

Maryborough Rotary
Annual Report

2014 - 2015

Maryborough Rotary Membership 2014 - 15

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Vision Statement for the Maryborough Community 2012-2015

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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.



"Light Up Rotary" Rotary International, 2014 - 15

RI President Gary C.K. Huang chose Light up Rotary as his theme for the 2014-15 Rotary year. Therefore this was also my theme for my term as President.

RI President Gary Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness." There are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing. Meanwhile everything stays dark."

RI President Gary said, "The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world."

"How you Light Up Rotary is up to you," Huang said. "You know where you are strong, you know what your community needs, and you know how you can help."

Huang shared his membership development goals, including the need for more women and young adults and his goal to increase RI membership to a total of 1.3 million members. He asked Rotarians to invite their spouses, family members, and friends to join Rotary.

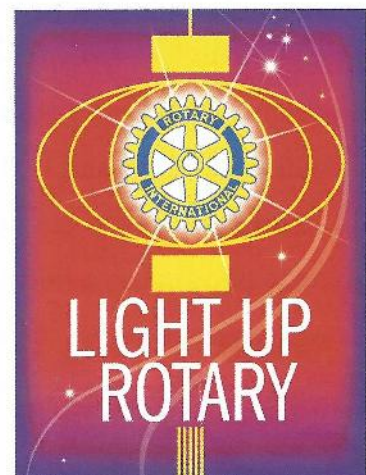
"We need to assume leadership for building strong clubs, and that starts with bringing in new members," he said.

Addressing the status of the fight against polio, Huang noted that with the current momentum Rotary is on track to achieve full polio eradication by 2018.

"When we eradicate polio — and we will — we will have proved ourselves an organization capable of great things. And we'll be even better equipped for the next challenge we choose to take on. We'll have given the world a gift that will endure forever," he said.

By continuing to fight against polio, setting an example in local communities, and growing membership, Huang hopes to see Rotary shine brighter than ever.

"Light Up Rotary is our theme, but it is more than our theme. It is how we live in Rotary, how we think in Rotary, how we feel, how we work," Huang said. "It is how we make a difference — every day, in every club, every district, and every country where we serve."





Each year, in order to familiarise incoming Presidents with their roles and responsibilities they are required to attend President Elect Training, a weekend long training session along with all other Victorian, Presidents Elect. This was the second time such training (known as Multi District PETS) was held and it comprised an excellent weekend at Federation University Ballarat participating in numerous workshops, and listening to prestigious Rotarian guest speakers relating their Rotary experiences. A Saturday evening dinner enabled workshopping in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. My wife Carol was also able to participate in sessions aimed at partners and found it extremely rewarding.

Having the honour of holding the role of President of Maryborough Rotary Club for 2014/15, I proudly present my Annual Report.

The Club's Vision Statement developed as part of our Strategic Plan two years ago has provided the focus for all of our activities undertaken this year.

Rotary International's theme for the year and my year in office has been "Light up Rotary". Through our various projects we continue to put Rotary "out there" and forge partnerships with many of our local institutions; the Central Goldfields Council, Victoria Police, Maryborough Education Centre, Highview College, Maryborough District Health Service, the Maryborough Advertiser and other service clubs in Zonta and Lions; to name a few.

Maryborough Rotary has continued to accomplish an incredible number of projects this year. All activities of our Club are acknowledged in Committee reports in other areas of the Annual Report, but I would like to touch on a number of projects that the Club has undertaken this year, and add comment on enterprises the club undertook at District level.

Pride of Workmanship Awards evening held on Thursday 16 October 2014

Theme "New Business - Young Entrepreneurs". This covered new tradesmen and new business ventures in Maryborough and surrounding areas. Key note speaker was Vanessa Hicks, Executive Officer at Australian Health Services Financial Management Association Bendigo who gave an excellent overview of all aspects of small business - positive and negative and the benefits of marketing

As part of POW Awards our Vocational Scholarships have enabled Leading Senior Constable David Scott and Liz Albanese, Manager of Children's Services Central Goldfields Shire to undertake study and research into world's best practice in adding to their and the community's capacity to redress the incidence of family violence in our community.

Our "Family Violence Awareness" project has already gained global recognition and Maryborough Rotary being 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.

On 15th January at the Australia Day Celebrations Maryborough Rotary received the Central Goldfields Shire Community Award as recognition for our community focused work, particularly in the field of "Family Violence Awareness".

We were also extremely privileged and honoured to be formally requested to partake in community consultative hearings held in Maryborough; and then forward a written submission as part of the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

Our Youth Committee conducted the second LIFT [Leadership Instruction For Teens] Program. This program provided formal leadership, team building and self-esteem training for school leaders from the Maryborough Education Centre and Highview College. These students are our future community leaders. Students and staff from both campuses applauded this initiative and it will become an annual event in the Maryborough Rotary calendar.



Annual Report 2014 - 2015

President Graeme Rogan

Defying the Drift: For the first time we had two students participate in "Defying the Drift" Program which is aimed at Years 9, 10 & 11 students (approx. 15 -17yrs) interested in rural career options.

District Youth Exchange:

Our Youth Exchange student Johanna Theys arrived at 6.30am on Sunday 24 August 2014. How time flies as Johanna is due to depart on Sunday week, 5th July. Johanna has seen a lot of Australia (coastal to inland and red dirt) been hosted by a number of families (Rotary and non-Rotary) to which the club is very grateful, and experienced schooling and living with "Aussies"; an experience she has assured me she will take with her, particularly her love of Vegemite.

