



Rotary Club of Maryborough

Annual Report

2016 - 2017



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President's Report (Rtn Martin Mackay)

On becoming President, I was told, and I now believe, that your Presidential year will pass very fast. The first six months flew past with me managing to keep up, and the last six months were gone before I realized it.

Just as I began to feel presidential; it was over.

This was something I couldn't understand at the beginning of my year as president.

The fact that this club has a full and varied program filled with events, dinners and functions, squeezed into one year certainly made the year run fast. My year started: with three Rotary changeovers, a strategy planning meeting, a board meeting and various committee and dinner meetings, meant that July was gone.

August saw the first of our computer nights at the MEC (food handling on line), the District Governors visit to our club, more dinner and committee meetings and a working bee before September rushed in. A second MEC computer night on Facebook followed, I'm sorry, I've forgotten my password again. Geoff James commenced with the first of his video presentations, which evolved into a series called "Inkspots" relating to aspects of Rotary.

Many nights preparing for the Wings & Wheels weekend were washed out when heavy rains made the Maryborough Airport dangerous to use. Events to be held there were cancelled just before the event. Nonetheless we danced the night away thanks to the efforts of Shane & Jackie Dellavedova. Successful participation in the "Defying the Drift" program, run by Beaufort Rotary and the "Seniors Bike Ride" completed the first quarter of our Rotary year.

The next quarter saw the club conduct a membership survey, Hat for Hats Day, and the last of three LIFT (Leadership Instruction for Teens) programs. The last one was conducted with the help of Police officers at the Bluelight Camp in Maldon. I found the issues facing some of the indigenous youth at this camp very challenging. November was a challenge for the club with the "Pyrenees Bike Ride" and the RACV "Energy Breakthrough" both requiring a large commitment from the club membership and some individual members. The Oaks Day Dinner, Day for Girls and the Ladies High Tea and Rotary District training and seminars saw the club kicking goals throughout this quarter.

In the last six months the club has conducted An International Woman's Day dinner, conducted the Districts RYPEN program, sponsored the Districts RYLA program, two more LIFT programs, the very successful Bruce Postle presentation evening and conducted a program of dinner meetings and participated in district events also.

All this activity has occurred with the help and the efforts of the Board and Committee Chairs, which are listed elsewhere. Some bore more positions than should have been expected them but did so willingly. My gratitude and thanks are theirs. Some of the newer members took up roles and excelled in their performance. My thanks to them also.

At the District Conference held at Mount Gambier, Maryborough Rotary member Anthony Ohlsen was confirmed as District Governor Elect.

Maryborough Rotary was the only club at the conference to receive an award. The award was the "Significant Achievement Award for Outstanding and Significant Community Service Efforts in recognition of our project "SayNo2Family Violence".

For their efforts in fundraising and promoting awareness of this issue I would like to thank the members of that committee, Garry Higgins, Bob Butterfield, Chris Frahn, Thea Allan and Louise Hanby D'Wynn.

This project is truly outstanding and achieving recognition within Rotary and in the wider community and internationally.

Finally,

I realize I have not mentioned the achievements of many Rotarians, they deserve a mention but space does not permit this. Because of their efforts throughout the year in all areas of our program, we have been successful in serving our community and in ***Serving Humanity***.

I wish incoming President Karen and her new board the very best for the coming year and I look forward to being part of it and to help them ***Make a Difference***.

Yours in Rotary

Martin Mackay
President 2016-2017
Maryborough Rotary.

Board Members 2016-2017

President.....	Martin Mackay
Immediate Past President.....	Thea Allan
President Elect.....	Karen McCarthy
Vice President.....	Meryl James
Secretary.....	Derrick Marsden
Treasurer.....	Peter Haywood
Community Director.....	Noel Jennings
International Director.....	Meryl James
Vocational Director.....	Matt Broad
Youth Director.....	Graeme Rogan

During the year Geoff James assisted as Vocational Director when Matt Broad was unable to fulfil the commitment.

Governance Committee's 2016-2017

Administration.....	Meryl James
Foundation.....	Derrick Marsden
Fundraising.....	Rodney Brown
Membership.....	Garry Higgins
Public Image.....	Bob Butterfield

Secretary Report (PP PHF Derrick Marsden)

It is amazing how the time flies when you immerse yourself into the various responsibilities of Secretary.

During the year, duties included the following:

- Attending to inward and outward mail
- Preparation of Board Meeting Agenda's and Minute's
- Preparation of AGM Agenda and Minutes
- Semi Annual returns for Rotary International in July and January
- Notification of new members to Rotary International and Rotary Down Under
- Involvement with RACV Energy Breakthrough and various BBQ's

I would like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of Past District Governor, Geoff James, during the year he has contributed in many areas of our Club's Administrative functions, especially in the areas of club guidelines, strategy plan, planning documentation, rules and by-laws.

A very special thank you to all the Board Members, for contributing their time and expertise in the running of our Club.

