is happening in Maryborough Rotary.

Our new members have changed the dynamics in a positive manner and club fellowship I believe is at an all time high as a consequence.

Fundraising has received a heightened awareness with several money raising initiatives including a trivia night and raffle (with very substantial prizes) being mooted. Monies raised from these ventures would be "targeted" for specific projects.

P.P. *Graeme Rogan* PHF

Sergeant-At-Arms

Unlike most of my fine sessions for the year this report is short.

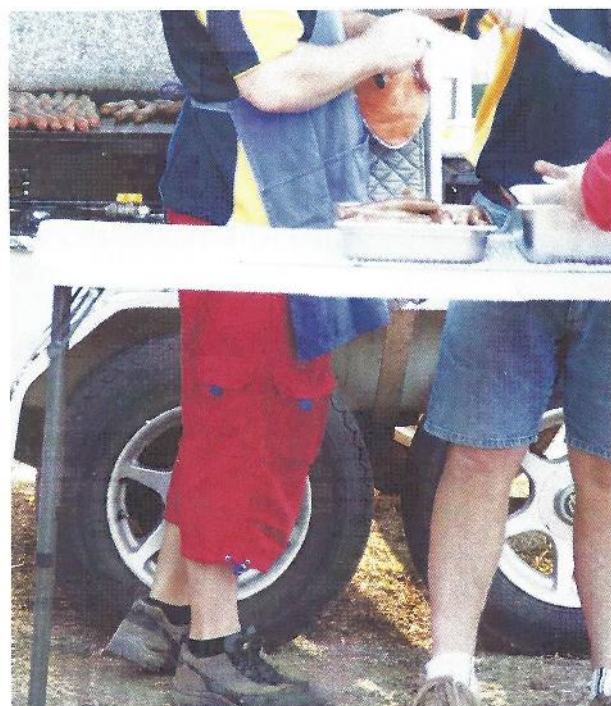
Thank you President Bob for asking me to be your sergeant for the year and I thank all members and guests for the manner in which they have willingly participated in the "fine sessions", maintaining some semblance of order at the dinner meetings has been an entirely different matter.

Extraction of money from our members pockets and purses is not easy, however the "generous" contributions have raised just over \$1,000 (refer Treasurers report) this year.

The swindle (oops, raffle) has raised a little over \$500 (refer Treasurers report)

From time to time others have had to fill in for me, sometimes at very short notice, thank you.

Bryce Rawlings



Why didn't you fine these pants Bryce?



Santa & friend.



Community Service

The Rotary Club of Maryborough had another busy year with service work to assist our local community. The Energy Breakthrough was our biggest commitments with marquee erections, BBQ catering and corner marshalling.

The Kites and Bikes event organised by the Maryborough Aero club was a big flop. Luckily we were able to freeze most of the meat purchased and it was used at the Energy Breakthrough.

We provided BBQ and members to assist at St Augustine's School fete, the Anglican Church fete and the Australia Day ceremony.

Members of the club also assisted as marshals at the Goldfields Shire Triathlon.

The Shire owned marquees were also erected for the Victorian Veterans Cycling Championships, the Teddy Bears Picnic and the Relay for Life. New lifting equipment has been made and canopy repairs have been carried out.

The Club again participated in the Clean Up Australia day, by clearing the highway between the Goldfields reservoir and the Daisy Hill store. Rotarians who attended all had past experience and completed the task in good time.

I would like to thank our members for their assistance at our various service activities and hope they continue to support next years community service events.

David Hare

Community Service Director

Brian Dowie Conservation Park

The Brian Dowie Conservation Park was officially opened on 28/6/2001.

The objective of the Park has always been to preserve the site of the historic Chalks gold mine and to provide a community site for environmental and historic projects. The early work which was done by the Rotary Club has borne fruit in that the plantings have grown in a great way and now provide a good cross section of Australian species. The Interpretive centres need maintenance and there is an opportunity to proceed with the development of the park.

