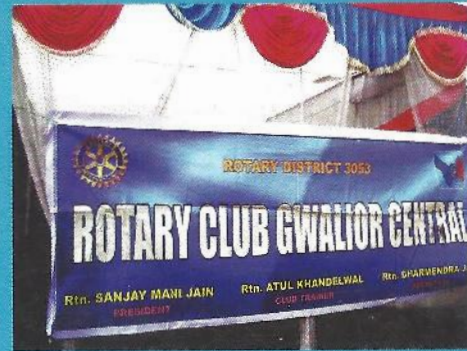




Maryborough Rotary Annual Report 2013 - 2014



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Vision Statement for the Maryborough Community 2012-2015

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 socio-economic list of communities.



Engage Rotary Change Lives, Rotary International, 2013 - 14 RI President Ron D. Burton

The Rotary club meeting you walk into today might, at first glance, seem very different from the weekly meetings of 50 years ago. And if you could pay a visit to every one of Rotary's 34,000 clubs, you'd see men and women from all different backgrounds, speaking just about every one of the world's languages, involved in service projects from the local to the global. You'd see clubs that are getting together to repair a neighborhood playground this weekend, while working in partnership with other clubs to install sanitary facilities in a school thousands of miles away. And you'd see a group of people who are absolutely committed to making the world a better place, in ways large and small.

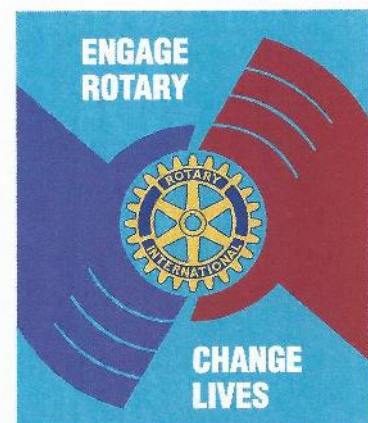
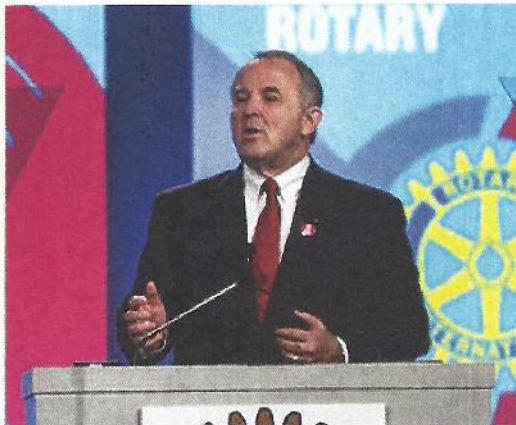
There's a lot that's different about Rotary today. But the foundation that Rotary is built on hasn't changed. Rotary is based, as it's always been, on our core values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. These are the values that define us as Rotarians: they're the values we live by, and the values we strive to bring to the communities we serve.

Every one of us in Rotary is here because we were invited, and because we made a choice to accept that invitation. Every day since then, we've been faced with another choice: whether to just be a member of a Rotary club, or to truly be a Rotarian. Being a Rotarian is a commitment that goes far beyond just showing up at meetings once a week. It means seeing the world, and our role in it, in a unique way. It means accepting our communities as our responsibility, and acting accordingly: taking the initiative making the effort, and doing what's right, not what's easy. All of us came to Rotary to get involved, and to make a difference. And in Rotary service, as in just about everything else in life, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. If you only put in a token effort, you won't accomplish very much, and you won't find very much satisfaction in what you do accomplish. But when you make the decision to truly engage Rotary — to bring Rotary service and Rotary values into every day of your life — that is when you start to see the incredible impact that you can have. That's when you find the inspiration, the excitement, and the power to truly change lives. And no one's life will be changed more than your own.

In the 2013-14 Rotary year, our theme, and my challenge to you, will be Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

You've chosen to wear a Rotary pin.

The rest is up to you.





Our Youth Committee conducted our inaugural LIFT [Leadership Instruction For Teens] program. This program provided formal leadership training for school leaders from the Maryborough Education Centre and the Highview College. What better way of improving our "social capital" than by giving those already nominated as leaders, more knowledge and skills to become better leaders?

