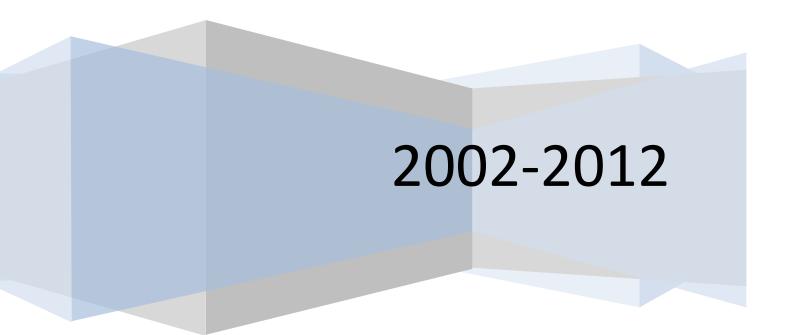
**Ten Years of Service** 





## Office Bearers 2002-2012

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
2002/2003	Anthony Ohlsen	Derrick Marsden	Brian Thomas.
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2004/2005	John Bryant	Jim Field	Noel Jennings
2005/2006	Robert Rowe	Anthony Ohlsen	Robert Bursill
2006/2007	Grant Kennedy	Anthony Ohlsen	Robert Bursill
2007/2008	Derrick Marsden	Anthony Ohlsen	Len Anderson
2008/2009	John Caulfield	Anthony Ohlsen	David Hare
2009/2010	Geoff James	Peter Haywood	David Hare
2010/2011	John Stewart	Thea Allen	John Williamson
2011/2012	Terry Allen	Thea Allen	John Williamson.

This document is intended to provide an overview of many of the activities of the Rotary Club of Maryborough in the ten years from 2002 to 2012. The first 50 years was documented by PP Daryl McLeish in "Fifty Years of Service" and no doubt a more formal record will be made for the next 25 or 50 years. It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words, we trust you will enjoy browsing through the story of the last ten tears of the Club. In the ten year period, we have had approximately 500 meetings and hundreds of other activities, so this is but a glimpse of Rotary in Action!



The Club has continued to meet weekly at The RSL Hall since 1959 (when the club moved to the RSL because of increasing membership). The RSL Hall has been a very suitable venue.

We greatly appreciate the co-operation of the Maryborough RSL who have been consistently patient and gracious land lords.



Maryborough is our home and the Club has worked to support and be part of the community for the last sixty years. During the last ten years there have been substantial changes to the public infrastructure. The Maryborough Hospital has been expanded and upgraded, The Maryborough Education Centre has replaced public schools and the areas they left are being re-developed for Senior housing, new supermarkets and other retail outlets have changed the city significantly.



#### The RSL Ladies.

Starting in 1959, and or for just on 47 years , the catering for our evening meal had been provided each Thursday by the RSL Ladies Auxiliary who did a magnificent job for us .In 2005 it finally became too great a task , we are forever grateful for not only great service but much friendship as well. The Havilah Ladies are now providing us with good food and service.



#### Weekly Meetings

As has been our custom during the life of the Club, we meet each Thursday at 6.00 for 6.30pm and enjoy a meal and fellowship. Guest speakers are an important part of our meetings and help to inform members of social, and business developments. Regular reports from directors and officers keep us informed about developments in Rotary International, District 9780 and the Club.



#### **Club Assemblies**

Were customarily held monthly and are designed to bring members together in their committees to plan and review existing operations and future activities. This also is our method of communicating committee plans to the club members. PP's David Boyes and Anthony Ohlsen lead this group in discussion.

Membership As is the case in most service organizations we have had many changes in membership over the last ten years. Sadly we have lost many of our foundation members and many older members through natural attrition. Brian Dowie, Daryl McLeish, Wes Parsons, Cliff Phelan, Noel Quaiffe, John Robins, John Ritchie, and Ian Zimmer have all passed on. Changes in employment, circumstances or relocation of homes has also cost us many members, Peter Brown, Geoff Brownbill, Don Bruce, Sharon Fanning, Ross Forster, Grant Kennedy, Charles Knight, David Boyes, Glynn Jarrett, Neil Arbuthnot, Charles Bovalino, Douglas Ball, Dean Blaske, Glyn Castanelli, Peita McNaught, Matt Kippen, Trevor Giles, Don Bruce, John Sedunary, Peter McCormick, Paula Nixon, Charles Townsing, Bernie Waixel and Stephen Walker come in that category. Other members have moved on for differing personal reasons, David Brown, Gerard Harris, Peter Treble, Peter McRae, Trevor Potter, Col Wallace, Peter Walsh, Ian De Lacy and Len Anderson.