A limited amount of work was done at the park this year due to seasonal considerations. Communication has been initiated with Community Groups in Carisbrook with the intention of involving local groups in the development and maintenance of the Park, the objective being to help ensure the long term development of the Park in the Community interest.

PP *Brian Thomas*



Harold Breiting & Garry Higgins at the working bee.



Pride of Workmanship participants 2012 - 13

Vocational Services

Regular members of this standing committee are, Tom Davies (chairman), Graeme Rogan, Esther Waters, Melinda Dridan, John Selmon and Graham Costelow.

As yet another Rotary year draws to an end, on behalf of the Vocational Service Committee, I submit the following report.

At the start of the year we identified a number of worthy projects for our committee to work on.

1. To facilitate Rotarians to work with mock interviews of students. Meetings have been held with Teachers at the MEC and an action plan developed for interviews on 16th August. We have 16 students to interview, with a list of prepared questions. We are seeking help on the day from other Rotarians to complete this project.
2. Shine on Awards. Rtn Graeme Rogan has identified a worthy applicant to compete for this Award in the coming Rotary year.
3. Appoint a facilitator to run business and professional lunch time meetings with specific topics and an opportunity to present Rotary Vocational ethics and standards. A number of Local Businesses have been contacted and have expressed an interest in participating. We are asking for more interested businesses and hope to generate sufficient participants to start up meetings in the not too distant future.
4. Pride of Workmanship Awards and Scholarship. This year our theme was "Working with Families". The Rotary Club of Maryborough, together with help from the Go Goldfields Alliance worked to identify people in our community who are working to deliver better outcomes for all families in our community. A \$5,000 Scholarship to be awarded to the selected applicant to help with travel and associated costs of study of world's best practices in a location of their choice.

We had 5 excellent applicants from Highview, Maryborough Education Centre, Neighbourhood Renewal and the Private Sector. They were:

Mat Broad – Employment and Learning Co-ordinator,
Maryborough Neighbourhood Renewal.

Carolyn Jardine – Healing Effects

Highview College Pastoral Care Team :

Aileen Thomas

Janelle Rooney

Chris Egan

Tanya Waterson

Stuart Mandersloot

Marion Martin

Eva Julian – Maryborough Education Centre

Another applicant was unable to attend due to ill health.

The Award Night was held at the Highland Society and was attended by about 80 guests. Entertainment for the night was provided by the MEC & Talbot Primary Schools, with the excellent performance of the Odd Sock Circus.

Eva Julian was chosen to receive the Rotary Vocational Scholarship. All applicants were presented with certificates and a plaque.

Guest speaker, David Pugh – CEO of St Luke's Anglicare Bendigo, gave praise to all concerning for their visions and action. As a community we have "Big Challenges" for the future he stated.

Scholarship winner Eva Julian, in March this year went on to invest her prize money by attending an International conference on Positive Behaviour Support in San Diego U.S.A. She has since reported back to our Roatry Club as a guest speaker. She hopes to use her gained knowledge to help students and teachers at the MEC, and other people in the area.

Since returning from the conference Eva has spoken of her experience to our Roatry Club and is now working the MEC and others to promote positive behaviour, social skills and understanding in the Central Goldfields area. Eva's work is ongoing and we will no doubt hear more from her in the future.

Plans for the coming Rotary years Awards and Scholarship are now in progress with October 17 booked at the Highland Society. The theme will be based on People working to prevent Family Violence.

In conclusion I would like to thank my committee and all Rotarians for their support and help throughout the year.

Special thanks must go to my deputy man Rtn Graeme Rogan, also Rtn Garry Higgins and Sharon Frazer from Go Goldfields, for their vision and hours of work they spent helping to organise our Pride of Workmanship Awards and Scholarship.

PP *Tom Davies* PHF
Chairman



Membership

This report actually starts with the "Strategic Workshop" held in April 2012, when the group put forward a number of ideas of "how to increase and retain members".