To all our Members, we are so lucky to be involved in this wonderful club and the International organization of Rotary, I thank you for your efforts during 2016-2017

Yours in Rotary
Derrick Marsden
Secretary

Treasurer's Report (Rtn Peter Haywood)

During the year there were many highlights including the wonderful efforts of all members during the RACV Energy Breakthrough, support for our fundraisers, the Travel Raffle and number of BBQ's through the year.

Thank you to all Rotarians for their support during 2016-2017.

Peter Haywood
Treasurer

Rotary Club of Maryborough Balance sheet As At 30th June 2017

ASSETS

Current Assets	
NAB Fundraising Account	\$24,069.74
NAB General Account	\$10,551.86
Nab Term Deposit	\$30,823.90
Total	<u>\$65,445.50</u>

Total Current Assets	<u>\$65,445.50</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$65,445.50</u>
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LIABILITIES	\$0.00
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NET ASSETS	<u>\$65,445.50</u>
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EQUITY

Opening Balance Equity	\$69,716.08
Retained Earnings	-\$21,908.29
Net Income	\$17,637.71

TOTAL EQUITY	<u>\$65,445.50</u>
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**Rotary Club of Maryborough
Profit & Loss
July 2016 through June 2017**

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income	Sundry Income		
	Donations from Members	\$100.00	
	Donations	\$840.30	
	Sale of eggs	\$25.00	
	Medical Emergency Books	\$100.00	
	Total Sundry Income		\$1,065.30
	Income from Community Events		
	Ballarat Swap Meet Hired Hands	\$2,520.00	
	BBQ Sales	\$3,269.66	
	Bowel Scan	\$7,345.00	
	Family Violence Donations	\$8,388.00	
	Marquee's	\$2,750.00	
	Pyrenees Bike Ride 2016	\$2,372.66	
	RACV Energy Breakthrough	\$7,518.45	
	Community Events Other	\$760.00	
	Total Income from Community Events		\$34,923.77
	Income from Members		
	Bar	\$2,758.00	
	Changeover Dinner	\$2,076.00	
	Dinner Fees	\$30,443.75	
	Disaster Aid Australia Fund	\$409.00	
	Fines & Spare Change	\$1,483.76	
	Friday Footy Frenzy	\$520.00	
	Membership Dues	\$17,262.00	
	Raffle Prize Pool	\$496.00	
	Raffle Ticket Sales	\$762.85	
	Rotary Foundation	\$3,616.00	
	Travel Raffle	\$21,202.61	
	Total Income from Members		\$81,029.97
	Income to Rotary Programs		
	Rotary Health	\$135.70	
	Film Night	\$392.00	
	Polio Plus	\$1,488.80	
	Total Income to Rotary Programs		\$2,016.50

Additional Income

Interest received	\$827.15	
International Harmony dinner	\$1,655.85	
Marmalade Sales	\$71.50	
Emergency Info Wallet sales	\$160.00	
Re-imbursed Expenses	\$58.96	
Total Additional Income		\$2,773.46
Total Income		\$121,809.00

Expenses

Program Expenses

Auction Expenses	\$82.00	
BBQ Supplies	\$4,006.25	
Beacon Program Donation	\$909.50	
Community Events Expenses	\$4,728.57	
Family Violence	\$6,869.20	
Pride of Workmanship	\$34.90	
RACV Energy Breakthrough	\$5,576.00	
RYPEN Conference Centre Deposit	\$500.00	
Total Program Expenses		\$22,706.42

Member Expenses

ClubRunner	\$626.02	
Badges, Pins & Kits	\$39.50	

Dinner Costs

Catering Costs	\$190.00
Hire of Hall	\$300.00
Dinner Cost	\$20,115.25

Total Dinner Cost

Dues and Subscriptions	\$13,303.23	
Public Notices	\$69.03	
Raffle Prize Pool Winnings	\$515.00	
Total Member Expenses		\$35,158.03

Rotary Programs

Bowel Scan	\$7,154.00	
Defying the Drift	\$2,532.50	
Polio Plus	\$2,353.52	
Rotary Foundation	\$11,363.65	

Total Rotary Programs \$23,403.67

Programs Other

Medic Alert foundation	\$910.08	
Surabaya Orphanage - Indonesia	\$600.00	
Total Programs Other		\$1,510.08

Overhead Costs

Connection Fee	\$60.00	
Aerodrome Rental	\$404.00	
BBQ Trailer	\$171.90	
Gas & Electricity - Shed Power	\$668.50	
Gifts & Donations	\$20.00	
Insurance - BBQ Trailer	\$374.06	
Office Supplies	\$335.40	
Accounting	\$100.00	
Legal Fees	\$440.00	
Promotion	\$112.85	
Total Overhead Costs		\$2,686.71

