



Rotary Club of Warrnambool Inc.

District 9780

Annual Report

2016-2017



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, JOHN F. GERM

District Governor, Steve Lamont

President, Steve Giddens

OFFICE BEARERS 2016-17

President*	Steve Giddens
President-Elect	Trevor Williams
Immediate Past President	Steve Giddens
Secretary	Sharon Stark
Treasurer	Michael Boyd
Club Service	Judy Ross
Community	Brian Trenery
International	Tony Austin
Vocational	Malcom Price
Youth	Louise Keogh
Public Image	Terry O'Neill
Foundation	Anne Adams
Membership	Louise Brennan



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

2015-2016	Michael Boyd	2005-2006	Geoff Williams	1993-1994	Eric Williams
2014-2015	Jenny Trenery	2005-2006	Max Smart	1993-1994	Richard Hawker
2014-2015	John Nisbet	2003-2004	John Moir	1992-1993	Iris Bickley
2014-2015	Bunny Hinchcliff	2003-2004	Ian Armstrong	1992-1993	Brian Williams
2013-2014	Doug Maclean	2002-2003	Tonia Mizzi	1990-1991	John Reid
2013-2014	Judy Ross	2002-2003	John Beks	1990-1991	Keith McLeod
2012-2013	Janet Blackley	2002-2003	Graeme Ross	1990-1991	Jack Douglas
2012-2013	Tony Austin	2000-2001	John Harris	1990-1991	Ron Rauert
2011-2012	Kate Williams	2000-2001	Brian Trenery	1989-1990	Reg Sobey
2011-2012	Terry O'Neill	1999-2000	Duncan Stalker	1988-1989	Ted King
2011-2012	Graeme Ross	1998-1999	Doug Haynes	1988-1989	Ted Wilson
2011-2012	Eric Williams	1997-1998	Jim Dwyer	1985-1986	Morrie Amooore
2010-2011	Anne Adams	1996-1997	Jim Abraham	1985-1986	Arthur Elliot
2009-2010	Ian Sadler	1996-1997	Don Dickson	1983-1984	Ellis Bickley
2009-2010	Gordon Curran	1995-1996	Ian Sharman	1982-1983	Irvine Absalom
2008-2009	Robert Cuzens	1995-1996	Leo Turner	1979-1980	Archie Graham
2007-2008	Val Rauert	1995-1996	Leigh Noble	1979-1980	Jack Hazeldine
2006-2007	Mary Fitzgerald	1994-1995	Alan Bowes	1977-1978	Jim Crothers
2006-2007	Keith McLeod	1994-1995	Ken Armstrong	1973-1974	Fred Bennett
2005-2006	John Stuckey				

FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE

Alan Bowes

Keith McLeod

Brian Trenery

Ron Rauert



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



This year the Club, through necessity, took a different approach with the President's role, starting off with me at the helm and then the job was handed to Brian Trenery, followed by Judy Ross, John Hunt, Anne Adams and the final month was shared. Other presidential duties throughout the year were shared when representing the Club at formal functions e.g. ANZAC Day, Youth Achiever Awards, Group 5 meetings etc. This goes to show the depth of dedication we have in our Club.

Hopefully members saw a flawless transition from one Past President to the next. This must have been challenging for our Secretary Sharon Stark, but as always Sharon maintained the ship on its course.

Thank you to the Board members, who saw some challenges this year, but found the flexibility to overcome.

There are so many people who make a Rotary club tick; this is the second year I have attempted to acknowledge people and relay my thanks, but I know there are members who do things that even I don't know about, and without them things just don't happen, so THANK YOU - you know who you are.

Once again Michael Boyd our Treasurer, has kept a tight rein on our finances, making sure we are coming in on budget and informing Board members of their responsibilities.

Our Dinner Auction last year was a huge success. Michael Boyd and his well-oiled and hard-working team put together a wonderful evening. As I write this report we are only weeks away from our next Dinner Auction and I'm looking forward to it immensely.

Other fund raising activities this year have exceeded expectations. Some of these included the Quilt Show, Fashion Show, Showgates, Folk Festival and barbeques. Our club ventured into the world of Car Raffle ticket selling; although it fell short of expectations, I still feel with a team directing energies towards our holiday-makers market, it is worthwhile.