Following further discussions with members a number of goals were put forward, these were to:-

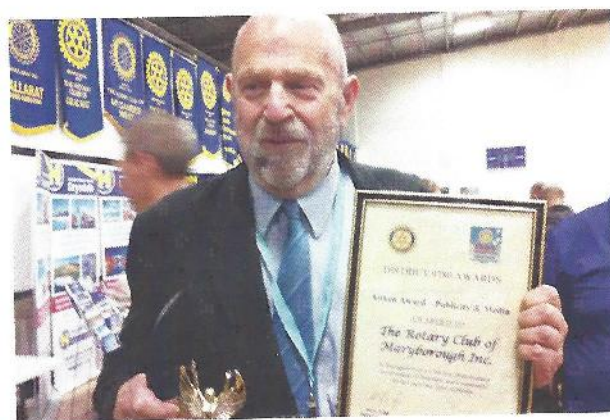
1. To empower the Membership committee to become an active and creative membership task force that develops innovative strategies to make the club more attractive to members - including the exploration of alternative times for meetings
2. To add a minimum of 5 new members each year for the next three years
3. To add at least 1-2 female members each year
4. To add at least 1-2 members under the age of 35 each year
5. To revitalize the classification list and actively target community leaders "representing" a particular classification so our club "reflects" the community
6. To rejuvenate the mentor system so every new member has a supportive member to help them

As well as these strategic goals President Bob also suggested that 12 new members for the year was his target. In my absence (participating in Rotary Friendship Exchange) committee members PE Garry Higgins, PP Bryce Rawlings, PP Noel Jennings and PP John Caulfield set point 1/ from above in motion with a whole of club discussion being held on August 9 2012 regarding - how to increase and retain membership. The members were advised that the Membership Committee have arranged to hold a membership night on the 23rd August and it was requested that members suggest invitees with the objective being to induct a new member each month. In all over 25 "prospective" Rotarians (mostly women) were invited to attend.

Also on this night, a frequent visitor over the past few weeks, Robert Butterfield was inducted into the club. On August 23rd, around 20 guests were given an introduction to the "World of Rotary" by guest speakers PDG Jessie Harmon and WIN reporter Libby Nuttall and a number of our own members, the night was described as a resounding success.

To gauge the success of the night we need to look no further than our "new" Rotarians not just due to that one night but due to efforts of existing Rotarians on following through by approaching interested persons,

As a result, on 27th September, 7 new members were





inducted, the new Rotarians are Kate Ashton, Melinda Dridan, Meryl James, Fr Wayne Sheean, Tracey Smith, Jenny Wardrop and Esther Waters.

Each new Rotarian has a mentor who is able to help provide guidance and support.

On 15th November Alison Teese became our next new Rotarian.

Following the success of the August membership night a second night was held in October and whilst we had a number of guests it didn't quite matchup to the first night but none the less the seed of Rotary and being a Rotarian was sown.

On 9th May, Matt Broad was inducted as our newest Rotarian followed by Harold Breitingner on 16th May.

Well low and behold we have made all of the "Strategy" goals:-

1. The Membership Committee developed a task force,
2. We have 11 new Rotarians (5 per year was the goal)
3. 7 of the new Rotarians are female (1-2 each year)
4. 2 are under 35 years (1-2 per year under 35) (no guessing who)
5. We have new classifications introduced to the club:- psychology, real estate, community service and materials testing.

6. Mentors have been assigned to each new Rotarian
It is also possible that Pres Bob's ambition is achieved as at the time of writing there is the possibility that a new member may be inducted either prior to or at the Change Over Dinner, stay tuned.

As in previous years there are times that members find they are unable to attend Rotary for a period of time due to various outside constraints and a Leave of Absence can be granted by the Board, Rotarians who have been granted LOA's include David Tynan, Mark Edmondson, Guy Blanch and Toby Bainbridge.