Maryborough Rotary has for many years been the "trustees" of Brian Dowie Park, an important parkland in the Carisbrook area. It would be fair to say that the Club has played a lone hand in the ongoing maintenance and development of this project over the years. Early in my year, our Club established a community based management committee to oversee the future management and development. This has been a great example of our Club engaging and working with the community to achieve a common goal.

Our "Project Uplift" collected bras from local women to send to women in the Pacific Islands. The improvement to personal hygiene that the bras gave to recipients, has such a positive impact on employment, education and the lives of women in these countries.

Representatives from our newly formed ZONTA club addressed one of our meetings and mentioned their "birthing kit" project. Basically a piece of plastic [a ground sheet] some rubber gloves and a pair of scissors and some training; total cost, about A\$3.00; total saving; a human life! Our Club donated \$1000 to this project. Such a simplistic project with such a life-giving return.

One project that needs to be highlighted is our "welfare reports". It is important that we all appreciate the value of each member of our Club. Our different skills and personalities make our Club what it is and provides our Club with the knowledge and ability to do what needs to be done. These weekly updates on the welfare of some of our members and their partners has made a significant contribution to the culture of our Club.

Our " Family Violence Awareness" project has already gained global recognition and Maryborough Rotary is acknowledged as an agent of "community change". The response to our project has highlighted the issue of family violence as being not only a local issue but one which is experienced by many communities around the world. It has also highlighted the capacity of Rotary to deal head on with controversial social issues. If this project can save the life of one women or prevent one child from feeling the fear when dad is abusing mum then this project will have been an overwhelming success. We were all reminded of the ultimate outcome of family violence by Mr. Phil Cleary who launched our SAFE Campaign. Phil's sister was murdered by her ex partner and this had the most terrible outcomes, but it also has terrible consequences for those left behind. Phil had the opportunity to read his mothers' diary after she had died and noted the monthly "talks" that she had had with her dead daughter. I encourage all to join Maryborough Rotary in the fight against family violence.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our own Geoff James as 9780 District Governor. Geoff is a good person and this will be reflected in the way in which Rotary is viewed by our community.

To my Board and Committee chairs, I thank you for your support but more importantly I thank for your efforts in making sure that things got done and being prepared to take on new projects like our travel raffle, the Pyrenees Magic Bike Ride, the LIFT program, the Beacon Christmas dinner, Project Uplift, the Car Show, Wings and Wheels, our Rotary Week as well as our regular activities.





What a year in Rotary!

To my Seargent, Murray and our Program Director Bryce, what a job well done!







To Anthony, Mal and Bryce for "tapping me on the shoulder" and telling me to have a go; thanks for the "push". To Thea for taking on the very important Bulletin and all Rotarians who took their turn.

To Graeme, I wish you all the best for your year and have no doubts that it will be another successful year for Maryborough Rotary.

To my wife, Julie, I thank you for your support this year and for talking me in to maintaining my membership of Rotary when I had considered resigning a couple of years ago.

Finally I would like to thank all members of Maryborough Rotary. I have been privileged to have been involved with a group of people who have always said yes; a group of people who have been focused and committed to the ideals of Rotary. I would also like to congratulate all of our members for the courage that they have shown in confronting some of our more challenging issues.

Love, Light and Peace

<p>Maryborough Rotary Working for a SAFE Community</p> <p>#SayNO2familyviolence</p> <p>24 Hour Help Lines: 1800RESPECT or 1800 737 732 MensLine Australia: 1300 789 978 In an emergency call: 000</p> <p>Maryborough Rotary Club  </p>	<p>Good values, safe families... stronger communities</p> <p>#SayNO2familyviolence</p> <p>24 Hour Help Lines: 1800RESPECT or 1800 737 732 MensLine Australia: 1300 789 978 In an emergency call: 000</p> <p>Maryborough Rotary Club  </p>	<p>Speak up... Family violence is hidden by silence</p> <p>#SayNO2familyviolence</p> <p>24 Hour Help Lines: 1800RESPECT or 1800 737 732 MensLine Australia: 1300 789 978 In an emergency call: 000</p> <p>Maryborough Rotary Club  </p>
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#sayNO2familyviolence

Immediate Past President

PP PHF Bob Osborn OAM

The role of the Immediate Past President is two fold:

1. Finish any uncompleted tasks from your year.
2. Mentor the new president as they assume the new office.

In doing this it must be remembered that you have had your year. The new President is the "Captain of the Ship". I have endeavoured to act in this way.

In many organisations the role of the Immediate Past President has been a abolished, and the merit for, or against are worth discussing at this time.