Bank Fees

Flexipay Fee	\$240.75	
NAB Connect Fee	\$66.50	
Total Bank Fees		\$307.25

Sundry Expenses

TV Mounting - Havilah	\$1,458.08	
Global Grants	\$600.00	
John Logan Foundation	\$200.00	
Maryborough Ambulance Auxiliary - Donation	\$300.00	
Numberplate Screws	\$271.55	
Polka Dots for Peppa	\$217.50	
Pyrenees Magic Bike Ride	\$852.00	
Rock the Foundations - New Year's Eve Dance	\$1,000.00	
Travel Raffle	\$13,500.00	
Total Sundry Expenses		\$18,399.13

Total Expenses \$104,171.29

Net Income \$17,637.71

Program (Rtn. Alison Teese)

Program Report for 2016-2017

Our Rotary Program this year has been very diversified, with many interesting guest speakers as well a number of our own Members updated the Club on what was happening in their lives and workplaces.

This is a summary of some the events that made up our program for the year:

- Meeting at the Rotary Shed for a clean-up & BBQ.
- Breakfast Meeting at Peppa's Restaurant due to Havilah AGM
- Set-Up Meeting at the RACV Energy Breakthrough Track.
- Presidents Xmas Dinner Meeting at Moonlight Inn
- BBQ Meeting at the home of Terry & Thea Allan
- Vocational Meeting at Maryborough Resource Centre and Dinner at Rammy Desert
- Cooked pancakes for Australia Day at The Hud in the Station Domain
- Special Meeting to discuss Program and Projects
- Caitlin Allman enlightened Club Members on visit to NYSF in Canberra
- Vocational visit to the Maryborough Ambulance Station
- Travel Raffle draw at our Dinner Meeting on the 23rd February 2017
- Attendance by many Members at the Ballarat Swap Meet
- Group 7 Meeting in Maryborough on Thursday 8th March 2017
- A visit by Jeffery Tan – World renowned Master Chef
- District Conference in Geelong
- John Sedunary – Compassionate Friends
- International Photographer, Bruce Postle at the Highland Society
- District Assembly in Ararat
- International Dinner on the 3rd June 2017
- District Changeover in Mount Gambier

Members also attended may other meetings such as Board Meetings, Wings & Wheels Meetings, Energy Breakthrough Meetings and some Members attended Meetings at other Rotary Clubs.

Membership Report (PP PHF Garry Higgins)

Membership Report 2016-2017

Rotary International have been reviewing how we can make Rotary more interesting and exciting for Rotarians.

With new regulations easing the requirements on attendance, Rotary Clubs can now be more lenient on those members who have difficulty in attending meetings on a regular basis.

This year we introduced one new member, Shyam Sundermalik from Rammy Dessert, our local Indian Restaurant.

But lost the following members:

Matt Broad	Due to work and family reasons
Garry Brooker	Moved Ballarat and has joined a new club
Graeme Costellow	A long servicing member who was unable to attend meetings
Bryce Rawlings	A stalwart of the Rotary Club who has retired to a lifestyle change

Membership will always be an issue for all Rotary Clubs, and it will be important in the future to introduce some younger members who will take over the mantle of those who have toiled before them.

Foundation Report (PP PHF Derrick Marsden)

This year was a very busy year for Foundation in our Club.

During the year many members contributed towards the Foundation on Birthdays and Anniversaries, it is always appreciated when members remember our Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Maryborough on behalf of the members also contributed Aus\$2,000.00 to The Rotary Foundation.

Your Board have approved a motion, that the Foundation Committee are to consider members that have given 10 years of Rotary Service, when next proposing a recognition for a Paul Harris Fellow.

Letters were distributed to members in May 2017, advising them of their weekly contributions to The Rotary Foundation and the amount required to fulfil Centurion status, many members accepted this offer.

The International Committee put a recommendation to the Board, that our Club contribute to the Brian Humphries "Fresh Water Project" in Cambodia. The Board accepted this recommendation and forwarded a cheque for \$600.00, joining many other clubs in our Districts, in this joint Rotary Foundation Project.

The Foundation Committee arranged a film night, "Back Yard Ashes" on the 27th January 2017, the funds raised from this night, \$283.65, have been forwarded to The Rotary Foundation.

President Elect, Meryl James organised our inaugural "Rock the Foundations", New Year's Eve, Dinner Dance. This was a very successful night for Foundation, raising \$1,000.00. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

I would like to thank the members of The Foundation Committee for their support through the year.

Derrick Marsden
Foundation Director

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The Administration Committee is pleased to have successfully addressed all their Strategic Goals for this year.

Firstly, the Committee proposed and the Board approved, that the Maryborough Rotary Club Annual Report will be published for all members online, with hard copies only made available on request. The Board also decided that publication would be delayed until the end of the financial year, to enable the Treasurer to finalise accounts.

