

Rotary



Be a gift
to the world

Maryborough Rotary
Annual Report
2015 - 2016



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"Be a gift to the world" Rotary International, 2015 - 16

RI President K.R. Ravindran chose Be a Gift to the World as his theme for 2015-16. Ravindran urges Rotary members to give the gifts of time, talent, and knowledge to improve lives in communities across the globe. "Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world."





This year has passed very quickly. The first six months seemed so long. The second six months are racing along too fast.

It has been a very fulfilling year for me and our club has continued to do well what we do well. Our Family Violence Awareness project has grown so much and so fast. You can read more in PP Garry's report.

My grateful thanks to our Board;

Secretary Anthony Ohlsen who did a sterling job keeping the club working well.

Treasurer Peter Haywood, who kept us solvent and gave us much food for thought.

President Elect Martin Mackay has kept the Administration of the club moving along and he been learning how to improve his leadership for this coming year.

Vice President Karen McCarthy for ensuring reports came for committees to the Board in good time.

Foundation Director PP Derrick Marsden who organised an interesting evening to inform all on The Rotary Foundation and ensures our payments for Foundation are made in a timely fashion.

Public Relations Director Bob Butterfield for all his wonderful work making contact with other Rotary clubs, Tennis Australia and politicians to come on board our Family Violence Awareness project, and having lots of news items in the Maryborough Advertiser

Membership Director PP Garry Higgins A work in progress as they look at the next group to become Rotarians, with more people showing interest in joining us.

Committee Chairs

Administration: PE Martin Mackay kept an eye on the working of our club and ensured all ran smoothly.

Community: Kate Ashton and Matt Broad, did a good job, considering their work commitments and we managed to attend every event to which we committed.

International: Meryl James has had us all doing new things as we meet our international obligations.

Vocation: PP Bryce Rawlings has been working on our next Pride of Workmanship scholarship criteria.

Youth: PP Graeme Rogan has been working on our seminars for Year 9 and 10 students.

During the year we have been saddened by the loss of Carole Rogan, PP Graeme's wife and PP Jeff Mackay, after many years of service. Also several members have lost loved ones.

Our condolences to all.

Our Strategic Plan is a living document and continues to inspire us on to greater things and keeps us on track. My thanks to PDG Geoff James for all his work on our Strategic Plan

Members have participated in many events, including a Rotary Showcase at Melbourne's Victoria Market and been visitors of Carlton Football Club to watch a game and give some kids the AFL



game day experience. We have attended other Rotary clubs during the year, at Group 7 meetings and also a first ever Scatter Meeting. For the first time we will have joined with the Girl Guides as they fed and entertained us.

We have combined with Zonta to collate Birthing Kits and Breast Cushions in other areas, as in Meryl's report

We changed how our committees meet and this seems to be working better, as it is not yet another night out.

We have supported local groups with BBQ's and marquee erections.

We are delighted with the outcomes of investment in our community, while we also support Rotary's work overseas.

The President's Guess Who's Coming to Supper on some Friday evenings have been a great success. We had lots of laughs and shared good food, sometimes around an open fire. Thank you to all who participated. It has been a lot of fun.

PP Terry, my husband of 47 years has encouraged and supported me with my commitment to our mighty Club.

I wish President Elect Martin and his committee a wonderful and exciting year and my full support. It has been fun Be(ing) a Gift to the World, here in Maryborough with Maryborough Rotary.





#SayNO2familyviolence Project

PP PHF Garry Higgins

The #SayNO2familyviolence campaign is the major project of the Maryborough Rotary Club and it continues to amaze almost everybody as to the developments that have and continue to occur. This response just highlights the need to continue our work in eradicating family violence from all of our communities.

Our working group has been very active in getting out the message to all levels of the community. The State Government conducted a Royal Commission into family violence and our Club was asked to present evidence on our community based program. Our evidence made a significant impact on the outcomes and recommendations of the Commission.

The Club is a major partner in the Central Goldfields Family Violence Action Group along with service providers, Victorian Police, Victorian Council of Social Services and women with lived experience to develop a local response to dealing with family violence. The influence that the Club has by providing an "independent, community based" view has enabled the Action Group to consider the future provision of services in a different light.