At the start of the Rotary year when I passed over the reins to Garry, I was confident that the club was in good hands, and that the aims we had made would be continued to be fostered and extended.

Garry has certainly done this, and I would like to congratulate him on an outstanding performance as Club President.



Treasurer

PP PHF Robert Rowe

Annual Report Treasurer 2014

As at 30/6/2013, the audited balances in the clubs accounts were;

General Account \$7,636.57 Term Account \$44,962.36 V2 Account \$9,070.90 Total Funds \$61669.83

As at 10/6/2014, the balances in these accounts were;

General Account \$29,853.60 Term Account \$25,868.99 V2 Account \$0.12 Total funds \$55,722.71

To support the increased program activities in 2014, the board approved the transfer of funds from the V2 and Term accounts into the General Account. On the 30/4/2014, \$9,172.19 was transferred from the V2 account and on the 12/5/2014, \$20,000 was transferred from the Term account. The Board also recommended that the V2 and Term accounts be replenished to the original balances when funds become available from reimbursements, grants and through other fundraising efforts. While the lists below do not fully represent the clubs position in all areas of income and expenditure, it is presented as a snap-shot of some of the varied and wonderful areas that contribute to making our club, "Our Club" and members are encouraged to remain enthused and engaged.

Income (not all)		Donations Costs Outgoings (not all)	
Bowelscan	\$1126	MEC Beacon Program	\$1800
Car Show	\$1131.23	Childhood Cancer Lions Club	\$200
Marquee Erection	\$1750	MEC Scholarships	\$500
PoW Raffle	\$409.10	Highview Scholarships	\$500
Pyrenees Bike Ride	\$3287.60	Garden Club	\$25
RACV EBT	\$2064.13	Zonta Club Birthing Kits	\$1000
Shelter Kits Members	\$4821.65	Disaster Aid Boxes	\$9775.00
Trivia night	\$939.40	Every Rotarian Every Year	\$4800
MEC Christmas Dinner	\$1689	Family Violence Awareness Project	\$11,164.93
Verterans Cycling	\$430	RYPEN	\$2175
Polio Plus	\$190	Goldfields Radio	\$100
Fines	\$851.15	Havilah Catering (for Meals)	\$13864
Friday Night Footy Frenzy	\$580	Other Dinner Costs	\$5283.20
Other Donations	\$202.70	Australian Rotary Health	\$500
Rotary Foundation	\$1210	Salvation Army	\$750
Travel Raffle	\$5806	Club Expo	\$627
Joker Raffle	\$1015.40	Riding For Disabled	\$300
Income from Dinner Fees	\$31134	Shed Power	\$397.65
Membership Dues	\$8750		

The audit of our "books" will be undertaken at end of financial year with full details being made available at the Clubs November 2014 Annual General Meeting.

I am available to respond to any queries.



Another year of Rotary has come and gone, it just seems like yesterday that President Garry took on the President's role and handed out the Secretary's badge. The quick passing of the year indicates the support I have received from the Executive of the Club in President Garry, PP Bob, PE Graeme, VP Thea, Treasurer PP Robert and our three very able Directors PP Derrick, Chris and Martin.

The year has included the

- Collection and distribution of inward correspondence including emails,
- Dispersal of outward correspondence following Board meetings,
- Preparation of agendas and minutes for Board meetings,
- Prepared the semi annual returns to RI as at 1st July and 1st January
- Updating on line, of Rotary International and Clubrunner records of new members
- Updating on line, of Rotary International and Clubrunner of resigning and change of status of members

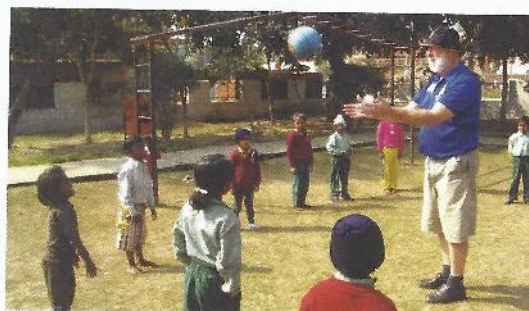
Some of the highlights for the year for me have included,

- The induction of two new Rotarians, Leigh Williamson and John Van Beveren
- The continued support given to the RACV Energy Breakthrough, the Maryborough Garden Club and the Maryborough Triathlon Club.
- Travelling to Rajasthan in India as a team leader on a Rotary International Friendship Exchange program.
- Having the Board agree to provide suitable IT equipment for the Secretary and Treasurer on an ongoing basis to provide for digital record keeping of club data.