All of these members have contributed tremendously to our Rotary Club and our community; many have moved on to new Rotary Clubs and continue to serve. We trust that in all their future endeavors the inspiration of Rotary will be of benefit to them.







**PP Jeff McKay,** a stalwart of the Club, celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday at a club meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2012.

**PP Trevor Lea** is awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship Sapphire by his current Club Wendouree Breakfast, Trevor was President of Maryborough in 1991/2.

PP Lindsay Willersdorf, Lindsay is our sole surviving Club Charter Member, Lindsay celebrated his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday in March this year, On May 15<sup>th</sup> 2012, PP's Bob Osborne, John Selmon and John Bryant visited Lindsay presenting him with a plaque celebrating 60 years. Lindsay appreciated the visit and the plaque Guest Speakers have brought us information on a wide variety of topics over the ten years. From diving at Vanuatu, drugs and alcohol, Valuations, Heritage, Polio Plus, Dentistry in China, Bike riding, Flying, The Printing Industry, the Dairy Industry, The world of artificial hearts, living with polio, The Kokoda track, to the Defence Industry and the Antarctic Experience. What great information they bring us!







*Guest speaker, Les Chapman, Secretary of the Maryborough Harness Club gave us an insight into the operations of a harness racing club.* 

*Alan Harvey, Valuer, addresses the Club.* A huge variety of speakers visited the Club.

A special address in 2008/9 was Ron Burroughs who spoke of being a prisoner in the infamous Changi prisoner of war camp and spoke at length of his wartime experiences.

Mayor Geoff Lovett in August 2002 spoke of his expectations of the development of Maryborough.

In 2006/7 a highlight was Chris Earl's presentation on a film of Maryborough in the 50's and 60's.

Rtn Peter Silver was representative of the excellent talks given by our own members.

Our program Chairman has a big task to organize a guest speaker for, a visitor from E each of our meetings and our knowledge of our community and the world is enhanced by the scope of the subjects and the experience of our speakers.



*Neil Storer, a visiting Rotarian from England, speaks to the Club* during a working bee at Brian Dowie Park which is an on going Rotary project. Named after former PP Brian Dowie, the area is a conservation park intended to have a long term future preserving the history of The Chalks No2 Gold mine and by presenting native flora in a natural environment. Brian Dowie was a pioneer of Landcare and a real conservationist.

In 2007/8 we had 15 partner nights and big nights with joint Aero Club meeting and the Navy Commanders of Armidale Class vessels.



#### Outings

Meetings include visits to other locations and other organizations as frequently as possible. Outings to HM Prison at Ararat, the Candle Factory at Newstead, PP John Bryant's farm, the Waubra windfarm and winery visits are just a few that were memorable outings. We also visit other Rotary Clubs and welcome guests. An emphasis on fun and enjoyment of meetings has continued and we find our guest speakers and visitors enjoy coming to Maryborough.



#### Vocational Visits.

Claude & Doris Jennings were our hosts on the evening of our visit to their property which is called "Redbanks". Not only did we visit the "Bed & Breakfast but Claude showed us the full property including his extensive groundwater irrigation system. We have also enjoyed visits to the Maryborough Football Club and the Maryborough Golf Club.



**It's not all work!!!!** Here we see Coach driver PP Robert Rowe taking the Club on a fun walk through Dunolly. The evening and walk was organized by PP Bryce Rawlings and included all of the historic sites in the township. It proved to be most informative and a fun way to learn about a great gold mining town in which gold seeking is still an important activity with major nuggets still being found.

Joyce Sedunary was an important speaker when she told us of the plans for the "Sleeping Stars" production.



A night out at the Gun Club, some good shots....some not so good! If we can not shoot guns well we can shoot pool. PP Noel Jennings sees that we have our annual pool night at The Highland Society. A night at the Bowling club was also popular with Peter Walsh setting the standard.