The project has received "outside" recognition with Rotary Connect producing a documentary on how Maryborough Rotary has engaged with the community to create such a significant project. In addition to this, our project featured in Rotary Downunder.

The project was also featured at the MCG at the Carlton, Essendon game and Club members were hosted by the Carlton Football Club with member's children forming the guard to the banner on the MCG.

The awareness aspect of the project continues with great success.

We have produced a short DVD outlining our campaign as well as the issue. The production is quite confronting and I know first hand that quite a number of tears have been shed whilst putting it together. I would like to acknowledge the contribution that Hannah Frahn, Sue Bates and Rt. Chris Frahn have made in its production.

Our Club in conjunction with the Maryborough Harness racing Club sponsored a meeting to highlight the our program. The eight race event had 32,000,000 views and was televised into 3600 TABS and clubs throughout Australia. Amazing exposure for the program.

Our second #SayNO2familyviolence football round took place between Royal Park and Carisbrook football clubs and again another important event in making our younger generations think about their role in taking a stand against family violence.

I think one of the most significant events that our Club conducted was our "update" to the Club with our guest speakers Sharon Fraser, General Manager, Go Goldfields and Senior Sergeant Paul Huggart. It is sometimes hard to know if you are on the right track and to get an outsiders point of view can often be a sobering influence. The emotional presentations from both Sharon and Paul left no doubt in our minds that our project is playing a significant role in our community.

Our Club has devoted significant funds to this project since its inception. There is still a lot of work to do and the project must secure ongoing funding in its own right. Successful negotiations with the National Australia Bank will provide the Club with adequate funding to continue its great work.

A district grant enabled the Club to promote the campaign with signage at the front of the MDHS, on buses, in shop windows on football club scoreboards and bumper stickers on cars.

Other promotional events have included podcasts on Goldfields FM, signage on all competing vehicles at the Energy Breakthrough, Take a Stand training with staff from MDHS, CGSC, Carlton footballers and Rotarians and presentations to community groups.





Another year of Rotary has come and gone, it just seems like yesterday that President PHF Thea took on the role as our first female President and presented me with the Secretary's badge. The quick passing of the year indicates the support I have received from the Executive of the Club in President Thea, PP Graeme, PE Martin, VP Karen, Treasurer Peter and our very able Directors PP Garry, PP Derrick and Bob.

The year has included the

- Collection and distribution of inward correspondence from the Post Office
- The receiving of a multitude of emails from the District 9780, other Clubs in 9780 and many other institutions,
- Dispersal of outward correspondence following Board meetings,
- Preparation of agendas and minutes for Board meetings,
- Preparation of semi annual returns to RI as at 1st July and 1st January
- Updating on line the records of
 - o Rotary International,
 - o RDU and
 - o ClubRunner of new members, make-up meeting for members, change of status of members and unfortunately, deceased members.

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

- The induction of six new Rotarians, Jeremy and Rena Ackland, Judy Rinaldi, Louise Hanby D'Wynn, Barbara Hilder and Frances Clarke.
- The continued support given by the members to
 - o The Family Violence Awareness Project
 - o RACV Energy Breakthrough,
 - o Maryborough Garden Club,
 - o Maryborough Triathlon Club,
 - o Wings & Wheels
- Travelling to District 2981, Tamil-Nadu in India as the team leader on a Rotary International Friendship Exchange program.
- Making an application for and receiving a Volunteers Grant from the Federal Government.
- Having the members endorsing the Boards nomination of me as DG for the 2018/2019 Rotary year.

To Pres Thea, it has been a privilege to work with you and beside you as you have been guiding Maryborough Rotary into the future.

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

Last, to Martin, all the best for the year ahead, I'm sure you will have the support of all members and have a successful year.