Thankyou to PP Derrick for his continued reporting of monthly Club attendance figures etc to the District Secretary.

To my wife Kerrie, thankyou for your support throughout the year.

Last of all, to Graeme and Carol all the best for the year ahead.





Program

PP PHF Bryce Rawlings

2013

- July 4 Ian Tyres – Maryborough Mens Shed
- July 11 “Outback Matty” – From a difficult childhood to a successful chef & mentor
- July 18 John Tully – History of the Aboriginal occupiers of the district
- July 23 New members breakfast and info session at Peppa’s
- July 24 Group 7 meeting at Ararat
- July 25 Alison Teese – Job Talk

- August 1 Casual Committes
- August 8 Visit Maryborough Football Club
- August 15 Membership information , potential new members at Peppa’s
- August 22 Dave Scott – Maryborough Police – White Ribbon & Family Violence
- August 29 Lynne Symons – President Maryborough ZONTA

- September 5 Casual Committees
- September 12 Rtn Jim Field & Rtn Peter Haywood Maryborough Vic to Maryborough Qld “Ride for Alzheimers”

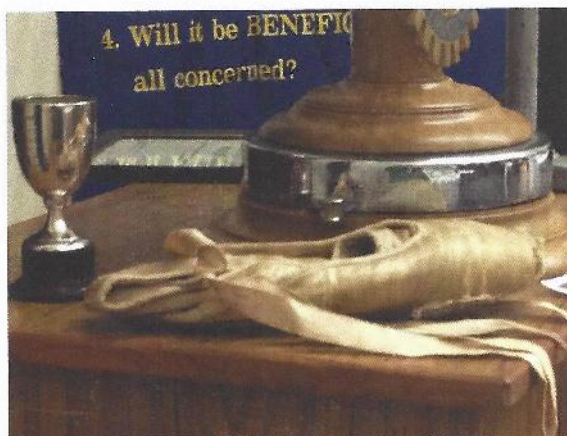
- September 19 Rtn Matt Broad – Creating Winners in Education (included Job Talk)
- September 26 Sue Williams Assistant Gov. District 9780 Youth Committee

- October 3 Casual Committees
- October 10 Brian Dowie Park – Working Bee at park & information session/discussion with interested parties at Carisbrook CFA

- October 17 Pride of Workmanship Awards – Guest speaker - Margaret Augerinos CEO Centre for Non Violence, Bendigo at Maryborough Highland Society
- October 24 DGE Geoff James update on 2014/15 DG’s year and conference
- October 31 Group 7 visit to Maryborough

- November 7 Visit by D G Ken McInerney
- November 14 Annual General Meeting
- November 21 Princes Park BBQ – set up for Energy Breakthrough weekend
- November 22 – 23 Energy Breakthrough BBQ & Marshalling duties @ Princes Park
- November 29 Shae Ambry Student at Beaufort Seconday College – Defying the Drift Program with Beaufort Rotary Club

- December 6 Christmas Breakup – “Longest Lunch (Dinner)” supporting the Beacon Foundation Project with MEC
- December 12 Clean Up and BBQ at Rotary shed
- December 19 Breakfast @ Peppa’s – casual no guest speaker
- December 26 No meeting