District Youth Exchange Weekend

During the weekend of the 15th and 16th November 2014 Maryborough was home to more than 110 District Youth Exchange Committee Members, Youth Exchange Students (Inbound Outbound and Short term), Parents, Family, Friends, Counsellors and Rotexians. This was the Final Outbound Briefing prior to the student's departure in January 2015. On Saturday evening Maryborough Rotary hosted a gala dinner meeting at The Maryborough Highland Society

This is the first time that Maryborough Rotary has undertaken hosting a District Youth Exchange Briefing Weekend. The experience stood us in good stead for the District Conference in March 2015.

District 9780 Rotary Conference:

We have been extremely fortunate to have as a member District Governor Geoff James and his wife Rotarian Meryl. With this comes the responsibility of the Club to host the District Conference. During the weekend of 20th March to 22nd March 2015, more than 350 Rotarians and partners from across District 9780 were able to "Take the journey to light up our world" at the District 9780 Rotary Conference held in Maryborough. The conference highlighted the ways Rotary is shining a light of hope in communities here and overseas, as well as enlightening us on ways we can better look after our planet and promote peace equality and justice to our society, to our country and to the world. This was a huge undertaking for the club; two years in planning; involved every member and partner with support from Zonta, Red Cross, Probus and it went off without a hitch – from the prestigious speakers to The House of Friendship to the "Touch of Tartan" gala evening.

To DG Geoff - I, on behalf of Maryborough Rotary, am proud that we were able to do you proud.

As a multi-district activity Maryborough hosted the Rotary Southern Districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810 & 9820 Shine On Awards on 24th May 2015. The Shine On Awards recognize and acknowledge people who are actively involved in community service for the benefit of others and have demonstrated a significant level of achievement whilst managing a specific medical disorder/disability of their own.

To my Board and Committee chairs, I thank you for your support but more importantly I thank you for your efforts in making sure that things got done. Events include - travel raffle, the Pyrenees Magic Bike Ride, the Oaks Day Program, the Beacon Christmas Dinner, Project Uplift, Zonta Birthing Kits, Wings and Wheels, our B-B-Q's as well as our regular activities.

To my Sergeant Leigh, thank you for taking no prisoners and our Program Director Matt a job well done.

To my Board - Anthony Malley and Garry – thank you very much for your sagacity and tolerance; to Thea, Martin and Bob (the "force" is with you).

To Thea, congratulations on being the first female President of the best Rotary Club going; I wish you all the best for your Presidential year and have no doubts that it will be another successful year for Maryborough Rotary.

To my wife, Carol, I thank you for your support encouragement and undeniable patience.

Finally thank-you to all members of Maryborough Rotary. I am very privileged to have been involved with a group of dynamic people; a group of people who are focused and committed to the ideals of Rotary; a group of people who will continue to "Light up Rotary" by continuing to make a difference to the lives of others.



Our working group continues its great work in changing community attitudes towards this social scourge.

It is one of the few "community up" campaigns which has been recognised as a model for other communities.

The Campaign has engaged partnerships with Central Goldfields Shire through its GoGoldfields department, Victoria Police, Maryborough Education Centre, Highview College and Zonta and it is this collegiate approach that has enabled the project to have its positive impact on our community. Our project received an Australia Day, Community Project Award for its outstanding contribution to our local community.

Many Rotary Clubs around Australia have expressed interest in the project and members from our Club have spoken to numerous Rotary Clubs around Victoria in addition to many community organisations and political members who have expressed interest in spreading the word.

A summary of activities include

- : #SayNo2familyviolence round of the Maryborough Castlemaine football netball league.
- : Distribution of 7000 "wallet cards" to participants in the Energy Breakthrough.
- : Presentation on our project at our District conference.
- : Display of all three "wallet cards" on the in-house TV screens at both the Highland Society and the Golf Club.
- : Planning completed for the "Bystander" training for employers to be held on the 13th of July.
- : Participation at one of only two community consultations in Victoria for the Royal Commission on Family Violence.
- : Submission to the Royal Commission on Family Violence.
- : Completion of the study tour of Liz Albanese from the Central Goldfields Child Care Centre to Penn Green in the UK as part of our Vocational Scholarship.
- : Pod casts of interviews with people associated with family violence on local radio station, Radio 99.1.

I think one of the most significant outcomes is the creation of a separate department for family violence at the Central Goldfields Shire which plans to appoint a person to work specifically in the area. Our Club has been invited to participate in the ongoing management of this project.

Is our project making a difference? Yes it is and apart from the anecdotal evidence, the latest official crime statistics indicate an increase in reporting, and an increase in third party reporting and an increase in recidivism. According to global research, these outcomes are an expected outcome of campaigns such as ours.

I take this opportunity to thank our Club members in general for again having the courage to participate in this most challenging project. I think we have all "grown" in our knowledge and understanding of this issue. In particular to Rotarians Matt Broad and Thea Allan for their outstanding contribution to our working group.

To Sharon Fraser and the Central Goldfields Shire for their commitment to making our community a better place.