Treasurer

Peter Haywood

	Jun 1, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
ANZ Cheque Account	22894.39
NAB Term Account 669106130	30000
Total Chequing/Savings	52894.39
Total Current Assets	52894.39
TOTAL ASSETS	52894.39
LIABILITIES	0
NET ASSETS	52894.39
EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	69716.08
Retained Earnings	-17681.78
Net Income	860.09
TOTAL EQUITY	52894.39

	Jul 1, 15 - Jun 1, 16
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
donation from Members	70
Donations	50
Grants	0
INCOME FROM COMMUNITY EVENTS	
Ballarat Swap Meet Hired Hands	1803.75
BBQ Sales	5459.35
BBQ Trailer Service	191
Bowelscan	1081
Family Violence Donation	3110.35
Marquee	1750
Pyrenees Bike Ride Fee	8262.78
Wings and Wheels event 2014	3060.45
Total INCOME FROM COMMUNITY EVENTS	24718.68
INCOME FROM MEMBERS	
2015 Changeover Dinner	490
Bar	3068.5
Dinner fees	27595.1
Fines and Spare Change	1718.65
Friday Footy Frenzy	460
Membership Dues	10982.5
Other Raffles	22
Raffle Prize Pool	733.5
Raffle ticket sales	731.6
Rotary Foundation	2037
Sale of Rotary Merchandise	26.5
Travel Raffle	17754.6
Total INCOME FROM MEMBERS	65619.95
INCOME TO ROTARY PROGRAMS	
Film Night	241
Polio Plus	20
RAWCS Aquabox	1235
INCOME TO ROTARY PROGRAMS - Other	867
Total INCOME TO ROTARY PROGRAMS	2363
Interest received	16.12
RC Melbourne donation Beacon	710
Reimbursed Expenses	
Fee for Leadership Training	-45
Reimbursed Expenses - Other	-50
Total Reimbursed Expenses	-95
Total Income	93452.75
Expense	
A.PROGRAMME EXPENSES	
BBQ	
BBQ Supplies	1395.7
Total BBQ	1395.7
Beacon Program Donation	1310
Burseries	1000
Community Events Expenses	100
Family Violence	6368.13





June Fellowship	4 Community Ice Forum @ MEC – 6pm Start	11	18 Board Meeting	25 Changeover Dinner on Sat 27 June at Highland Society	
July 2015	2 Terry Welsh, new CEO of MDHS	9 Committees Community Service International Service Vocational Service	16 Club Night – Committee and Board Reports.	23 Goldfields Employment and Learning Center GELC Manager Frances Clark	30
August 2015 Membership	06 Committees Community Service International Service Vocational Service	13 Celebrating Maryborough Partner's Night □	20 Club Night Report of Board and Committee Job Talk	27 (Partners Night) Guest Speaker -Topic Living Wills Noelle Mason	
September 2015	03 Committees Community Service International Service Vocational Service	10 Report Sao Paulo - Rotary World Convention 2015 Rtn Derek and Rtn Karen	17 Club Night Report of Board and Committee Job Talk 19 Wings and Wheels Weekend	24 Guest Speaker Club Night	
October 2015	01 DG Jane Cox Official visit to Maryborough – Partners Night	08 Club Night - Committees	15 Pride of Workmanship Highland Society	22 Club Night Committees	
November 2015 Rotary Foundation	05 Chaplaincy Oaks Day At Highland Society Committees Community Service International Service Vocational Service	08 Sunday Pyrenees Magic 12 Club Night Report of Board and Committee Job Talk	19 Club Night Meet at BBQ Trailer at RACV Energy Breakthrough	26 Partner's Night – Past DG Jessie Harmon GELC Guests with Barb Hilder.	
December 2015 Family Theme	03 Maryborough District Health Service <i>Wellness Centre,</i>	10 Industry Site Visit to True Foods	17 Club Night President's Christmas Function	24 Merry Christmas – no club meeting.	31 New Year - No Meeting
January 2016 Rotary Awareness Summer Series	07 President's New Veranda BBQ	14 Club Night BBQ Havilah on Palmerston Tai Chi with Barry Lacey	21 Partner's night Local Industry – Site Visit Mortlock's Hydroponics Carisbrook, BBQ Deep Creek	26 Committees Community Service International Service Vocational Service	
February 2016 Health	04 Guest speaker Business Experiences in London - Susanna Dowie	11 Disaster Aid Aust. Road Show Rtn. Des Watts Ballarat Swap Meet	18 Club Night Job Talk Speed Dating Rotary Style -New meets Old	25	
March 2016 Literacy	03 Say No Family Violence Report Garry Higgins & co Sharon Fraser Paul & Sharon Huggett Guests: NAB Adam & Kate Balzan	10 Friday 11 March A Joint Picnic Lunch Meeting with Melbourne Rotary at Rodborough Bucknall Trust Church.	17 Club Night Job Talk Report of Board and Committee	24 Breakfast Meeting at Peppas.	31 Committees Community Service International Service Vocational Service
April 2016	07 Scatter Meeting Week RC Maryborough visiting other clubs.	14	21 Club Night Job Talk Report of Board and Committee	28 Committees Community Service International Service Vocational Service	
June 2016	02 Breakfast Meeting at Havilah Club Night 04 International Harmony Dinner at Highland Society Fundraiser	09 Club Night – Job Talk Louise Hanby-D'Wynn Martin Mackay	16 Past DG Geoff James – Club Strategic Planning	23 President's Last Dinner Maryborough Guides Meeting at Hall	30 No meeting
July 2016	Changeover Dinner New President Martin McKay Highland Society	Speaker TBA	Club Night Job Talk Report of Board and Committee	Speaker TBA	