2014

January 2	No meeting
January 9	Family BBQ
January 16	Family BBQ and social evening at home of Thea & Terry Allan
January 23	Casual Committes planning night for 2nd half of year
January 30	Breakfast @ Peppas Report from DGE Geoff and Meryl on their DGE's conference and training in USA
February 6	Casual Committees
February 13	Drs Meredith Stewart and Natalie Kelly former pupils of Maryborough High School
February 22	"Trivia with a Twist" fundraiser & fun night at Maryborough Highland Society
February 27	Rtn Brian Thomas – Rotary Health Research
March 6	Rtn Matt Broad - Childrens Literacy Foundation
March 13	Visit Maryborough Salvation Army Corps new church and facilities
March 17	District 9810 "Ride to Conference" group – dinner at Maryborough Highland Society
March 27	Visit "Art Central" High Street Maryborough
April 3	Leading Senior Constable Dave Scott from Maryborough Police – Mens Behavioural Change
April 10	Rtn Bob Osborne and guests from area Probus Clubs – Probus Information
April 17	Breakfast @ Peppas – informal/casual
April 24	Yvonne Greenhill – Her story as a "War Time" child in Britain and her career as a ballet dancer with The Royal Ballet Company touring Europe and America
May 1	DGE Geoff James – review of Club Strategic Plan
May 8	Michael Noonan – "Shine On" awardee
May 15	Steve Emonson – Chaplain MEC
May 22	Rtns Anthony Ohlson, Thea Allan, guests reporting on Rotary Friendship Exchange to India
May 29	Rtn Debra Hall. Rotary Club of Colac West and member District 9780 Interplast Committee
June 5	2014/15 Committees – planning
June 10	Launch Family Violence "Safe Campaign" Guest speaker Phil Cleary at the Maryborough Highland Society
June 12	Michael Hockley – Horizons Project Officer Central Goldfields Shire
June 19	Rtn Karen McCarthy, Rotary Club of Ballarat South – Aqua Box project
June 28	District Governors Changeover Dinner @ Maryborough Highland Society

Thank you to those that assisted with the 2013/14 program by either recommending speakers to be contacted or actually arranging speakers or an activity.

A successful and interesting program is the responsibility of the whole club membership and I have received great support this year.

Congratulations President Garry on your very successful year as Club President and thank you for your assistance and support with program.



Public Relations

Chris Frahn

This year the Public Relations committee's primary goal was to project Rotary's image within the community.

Part of this was to remove the word 'club' from everyday usage. Rotarians were encouraged to drop the reference 'club' and replace it with 'Maryborough Rotary'.

To project our image within the community we had 14 day expo at the Maryborough Information Centre. This included a meet and greet free BBQ midway, where the public generously showed their support with donations. During the expo the Shelter Box tent was erected and on display in the centre.

On the 23rd of March we had an open day at the Manse, exhibiting the work Rotarians have achieved on this valuable asset to the local community.

There was also a number of one on one radio interview with Rotarians on local radio throughout the year. Each of these interviews is available via pod cast.

In addition to the radio presence Rotary also had articles in print media, i.e. Maryborough Advertiser. Posters were printed for our inaugural annual car show preliminary promo flyers for the 2015 District Conference.

Throughout the above initiatives there were 5 pull up banners produced

One showcasing the Manse undated for continual use.

One displaying our four way test and service above self motto, also undated.

We supported the '#sayNO2familyviolence' initiative, which achieved local television coverage and national print media coverage as well as a web presence with the #sayNO2familyviolence hashtag.

This initiative continues into the next year

Three banners were produced in support of the 'sayNO2familyviolence' initiative along with posters and a four page DL.

We once again had the annual Bowel Scan Promo project. This is a continuing success.

We were also successful in implementing the use of the new Rotary International branding.

The 2013-2014 Public Relations Committee would like to thank all Rotarians, their partners and family and friends. They would also like to thank Big Cat Print who over the year donated approximately 40 hours design and file creation time, along with reduced printing costs.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank the Board for their support.





2013/14 has been an extremely proactive year for the Club.

Vocational Services continued our Pride of Workmanship awards and Vocational Scholarship in line with the major club project of SayNO2FamilyViolence. These aspects further our club aim of working towards a safer community.

Active participation by Rotarians within/involving the two local secondary schools was very well received. At MEC, Mock Job Interviews for the VET automotive students were conducted mid 2013 for 18 students. Mark Kane, School to Work Manager and Doug Marr, VET Automotive Teacher sincerely thanked Rotarians for making their time available to provide valuable interview experience time for our VET Automotive students. The feedback they received is that the program was an excellent initiative and one they hope with Rotary's continued support, may be able to expand in the future.

The Youth Committee conducted the inaugural "LIFT" Program (Leadership Instruction for Teens) over two days in March 2014 for local secondary students. The aim of the programme is to "make our young leaders better leaders".

Marion Martin Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care Highview College in a letter of appreciation stated; "On behalf of Highview College, I'd like to extend an enthusiastic Thank You to the Rotary Club and Shane Green for the Youth Leadership Days.

I attended for some of the time on both days. The feedback from students wasn't just positive – it was more positive than anything else I've heard. The students who attended on the second day were not our school leaders, but students who may even have struggled along the way. What I saw and heard of their engagement and improvement on the day was very heartening, and I'm certain it will have benefited all the students."