To Sergeants Jan Stoerk and Garry Walter from Victoria police, Sharon Hare and Leanne Johnson from Zonta, David Sutton from Maryborough Education Centre and Rotarian Marion Martin from Highview College, I thank you for your valuable contribution to this most valuable social project.



#sayNO2familyviolence



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)

Bowelscan	\$1126
Car show	\$1131.23
Marquees	\$1750
POW Raffle	\$409.10
Pyrenees Bike Ride	\$3287.60
RACV EBT	\$2064.13
Shelter Kits Members	\$4821.65
Trivia night	\$939.40
MEC Christmas Dinner	\$1689
Veterans Cycling	\$430
Polio Plus	\$190
Fines	\$851.15
Friday Night Footy Frenzy	\$580
Other Donations	\$202.70
Rotary Foundation	\$1210
Travel Raffle	\$5806
Joker Raffle	\$1015.40
Income from Dinner Fees	\$31134
Membership Dues	\$8750

Donations Costs Outgoings (not all)

MEC Beacon Program	\$1800
Childhood Cancer Lions Club	\$200
MEC Scholarships	\$500
Highview Scholarships	\$500
Garden Club	\$25
Zonta Club Reading Project	\$1000
Shelter Kits	\$9775.00
Every Rotarian Every Year	\$4800
Family Violence Project	\$11,164.93
RYPEN	\$2175
Goldfields Radio	\$100
Havilah Catering for Meals	\$13864
Other Dinner Costs	\$5283.20
Australian Rotary Health	\$500
Salvation Army	\$750
Club Expo	\$627
Riding For Disabled	\$300
Shed Power	\$397.65

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.



Christmas break-up



Energy Breakthrough



Don't the years come and go quickly? Another year of Rotary has come and gone, it seems not long ago that President Graeme was installed into 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 Graeme Rogan, PP PHF Garry Higgins, PE PHF Thea Allan, VP Martin Mackay, Treasurer PP PHF Robert Rowe and Publicity Director Bob Butterfield.

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 the changes of status of members

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

- The induction of new Rotarians, Marion Martin, Tony Coyle, Karen McCarthy and Garry Brooker.
- The continued support provided to
 - o RACV Energy Breakthrough,
 - o Maryborough Garden Club and
 - o Maryborough Triathlon Club.
- Being part of the Committee to organise and conduct the District Conference

Thank you to VP Martin for his continued reporting of monthly Club attendance figures etc to the District Secretary.

To Kerrie, thank you for your support throughout the year.

Last of all, to Graeme and Carol I hope you have enjoyed your year, to Thea and Terry, all the best for the year ahead.



Weekly meeting



Susan Day



Program

Matt Broad

July

- 3rd Casual Committees
- 24th Garry Walters from Maryborough Police presented to the group about the White Ribbon Foundation and their local efforts in memory of local officer Maurice Moore:
- 31st New member Marion Martin Job Talk

August

- 7th Casual Committees
- 14th Maryborough Football Club visit
- 21st Ian Barclay, accomplished tennis coach
- 24th Saturday – Inaugural #SayNO2FamilyViolence Football round at Hedges Oval
- 28th Marg O'Rourke – Goldfields Business Group

September

- 4th Casual Committees
- 11th Highview Expert Panel – How important is Social media for youth?
- 25th MEC Expert Panel – What keeps kids in Maryborough?

October

- 2nd Casual Committees
- 9th Sue Rawlings – Coordinator of music tours for the likes of One Direction and Foo Fighters, based in the UK
- 18th Pride of Workmanship Awards @ Highland Society – New Business Persons providing exceptional service
- 23rd Group 7 Meeting

November

- 6th Casual Committees + Dr Peter Harris as guest speaker
- 15th Youth Exchange @ Maryborough Golf Club
- 20th Energy Breakthrough Set up at Princess Park
- 27th Dr DeVilliers speaking on the impact Family Violence has on local health services

December

- 4th Casual Committees
- 13th Christmas Break-up at MEC in support of the Beacon Foundation
- 18th BBQ meeting at Maryborough Rotary Shed @ Aerodrome
- 25th No meeting, Merry Christmas Everyone

January

- 1st Casual Committees
- 8th Informal get-together at the Albion Hotel – Thanks to Martin for organising
- 22nd Luke Fuller – former local resident and now leading Physio based in Canada
- 29th Susan Day – Local author of Children's books and literacy advocate

February

- 5th Casual Committees
- 12th Smith Family European holiday report and partners night
- 26th Casual Night at the Highland Society
- 28th Film night in Ballarat to support Polio fundraiser

March

- 5th #SayNO2FamilyViolence information night with Pride of Workmanship award recipients Dave Scott and Liz Albanese
- 12th Conference Preparation
- 19th Conference Preparation
- 21st District Conference at Maryborough Town Hall



April

- 2nd Breakfast meeting @ Peppers restaurant – no guest speaker
- 9th Casual Evening with option for members to join RYLA Camp BBQ the following evening
- 16th Thank you dinner for sponsors of Conference
- 23rd Chamika Sadler – local indigenous sports star representing Country Vic in Girls AFL Carnival
- 30th Preparation for Strategic Planning Day

May

- 14th Presentation by Rotary Exchange student Johanna Theys and Job talk by Rotarian Tony Coyle
- 21st Membership night for new and prospective members
- 28th Visit to Maryborough Football Club with presentations by Barry Secombe from the Bendigo Football League

June

- 4th Community Ice Forum at MEC
- 18th Barbara Hilder – Former local now returned, who has worked with the Australian Government extensively in Asia
- 27th Changeover Dinner

Of note this year was the inclusion of many local and former local speakers highlighting the exceptional success of the people of the region. In particular it was great to hear from the students of both MEC and Highview regarding their opinion of issues that youth face these days.