The Club has been gaining more publicity through the Standard Newspaper, local media outlets, Facebook and our Web page thanks to Terry O'Neill and the Public Image committee. Karina Wood and the team of scribes have done a great job in producing the Bulletin each week, a major source of communication, keeping everyone on track with the happenings of our Club.

Our Youth Director, Louise Keogh took on a larger than usual role with the Youth Exchange program, with three students from Denmark, France and Germany, namely Mathilde, Axelle and Tim. This was a multi-club program, incorporating all the Rotary Clubs of Warrnambool. I am sure some good bonds were formed from this interaction, whether as Host Families, Counsellors or Club members. We also sponsored two local girls via the Youth Exchange program, Sarah Forbes, going to France and Carly McDonald to Austria. We had representation at both RYPEN and RYLA programs. Thank you to all those who supported and assisted students in any way with these programs.



International Director, Tony Austin has worked tirelessly on the Club's International Project supporting the Sariri Village project in PNG and moving towards a future PNG project in an even more isolated PNG village, Embessa. On top of this Tony also coordinates our Club's involvement in the Eisteddfod and continues to successfully manage the requests for BBQ's in the community, sometimes at very short notice, but it is good to see the Club members rally behind him and making these happen.

With so many community projects on the go, Brian Trenery and the Community Service team have had a busy year with the Club's restoration of Premier John Murray's grave, the Rotary Free Vehicle Checks, Father of the Year, Oxfam walk, Showgates, Eisteddfod, many barbeques and much, much more.

Our meetings always run smoothly thanks to Judy Ross and the Club Service Committee. We continue to enjoy an array of guest speakers, thanks to Anne Adams for taking on this most important role, bringing diversity to our Club and increasing our knowledge of our community and where we can help.

A trip to Coonawarra region and now a trip in the pipeline to Daylesford, by our social committee - these outings and those of having a breakfast or coffee and cake around town supporting local businesses that support Rotary are always good fun.

We celebrated Ron Rauert's 60 years in Rotary, such a major achievement and it has been such a productive 60 years, from which the community of Warrnambool has been so fortunate to benefit. DG Stephen Lamont and Gaye attended our Sunday lunch celebration along with members of Ron's family, a wonderful afternoon of fellowship.

Rotary Foundation has been supported strongly by the Club this year under the guidance of Anne Adams. Anne also plays a leading role in the Science & Engineering Challenge as part of Vocational activities.

Vocational visits, rural urban nights and job talks with Club members contributed to our Vocational Service activities led by Malcom Price. This year some of the highlights were visits to Food Share, support for the Indigenous Nursing Health Scholarship, the Science & Engineering Challenge and learning about vocations of Club members.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of Louise Brennan as Membership Director, the Club welcomed new members, Gerry Delaney, Paul Forbes, Ann Donaldson, Delia Jenkins and Leon Cleal. I'm sure they will all find their lives as Rotarians an interesting and rewarding experience and Club members look forward to getting to know you better and working alongside you.

A Rotarian's work is never done - there is always the next project to work on, the next BBQ to assist at, the next student that needs assistance, but along the way, we get so much out of this organisation, it just makes you feel good to contribute.

Looking forward to supporting the incoming President Trevor Williams and his board over the next 12 months.

Stephen Giddens

President



SECRETARY'S REPORT

This has been my first year as Secretary of the Club, following on from Anne Adams who undertook the role for 5 years. Anne has done a terrific job during her time as Secretary and not only has she been a great role model for me, but has patiently assisted me while I settled into the role. Thank you Anne.

Unfortunately President Elect Ian Cairns had to take extended leave of absence due to health reasons and was unable to take up the role of President. We were fortunate that President Steve Giddens agreed to continue as President for this year with the support of PP Judy Ross, PP John Hunt, PDG Brian Trenery and PP Anne Adams.

MEETINGS

Our weekly meetings continue to be held at the Warrnambool Football and Netball Club Cramer Street, Warrnambool, where we have also been able to hold our monthly Board meetings. A varied selection of guest speakers provided interest and members continue to enjoy each other's fellowship.