Maryborough Dinner Meetings

Rotary Members have carried out their tasks each meeting to ensure that the meetings run smoothly and start on time. A special mention goes to our retiring (modest) sergeant Leigh Williamson for his successful efforts to keep our dinner meetings lively, entertaining and profitable.

Rob Bursill kept the libations flowing and varied throughout the year with conscientious zeal, which was much appreciated. The drinks that is!

The fellowship crew set-up and down each week and ensured we could all hear the speakers above the revels.

Peter the Treasurer, insisted we pay our dues and paid our bills on time, ensuring we had the money before we spent it.

Anthony, our club secretary did such a good job keeping us in line for AGM, Nominations, Semi-annual returns and Extraordinary meetings that he has now been drafted to a higher level, but still within Rotary.

Strategic Plan

PDG Geoff has put in a huge effort with our Strategic PlanV2, following that up with a detailed Club Structure and also Club Position Descriptions that will make it easier for the President, President Elect and club members to plan and carry out their functions throughout the years to come. Thank you very much Geoff.

Community Service

The BBQ has been very busy again this year and again the Royal Park Football Club has assisted with erection of marquees and taking down after events. This is a win-win situation for both clubs. The community committee and the club members have been busy with a large number of events which include: Wings and Wheels, Pyrenees Magic Bike Ride, Australia Day Breakfast, School Fete, Relay for Life, South Pacific Veterans Cycling Weekend and the RACV Energy Breakthrough in November.

Youth Service

Both the LIFT program and RYPEN were not conducted this year as our trainer, Shane Green, was unavailable to assist these events at their usual time. We intend to run the LIFT programs at each of the secondary schools latter in 2016.

International Service

Johanna, our exchange student, returned to France after her year in Australia and the club is investigating different exchange program structures as a means of varying our student exchange involvement in the future. A very successful International Harmony dinner was held and lhas possibilities of becoming an annual event.

Vocational Service

Pride of Workmanship was again conducted this year and the Vocational Scholarship program will continue in the future.

Bulletin

The club Bulletin has again done great service to the club keeping the members informed of coming events and other club matters. President Thea and editor Karen have together made the Bulletin a central instrument of communication for members. Items of interest from club members and reports from Directors and Chairs would also assist in this area. As I was one of the offenders in this area, I will have to do better this coming year.



It was a pleasure to be asked by President Thea to do the Bulletin for the Rotary Club of Maryborough, fresh off the task of doing the District Bulletin in the previous year.

This year has been my first time using Clubrunner. There have been challenges as the program has been changed on a regular basis, and with help from PDG Geoff James I have learnt a lot regarding this program.

I would also like to thank PDG Geoff for his help when I was away and unable to do the Bulletin.

Thank you to President Thea Allan who has provided me with enlightening pieces for the Bulletin each week.

Rtn Louise Hanby D'Wynn will be taking on the task for Martin next year during his Presidency.

This year it has gone down to one printed copy which I have printed and delivered each week, maybe next year we will have 100% sent electronically.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of providing the Bulletin for your reading pleasure each week.

Facebook

VP Karen McCarthy

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.

Most posts reached 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.

DON'T MISBEHAVE IN ROTARY!



Here's what happens if you misbehave at a Rotary meeting in Maryborough - PP Mallee pays the price for mischief with some "Corner time". What did he say?