While at times busy schedules and last minute hiccups such as illness and work have played havoc with the program schedule this year, overall it has been reasonably successful with plenty of help from members. Fortunately Rotarian Allison Teese is taking over the program for 2015-16 and I wish her all the best and encourage everyone to give her plenty of support.



Conference Committee meeting



Conference



House of Friendship



The End!



Public Relations

Bob Butterfield

The presence of Maryborough Rotary in the 2014/2015 year has been everywhere. With an increased presence of Maryborough Rotary's Flagship project, SayNo2familyviolence, we dominated this year's Public Relations. Maryborough Rotary has a presence in a large number of community businesses for an expense of approximately \$1000 for picture frames to display SayNo2familyviolence posters. The posters have a much longer life span and professional look for the Family Violence campaign.

The many programs such as Wings and Wheels, Energy Breakthrough, Rotary Exhibition Week, Shine on Awards and of course the year long ongoing awareness program of SayNo2familyviolence has brought Rotary to the forefront of community conversations.

Constant media coverage keeps our hard work in the public domain. Media exposure this year has been plentiful with the many projects that Rotary puts its name to: Disaster Relief, District Conference success, Youth Exchange, Meryl's Aquabox Program, to mention but a few.

As a club the Public Relations exercise is ongoing and with continued membership participation; Maryborough Rotary is an important part of the community's life.

Concluding the year, may I thank President Graeme, the board, membership and Big Cat Printing for your support during an exciting year.

Administration

President Elect PHF Thea Allan

Weekly Maryborough Rotary Meetings

Various members had jobs which they carried out religiously each week to keep our club meetings running well. Anthony and Malley insured that our Asset Register is up to date. Rob Bursill made sure we did not get thirsty. Sergeant Leigh kept us laughing with his well-told jokes and his antics with the Jokers at the raffle draw. Each member who was on Fellowship did a great job setting up and putting away. Matt and Anthony had some interesting times with technology, and mostly triumphed.

Treasurer Malley paid our bills on time and often reminded us that we need to make money so that we could spend it.

Secretary Anthony kept us in line for the AGM, Nominations, Semi-annual returns and all things clerical.

Strategic Plan

DG Geoff has put a lot of effort into our Club Strategic Plan. Surveys were useful in planning the day. 14 members attended and the Draft Plan for our next three years is now available.

As we come to own this document and all it stands for, Maryborough Rotary will march on doing good.

Community Service

The BBQ has been quite busy at community events. Marquees have been erected with help from the Royal Park Football club, due to our aging membership and this is a really good partnership. Events include, Wings and Wheels, Pyrenees Magic Bike Ride, Australia Day Breakfast, School fete, Relay for Life, South Pacific Veteran Cycling Championships, the Hawthorn family clearing sale. A big all-club effort again for the Energy Breakthrough in November. It is getting harder to "Man" the corner and the BBQ, so we need to work smarter and look at sharing the load with other service clubs.

International Services

Johanna our exchange student from France has been a breath of fresh air for our club. Her presentation was enlightening.

Friday Night Footy Frenzy again raised funds for the school we have supported Akon South Sudan.



Youth Service

LIFT (Learning Instruction For Teens) program with students from both secondary colleges continues to inspire our young people. Accolades are still being received after the second year.

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) was held again at ADEKATE. This program is so beneficial on so many levels. No local children attended, but we always live in hope.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) for young people 18-26 and this year one young adult attended, and her family report a wonderful improvement.

Defying the Drift a Rotary program aimed at young people who want to remain and work in the rural area. It is not just for youngsters who want to farm. This year we had our first local attendees who were extremely happy with the event and gave very credible presentations when technology failed them.

Scholarships were again presented to students at both Highview and MEC. These scholarships are in memory of past Rotarians.

Vocational Service

Pride of Workmanship our excellent signature event, was another great night. Liz Albanese, vocational scholarship winner went to Penn Green Institute in England and the benefits of sharing agencies in the childcare area is already being experienced.

Thank you everyone for your attendance, attention to detail, and friendship over this last year.

Bulletin

Another year of producing our club bulletin is coming to an end.

This year, President Graeme, made the job very easy by sending an item every week and I thank him very much for that.

Facebook helped with our illustrious District Governor's travels. Matt's Program has been interesting.

One thing lacking has been items from committees to add interest to the publication.

I like the idea of an electronic newsletter as we know everyone receives it.

The two members without email have had the bulletin posted to them each week and I do apologise if it was a bit late and caused angst.

Please read your bulletin; it tells you where meetings are and what is/has been happening.

I am pleased that our new Rotarian, Karen, has agreed to publish our bulletin next year and I ask that members drop her a line to add to our publication.



RYPEN



LIFT



Membership

PP PHF Garry Higgins

We have been able to increase our membership this year and welcome to our Club Karen McCarthy, Marion Martin, Tony Coyle and Garry Brooker.