The Committee would like to thank the following members for their efforts in the administration of the Club:

- We thank Louise Hanby D'Wynn for her hard work publishing an informative, attractive bulletin each week, and encourage all members to be sure they read it regularly.
- Many members (38) took part in the food handling training course online, at the Maryborough Education Centre in August. Thank you to our food handling coordinator, Karen McCarthy for organising this, and for monitoring all our food handling activities during the year.
- Thank you to our attendance officer PP Bryce Rawlings and others who filled in when needed. This is not an easy task, and we remind members that it is important to get apologies in on time.
- Rob Bursill has again done a great job of keeping our bar stocked regularly, and we thank him for his efforts.
- Our asset register has been updated by PP Mallee Rowe and was presented at our AGM.
- PP Brian Thomas has taken on the responsibility of our Club History and Archives officer, and we thank him for his suggested ways to keep a check on these documents.
- Thank you to Tracy Smith for running her “fun” events during the year. Everyone enjoyed a good laugh on these social nights.

- Our Secretary, PP Derrick Marsden, and Karen McCarthy must be thanked for their great efforts maintaining our club trailers and Barbeque throughout the year, and arranging a successful shed tidiness working bee.
- A big thank you to Alison Teese and Shane Dellavedova for coordinating our club program during the year. We have had a variety of good guest speakers and social events. Thanks also to PDG PP Geoff James for his display of the club calendar, for our information, at each meeting.
- To our lively and entertaining Sergeant, Chris Frahn, our thanks for a job well done.
- To DGN PP Anthony Ohlsen and PDG PP Geoff James for keeping our technology working well. Thank you.
- A special thanks to Esther Waters for managing the venue and helping serve meals, as well as being part of a permanent set up team with PDG PP Geoff James.
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Finally, thank you to anyone I may have missed, and to those members who stepped in when asked, or when they saw help was needed. You play an invaluable part to ensure the administration of our club runs smoothly.

MERYL JAMES

President Elect Report (Rtn. Karen McCarthy)

President Elects Report 2016-2017

This past year has been a wonderful year.

The role of the President Elect has changed this year from doing the Administration to overseeing the Committees and being the go-between from the Board and reporting back to them. The decision was also made during the year to put the Chairs of the Committees on the Board thus having the answers straight away and having input and answers for the rest of the Board. This change will take place from July 1, 2017. I look forward to working with the Board to make the transition smooth and seamless.

I have had a very positive year as President Elect with the support the Club members and the District has given me. PETS and MDPETS were both inspirational and enlightening. The friendships that are made from these events show how Rotarians grow and support one another as clubs and members. Attending the Rotary International Convention and the President Elects Luncheon, were a fantastic experience. Meeting both the Rotary International President Elect and the Board members of Rotary International was inspirational. Anyone who attends these International Conventions, can't but help to come back motivated and excited for their year as President.

The District Conference is also a place for the members to become engaged with Rotary once again. Motivation is key at these events, and both are events I would encourage all Rotarians to attend regularly.

Maryborough Rotary sustains a wide range of activities, constantly being aligned to the strategic plan. With members supporting these programs they are going from strength to strength. The year ahead is looking very promising with the Club working together as one.

Karen McCarthy
President-Elect

Club Strategic Planning Report (DG PHF Geoff James)

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT 2016-17

Overview: Maryborough Rotary has continued to work with a comprehensive strategic plan that drives all the activities and projects of the club. The system has been refined a little over the past year in the light of experience.

Review Process Earlier: We started our annual review of the plan 4 weeks earlier this year – initially because I'll be away in July, but we're now of the opinion that this is a better time. It will enable us to get all plan documentation and meeting templates in place in readiness for the start of the next Rotary year on July 1st.

Two Nights Instead of One: The board passed a motion that the review process could now include two nights instead of one – the extra night being the Plan Affirmation Night in mid-June. However, if things work out, by asking members to complete a survey of their intentions to support major projects during the coming year, we may not need to take up a full extra meeting with such administration. We'll evaluate the outcomes of the survey and go from there.

The System is Shared: The planning process we have been using has been refined over the past year and DG Stephen Lamont has made our process available to other clubs in the District. Copies of the Strategic Plan Process, the Plan itself and committee meeting templates for a fictitious Rotary club called "Big Town Rotary" are now available to clubs on the District website.

Thanks: Thank you to all those members of our club who have got on board the club Strategic planning process over the past few years.

Geoff James (Club Planning Co-ordinator)

#SayNo2familyviolence Program Report (PP PHF Garry Higgins)

#SayNO2familyviolence Program

Our #SayNO2familyviolence project continues to have a huge impact on our community.

The initial awareness phase is continuing with the Highview College and the Avoca and Dunolly campuses of the Maryborough District Health Service erecting signage. In addition, the Central Goldfields Shire Council launched the erection of their sign by Emma King, CEO of VCOSS. All entrances to the City have also been signed as well as Princess Park.

Our Club, in conjunction with Loddon Mallee Women's Health Alliance have also conducted "Bystander" training with the executive of the District Health Service and the Maryborough Football Netball club.