This view was also shared by the Principal and staff at MEC.

Youth Committee also held a fundraiser in the form of a highly entertaining and thoroughly enjoyable trivia night at the Highland Society on 22nd February 2014. The theme was "Op Shop" with monies raised going towards LIFT Student Leadership Program and Rotary International.

The **Community Committee** has been busy throughout the year with a number of engagements for the B-B-Q such as the Energy Breakthrough, Wings and Wheels, The Pyrenees Magic Bike ride and the Rotary Car Show along with community engagements such as Australia Day Celebrations and the Veterans Cycling Event. The B-B-Q trailer underwent an upgrade to bring us in line with current food handling requirements.

The International Committee assisted Project "Uplift" which is designed for women in disadvantaged communities where a bra is often unobtainable or unaffordable.

This project collects new and second hand bras and sends them wherever we have requests. For one of these women, your unwanted bra may be the only one she'll own, and it could even help her dress for a job interview. In Victoria, at present depending on band and cup size, bras are going to Fiji (large cup and band), Tonga (large band), Solomon Islands (10-16 A-D) or Philippines and Cambodia (8-10 A-B).

The International **Committee** also assisted the local ZONTA Club with packing 200 birthing kits. These small kits that cost less than a dollar can save a life. The birthing kit addresses the 7 "cleans" needed for a safe delivery such as a clean birth site, clean hands, etc; and consist of 6 basic items - A plastic sheet, soap, 2 gloves, sterile scalpel blade, 3 cords and 5 gauze squares. These items are assembled into a small bag at an "Assembly Day" coordinated by the local ZONTA Club.

The Club was successful in obtaining a \$3000 Rotary District Grant to assist with the Family Violence Project in the form of a Vocational Training Team. This offers a scholarship to one successful applicant to investigate best practice in an area that will help make our families stronger. Maryborough Rotary has a genuine commitment to improve the lives of the citizens in our local community and believes that the most effective way of achieving this in a sustainable manner, is to provide opportunities for individuals to gain skills which will enable them to achieve their full potential.



Membership

PP PHF Derrick Marsden

I would like to thank the membership committee of President Garry Higgins, PP Noel Jennings, PP Anthony Ohlsen, PP Bryce Rawlings and Rtn. Tracey Smith for their advice and council during the past Rotary Year.

Whilst there have been no new inductions during the year we have two new Rotarians to induct in the coming weeks and a number of prospective members who have indicated their interest in joining in the very near future.

It has been a very busy Rotary year with many interesting and diversified projects, not to mention the wonderful introduction of our #sayNo2family violence program launched earlier in June.

Rotary International have relaxed the requirements for Rotary attendance but it is interesting to note that our clubs attendance is recording a much higher participation in our weekly meetings. I believe that this is an indication of the wonderful guest speakers presented to our members and the interest and participation in the programs that have been introduced.

I would like to thank all those members that have contributed to the many projects, barbecues, working bees, marquee erections and particularly our involvement in the annual RACV Energy Breakthrough.

Participation in these events and visits to other clubs constitutes a make up for attendance purposes and during this year we have had many months with over 100 such contributions, but very few make ups required, because of the interest and attendance at our weekly meetings.

Congratulation to President Garry Higgins for a wonderful, exciting and interesting Rotary year.

We now look forward to the coming year with soon-to-be President Graeme Rogan.

Please take the opportunity to introduce a friend or workmate to the wonderful world of Rotary.

Community

Kate Ashton

An exciting year in the community section of rotary this year has seem some new ideas being implemented and this is a great way of making the future events work in a smoother way; including the implementation of rules about health and safety for the BBQ.

Wings and Wheels

Energy Breakthrough

Car Show

Triathlon

Worked with PR for Rotary Week

Veterans ride

Pyrenees Magic Bike ride

Helping with events such as school fetes/ combined fund raisers.

And our biggest this year is of course the implementation of the awareness of family violence in our community; an on going project which our club has an amazing group of talented members and their contacts working hard. The club could see a need and have focused a lot of effort and resources to something that will benefit not only our current community members, but the next generations to come, with education about what is expected and required





Disaster Aid Donations

The Eddington community donated a sum of \$950 towards the purchase of a Rotary Disaster Aid boxes last year and Maryborough Rotary initiated a community appeal for donations towards Disaster Aid Australia boxes which raised \$550.00 from the Maryborough community. Maryborough Rotary has now obtained the box numbers and has forwarded this information to the Eddington community.