**Rotary Fellowships** are just that....the visit of The New Zealand Cricketing Fellowship of Rotarians was a great evening....NZ song and all!

Since the Rotary International Conference in Melbourne in 1993 Fellowships have expanded with The IFCR (International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians) and The RVFR ( Recreational Vehicle Fellowship Of Rotarians), being favorites with members of the Club.

We hoisted a visit by the Flying Fellowship of Rotarians, thanks to the organization by PP Rodney Brown. Activity in a Fellowship provides the opportunity to become acquainted with Rotarians from other Clubs and Countries.







A team of Cyclists from the Rotary Club of Pakenham on a 'Ride to Conference' in 2004. Most years we host cycling Rotarians from one District or another. An opportunity to learn of programs in other clubs and enjoy good fellowship.

Here they are again in 2012. A team from Pakenham including exchange students with maybe some of the older ones still having Breakfast, but on the same adventure and having a great time.

Bikies have also been an opportunity to use the BBQ to give them breakfasts on the road. In similar vein we have contributed to Triathalons by manning the roadways.



**PP Brian Dowie** was not only a member for many years but a pioneer of the Landcare movement. Brian passed away during the 2004/5 year after being incapacitated for a long period. Brian and Jean have been real contributors to Rotary over many years. President John Bryant welcomed Jean to this meeting , Jean expressed her thanks to the Club and also Brian 's enjoyment of his time in Rotary . Brian Dowie Park is witness to Brian's commitment to the principles of conservation.







Another social occasion, this time to raise funds, *"the progressive dinner"*.

The Club has always been financially sound. We have had reserves which enable us to meet emergencies and funds for many areas of need are often raised as a by product of fellowship/fun activities.

The BBQ trailer has provided a facility through which the Club could provide a service for Community organizations who needed food to be served but who had a lack of facilities or manpower. It also provided an opportunity to raise funds for our many other local or international service projects. It meant that members had to complete a food handling course and that a good deal of effort is needed to maintain the equipment and acquire and store the food.

On Barbeque duty at the Hub...it is important that we sample the food we provide.

*Erection of Marquees* has become a significant community activity. These marquees are owned and maintained by Council and stored, managed and erected by our Rotary members for all types of community functions. Funds raised go to other projects .







Our International activities have enabled links with Sudan and we have supported funding of School, Book and water projects. In 2003/4 we forwarded a full truck of obsolete medical equipment to Corio Rotary Club to be sent to the Pacific Islands. That year the Golf Day raised \$2100 which supported Romac, Interplast and Valahi in North Vanuatu with a water tank. Peter Silver led International committee in assisting Deniyaya Hospital by funding a heart operation and Doctor training. Fiona Silver is seen here on a visit she made with Peter to Sudan with the leader of another project.

The club, along with individual member donations, raised over \$10,000 for Operation Cleft that saw numerous children in Sri Lanka and other countries, be given the gift of a smile and a new life after cleft lips and palates were operated on.

PP Robert Rowe hands over some of the 2.5 tonnes of school books the club shipped over to Denipitiyaya Primary School The books were collected from primary schools around central Victoria

We assisted a small committee lead by Leo Dridan in making arrangements for a young boy to attend Primary school in Ampitheatre during the second half of the school year in order to gain English language skills to improve his prospects back in his home country of Nicaragua.

This family came to the Deniyaya Hospital seeking

assistance for the dad, however Dr. Tennakonn identified that both children had cleft palates. They were the impetus for the Maryborough Rotary Club becoming involved in the Operation Cleft program being run by the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central. Both children have now been treated and enjoy a normal and healthy life.



After the Tsunami in 2005, various club members helped build a nurses station at the Deniyaya Hospital in remote Sri Lanka. Rotarians Mark Edmundson and Robert Rowe had fun sourcing electrical conduits. Members also assisted is building a community centre at Weligama Sri Lanka Club funds were also channeled







Auction sales have been a major contributor to our funds for community service. Our members including Robert Rowe and Bryce Rawlings have made excellent auctioneers. Our methods have developed with Derrick Marsden now in charge of a comprehensive computer accounting system.

The Nestle **auction sale** proposed by Rtn Peter Brown to dispose of surplus goods was a great effort and earned commission in excess of \$12,000.