We once again conducted our "Race Day" in conjunction with the Maryborough Harness Racing club.

Over the past year our Club has continued to play a major role in the GoGoldfields Family violence action group.

We have continued to develop our promotional DVD, having gained licences from Universal studios to use a number of songs for this project.

The project has created interest from other Rotary clubs and communities including Footscray, Ararat, Portland, Stawell and Port Moresby.

Maryborough Rotary has been successful in gaining funding from a philanthropic organisation to assist in developing our project into a format that can be replicated in other organisations

So, is all this work having an impact? There is no doubt that what our Club began three years ago is making a difference.

MDHS established an advisory board, of which our Club is a partner, as part of the "Health service response to family violence" and is working towards developing a range of programs.

MDHS in conjunction with the Centre for Nonviolence has appointed two family violence case workers who are based at the MDHS.

The “Tipping the Scales” project has started in Maryborough to assist in legal advice to victims and their family.

Figures released in the first week of June from the Victorian Crime Agency highlighted that there was a 5% average increase in reported family violence incidences in Victoria. In the Central Goldfields Shire, the increase in reported incidences was a staggering 36%. There is something unique happening in our community to cause this increase.

Our project has enabled all stakeholders to talk and collaboratively work towards developing a “different” way of confronting this issue. The community is more aware of the issue and victims have the confidence that if they report they will be safe, believed and supported.

If our project can save just one woman from being abused, or just one child from witnessing such abuse then our project will have been a success.

Can I take this opportunity to thank our Family Violence working group for their input and more importantly, their emotional sacrifice in working on this project? On many occasions we have all shed a tear when we stop and think of the ultimate outcomes of getting this wrong

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To our Maryborough Rotary Club for the courage and commitment they continue to provide in making our community safer and a better place to live.

Garry Higgins. PHF

Fundraising Report (PP PHF Rod Brown)

Fundraising Report 2016-2017

This Rotary Year we have seen some amazing efforts by Members in raising funds for Club and International projects, here is a summary:

- Wings & Wheels – An incredible effort was put in by many Rotarians in preparation for Wings & Wheels 2016. There were many events arranged, including:

Car Cruise
Helicopter Rides
Pokémon
Aerodrome Food Court
Town Hall Rock & Roll Dance.

Sadly, due to some very unseasonal weather, all the outdoor events were cancelled

The only survivor was the Town Hall Rock & Roll Dance organized by Shane & Jackie Dellavedova, which was a raving success. Funds Raised \$700+

- Friday night Footy Frenzy – Malley Rowe once again did a great job raising funds for our International Surabaya Orphanage Project. Funds Raised \$520+
- Central Goldfields Get Up and Go Family Fund Day Funds Raised \$300+
- Pyrenees Bike Ride – Peter Haywood created this event and it goes from strength to strength because of his untiring efforts Funds Raised \$2,370+
- RACV Energy Breakthrough – One of our Major events for the year and an incredible effort by the whole Club in Marshalling on the Pit Exit, BBQ and erection of the Marquees with the support of the Royal Park Football Club Funds Raised \$4,500+
- New Year's Eve Dinner Dance – This event was the brain child of Vice President, Meryl James. The inaugural event was a wonderful success. Funds Raised \$1,000+
- Film Night – Backyard Ashes held at Maryborough Education Centre, film provided by the Director, Producer and Writer, Mark Grentell Funds Raised \$280+
- Ballarat Swap Meet – Once again the members came to the fore for a major effort, this is becoming a good annual fundraiser. Funds Raised \$2,500+
- Travel Raffle – Due to an incredible effort by PE, Karen, PP Terry Allan and many other Members we had a wonderful result once again. Funds Raised \$7,700+
- Veterans Cyclist Meet Funds Raised \$500+
- International Dinner – Another event that was the inspiration of VP Meryl James, a wonderful night was had by all at the Highland Society Funds Raised \$1,650+
- A few Members also auctioned off Eggs, Jams and Chutneys that raised additional funds for the Club. Thank you to those members who donated goods. Funds Raised \$100+

Rod Brown

Community Committee Report (PP PHF Noel Jennings)

COMMUNITY REPORT 2016 – 2017

Garry Higgins and his committee for family violence, are working hard to get the word out there, by visiting other Rotary clubs.

“Say No to family violence” badges have been made and will help us with getting the message out there.

Bowelscan has seen a 'changing of the guard', with Bob Osborne, through bad health, handing the job over to Murray Henderson. Bob has been a Champion of Bowelscan for many years.

Energy Breakthrough has come and gone. Huge effort again, thanks to all the helpers. Perhaps we can enlist some extra help this year.