To the members of the Membership Committee, PE Garry, PP PHF Bryce, PP PHF Noel and PP John and huge thankyou for you efforts particularly for the membership nights and the interviews that were conducted as a result.

To all Rotarians who have put forward prospective names, thankyou, but please remember the strategic goals for membership setout above.

Yours in Rotary

PP *Anthony Ohlsen* PHF

Membership Chair 2012-2013



Probus

For the benefit of new members, PROBUS is a club for seniors, which started in England in 1965. PROBUS clubs must be started by a Rotary club, are autonomous and are not fundraisers.

The growth of PROBUS has been strongest in the South Pacific area where there are over 190,000 Probians in about 2000 clubs.

Maryborough Rotary has started four clubs
Maryborough combined, (formerly a men's club) in 1984

Maryborough Ladies 1994

Avoca Combined

Dunolly Combined 2000

The two Maryborough clubs have about 100 members each.

PROBUS clubs provide for the active retired, who subscribe to the philosophy, Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.

Bob Osborne OAM PHF



Bowelscan

This Rotary program was started in the late 80s, by the Belmont club in Geelong.

One of our Foundation members - John Ritchie, a pharmacist - along with his wife Jean, adopted this program in this part of Victoria.

Conducted in May each year, kits are sold by pharmacies currently for \$10 and the local Rotary club receive \$2.

Maryborough Rotary services Maryborough, Clunes, Avoca, Dunolly and Inglewood.

This year about 1000 kits were on circulation, up from 750 last year.

At time of writing, totals are not yet available.

Bob Osborne OAM PHF



RYPEN participants April 2013 on pages following.

Youth

As the interim youth director, since the departure of Guy Blanch half way through the rotary year, I can only report on the major project, which is the District 9780 RYPEN camp organised by our club. The club also continued its annual support of local student scholarships at both MEC and Highview College.

RYPEN report.

Introduction

RYPEN is an acronym for 'Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment', which is a leadership development program for young people aged between 14 - 17 years. This year the camp, organised by the Maryborough Rotary Club, was held at Adekate Lodge in Creswick on 5th to 7th April, 2013.

Program Objective

To provide participants with information, knowledge and skill enhancement

opportunities designed to develop and build:

- Self-confidence,
- Personal development,
- Individual leadership skills,
- Team work ethos,
- Cooperation and 'Problem Solving' techniques, and
- Foster generic life skills.

RYPEN Program 2013

The program was based around the key speakers, Shane Green, Rob Turley and Geoff James, who presented sessions supporting the RYPEN objectives. Shane Green introduced the concepts of 'Team Work'; showing how teams can fulfil people's needs by outlining Maslow's Theory of Motivation, individual personality types and characteristics of effective teams. Shane also establish 'camp rules' for this year's program seeking participants to think about the 'team mission' and 'team values', about what they want to achieve over the next three days and 'above or below the line' behaviours. The 'Blind Faith' activity, which involved two groups, Engineers (the

eyes) and the Construction workers (the blind-folded bodies), to build a house using enlarged lego blocks in 40 minutes, illustrated the importance of working as a team and lead into the topic of communication. Practical activities provided opportunities for the participants to present impromptu talks about themselves, while highlighting body language, facial expressions, eye contact and creating first impressions, cumulating into a 'personal action plan'.

Rob Turley, the Adekate Lodge Manager, divided the group into teams for the duration of the camp. Teams were allocated kitchen duties for nominated meal times to get them involved in the running of the camp. Rob organised a variety of out door activities that supported and extended the concepts of Team Work and Communication, for example; plank walking, water pipes and carpet squares.