To strip and salvage anything of value from the three storey Nurses **home complex** prior to its demolition and then to sell the materials and donate the \$10000 proceeds back to the building fund was a huge task. The Club undertook the job and it was a great success.



Come *Melbourne Cup Time* we like to dress up. Here we are celebrating on OAKS Day. Everyone was a winner! These are the events which support projects such as the chaplaincy committee. In earlier times Rotary initiated many needed programs and projects, in this era we are often called upon to support others to make projects successful.





Christmas is another special occasion and President Geoff presides over a special dinner including the arrival of Santa.

International Service takes place in many ways. This Photo shows RI President Bill Boyd at the 2007 International Conference in Salt Lake City, with this young lady Emine, born in Istambul without arms, in a family of ten, had no hope of education or employment. Rotary CLE (Concentrated learning Encounter) taught her to read and write in 3 months, she got a job teaching small children. Rotary helped and she now has arms and hands and she has a life...thanks to Rotary.....she told the conference in Salt Lake City! We .... Lend a Hand.....when we give to Rotary Foundation....as we do!

**Paul Harris Awards** are made by the Club to members to acknowledge their service to Rotary and to support the Rotary Foundation. Among recipients were Don Bruce, Rodney Brown, Tom Davies, Charles Townsing, Jeff MacKay, John Selmon and Graham Costellow.

DG Jessie Harmon presents PHA to PP Noel Jennings and PP Anthony Ohlsen.

DG Kathy Roth presents a PHA to PP Tom Davies

Peter McRae received the Royce Abbey award in 2005 for his service to Rotary.



**Community Service** has been a special focus of the Club including Bowelscan, Polio Plus, Shine on awards, and Pride of Workmanship Awards. The Club has continued to grow its community serving assets, a new home for equipment and storage in the Shed at the Maryborough Aerodrome plus a barbeque trailer, a marquee trailer, cool room trailer and other items. All due to the diligence and fore thought of members. These facilities enable the Club to provide services and to raise money effectively and efficiently.



The **Barbeque Trailer has** become an essential part of club activities. It enabled us to assist, amongst many, the Little Athletics Club, Carols by Candlelight, and the Energy Breakthrough. The BBQ trailer is in almost continuous use. It is both a vehicle for fundraising and community service. It is now housed in the Rotary Shed.



The funding, design, building and management of "*the shed*" at the Maryborough Aerodrome was a major project. Prompted by PP Fred Treble and driven by PP Peter Treble and Rtn Noel Quaiffe and supported by many, it required a lot of effort and a substantial effort by the Club. The shed now houses all of our materials including the BBQ trailer, cool room trailer, marquees and marquee trailer and other tools and program materials.

Rtn Trevor Potter and the "hands–On" crew were generally at hand when there was hard work to be done.

#### Century Of Rotary

The Manse Project was first formally discussed by the Club at a meeting in 2003, the project was adopted as our Centennial Project celebrating 100 years of Rotary International, and found ways of raising funds and obtaining commitments from groups and individuals, including the Maryborough Highland Society, the family of the late Wes Parsons, trades people and partners in the project, the Maryborough District Health Service. As a result, the Manse (circa 1860) was opened in 2008/9 as accommodation for the family and relatives of patients at the hospital, there is also room for visiting medical students. The six bedrooms, four bathrooms, kitchen, and living rooms provide comfortable accommodation for family members. The total cost was \$350,000 and Rotary invested almost 300 man hours. The drivers of this project were PP John Bryant and PP Bryce Rawlings supported by members past and present.





#### RYPEN





These young people are taking part in an exercise at the **RYPEN** camp in April 2012. Planned for 15-18 year olds this **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment** brings about 30 young people together in order to help them enrich their lives by engaging with others. This camp was planned and managed by Shane and Jackie Dellavedova on behalf of the District In April 2006 a RYPEN weekend was organized and run by **PP Rod Brown** with the help of the Club. Here the young people are at Maldon Railway station awaiting the arrival of the steam train.lt was a great weekend with a large group experiencing RYPEN at its best.