Marquees, through co-ordinator Matt Broad, have met all commitments for last year, giving us Rotarians a spell from heavy lifting

BBQ trailer used many times throughout the year, flying Rotary banner. Good community spirit

Pyrenees Magic - Peter Haywood organising another ride this September

Brian Dowie Conservation Park

It was January 1996 that Rotary was officially delegated the role of caring for and developing the Brian Dowie Conservation Park in Carisbrook. A walk around the park shows just how the park has progressed, it will also show that the trees and shrubs have grown fantastically, the bird population has also grown and can be heard wherever you walk. There is evidence of increasing visits for picnics and dog walking, and while the old mine building is preserved as planned, the man works are deteriorating. The interpretive centre signage has faded in that twenty years and the furniture is ageing.

Important work has been done at the Park, many fallen pine trees have been stacked by PP Tom Davies and the heaps burned by the Carisbrook CFA team. The pathways have been trimmed and cleaned up by the team from the Malmsbury Youth Detention Centre and we have had our Rotarians do regular maintenance work.

The park has been preserved for the last 20 years and now offers opportunities to contribute to our community for the next 20 years looking forward, the community will need more walking tracks, bicycle tracks, picnic areas, parking for RV vehicles and perhaps marking of the small railway line, its existence is still obvious.

The potential of the park is enormous and Rotary has the skills to carry on with this great project.

International Report (Rtn Meryl James)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-17

The International Committee has successfully addressed our Strategic Goals again this year, to support and promote International causes and issues.

- Under the heading of EDUCATION, we have continued our brief information on, and toast to an International Rotary Club segment at meetings, and I thank Murray Henderson for organising this and those members who have willingly taken part.

We conducted a public display of a Disaster Aid Box in a vacant shop during the Energy Breakthrough. Thank you to DGN AG PP Anthony Ohlsen for organising this.

We held our second successful International Harmony Dinner at the Highland Society on 3rd June, with themed tables and lots of fun, music and games. My thanks to those Rotarians who helped make the night a success by attending, inviting guests, donating prizes or helping on the night. A special thank you to "Lochinver Farmstay" for the fantastic major raffle prize and to other Maryborough businesses for their generous support. Funds raised will support our international projects.

- Under the heading of OVERSEAS PROJECTS, we have again supported the Surabaya Orphanages, with funds raised from PP Mallee Rowe's popular Footy Frenzy and we thank him for his continued efforts in running this.

We have supported a Geelong Rotarian's Cambodian Water project, which has now received a District Grant.

We have facilitated donations to the following causes:

AQUABOX DISASTER AID BOX PEACE CENTRES ROMAC DONATIONS IN KIND
ARH INDIGENOUS NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS DAYS FOR GIRLS

- Under the heading WOMEN'S ISSUES, we held a very successful day in November sewing and packing menstruation packs for the "Days for Girls" project, with the help of members of the Maryborough ZONTA Club, GELC and Red Cross. Another day is planned for August 2017. Our thanks to Margaret Cunningham from the Melbourne chapter of "Days for Girls" for leading us, and to the Maryborough Education Centre for the generous use of their facilities.

This year, we supported the ZONTA Club at their International Women's Day event, rather than running our own, and some of our members have also supported ZONTA by helping put together birthing kits and cushions for breast cancer patients. We hope to keep fostering this relationship.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all the members of the Committee who have contributed in so many ways to a successful year of "Rotary Serving Humanity". I have appreciated your support and encouragement and I pass on to John Hazledine, the incoming chair, my best wishes for a successful 2017/18.

MERYL JAMES

Vocational Report (Rtn Matt Broad & PDG PHF Geoff James)

VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-17

Overview: The Vocational Committee is pleased to announce that it achieved most of its goals in the past year, and has in fact added a couple of extra goals for the future.

Leadership: Our year started with PP Bryce Rawlings as chair and when Bryce sought leave, Matt Broad became chair with Geoff James standing in when Matt was unavailable. Geoff chaired the last few meetings. At one stage, members of the committee wondered whether the Vocational area had enough on its plate to warrant a separate committee in the club, but the Board decided that the Vocational Avenue of service needed its own committee and agenda.

Business Mentoring: We haven't done anything in this area this year apart from clarifying how to move forward. In future, we will explore the idea of making our members available as a friendly sounding board for people just starting out in local business.

Ethics & The Four Way Test: We've had one meeting based around ethics when we showed a video of Prof. Michael Sandel talking about the moral limits of money. The video generated a lot of discussion and we plan to have at least two meeting nights based around business ethics over the next year.

Global Networks: We fostered an "Ink Spot" on Fellowships and Action Groups, and plan to have at least one meeting on this in the next year where we get people who have been members of fellowships to talk about their experiences.

Job Talks: We've developed a roster for members to give "State of My Vocation in 2 Minutes" talks and the one's we've had have been longer than 2 minutes, but well received by members. The roster will operate throughout the next Rotary year.

Mock Interviews: We're happy to pass this area onto the Youth portfolio, but did participate with MEC during the past year. We'll make the same offer to Highview in the coming year.

Shine On: We looked for but didn't find an applicant for Shine On awards in this past year, but will canvas the community again in November-December.