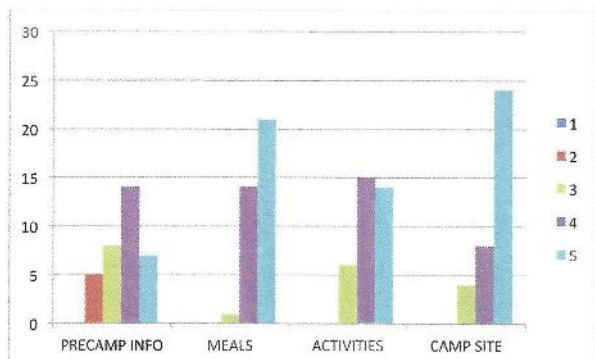
The physical environment of the camp, nestled in the Creswick forest, fostered a feeling of togetherness and unity, away from the comfort zone of 'home life' and without the interruptions of modern technology (very limited phone service). Rose Turley prepared a variety of healthy wholesome meals to satisfy the hungry teenagers. She also helped to organise them for their kitchen duties. Geoff James introduced 'personality profiling' and each participant completed their individual personality profile using the Myers-Briggs Personality Typology. This activity generated much discussion and enhanced their understanding of themselves and others who had similar profiles. For one particular person, a 'light bulb moment' occurred when he realised that his profile was the same as two of the high-achievers of the group.

A night of entertainment was led by Phil Melgaard of 'Odd Sock Circus', who continued the ethos of the program with his theme song, 'We're all odd socks and we're all in this together'. Phil taught the group how to juggle and spin plates and then asked them to perform a skit. The evening was full of laughter and fun, proving that the simple things in life are often the best.



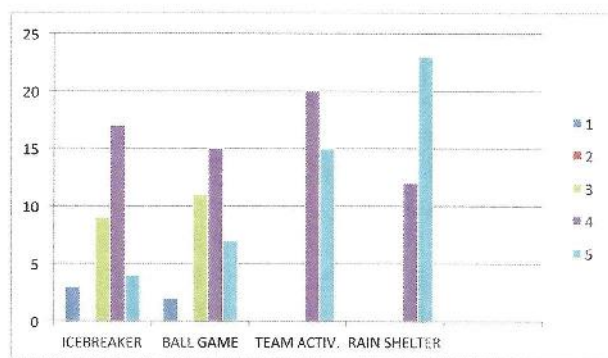
Results of RYPEN Camp 2013

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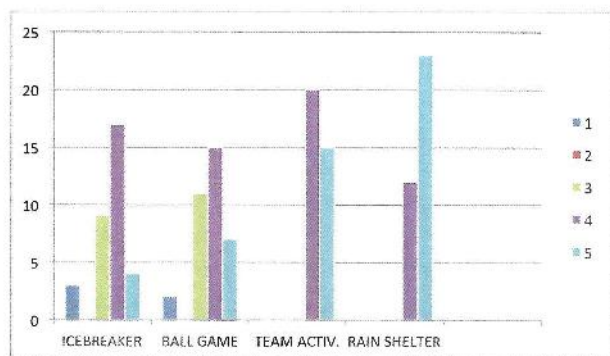
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2. Topics of Guest Speakers:



Scale: 1 = Poor 5 = Excellent

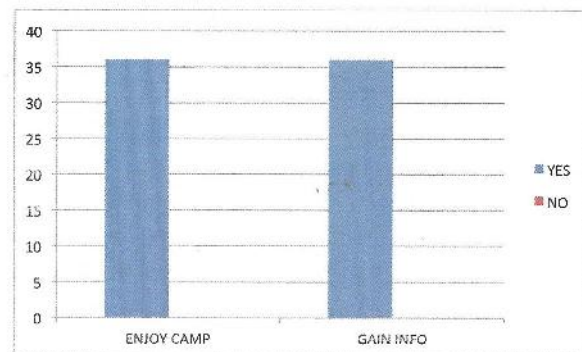
3. Outdoor Activities:



Scale: 1 = Poor 5 = Excellent

4. Did you enjoy the RYPEN Camp?

5. Did you gain valuable information that will help you in your life?



Comments:

Many positive comments were provided. Everyone enjoyed the camp with particular references made about; mixing with different people, making new friends, team and out-door activities, challenging themselves, learning new information and having fun. Many participants reported gaining valuable information that they felt will assist them in the future.