#### The Pride of Workmanship

Award...Each year the Vocational Service Committee seeks out members of a facet of business, industry or public service who deserve to be recognized for the standards of workmanship which they display in their profession. An awards ceremony is organized and presentations are made . Over the last ten years 30 awards have been made and 11 apprentices have also received recognition. Included were: Lorraine Nicholson, Genevieve Williamson, Cory Howard, Wendy McIvor, Karen Hendrickson, Helen Ryan, Rhonda Clark, Rod Kennedy, Tim Smith, Todd Rowe, Brendan Evans, Denai Derecki, Tony Macer, Andrea Saunders, Judy Bowden, Marylyn Tanger, Jane Kane, Cait Upton, Judy Hudson, Kelly Gell, Karen Bailey, Lisa Evans, Leah Dix, Sue Edmondson, Julie Kollmorgen, Maria Bench, Debbie Cameron, Raelene Edwards, Noel Pullerd, Kristan Gray, Coral Giles, Cameron Howard, Jill Hunter, Des Lawson, Libby Barber, Marie Taylor, Greg Waters and Kathryn Dent, Brendan Driden and Margaret Murphy, Leanne Townsing, Linda Featherstone, Karlye Crawford, Wendy Powell, Carla Sweeney, Janelle La Franchi, Nicole Cain and Julie Labkowski.

Pictured are the Awardees in 2008/9 with President John Caulfield and In 2010/11 with President John Stewart. Also Mark Edmondson with PP John Stewart.



Pictured are Jean Ritchie and John Selmon in 2011 on the occasion of our farewell to Jean who was moving to live in Ballarat. Jean's husband, John, had been a charter member of the Club and together they had been stalwarts of the Club for almost sixty years. John Selmon is still an active member having joined on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1965. A PHF has held most positions in the Club and for many years took responsibility for the OP Shop which was an important cog in our Rotary Wheel.



The Bowelscan project was initiated in New South Wales In 1975. Developed as a means of early detection of Bowel Cancer it has been a very successful program in Maryborough. With the support of Pharmacies in our area sales have grown to 700 in May of 2011.

John and Jean Ritchie led the way with Bowelscan for many years, Toby Bainbridge took over and PP Bob Osborne has carried on with this important program.

*The Tsunami Appeal* was launched at the Highland Games in 2005 to aid to help relieve the suffering. Members rattled tins and collected coins at the games and with donations from the Boot Scooters, Rotary members and the community a cheque for \$10,000 was sent off to District 3220 in Sri Lanka for use in the distribution of food, water and blankets. Rtn Peter Silver, Director of International Service was the driver in this effort.

Shelter Box is a disaster relief program which provides emergency tent accommodation and facilities for people in times of disaster; we support this program also,



Exchange student Selena Chapman returns to speak to the Club after her 12 month exchange to Denmark Other students to experience Youth exchange have been Jennifer Brown who returned from twelve months in Japan in 2006, she had been hosted at four Japanese families and learned to speak Japanese. Maddie Harris went to Finland. We also hosted Anna Pimental (Brazil).



Youko Hoshizaki (Japan)



President Anthony (2002/3) presents Jessica Hurse with her NYSF award, This annual event enables young people with a science interest to spend time in Canberra with other like minded young people learning about the opportunities and developments in science and making friends for the future.Other recipients in this period were Alicia Cain, Charles Williamson and Heidi Deason.



#### **Other Youth Projects...**

Rotary Youth leadership Awards (RYLA) program. In 2004 Courtney Higgins and Tim Grogan ,Scott Edmondson , Brad Da Fonte, Ali Tynan and Kelly Gell.

In 2010 Tyler Howden and James Hanley. In 2011

In 2012 Kelsey Leech, Michaela Leech, and John Treble.

Photo Gail Harris and daughter Bianca

In honour orThe club awards *Scholarships* each year to outstanding students at Maryborough Education Centre and Highview College. These are in the form of a cash amount and the recent awardees are: Lachlan Steed, Stephanie Lamb, Skye Crofts, Stacy McIntosh, Michael Grant and Gillian Watling.





This Group **Study Exchange** team visited from England (pictured with Pres. Charles Knight), their visit organized By PP Anthony Ohlsen proved rewarding for all who met them.

We also had a GSE team from Russia (pictured with Pres Grant Kennedy) and a team from Florida, USA in 2010.