Vocational Awards – We're planning a big Vocational award night on October 10th with \$5000 in sponsorship from the Shire.

Pride of Workmanship: No awards were presented in the last year but we're planning a night in September to make awards to those in the Ambulance and medical fields.

Vocational Visits: We had a vocational visit to the ambulance station earlier this year and plan to have further visits in the coming Rotary year.

Thanks: Thank you to all those members of the Vocational committee who have helped out over the past year, and to club members who have got behind our projects.

Geoff James (Acting Chair)

Youth Services Committee Report 2016-2017

LIFT (Learning Instruction for Teens) Program with students from MEC and Highview Secondary Colleges, Goldfields Employment and Learning Centre (GELC) and Federation University (Maryborough Campus) continue to inspire our young people.

Courses were conducted at "The Hub" on Thursday 16th March, 27 Year 7-11 students from MEC and Highview Colleges and again on 9th May for 23 VCAL students from Goldfields Employment and Learning Centre (GELC) and Federation University (Maryborough Campus).

Due to an identified need there was a special LIFT Programme conducted particularly aimed at 23 disadvantaged /at risk Indigenous youth on 25th November 2016.

The venue was the Blue Light Youth Camp in Maldon.

Auntie Julie McHale and Auntie Katherine Coff from NALDERUN out of Castlemaine and District Health Services as well as Auntie Kerri Douglas (Keso) from Goldfields did a tremendous job organising the youth's attendance.

Maryborough Rotary Club very kindly offered Shane GREEN to run a LIFT Programme on Saturday morning with the young people taking turns in public speaking and working in teams to solve puzzles. They were very challenged and had a lot of fun.

One of the objectives of this camp was to pass on some indigenous culture to the indigenous youth in a fun and engaging way. People would be very surprised at how often we find young indigenous people who don't know very much about their culture, we also find that whenever we run these sessions they love it.

Auntie Julie had 3 teachings for the kids to listen to and had them enthralled. Herself and Auntie Kerri also performed a welcoming and smoking ceremony. Auntie Kerri taught the kids about aboriginal art. Accolades are still being received.

These annual events have been included in Club Activities calendar.

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) – held at Adekate Camp on the weekend of Friday 7th April to Sunday 9th April with one local student Jasmine King attending. This program is so beneficial on so many levels.

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 due to oversight we as a Club missed out on sending participant/s. 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 Year 10/11 students who want to remain and work in the rural area. Defying the Drift is a program designed to empower

- Young people to:
- Identify and explore agriculture and Agribusiness career opportunities
- Build communication skills and develop career-enhancing networks

The programme ran over Monday September 26, 2016 to Wednesday September 28, 2016 at the Marcus Oldham College, Geelong.

Defying the Drift starts with a 3-day residential program at Marcus Oldham College where participants learn new skills, discover many rural futures, meet some great young agriculture role models and have a great time.

The second part is a presentation by each participant at their sponsoring Rotary Club – a great chance to meet community leaders. Presentations are expected to cover what participants have learnt through the Defying the Drift program and their personal reflections on possible rural futures.

Five local students attended:

Keltyn Rinaldi, Samuel Matthews, Solomone Murikanaka – all of whom attend Highview College
Teegan Thorpe – who attends MEC
Mason Smith – who attends St Pat's College Ballarat

National Youth Science Forum – Caitlin Allman who was a Year 11 student at Bendigo Senior Secondary College and resides in Maryborough was our successful NYSF applicant. Caitlin attended the NYSF Orientation Day at Federation University on 8th October 2016 and then the main NYSF Programme in Canberra in January 2017.

The NYSF Year 12 Program is designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage them to continue their studies in these fields. At the NYSF Year 12 Program run in January each year.

Participants:

- visit science and technology related laboratories and facilities,
- go on site tours,
- listen to lectures,
- take part in workshops,
- go to social events, and
- participate in group activities that improve communication and presentation skills.

Participants also take part in sessions on entrepreneurship, critical thinking, how to work together effectively, and more. The focus is not solely on academic achievements, but on developing well-rounded individuals who have the skills and confidence to determine their futures.

Caitlin says her participation in NYSF was a life changing experience and she has since been to the USA on a similar programme

Current & ongoing through 2017.

Mock Job Interviews

Approximately 22 VCAL students from MEC participated in mock job interviews with Rotarians on Wednesday 17th August 2016.

The task for the students is to choose from some prepared job advertisements and go through the application process. They then create a resume and cover letter which they bring with them to a mock job interview and receive feedback from the interview panel.

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

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:

Debate: Planning is in progress for a public debate to be held later in 2017 (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.

Alternative Youth Exchange Programme (Schoolies)

Youth Committee is looking at alternative to “schoolies”. In partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Stawell and Ararat.

Team Cambodia: This successful program was initiated by the Rotary Club of Stawell in 2013. It offers year 12 students an alternative to the *schoolies* celebrations.