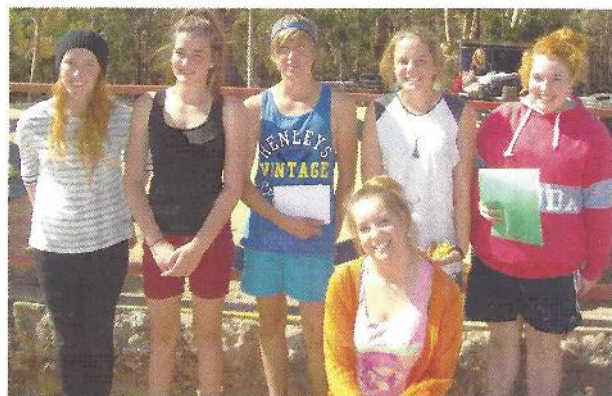
Two helpful suggestions were also provided; "better equipment list" and "longer camp". The equipment list can be more detailed; however the camp duration cannot be extended due to work commitments of camp leaders. A variety of comments were made, which have been grouped as follows:

- Team work; "everyone has a role to play", "learnt about how to be a great leader", importance of team work and communication/body language, understanding personality types.

- Social skills; making new friends, getting along with people, learning "not to judge others", gaining confidence in public speaking, "everyone has similar fears", getting out of their comfort zone, "ways to better my life and achieve more", "how to contribute to my school and the wider community" and increasing overall confidence and understanding.

- Personal gains; "learn what's good about myself", "believe in myself and never give up", "just be myself", "We're all odd socks", "learnt about my personality / strengths" and "how to make better choices".

- Guest speakers / staff; "loved the activities with Shane and Geoff", "staff were awesome / great", "loved Shane Green and the 'Odd Sock' circus", "awesome food" and all gave valuable information.



Evaluation / Discussion

This year the camp was over-subscribed, which caused us to consider whether the camp could run successfully with more than 40 participants. After much discussion with all involved, it was decided to cap the numbers at 40 to maintain the camp's key objectives. Participants were re-selected by refining the age group to 15 – 17 years old, in line with previous RYPEN criteria. The thirty-seven students, who attended the camp, displayed greater maturity, as shown by a higher level of engagement.

Seven adults assisted at the camp, with the help of the Adekate Lodge managers. The camp went according to plan, in beautiful autumn weather. The extra adult supervision was much appreciated as it not only provides moral support, but security.

The evaluation of the 'pre-camp information' indicated a need to again revamp the application process in order to improve the dissemination of camp information to and from participants. A more detailed list of 'what to bring' would also be beneficial. The general aspects of the camp were rated highly, especially the meals, activities and camp site; indicating that 'Adekate Lodge' at Creswick is an ideal location for a RYPEN camp.

The guest speakers supported the ethos of the RYPEN camp and covered important aspects of team work, leadership and personal enrichment. The participants enjoyed all topics, but especially the 'Odd Sock Circus'. All the outdoor activities were very popular, with the 'rain shelter' activity again ranking at the top. Everyone enjoyed the camp and felt that they gained valuable information to help them in their future.

Summary

The 'Adekate Lodge' at Creswick continues to be an ideal location for a RYPEN camp. Rob and Rose are wonderful to work with and are committed to providing an excellent environment and learning experience for the participants, as well as nutritious meals.

The RYPEN camp facilitates the development of a 'team culture' through recognition and understanding of individual personality types, of leadership skills, of team work and the appreciation of different roles in solving problems together; thus fostering generic life skills and achieving the program objectives.

RYPEN continues to be a valuable and worthwhile Rotary activity, which needs ongoing support by the Maryborough Rotary club, including those who have a passion for the development of our youth and are keen to provide assistance.