Our 2015-18 Club plan came into being during a workshop at The Hub on May 31st 2015. This was effectively the third strategic plan that we've undertaken as a club – the others started in 2008 and 2012. After the Hub meeting, committee directors and chairs were asked to finalize their plan documents and return them to the Club Planning Coordinator so the final document could be produced and presented to members. For one reason and another, all of them understandable, some of those documents took a while to come back, with the result that the complete plan document was only presented to members earlier this year. In the light of that experience, we have made some changes to the planning process which will come into play as we move into the 2016-2017 Rotary year.

These are the key stages or features of the revised process:

Firstly, we plan to start our planning process earlier each year, and aim at having a draft plan document in the hands of the Board by July 1st. It will be confirmed at the July Board meeting, but will be available to committees for use right at the beginning of the Rotary year. This makes sense, of course, but it does mean chairs and directors will need to be working on their committee's goals around the same time that they're writing their annual reports – during May.

Secondly, given that we want to minimize work for chairs and directors, and that as a club, we want to keep to the earlier timeline, the club planning coordinator will actually write *suggested* goals into the revised plan document which can be adopted as is, deleted or replaced with other goals and details as necessary.

Thirdly, we want to use these lists of goals as the basis of committee meeting agendas - and minutes. So at the start of the year, agenda templates will be produced for each committee which should help to save time, whilst reminding each committee of all the areas under their responsibility.

And that is the fourth feature – the new plan includes ALL goals under, or related to a defined list of **committee focus areas**. These focus areas are basically the areas of responsibility that each committee may choose to own. As a club, we need to monitor these focus areas to ensure that they remain the areas we really want to focus on. We can delete some of these, add to them or change them as our circumstances change. Here is the list of **committee focus areas** we will take into the 2016-17 year:

Board Issues: - Citation, Club Structure, My Rotary, Planning, Rituals, Vision & Mission

Administration: - Annual Reports, Asset Register, Attendance, Bar Management, Bulletin, Child Protection, Directory, Fellowship Duties, Food Handling, Fun Events, History /Archives, Maintenance, Program, Risk Management, Roles/Guidelines/Laws, Sergeant, Set Up - Meetings, Technology, Venue & Meals

Rotary Foundation: - Giving & Recognition, District Grants, Polio Plus, RF Information

Membership: - Alumni Contact, Friends of Rotary, Mentoring & Development, Recruitment,

Welfare & Engagement

Public Relations: - Local Promotion, Social Media, Website,

Fundraising: - Bike Ride, Coordinating, New Ideas, Photo Show, Raffle, Wings and Wheels

Community Service: - SERVICES: Barbeque, Bowelscan, Breakthrough, Carols, Dowie Park, Local Links, Marquees, MDHS Liaison, Probus. PROGRAMS: Babies Books, Family Violence, Local Donations, Preserve Planet Earth, Rural Relief – Defy the Drift

International Service: - Aquabox, Education, Disaster Aid, Overseas Projects, Peace Issues, Women's Issues

Vocational Service: - Business Mentoring, Ethics & 4 Way Test, Global Networking (including Fellowships), Job Talks, Mock Interviews, Shine On, Vocational Awards

Youth Service: - Awareness - of Youth programs, Rotaract, RYLA, RYPEN, Schools Links, Science Programs, Sleeping Stars, Youth Exchange

Finally, may I sincerely thank all those Board directors and committee chairs who have provided valuable input into developing our club plan and the proposed changes so that our club may operate effectively and continue to do so much good in the world.



Many Rotarians have recognized the Rotary Foundation during the year with gifts on the celebration of a birthday and anniversary. Thank you also to those Rotarians that contribute via the Annual Giving campaign.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Maryborough, \$2.00 of your weekly dinner fee is a contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Letters have been sent to each member advising them of their contribution for the year, and the additional amount required to achieve Centurion status. Research disclosed that our contributions for the Rotary year 2012-2013 had not been credited to our personal accounts. Communication with Rotary International discovered that our contributions for that year had been applied to the Rotary Club of Maryborough (Queensland). This has now been rectified and the funds have been allocated to our account.

Thank you to PDG PP PHF Geoff James and other Foundation Committee members for the wonderful information meeting held on the 15th November 2015, I have received very positive feedback as a result of the information provided at this meeting.

A recommendation was submitted to the Board during the year detailing all members with 10 years' service, for consideration when next proposing a member for a Paul Harris Recognition.