The team members are home hosted by club members and in all cases we learned a good deal and exposed them to much of the business, industry and culture of our region. Only the team leaders are Rotarians, the other members are community people who have expressed to their home Rotary Club a wish to visit and learn more of their vocation in another land.







Sleeping Star Productions Inc. is a great community group which provides full theatrical experience for children. The group selects a musical for which up to 40 young children train and perform in the Town Hall. This is a valuable experience for the children and their parents.

Rotary members and partners support with personal and financial assistance during the year and with preparation of props and backstage, doorkeeper, usher and supper room duties at the performances.

Initiated by the Sedunary family and supported by Grant Kennedy, Peter Silver, Derrick Marsden, Terry Allan and the club in general, Sleeping Stars is expected to remain an important experience in the lives of Maryborough children.

Joyce Sedunary was the director for the first two productions and Natalie Wardrop directed the last show "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream coat".

These pictures were taken in 2009.





The *Ride forLlife Program*, which raises funds for the fight against cancer, has been regularly supported by Maryborough Rotary Club. Jackie Dellavedova, Geoff James, Bryce Rawlings, Terry and Thea Allen, John Caulfield, Peter Silver and Peter Hayward represent the Club in the 2010 event.

The **Road-side clean-up** is a regular event. We attend to the Ballarat Highway just out of Maryborough and of course reap a handsome reward in terms of discarded "stuff". In this picture, Bryce Rawlings, John Stewart and Rob Bursill are just starting out on their section of the road.

The **RACV Energy Breakthrough** project is designed to provide an opportunity for students, teachers, parents, friends and local industry to design and implement a vehicle which, in operation, demonstrates an 'energy break-through'. Rotary has assisted each year by manning a corner for the entire event. PP Rod Brown and Rtn David Tynan are at work in the early hours.

We also man the Barbecue throughout the event providing hot food for competitors and spectators.



Friendship Exchanges are an opportunity for Rotarians to visit clubs in other countries; this group from District 9780 represented Ballarat, Geelong, Warrnambool and Maryborough Clubs when they visited Alaska in 2007. Led by PDG Cathy Roth, the team travelled Alaska including Homer& Barrow, PP Brian Thomas and Alison represented the Rotary Club of Maryborough. Other participants have been PP Terry and Secretary Thea Allen.

M embers of the club have served the District in many roles and on most District Committees . The president's reports indicate the extent and specific appointments but Bowelscan, Shine–on Awards , RYPEN , RYLA , Polio Plus, PROBUS, Group Study Exchange, are some of the areas served. Three of our Past Presidents have served as Assistant Governors for Group 7, which includes Ararat, Stawell, Beaufort, St Arnaud and Maryborough. We are proud of the selection in 2012 of PP Geoff James as District Governor Nominee.

PROBUS CLUBS have become a most important activity in the lives of older Australians PROBUS has grown to over 200 clubs and 200,000 members in Australia and New Zealand The four PROBUS clubs sponsored by Rotary in the Maryborough area have continued to prosper.

In 2004/5 a District 9780 PROBUS seminar was hosted by our club at the Maryborough Highland Society, over 300 delegates attended along with Dg Cathy Roth and President John Bryant and Sally. PP Bob Osborne has been a driving force in the District and the South Pacific Zone.

The original Maryborough combined PROBUS club celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008/9 and our club sponsored their 25 year history book which was launched at the anniversary celebration with 170 people attending.



Pres. Terry Allan and PP Bob Osborne at the Civic Reception in 2011 at which Bob was awarded the Order of Australia medal for his service to the Community'

PP Geoff James and Pres John Stewart at the 2010/11 change-over.

In 2005 we celebrated the Centenary Of Rotary. To celebrate the occasion we had a special Club dinner and District Governor Cathy Roth attended. She helped cut the cake and awarded Paul Harris Fellowships to Don Bruce, Rodney Brown, Charles Townsing and Tom Davies . President Geoff James is shown at the end of 2010 handing over to President John Stewart.

In July 2012 we celebrate 60 years of Rotary in Maryborough. In those 60 years we believe that our Rotary Club has embraced the objectives of Rotary and that we have contributed to the community and enhanced the lives we have touched whether young , old, local or overseas.

In all of our activities Rotarians, their wives and partners enjoyed fun and fellowship; hopefully these pages give you a small impression of the many ways in which we have sought to give "Service above self."