- The tour encourages students to develop a sense of themselves and our common humanity in a challenging and divided world. It encourages social responsibility, altruism and the ideal of service above self.
- The purpose of the tour is to learn about the history of Cambodia, to form a deeper understanding of the difficulties that developing countries face and to understand the complexities of international development work.
- Students will return with a greater understanding of the world around them through the experiences of this tour and form lifetime memories

This year the proposed itinerary to Cambodia combines, history, culture, humanitarian and educational experiences. An experience not to be missed. This is a unique cultural experience:

- Proposed Departure Date: Sat 25th November 2017
- Proposed Return Date: Sun 10th December 2017

In conclusion I thank all of the Youth Committee members for their efforts during a very successful and fruitful year.

I also wish the incoming Youth Chair Harold Breitingger the best on his new endeavour and very much look forward to continuing as a member of the Youth Committee in the forthcoming Rotary year.

Graeme Rogan
Youth Services Chair

Public Relations Report (Rtn Bob Butterfield)

Public Relations Report 2016/2017

The past year has been very busy, exciting and influential for our club.

A new era of co-operation with all media outlets saw the endeavours of the club covered by The Advertiser, The Mercury, WIN TV, Rotary Down Under and major news outlets in Melbourne. Each edition of The Advertiser carries the #SayNO2familyviolence banner.

Our club's major project; #SayNo2family violence has seen two annual Harness Race Meetings named for the project, numerous visits to fellow Rotary Clubs throughout the state, to spread the family violence message, along with additional financial support from groups outside of Rotary. Garry Higgins has been receiving invitations to address other clubs, drawing attention to Maryborough and our work.

Our club leads the way in bringing awareness to the Family Violence problem in today's society, by sharing an adjustable template for club's guidance.

A visit from award winning photo journalist, Bruce Postle, received a lot of media attention, from newspapers and television. Non- Rotarians were welcomed to join the event at the Highland Society, further drawing attention to the Rotary experience.

The Advertiser continues to provide coverage on Maryborough Rotary's many projects and events, both locally and globally.

Public Relations helps to promote our clubs ongoing works with media articles, and now a new eye catching #SAYNO2familyviolence badge. The badge received a great response when it was released at an evening presentation to Ocean Grove Rotary, where a representation from Rotary Club of Maryborough, spread the word.

We can look forward to building on the avenues that have been opened for Public Relations.

Bob Butterfield

Bowel Scan Report (PP PHF Bob Osborne OAM)

Bowel Scan Report 2016-2017

Due to my failing health the bulk of this program was covered by Rtn Murray Henderson.

It was again very successful in Maryborough.

However, sales in the outlying area (Clunes, Dunolly & Inglewood) were down a little.

This may have been in part due to the changing TV network (Nine and WIN) with less exposure than in the past.

The current test kit is a little more expensive, but more accurate than in the past.

Members of the community are advised to remain vigilant with Bowelscan, since Bowel cancer is one of the highest causes of cancer yet if detected early is easy to treat, and shows a high recovery rate.

Thanks to the participating pharmacies and to Rtn Murray Henderson for their support in the past year.

Bob Osborne
Murray Henderson

Probus Club Report (PP PHF Bob Osborne OAM)

Probus Report 2016-2017

Probus is a senior club started by Rotary International, as a way of helping those whom have retired to stay connected within their communities.

The original Men's club (now combined) was started in 1984, and the Ladies Club 10 years later.

Both the Maryborough Combined Probus club and the Maryborough Ladies Club have been actively supporting the Retired people in our community with engaging speakers and great activities both within Maryborough and trips around the state.

The Probus Club in Dunolly is also very active also. The membership remains steady in all 3 clubs, even though it is aging.

We need to be supportive of the 3 Clubs started by Maryborough Rotary.

Bob Osborne

Rotary Club of Maryborough Membership 2016-2017

Terry Allan	Geoff James
Thea Allan	Meryl James
Kate Ashton	Noel Jennings
Toby Bainbridge	Martin Mackay
Harold Breitingner	Derrick Marsden
Matt Broad	Karen McCarthy
Garry Brooker	Anthony Ohlsen
Rodney Brown	Robert Osborne OAM
Robert Bursill	Bryce Rawlings
Bob Butterfield	Judy Rinaldi
John Caulfield	Graeme Rogan
Francis Clarke	Robert Rowe
Graeme Costello	Tracey smith
Tony Coyle	John Stewart
Tom Davies	Sam Sundermalik
Shane Dellavedova	Alison Teese OAM
Mark Edmondson	Brian Thomas
Ted Edwards	David Tynan
Chris Frahn	Marion Walters
Ray Hannan	Esther Waters
David Hare	John Williamson
Louise Hanby D'Wynn	Leigh Williamson
Peter Haywood	
John Hazledine	
Murray Henderson	
Barbara Hilder	
Garry Higgins	