It is a requirement of The Rotary Foundation that two members attend a District Grant Seminar and that the Rotary Club sign a Memorandum of Understanding to enable our club to apply for District and Foundation Grants. Thank you to PDG PP Geoff James, PE Martin MacKay and PP Graeme Rogan for representing our club at the November 2015 Seminar.

Thank you to all members of the Foundation Committee for their participation during a very busy year.

Public Relations

Bob Butterfield

An exciting and busy year for Public Relations. Ground breaking avenues for public relations has been afforded to Maryborough Rotary Club.

A closer working relationship with the Advertiser, local bus companies, our local politician, Louise Staley, the local hospital, football and netball clubs, and a large majority of businesses in town have been very supportive of Rotary programs.

The arm of the Maryborough Rotary Club public relations is reaching out, especially in the field of our #SAYNO2FAMILYVIOLENCE project.

Chris Frahn and Big Cat's production of the Family Violence video is the premier vehicle of which the club can be proud and hold high.

The year has been very busy and the support and assistance from all has been most appreciated. Thanks to our President, the year has been a tremendous success. Thanks to the board and all members of the club for a great year.





The International Committee has, this year, used our newly updated Strategic Goals to drive and focus our efforts to support and promote International causes and issues.

- Our brief weekly information on and toast to an International Rotary Club has been well received by our club members and I would like to thank those who have readily volunteered to take part, some even dressing up for the occasion.
- We were lucky to have new members, Rena and Jeremy Ackland, for the first half of the year. They shared detailed information on Rena's project at an orphanage in Surabaya, which the Board then approved as a worthwhile project to support. We donated funds from PP PHF Malle Rowe's popular Footy Frenzy, as well as funds raised with vouchers and a donation tin at Peppa's Restaurant. Our thanks to Malle and Bob Butterfield for their fantastic efforts. It was wonderful to see the smiles on young faces in Rena's detailed feedback. Amazing what a bit of paint and a more comfortable bed can achieve!

This project will hopefully be developed in the future to facilitate an opportunity for members to participate in a hands on project in this area.

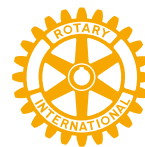
We wish Rena and Jeremy all the best at their new Rotary Club in Canberra and look forward to continuing our association on this project.

- An International Women's Day Breakfast was held at Ripples on the Res on 8th March, with the theme of "Women, Wartime and the Dream of Peace". The video recorded speech by Zainab Salbi, the founder and former CEO of Women for Women International who grew up in Iraq, was truly inspirational and we were able to make a donation to the Rotary Peace Scholar program from the raffle held that morning. Thank you again to Rotarians who donated prizes.
- We are especially pleased to be fostering a relationship with the Zonta Club of Maryborough with regard to women's issues. Several Rotarians have supported Zonta by helping put together birthing kits and also cushions for breast cancer patients during the year. Also, two of our newer Rotarians, Barbara Hilder and Frances Clarke, are initiating a combined "Days for Girls" project, to provide menstruation packs to girls in developing countries so they can attend school every day of the month.
- Alison Teese has again been collecting bras for the Operation Uplift program. Thank you Alison.
- Thank you to Committee member Toby Bainbridge for his detailed proposal to run a Photographic Competition. The Board has adopted this as a full Club Fundraising Project for the next Rotary year.
- Thanks also to Committee member Garry Brooker, who valiantly tried to get a Car Boot Sale up and running, but venues and dates did not coincide. One for the future!
- A Disaster Aid Box was donated to their representative, Des Watts, who spoke to the Club in February.
- Our International Dinner at the Highland Society on 4th June was a very successful, fun night, with themed tables, competitions, singing, dancing and wonderful raffle prizes provided by "Lochinver" B and B and Pepper's Restaurant. Our thanks once again to these generous businesses and to others who have donated prizes for the evening. From funds raised we will support our International projects.

Finally, my sincere thanks to District International AG Anthony Ohlsen and all my Committee members who have contributed in so many ways and offered support and encouragement throughout the year. I feel it has been a successful year and you have all played your part to

"BE a GIFT to the WORLD."





The Community Committee has had a quieter year with both Kate and Matt's work schedules clashing with their ability to be as heavily involved with Rotary as they both have been.