ATTENDANCE

We have enjoyed fellowship with Rotarians from other Clubs when they have made up at our meetings and our members have made up at other clubs in Australia and overseas. Members frequently invite family and friends along to meetings and it has been great to see one or more of our young exchange students at our weekly meetings.

LEGALITIES

The club is registered as a Fundraiser with the Department of Consumer Affairs. The Club has an annual audit and the income and expenditure is monitored by means of reporting annually to Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Semi-annual returns to Rotary International and have been submitted in a timely manner and all fees have been paid. Attendance reports are now available to District 9780 through the Clubrunner database.

The Club's Rules and Bylaws were updated this year to reflect recommendations from the Council of Legislation. These Rules and Bylaws were approved by the Club at a Special General Meeting in November 2016 and have been submitted to the Department of Consumer Affairs.

ROTARY YOUTH COMPLIANCE

Rotary has a wonderful history of working with young people through its many programs and our Club is no exception. As a result of recommendations arising from the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse, our Club has developed its own Child Safe Standards which are aligned to current Victorian legislation. Geraldine Delaney has accepted the role of Youth Protection Officer and she is doing a terrific job following up and helping members in getting their Working With Children Checks. This has been a huge undertaking this year, and



members are to be congratulated on embracing these new Rotary requirements and keeping the Club on track.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings have been held regularly, have been well attended, and have managed the day-to-day decision making for the Club.

LEADERSHIP FOR COMING YEAR

Next year's leadership group will be ably led by Trevor Williams with the following Board members: Past President, Steve Giddens; Vice President, Ian Cairns; Secretary, Sharon Stark; Treasurer, Michael Boyd; Community, Terry O'Neill; Foundation, Anne Adams; International, Tony Austin; Vocational, Malcom Price; Membership, Steve Giddens; Club Service, Judy Ross; Public Image, Richard Hawker. Geraldine Delaney will be the Assistant Secretary and also the Club's Youth Protection Officer.

Sharon Stark

Secretary



"Unsung Hero's Honour"..... Item from the Standard Warrnambool March, 2017 on Ron Rauert's wonderful achievement of 60 years in Rotary.



TREASURERS REPORT

Administration

Item	Income	Item	Expenditure
Meals	\$27,516	Meals	\$27,098
Fines and Auctions	\$727		
Swindle	\$1,295	Swindle	\$725
Members Subscriptions	\$8,605	Rotary Dues	\$10,098
		Public relations	\$1,391
		Members expenses	\$1,765
		Admin costs	\$1,654
Other	\$190	Other	\$40
Transfer from Projects	\$675	Transfer to Projects	
	<u>\$39,008</u>		<u>\$42,770</u>
Net Admin Loss (30th April)	-\$3,762		

Projects

Item	Income	Item	Expenditure
Community Service		Community Service	
Relay for Life	\$370	Relay for Life	\$1,000
Rotary Health Research Fund	\$802	Australian Rotary Health	\$2,785
Father of the year	\$400	Father of the year	\$260
Camp Quality		Camp Quality	\$256
Jack Murray Grave restoration	\$1,500	Jack Murray Grave restoration	\$7,300
		Standing Tall	\$6,000
		Food Share	\$1,600
		White Ribbon Day	\$200
Other	\$20	Other	\$55
International		International	
Interplast	\$836	Interplast	\$1,000
Sariri	\$3,659	Sariri	\$9,486
		RAWCS - DIK	\$1,100
		Rotarians against Malaria	
Days for Girls	\$100	Days for Girls	
Vocational		Vocational	
Science and Engineering Challenge		Science & Engineering Challenge	\$88
Youth		Youth	
Youth Exchange	\$10,172	Youth Exchange	\$5,960
		RYLA	\$550
		Warrnambool Achievers	\$800
		RYPEN	\$245
		Rotaract	

Fund Raising

Show Gates	\$2,780		
Port Fairy FF	\$4,800		
Dinner Auction	\$1,580	Dinner Auction	\$970
Money Spinner	\$1,691		
Rotary Car Raffle	\$4,560	Rotary Car Raffle	\$1,052
BBQs	\$5,732	BBQs	\$1,639
Fashion Parade	\$3,732	Fashion Parade	\$1,130
Quilt Show	\$2,501		
Foundation	\$5	Foundation	\$6,000
Other	\$173	Other	\$100
	<u>\$45,239</u>		<u>\$49,476</u>

Net Projects Loss (30th April)
(Prior to Dinner Auction) -\$4,237



The Club Fund Raising Committee met early in the year to plan fund raising activities for the year. A number of new options were considered, from ideas generated through the Club's planning meetings:

Swap Meet – considered too difficult to organise at this stage.