We did have a target of increasing our membership by 5 new members but we just missed. On a positive note we have managed to maintain our numbers during the year.

Long serving members PP John Bryant, John Weir and Jim Field retired during the year and on behalf of the Club I would like to thank them for their huge contribution to the Club and Rotary.

A number of meetings have taken place to encourage a much younger demography to become involved in our Club. These meetings have been very positive and have highlighted a number of issues that we will have to debate so not only our Club, but Rotary in general, becomes more relevant to younger generations.

The issues that our Club will need to discuss include meeting times and venues, meeting formats, Club rituals and protocols and structures.

From a personal point of view, the most significant issue that has come from the meetings with the younger people is the need for Rotary to be ever mindful of societal changes and for it to continue to be prepared to continue to change and adapt.

Community

Kate Ashton

The last 12 months with the community services group has been focusing on keeping regular events happening e.g. Energy Breakthrough, supporting school events with MEC and St Augustine's. Wings and Wheels, triathlon and other events using our BBQ.

Hopefully this coming year we can get some much needed repairs done on equipment used for catering and or replacement and continue to add schedules of procedures.

Community service is also looking at more effective ways of fundraising to help the club with targets and goals. We are always looking for more members or family/friends of members to help out and really show that we are welcoming and are not afraid to ask for assistance.

It has been wonderful to see what can be achieved by a motivated group of Rotarians within the communities we live in as well as beyond by working together for the benefit of the world.



Students visit the Club



Pride of Workmanship Awards



Disaster Aid Donations

The purchase of Rotary Disaster Aid boxes has continued and Maryborough Rotary donations towards Disaster Aid Australia have purchased two.

Maryborough Rotary members have also responded to emergencies in other parts of the world and donated generously to those in need.

The giving has been extended this year with over \$2000 being donated by Maryborough Rotary members to Rotarian Meryl James "Aquabox Partners Project". This project provides portable water purification kits to disaster-hit areas throughout the world. These donations were given during Rotary meetings held through the year. This is a truly commendable effort!

Giving

The role of "Giving" remains invigorated over the last year with the "Every Rotarian Every Year" program continuing. Every Rotarian is 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 continues as one of only a few clubs in the district to do so. Members of the club who had reached the \$100.00 this 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 recognition, an honour board is to be erected. Work on this project is nearing completion and we should soon see the new honour board in place.

District Grants

A District Grant of \$3000 to assist Senior Leading Constable David Scott to undertake study for a Graduate Certificate in Social Science: Male Family Violence which has been completed and the paperwork returned to the District Grants Chair. One grant application was submitted to the Central Goldfields Shire but was not successful. Two grant applications have been submitted to District for Public Relations and also for Crime Prevention. The results of these two applications will be known within the next month.

Paul Harris Recognition

PP PHF Bob Osborn OAM

The Rotary Foundation was established in 1917 as a means of funding Rotary projects on a large scale. In 1957, on the death of Rotary's founder Paul Harris, a scheme was promoted to honour his name. This was the Paul Harris Fellow.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The contribution to The Rotary Foundation can be made in one sum or by cumulative giving over a number of years. Individuals can make a personal contribution or the contribution can be from a club, a company or business.

Further contributions elevate the status of the recognition through Sapphire/Diamond and Ruby class.

Some of the misconceptions or misunderstanding surrounding a Paul Harris Fellow are:

- There is no such thing as a Paul Harris Fellowship, and it is not an award; it is simply recognition. When a Club contributes \$US1000 to The Rotary Foundation, the Club sets its own criteria for naming a Paul Harris Fellow. This is done to recognise an outstanding commitment to the Club or the community.
- A personal contribution of \$US1000 and the subsequent recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow should be encouraged not criticised; it is a donation to The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's own charity and, therefore, every Rotarian's own charity.
- Recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow was never intended to be an award and certainly is not Rotary International's highest award, although it is an honour to be named a Paul Harris Fellow.

In our Club we commit \$2.00 per meeting to the Rotary Foundation each week - \$100 per annum (Rotarians donating this amount are known as Centurions)

Donations to Foundation are tax deductible.

The Rotary Foundation is arguably the largest philanthropic organisation in the world.



The year has gone quicker than I can believe with a number of great outcomes from dedicated members within the club.

AQUA BOX - Rotarian PP Bryce Rawlings

The club has given great support to the project by donations. The plastic milk container was filled a number of times during the year as it passed around the tables during our meetings to aid families where clean water is an issue. Natural disasters have highlighted the great need for these simple but highly effective kits which allow families or small communities to clean water for drinking.

First established by Rotary Club of Eltham in 2001 Aquabox has been a great project that the Maryborough Club has taken on-board as well worthy of support.

PROJECT UPLIFT - Rotarian, Alison Teese assisted by Rotarian John Williamson

Maryborough Rotary have consigned three batches to Project Uplift.

The items so far are well in excess of 1000, the last batch weighed 45 kilograms delivered in 26 June 2015 to Ballarat. They will go to Red Cross Vanuatu.

Assistance is sought from the Board to contribute to the shipping cost of \$3500 to Vanuatu.

Recommendation: The International Committee recommend that Maryborough Rotary support the shipping with \$300.00 to Project Uplift.

Background on Project Uplift.

Since 2005, Project Uplift, often through Rotary Australia World Community Service, has sent more than 330,000 bras to Fiji, PNG, Vanuatu, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands and Cambodia.