Maryborough Rotary members have since responded to emergencies in other parts of the world and donated \$9600 to enable 12 Disaster Aid boxes to be assembled and sent to those in need of them. This is a truly commendable effort!

Giving

The role of "Giving" remains invigorated over the last year with the "Every Rotarian Every Year" program. Every Rotarian was encouraged to donate to the Rotary Foundation at milestones in their Rotary life in addition to the \$2 given with each Rotary dinner attended in order to facilitate the Foundation's ability to continue its humanitarian tasks. Maryborough Rotary remains one of only a few clubs in the district to do so. Earlier this year members of the club who had reached the \$100.00 a year level become "Centurions". Other members will become Centurions as their donations reach the \$100.00 mark.

Paul Harris Recognition Honour Board

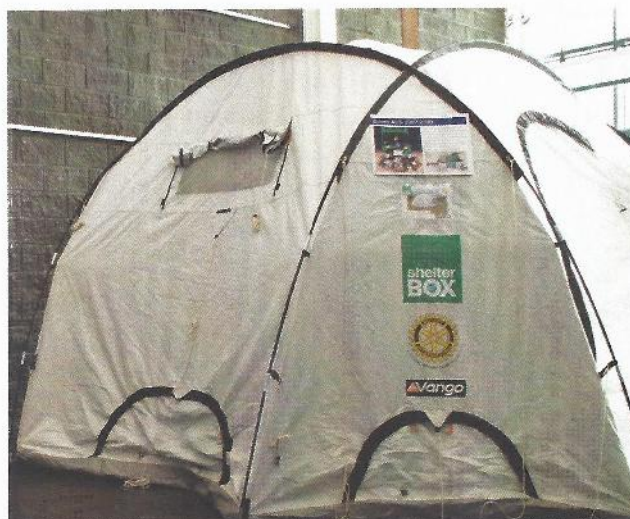
To give recognition of both Rotary members and non members who have received Paul Harris badges, an honour board is to be erected.

Foundation Presentation

Rotarian Debra Hall, (Colac West President), a member of the District Interplast Committee gave a confronting and inspiring presentation to the club detailing projects and programs from the 25 countries that Interplast has been active in over its 30 year history.

District Grant

Two grant applications were submitted to the district this year and the successful application resulted in a District Grant of \$3000 which is used to assist Senior Leading Constable David Scott to undertake study in an Advanced Diploma in Men's Behaviour Change.





I report to the club on our expectations and the final analysis of outcomes.

Our intentions were to again review and complete the Sudanese story book in the "dinka" language. Again we were and remain reliant on the assistance of the Sudanese people to complete the stories for editing and printing.

Our efforts for an International project failed when our contact in Timor Leste, Marilyn Tangy left Timor Leste to return to Australia. Another project relating to Guatemala was reviewed and found whilst with merit not to have a Rotary Club or someone the club members would feel comfortable with to oversee the dispersion of funds and report back accordingly.

During the year the terrible events in the Philippines that destroyed the homes of thousands of people saw not only the relief efforts of many disaster aid groups, we realised the benefit of the club being involved in the supply of the "Disaster Aid boxes" for such emergencies. One of the highlights of being in Rotary is when the question is asked of what can we do to help the members and club donated enough for the purchase of 10 further aid boxes. A very special thanks to those members that made substantial donations to buy aid boxes.

Our Internationally themed "trivia night" didn't go ahead, but remains in planning as a fun night to raise funds for future projects.

My thanks again to PP Robert "Malley" Rowe for his unique running of the Friday Night Footy Frenzy which raised good funds for projects in the club.

Again my thanks to Alison Teese for her organisation and follow up of the Uplift Project with the ZONTA club members. We don't realise that simple things like bras in all sizes can have a second life in the nearby Pacific islands, where the cost is prohibitive to buy new bra's. The need is great and the donations appreciated by the recipients. Alison certainly made this a great project outcome and I am confident that this project will continue into the future. Thanks to Rinaldi's, Eileen Frock and Big Cat Print for their support in collection and print material.

The club gave great support to another community club ZONTA and their project of supplying "birthing kits" to isolated International communities. At \$A3.00 each they will save lives and come with training. Our \$1000.00 donation is well spent.

A big thank you to the committee members that supported the projects and hopefully next year we will make large inroads to succeed where we didn't succeed this year.