Garden Show – still enthusiasm within the Club, but more information required.



Rotary Car Raffle – it was agreed that the Club would attempt to raise about \$10000 through this project (raised \$3508).

BBQ for speedway appreciation day near the Flying Horse – further details to be pursued.

Quilt Show – considered to be a good opportunity to raise funds and support the organisers (raised \$2000).

Photography and electronic art show – interested but needs to be followed up with photography club.

Dinner Auction – still a viable fund raising option.

BBQs – continue with Bunnings and other BBQs (raised \$4093).

Money Spinner brings in regular small amounts of money (raised \$1691).

Port Fairy Folk Festival is still a good fund raiser, provided we can get enough participants (raised \$4800).

Show gates – not growing but still viable, opportunity to use Rotaract (raised \$2780).

The Club also took up the opportunity to cater for the District Youth Exchange weekend (raised \$3750), catering for SES volunteers during the flood response (raised \$600) and a Fashion Parade (raised \$2602), which provided additional, and unexpected income for the Club.

The Dinner Auction is our major fund raising activity which is scheduled for June 17 this year. Assuming this is successful again our Club should exceed its planned fund-raising for 2016/17; this money is then available for distribution during 2017/18.

Participation of all Club members in these fund-raising activities ensures that our Club can afford to support community activities throughout the next financial year (our aim is to make at least \$30,000 or more available for committees to manage). Thanks to all for your input.

Michael Boyd

Treasurer



CLUB SERVICE

ATTENDANCE

Once again Graham Ross has been the leader of the attendance table team, members of which have interchanged when necessary. Recently inducted members have been given duty with the team to give them an insight into the functions of the attendance table.

David Brown and his ever-efficient staff at SouthWest Credit are to be thanked most sincerely for their invaluable assistance in receiving apologies and notification of guests, then estimating numbers and advising the Football Club and Secretary.

PROGRAMME

Doug Maclean very efficiently organised our programme of guest speakers until his resignation in December, so he could manage the construction of a new home near Ballarat. We are sorry to lose Doug and his wife Marcelle from our Rotary family, and wish them well in their move.

Anne Adams has taken on the role of Programme Director, and has continued to provide us with a varied and interesting list of speakers.

CATERING

We thank the Warrnambool Football Club for continuing to be flexible with our varying numbers attending meetings; the meals provided have generally been well received.

SERGEANT, FINES & SWINDLE

Sergeant Svet Lineham, capably assisted by Rachel Furnell and Ian Cairns, ran the meetings smoothly until she side-stepped into the Reporter roster. Ian Cairns has taken on the role of Sergeant, and applies his brand of humour to the successful running of the meetings, often combining the roles of Sergeant and Finesmaster.

Fines sessions are not always conducted, depending on the timeframe of the meeting, and are sometimes substituted with a small auction.

Robbie Blackmore has continued to run the popular Swindle, with funds raised adding to the Club's coffers.

PROPERTY & CLUB HISTORY

The Club records are in the capable hands of Ian Sharman who continues his work quietly in the background. There is still work to be done up at the Alan Lane Pavilion to improve our storage facility.

FUN STUFF

Robbie Blackmore has organised several functions during the year to increase the opportunity for members to meet 'outside hours'. These have included morning coffee at Mack's Snacks, Figsellers and Proudfoots, and lunch at City Memorial Bistro.



We had a very successful weekend trip to the Coonawarra region, with Warrnambool Rotarians supporting the Coonawarra economy most generously, and hoping we can arrange a similar weekend in the future, perhaps to the Bellarine peninsular winery region.

At the time of writing this report, plans are underway for a proposed weekend in the Daylesford area.



Group who attended the Coonawarra trip.