New or used, big or small, wired or unwired and maternity bras are greatly appreciated. Shipping to Fiji is, \$3,500, or a shade under if the US exchange rate is in our favour.

The stock to send is bras, new and second hand, to Uplift Distribution Team Fiji. I also have infant clothing, fabric nappies, bunny rugs and wraps for distribution through the hospital to birthing Mums who have nothing in which to dress their babies.

There are also maternity and mastectomy bras for hospital distribution, and nursing supplies: wound dressings, bowls, kidney dishes, procedure tray, scissors, forceps, nurses kit bags and hospital linen. Please see <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Uplift-Nurses/1442038059365951?ref=hl> for background. And a few Donation In Kind (DIK) computers for Bayly Welfare, who we work with, who struggle for resources.

Shipping to Solomons is \$6,000 (ouch!) To Botswana only \$5,700! Obviously donations are well received, but the cost of transport needs to be addressed to ensure that the outcomes are achieved.

VANUATU DENTIST PROJECT - Rotarian John Hazledine

Rotarian dentists David Goldsmith (Ballarat West) and Maryborough's John Hazledine along with two dental nurses volunteered, at their own cost, to go to Vanuatu to assist villagers with dental treatment that just isn't available to them.

The project stay is approximately two weeks and is organised within Vanuatu by Rotarian Richard Tatwin from the Rotary Club of Grassroots Vanuatu. The dentists do require support for the supply of the anaesthetic, gloves, dentures, pain relief, fuel and many other items for this worthy project to continue. Well done John, a most generous member when it comes to international programs and donations of support.

OPERATION CLEFT - Rotarian Peter Haywood

Rotarian Peter in celebrating Bronwyn's birthday at a wonderful function last October asked attendee's for a donation to support "Operation Cleft " which the club supported under the guidance of PP. Robert (Malley) Rowe some years ago.

Cleft Palate's are a terrible thing for anyone to grow up with and it has many issues for health let alone the appearance that the person suffers along with the rejection within the society they live.

International Committee

PP PHF Rod Brown



In Bangladesh there have been over 8500 operations which highlights the problem that we just don't see in Australian society. The cost is a pittance but the change to the lives of the recipient is priceless.

Peter as a Rotary member and Bronwyn as a member of several community committees including Zonta, we thank you for your support of this project as involved and concerned citizens of our club and community. Well done.

I wish to congratulate President Graeme Rogan on a great year and thank the committee members for their efforts during the year. I also wish Rotarian Meryl James all the best for next year as International Chair person.

Vocational

Esther Waters

Chair: Esther Waters

Committee: Toby Bainbridge, Ted Edwards, Garry Higgins, Bob Osborne, Brian Thomas, John Van Beveran.

This year again, we committed to the Pride of Workmanship Awards. After some discussion we decided on the theme – small businesses which have a small number of employees, which are relatively new, and are showing entrepreneurial skills. This suggested there could be quite a number of businesses nominated as there seems to be a regeneration of small business activity in Maryborough.

Twelve nominations were accepted for the small business awards and two of these were given special awards :

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| 1. Aaron Grahame | AG Electrical |
| 2. Dean Ford | Dean Ford Plumbing |
| 3. Shyan & Rajni Malik | Rammy Dessert Indian Cuisine |
| 4. Tyson Ohlsen | T A Elecair |
| 5. Stacey & Ashleigh Hartwell | Daily Dose Café Wine and Espresso Bar |
| 6. Tony Coyle | Tony's Pest Control |
| 7. Shaun Olsson | Neat Meats |
| 8. Kerry Duffin | Cara Lou Lou |
| 9. Tracy & Karly Allender | Illusion Embroidery |
| 10. Rhys Hendrickson | Hendrickson Electrical Pty Ltd |

Special Awards:

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| 11. Ian Mortlock | Mortlock Hydroponics |
| 12. John Bartlett | Wattle City Meats |

The second major event for Vocational Service and the Club was the hosting of the Rotary International Southern Districts Shine On Awards 2015 which was very well attended by Rotarians, friends and guests. These awards recognize the outstanding community service by people with disabilities who, by their actions have demonstrated exceptional achievements.

Certificates of Recognition were awarded to ten nominees with Valerie Lorenzi and Sharnie Digby from Maryborough among them. Shine On Awards were presented by Ms Louise Staley MLA Ripon to five nominees.

My special thanks go to President Graeme Rogan and PP Bob Osborne for their unstinting support and guidance ensuring The Shine On Awards presentation event was successful and thanks for the continuing support and enthusiasm of Vocational Committee members.



Shine On Awards

PP PHF Bob Osborn OAM

Maryborough Rotary hosted the Annual Rotary Southern Districts Shine On Awards on Sunday May 24th 2015 at the Maryborough Highland Society.

This is a state wide event which recognizes the outstanding community service by people with disabilities who, by their actions have demonstrated exceptional achievements.

John Woodhead OAM and PP Bernie Jacks OA PHF of District 9600 initiated the awards with the first awards ceremony being held in Brisbane in 1993.

From 1993 until 1996 Rotary Clubs Australia wide were invited to nominate candidates to attend the annual Awards ceremony in Brisbane.

In 1997 and 1998 under the auspices of District 9600 the first Shine On Awards presentation in Victoria was held at Moonee Ponds hosted by the Rotary Club of Keilor East.