Chair: Tom Davies

Committee: Toby Bainbridge, John Bryant, Ted Edwards, John Hazledine, Bob Osborne, Graeme Rogan, John Selmon, Esther Waters & John Vanbeveran.

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 and have completed three projects for the year.

A. Pride of Workmanship Awards and Scholarships.

This year's theme for our Pride of Workmanship Awards was Prevention of Family Violence. Held at the Highland Society and attended by about 98 people, the nights was once again very successful. Special thanks must go to Rotarian Graeme Rogan, Sharon Fraser from Go Goldfields and Claire Bayliss from MEC for their help in organising this event.

A total of 10 awards were presented as follows:

1. Kellie & Andrew Walker (Salvation Army)
2. Leading Constable David Scott (Local Police Family Court Liaison Officer)
3. Nicole Fornal (St Lukes Anglicare)
4. Liz Albanese (Manager of Childrens Services Central Goldfields Shire Council)
5. Matt Broad (Youth/School/Community Facilitator, Go Goldfields/Central Goldfields Shire Council)
6. Melinda Dridan (Maryborough Psychologist and Health Clinic)
7. Sharon Sewell (Maternal and Child Health Nurse)
8. Trish Ipsen (Dunolly Kindergarten Teacher)
9. Anne Watson (Maryborough District Health Services Community Services Co-ordinator)
10. Denise Smith (Family group worker St Luke's Family Services)

Liz Albanese was awarded the \$5000.00 2013/14 Rotary Vocational Scholarship.

Liz will be taking a study tour, starting in August, of the Pen Green Centre for Children and Families and its research base. Pen Green is located in the UK's Northamptonshire.

She will be studying ways the world's best practice can be used by community services and facilitate their implementation in our local community.

B. Mock Interviews.

Mock Job Interviews were conducted at the Maryborough Educational Centre. A team of Rotarians interviewed the 18 year 12 students who were each given 20 minute interviews. Following the interview the students were given constructive feed back as to their performance.

Careers Teacher Doug Marr and Principal Barney Healey forwarded a letter of thanks and signed certificates given to the Rotarians who took part, in appreciation of their efforts. They believe the project was successful and meaningful to the students.

C. Shine on Awards

Rotarians PP Bob Osborne and PP Tom Davies travelled to Seymour with our Shine on Awards nominee Michael Noonan.

Despite a disability, Michael has managed to live a full life, with full time employment and has a considerable list of achievements and has contributed to numerous Local Community Projects and groups (the list too large to give in detail in this report). Michael was presented with a Shine on Award in recognition of his services rendered to the Community.

I would like to thank all who were on the committee and all who helped with our projects this year for a marvellous effort to make this a successful year.



Probus

PP PHF Bob Osborn OAM

Probus was started by Rotary in the UK almost 50 years ago. It is at its strongest in the south pacific, area where the first club was form in New Zealand in 1974. The first club in Australia was in NSW in 1976. Maryborough was to the forefront of its developement with the first club started in 1984 as a mens club. Thus it has celebrated its 30th Birthday in April this Year. Due to popular demand in changed to a combined club in 1997. A ladies club was started at a later time and it celebrates in 20th Birthday this year. Smaller clubs were started later at Avoca and Dunolly.

Probus Clubs are not fundraising club and promote themselves as clubs for active retirees, practicing friendship, fun and fellowship. All four clubs sponsored by Rotary Maryborough are functioning adequately. Probus represents Rotary's best community service project.

Bowel Scan

PP PHF Bob Osborn OAM

Rotary Bowel Scan was started by Belmont Rotary in the late 80s. One of our foundation member John Ritchie and the his wife Jean (both Pharmasist) ran the program in this area for many years. Conducted in May each year kits are sold in pharmacies at \$10 each, which participating Rotary Clubs receive \$2 for each kit sold.

Maryborough Rotary services Avoca, Clunes, Dunolly, Inglewood and Maryborough. About 750 kits are sold at the time of writing final results for 2014 are not available.

It should be pointed out that the style of kit annually in use will not be approved beyond 2014. A replacement kind of kit is being researched, but it is fair to comment that the direction of the program will change beyond 2014.

My thanks to PP Derrick Marsden, PE Graeme Rogan and RTN Toby Bainbridge for providing transport.

PP Bob was presented with a Good Service award for many years of service to Rotary Bowel Scan.