There are benefits of forward planning for events and having rosters to work towards, the preparations have been started and will continue to be improved as we go along.

We had a "Clean Up Australia" day in March and cleaned most of the road that has been allocated to the club. When you look back you realise more has been done than you realise.

The BBQ was well-used for various school and community events. More members are being encouraged to have Food Handling qualifications and these will be accessed via the internet. The BBQ is going to be promoted for hire from the General public to raise more funds for the club. We are also looking at other avenues to use this great resource.

Marquees We thank the members of Royal Park Football Club who continue to be our "muscle" for erecting and dismantling when needed. Marketing plans are underway for the promotion of these and foresee more use in the coming year.

Brian Dowie Conservation Park - This continues to be maintained by Rotary, with plans being made for improved use by the community and the Rotary Club.

Family Violence Awareness - a big year. Read more in PP Garry's report.

Energy Breakthrough -Members are heavily involved with the event, on the corners as Marshalls and with running the BBQ for the entire time it is operating, dedicated members stay overnight to man it. We had tried different food this time and it was reasonably successful. It will take at least another year to win patrons around to good food.

Pyrenees Magic Bike Classic – a great result this year with a different venue, more competitors and perfect weather. We thank Peter Haywood for all his great work to bring this to fruition, money raised was donated to the Maryborough District Health Service to purchase an Accuvein machine for the Oncology department.

Wings and Wheels – This year we had the stunt plane, dinners arranged for the participants, more variety in the food and as another successful event was completed we have been busy with plans afoot to make it bigger and better next year.

Probus

PP PHF Bob Osborn OAM

Probus Clubs sponsored by Maryborough Rotary are generally progressing well.

However, Avoca Probus, which had a decline in numbers was sadly forced to close in October 2015. Maryborough, Maryborough Ladies and Dunolly continue to operate successfully.

This is a trend in that Probus members are aging.

Some years ago, when the Baby Booms started to retire, it was thought that Probus as an organisation would benefit, but changes in superannuation legislation, whereby lump sum payments rather than a regular pension saw an increase in Grey Nomads, having a spend-up with travel, etc, and this massive influx to Probus, did not occur.

This has been a trend throughout the organisation.

Often when people do join, they are no longer committed to be on the club committee and then it is often difficult to gain members to serve in this capacity.

Probus, as you are well aware, had its genesis in the UK in 1965/66, being fostered by Rotary. Hence it's regarded as a community service project of Rotary.

The greatest success of Probus has been in the South Pacific area where there is a sound organisational structure. There are more Probians/Probus clubs in Australia and New Zealand than anywhere in the world.

Probus in Australia celebrated its 40th Birthday in February this year and appropriate celebrations were conducted by most clubs.

It is interesting to note that Maryborough Combined Probus is 32 years young and was formed by former District Governor, Frank Lowery.



Bowel Scan

PP PHF Bob Osborn OAM

As is the norm, Maryborough Rotary has again participated in the Bowel Scan program. This year saw a change in a new type of kit selling at \$15, (previously \$10) was used. The test is simple and sent away directly post free, by the participant, rather than returned to the pharmacy. At the time of writing, sales of kits appear to be equal, if not better, than previous years. Effective advertising with TV, radio and local papers is of benefit. My thanks to the media outlets and pharmacies who have participated. Maryborough Rotary is responsible for Avoca, Clunes, Dunolly, Inglewood and Maryborough. Due to the increase in costs, there is no financial gain to our club this year, with 50c/kit allowed to cover advertising expenses. It is however a great community service which saves lives. My thanks to Murray Henderson who assisted me to deliver the kits to all areas.

Vocational

PP Bryce Rawlings

Committee: PP Bryce Rawlings, (Chair) PP PHF Rod Brown, Bob Butterfield, Frances Clarke, PP PHF Tom Davies, PHF Ted Edwards, Chris Frahn, Ray Hannan, PP PHF Garry Higgins, Barbara Hilder, PP PHF Bob Osborne, Esther Waters.

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS.

October 22nd 2015 at Peppers Restaurant.

This year's theme was ***Small Business, Fair Opportunity***, to recognise those employers, who have taken the extra step to employ individuals who may find it difficult to gain employment, due to age, disability, education or other factors.