Through generous corporate sponsorship from 1999 until this year the Rotary Southern Districts Committee encompassing Districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810 and 9820 have conducted the awards in Victoria and established two age groups, Adult and Youth.

This the second time Maryborough has hosted this event.

Maryborough Rotary had two nominees:

Val Lorenzi – ASTERIA Services Inc.

Sharnie Digby – MDHS

Almost 100 Rotarians and partners, Award nominees, families and friends attended a luncheon prior to the event and about 140 at the Awards Ceremony.

Major presentations were made by Ms Louise Staley MLA Member for Ripon who saw fit to later mention the event in Parliament and that is recorded in Hansard.

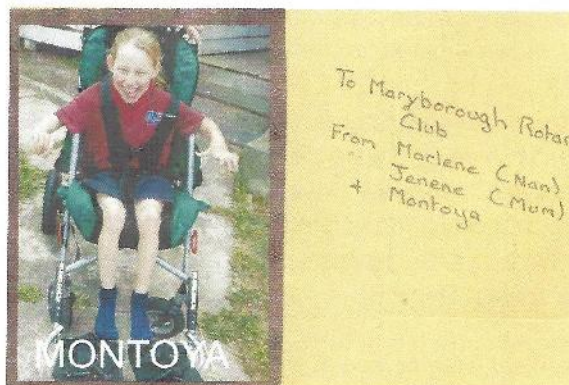
Thank you to the special efforts of:

President Graeme Rogan

DG Geoff James and his wife Rotarian Meryl

Rotarian Esther Waters

PP PHF Anthony Ohlsen, along with many others who assisted along the way



Montoya Stork and her new wheelchair



The Probus movement had its genesis in two ancestors – both in the U.K. and both established by Rotary Clubs. The first was known as the Campus Club. It was formed in 1965 by the Rotary Club of Welwyn Garden City, 20 miles north of London with Fred Carnhill as the driving force.

[Its name was derived from the area of the town in which it was conceived – the Campus.] The second with Harold Blanchard as the catalyst, was formed by the Rotary Club of Caterham in 1966 and was named the Probus Club, from the “pro” in professional and the “bus” in business, which also made up the Latin word from which the word “probity” is derived. Both were formed to meet the need for companionship of their peers and mental stimulation for retired business and professional men.

Since then, Probus has spread around the world. It moved first within the United Kingdom, then to other European countries, on to New Zealand and Australia and then South Africa. More recently, to North America, Africa, India, Asia, Cyprus, South America and Japan. The first club in our region was the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast, New Zealand, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Paraparaumu in 1974. The first in Australia was the Probus Club of Hunters Hill, NSW, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hunters Hill in 1976 with the help of the Rotary Club of Dumbarton, Scotland. Since the first clubs were established in Australia and New Zealand, Probus has grown at an astonishing rate. By the turn of the century there were in excess of 2000 clubs in the region; and they continue to be formed at the average rate of approximately one per week.

In February, 1981, five Rotarians in the Sydney area, all of whom had been involved in the formation of Probus Clubs, got together to share their experiences with the intention of preparing some basic information for Rotary Clubs contemplating the formation of Probus clubs. They were District 9680 Past Governor R.S.(Bob) Burnett, Rotary Club of Turrumurra; Past President W.A.(Bill) Jacobs, Rotary Club of Hunters Hill, Chairman of the District 9680 Probus Committee; C.A. (Cec) Short, Rotary Club of Turrumurra and member of the District 9680 Committee; District 9680 Past Governor J.W.(Jim) Stanford, Rotary Club of Padstow; and C.S.(Cliff) Johnstone, Rotary Club of Sydney, Chairman of District 9750 Probus Committee.

Based on the growth of Probus in the region from two to 44 clubs in a comparatively short time, they predicted a rapid escalation in the future growth rate. Reporting their findings to the governors of the three districts centred on the Sydney metropolitan and near country areas, they recommended the provision of an information service to Rotary Clubs throughout the region.

The result was the Probus Information Centre, now Probus South Pacific Ltd (or PSPL for short), which was established by authority of all the district governors in the region to assist with planning and promoting to ensure steady growth and maximum efficiency in the use of Rotary resources. PSPL has close liaison with Rotary District Chairman and committees throughout the region, providing training, resources and assistance in the extension of Probus.

Every Rotary District has a Rotary District Probus Chairman, to advise clubs when requested. Rotary District Probus Chairman, should be the link between Rotary and Probus. Probus clubs are also asked to maintain the link with the Rotary Club which formed them. PSPL is the delegated authority to hold in trust the Probus name, Probus emblem and Probus Rendezvous Trademarks in Australia and New Zealand.

PSPL produce an 80 page magazine which is available for all Probians at a most inexpensive cost. This provides information updates, club happenings and other information. There are six issues per year.

Recently PSPL has extended to the Philippines, where 9 clubs have been formed.

The Probus Story; the growth and development of Probus in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands 1974 – 2006; written by Rotary District 9690 Past Governor, Paul Henningham was published along with a collectors set of Probus Stamps celebration 30 years of Probus in Australia. The Probus web site – www.probusouthpacific.org has been developed and hosts many club sites.

Information days in each Rotary District are now conducted by Rotary District Probus Chairman. All clubs are urged to participate in these days.