Thank-you to the Maryborough Rotarians Terry and Thea Allan, Geoff James, Martin McKay and Rob Butterfield and Rotarian Deb Quin from Sunrise Rotary club in Swan Hill, who helped conduct another successful RYPEN camp.

Shane Dellavedova





Web Presence

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We have continued to have a web presence over the last Rotary year based on our subscription to "Clubrunner". The "Clubrunner" package is very comprehensive in that it not only provides a web site that is relatively easy for a club to maintain because it automatically includes stories added to the bulletin, but it also provides a facility for writing, sending and storing a bulletin, on site storage of articles - available to our members, a direct link with our District Web site and Rotary International so that changes to our membership details flow directly to International headquarters, a way of organizing participant lists for Rotary events, a method for recording attendance details and at least thirty other "tools" to help a Rotary club run smoothly. However, like many clubs, our club doesn't make full use of all of these tools. One reason is that not all our members feel comfortable in navigating a fairly complex program on a computer, and the other reason is that the program can be slow and "buggy" i.e. not always work the way it should. Recently, "Clubrunner" announced it was introducing a new, faster, less buggy version of the package and as web administrator, I figured it would be a good idea to change over and take advantage of these new, faster features. The new site looks quite attractive, but we still in the process of "repairing" processes that were affected by the change! After three weeks, we've finally got our first bulletin sent that looks vaguely like it should, and we're slowly getting our website back to be an updated, functioning entity. We apologize for these hiccups, but expect our web site and bulletin to be fully operational by the time you read this. In the midst of the problems, I asked our treasurer if we'd already paid our subscription for this year and seriously considered another Rotary web package

being offered by Rotary Down Under - the group that produces our Rotary magazine. Clubrunner is paid up for another year so we can't consider another option just yet, but for our enquiry to RDU, we will get a complimentary website for a couple of weeks starting in July sometime. We can look at it and see if it can do what we want. First indications are that it would be more expensive than "Clubrunner" and won't do much more than be a web site - we wouldn't get all the other tools. I recommend you check out our new web site by going to www.rotarymaryboroughvic.org

The good news on the web front is that thanks to the efforts of Kate Ashton, we now have a "Facebook" page and that page has been updated regularly with new photos by Kate, Thea and others. We have had quite a number of "hits" on our page which reflects the fact that a number of Rotarians in our district are into Facebook. You can see what it looks like by putting "Facebook Rotary Maryborough Victoria" into "Google" or direct to www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Maryborough-VIC/ You can add items and comments yourself if you have your own "Facebook" account. There are many people in the club willing to help you get started if you are interested. Once you have a routine, it is not hard to find your way around the "web".

There are many other ways we could add to our web presence, and if we are going to "speak" to younger generations, we'll need to at least keep pace with these technologies. Two obvious ones are for us to start a "Twitter" account and to post a video or two on "youtube". Anyone interested?

Happy surfing in Rotary.

Web Administrator DGN *Geoff James* PHF



Our own District Governor (DG) Elect.

I have been overwhelmed by the good wishes, offers of support and advice from past district governors, assistant governors and Rotary members of our District since nomination. As has been said to me several times, District 9780 is very fortunate to have such a supportive environment for their district leaders. I have also appreciated being made feel so welcome at District committees and clubs I have visited, and I have especially appreciated being included in planning for District events.

I would particularly like to thank members of Maryborough Rotary for their warm support and encouragement since my nomination as DGN, and I realize that so much of what this role entails will not be possible without such generous support from my home club. Thank you, everyone!

New Rotarian, Meryl also deserves a special word of thanks for her ongoing support and assistance, especially when "things" get a bit stressful as they inevitably do on occasions.

This is an exciting time to be a part of the leadership team in District 9780 with many new initiatives well underway such as our District Club Strengthening Grants, new ways of Organizing PETS, the Future Vision Plan preparations, and the nation-wide push for membership and promotion of Rotary.

Meryl and I look forward to what will be a busy, but no doubt stimulating year as District Governor Elect.