We also recognised those employees, who have been given a *Fair Opportunity* and have grasped the opportunity and succeed

AWARDEES

Employers Eddington Engineering. Norm and Val & Simon and Jess Morrison
Red House Bakery, Kurt and Garrity Townsing
Junction Motel, Ross and Janet McDonald
CR Cooling & Heating, Carl and Emma Rumpff
Paul Stone Excavations, Paul and Maryanne Stone

Employees Michael Noonan (Red House Bakery)
Elizabeth Sadler (Junction Motel)
Tristan Clarke (CR Cooling & Heating)

SHINE ON AWARDS

Awardee Peppa Breitingner

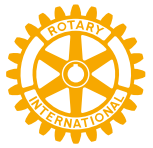
VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP – Due to time constraints and the involvement with the Royal Commission into Family Violence, we have deferred our Vocational scholarship to early in the next Rotary year.

VOCATIONAL VISITS – we did visit two workplaces during the year.

Truefoods has risen to greater heights since becoming involved with our Family Violence Awareness project.

Mortlock's Hydroponic Tomatoes showed us how technology is improving all the time, and how they made it work for them and their tomatoes

I would like to thank all members of the Vocational Committee for their involvement during the year.



An annual event conducted by the five Rotary districts in Victoria, Shine On recognises the talents and contributions by people in the community, who have been born with or developed a disability. It is NOT a competition, but a recognition of contribution.

Maryborough has hosted this event twice (2006 and 2015).

All recipients receive a certificate and those deemed to be of exceptional status, receives a trophy. There is no monetary prize.

This year the event was hosted by District 9810 at Doncaster and Maryborough's nominee was Peppa Breitingner.

Unfortunately, Peppa was absent on the day, so her father Harold and I travelled to Melbourne, where he received the award on her behalf.

I urge the club to remain involved in this event. It is both a humbling and uplifting experience to see how people less fortunate than ourselves, have great achievements, despite their disability.





Chair: PP Graeme Rogan

Committee Members: Graeme Rogan, David Hare, Tracey Smith, Harold Breitingner, Judy Rinaldi, Shane Dellavedova and John Williamson.

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

Due to unavailability of Shane Green (Facilitator) the LIFT Program for 2016 is to be conducted in Term 3 for MEC and Highview students. Participants to possibly include Year 9 and upwards students as Years 11/12 students are now fully occupied with their respective study programmes.

Due to an identified need there is to be a second LIFT Programme conducted particularly aimed at disadvantaged /at risk youth (follows discussions held with Leading Senior Constable Dennis Farrell, Police Youth Worker and Frances Clarke GELC). To be programmed for Term 3.

Venue: Both courses - Community Hub

These annual events have been included in Club Activities calendar.

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) – Camp was to occur 1st to 3rd April 2016 at Adekate Camp, BUT was cancelled due to lack of responders. This program is so beneficial on so many levels. No local children attended, but we always live in hope and will make a concerted effort for attendees in 2017.

This is annual event and has been included in Club Activities calendar.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) for young people 18-26. Another highly valuable Rotary youth program. However applications closed 19th December 2015 and due to oversight as a Club we missed out on sending participants. This has been programmed for action later in year to ensure we do not miss 2017 intake.

This is annual event and has been included in Club Activities calendar.

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. Following our success last year we are again trying to obtain participants.

National Youth Science Forum – Marion Walters (Highview) has made representation to John Williamson and me re a Highview student who is very keen to participate in NYSF Program but resides in Castlemaine.

We agreed that Maryborough would approach Castlemaine Rotary to sponsor this candidate.

Current & ongoing through 2016.

Debate: Planning is in progress for a public debate to be held later in year (most likely Term 3) comprising MEC/Highview students (on a current topic of their choosing) against a selected team of Rotarians. Rotarians to dress up as Roman Senators (togas, etc). Article to be prepared for Maryborough Advertiser. Venue to be determined.

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

This is annual event and has been included in Club Activities calendar

General Business:

Youth Committee is looking at an Alternative Youth Exchange Programme (similar to Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club) – PP Graeme and PP Robert Rowe to co-ordinate address by Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club to Maryborough Club on this matter to be held for later in year.

In conclusion I thank all Youth Committee members for their efforts during the year and very much look forward to continuing in the role in the forthcoming Rotary year.