Probus

PP PHF Bob Osborn OAM

Of note on a local interest is District 9780 is second in Australasia in the number of Probus Clubs and Probians.

District 9780 developed and hosted the first Probus Information Days at Maryborough.

Maryborough Rotary has sponsored 4 Probus Clubs:-

1.	Maryborough Combined Probus (originally a men's club)	1984
2.	Maryborough Ladies' Club	1994
3.	Avoca Probus Club	1997
4.	Dunolly Probus Club	2000

All function adequately in their own ways, although they need some younger retirees.

Currently a joint committee of the four Clubs is planning for the Annual D9780 Probus Conference which will be conducted in Maryborough during the second weekend in October 2015. This will again bring large numbers of visitors to Maryborough.

This is the third time that Maryborough has hosted this event, and another major Rotary based activity held in the Central Goldfields Shire during this year.

Bowel Scan

PP PHF Bob Osborn OAM

In 2015 we were able to continue the Rotary Bowel scan Program using the same style of kits.

Sales of kits was 733 which is on a par with previous years.

This is good, considering that there are now a number of kits available from other sources.

There is still some doubt about the continued use of this type of kit in the future, only time will tell.

The beauty of this kit is its simplicity.

Thanks to the pharmacies in Maryborough, Avoca, Dunolly, Clunes and Inglewood for their support of the program.

Thanks to Rotarian Murray Henderson for his assistance as my 'apprentice' for the year. He will be quite capable of continuing the program when I step down.



Group 7 Presidents with DG Geoff and AG Douglas



District 9780 Youth Exchange Weekend



With Geoff's appointment to District Governor for the 2014-15 Rotary year our club made an early start to preparations for our conference in March 2015. DG Elect Geoff had very quickly formed a team and prepared a draft outline for our first meeting on 23rd March 2013 – 2 years out from our conference weekend! No fewer than 28 sub-committees were established to manage the various aspects of the conference and although our first couple of meetings were 3 months apart an enormous amount of work was going on in the background. The enormity of what we were undertaking became apparent very early in the process but we were committed to providing a great experience for Rotarians at a cost that would enable Rotarians from across our District to attend. Our meetings soon became monthly, then fortnightly and during the two months prior to the conference, weekly. In all, there were 28 formal, minuted meetings with numerous other 'get-togethers' of small groups and sub-committees who were garnering the support of local businesses and organisations to ensure the success of our conference. Venue, accommodation, catering, conference program, conference dinner, budget, sponsorship and advertising were 'big ticket items' that were crucial to the success of our weekend. To support our planning a number of committee members attended the 2014 conference in Bordertown and took advantage of the opportunity to chat with their conference organisers. DG Geoff and Meryl were busy with their club visitation schedule and used the opportunity to promote our conference within the District and by November 2014 we had a feeling that attendance at our conference may be at the upper end of what we could manage, despite registrations being a little slow.

A week out from the conference and registrations were at 320 and for the dinner at The Highland – 340. This had exceeded our expectations but well within the capacity of the venues and catering.

Thursday and Friday of the conference week were 'set-up' days and it was all hands on deck to clean, set up seating, sound, lighting and decorations at the Town Hall and prepare the House of Friendship and catering requirements at Tren DuBourg Hall. As the official start to the program approached we were feeling very positive that our diligent planning had set us up for a great weekend and I doubt that anyone was disappointed. Feedback from participants was outstanding – the program based around our four themes was interesting, challenging and highlighted by elements of humour and reflection. The conference dinner on the Saturday night will be one that Rotarians will remember fondly. The Scottish theme started outdoors with the bowling greens bathed in sunshine as we listened to the stirring melodies of bag-pipes and watched as the highland dancers and girl-on-the-drum performed their routines. The dinner, guest speakers, music and dance were enjoyed by all – a great night which capped off a great weekend.

The conference closed at lunchtime on Sunday after which participants enjoyed a 'boxed lunch' and we faced the somewhat daunting task of cleaning up and putting away. I had put aside Monday and Tuesday morning to complete this task, but as the participants departed Maryborough, Rotarians donned their work clothes and launched into the task at hand and I still shake my head in disbelief that by 4:30 that same afternoon, 2 days of setting up was 'undone' in 2 ½ hours!

I believe that the District Conference has been a significant event for our club and our community. Our members, partners and friends worked as one and the Planning Committee felt strongly supported by our entire membership – we can be very proud and satisfied that we provided such a high quality event for our District within our town. We forged new and strengthened existing relationships with other organisations and businesses within our Shire and worked cooperatively with neighbouring Rotary Clubs who assisted with our planning and provided elements of our program over the weekend.

I feel very proud of our club and thank all those who contributed to such a great conference. 'We Took The Journey and We Lit Up Our World'



Facebook

Hannah Frahn

There has been an increase in the usage of Facebook over the last year. With the DG conference and #sayNO2familyviolence related posts the most prevalent. In July 2014 there were a total of 36 Page likes. We are now up to 173 likes. That is nearly 3 new page likes a week. There has been no one who has 'Unliked' the page. With most posts reaching the double figures in who has read the post. It was the "Welcome to Rotary Maryborough Vic for the 2015 District Conference" that garnered the most views of 341. Post have varied from comments to links to videos and to pictures illustrating that the page is being used in lots of different ways.