Judy Ross

Director, Club Service



Service Above Self

ROTARY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Topic	Date	Speaker
The Making of Our Club	12/7/16	Ron Rauert
Club Assembly	19/7/16	Steve Giddens Coordinator
A Personal reflection	26/7/16	Cr Kylie Gaston, Mayor
Sariri Project – update 2016	02/8/16	Tony Austin
My experience as an Olympian	09/8/16	Judy Pollock
Membership night	16/8/16	Louise Brennan
The important role in parenting	23/8/16	Madi Crimmin and Bec Gilmore
Father of the Year Breakfast	31/8/16	
Youth Exchange Student Presentation	06/9/16	
District Governor Visit	13/9/16	DG Stephen Lamont
Foodshare, its growth and expansion	20/9/16	Dedy Friebe
A conversation with Dallas Armistead	27/9/16	John Hunt – interviewer
Fellowship Evening	04/10/16	
Exchange Student presentation	11/10/16	Tim Klienpas
Tasty Plate	18/10/16	CEO, Helen Ridgwell
Standing Tall.1 - The role of the mentor and opportunities available through Rotary projects	25/10/16	Matty Stewart, Louise Keogh and Julie Threlfall-Ryan
Melbourne Cup at Wangoom Hall	01/11/16	Terry O'Neill and Svet Lineham
Standing Tall 2 – The experiences of a mentor and a past participant	08/11/16	Andrew Womersley and Bonnie McKenzie
ROMAC Presentation	15/11/16	Ineke Thornton
Exchange Student presentation	22/11/16	Axelle Berthoumieu
The extent of slavery in the world today	29/11/16	Ian McKay and Heidi
Our forthcoming exchange year	06/12/16	Sarah Forbes and Carly McKenzie
A conversation with Karen Marsh	13/12/16	Interviewer John Hunt
Christmas Celebration	20/12/16	
No meeting	27/12/16	
No meeting	03/01/17	
Slavery in the World	10/1/17	Tony Stokes and Robyn
Having Fun	17/1/17	Youth Exchange Visitors
Fellowship	24/1/17	
A conversation with Gerry Delaney	31/1/17	Interview with John Hunt
Stories from Iris' early life	07/2/17	Iris Bickley
No Rotary Meeting	07/3/17	
Visit to Foodshare	14/3/17	Dedy Friebe
A conversation with Paul Forbes	21/3/17	Interview by John Hunt
Camp Quality	28/3/17	Nicky Suter
My Exchange Experience	04/4/17	Ryan Keogh
Fellowship	11/04/17	
100 Years of Rotary Foundation	18/4/17	Peter Simons
No meeting	11/4/17	
May Race Meeting – Rotary Daybreak	04/5/17	
The Soldier Settler Experience	09/5/17	Iris Bickley
PNG Project	16/5/17	Tony Austin
TAFE/Community Relations	30/5/17	Felicity Melican
Youth Exchange	06/6/17	Axelle, Mathilde and Tim
Changeover meeting	13/6/17	
Club Assembly	20/6/17	Fellowship
Progressive Dinner	27/6/17	



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rotarians around the world have put Service Above Self for more than a century.

Through the Avenue of Community Service, we give back to the places we live in. The projects are as varied as the Rotary clubs that carry them out, but all address the needs of a particular group.

When we complete effective service projects, we improve the community and bring people together. Community Service is the opportunity Rotary clubs have to implement club projects and activities that improve life in the local community.

This Rotary year (2016-17) saw the Community Service Committee and Rotarians of this club, support and undertake several projects and activities.

JOHN (JACK) MURRAY GRAVE RESTORATION

John Murray born in Koroit, educated locally, was a local member of Parliament and later, State Premier (1909-1912). His grave and that of his family had fallen into disrepair. The centenary of his death was 6 May 2016 and the decision was made to restore his grave site on this special milestone event. Following consultation and work with various community organisations, this project is now complete and forms part of the heritage walk of the cemetery and a notable grave site for school groups to visit and learn of local history.



OXFAM

Past President John Nisbet represented our Club at this annual event to raise funds for OXFAM. A notable amount of funds was raised by John and presented to OXFAM on behalf of our Club. We thank John for his work and interest in this event.



COMMUNITY BBQS



Throughout the year, many BBQs were held, not only for fundraising but in support of community groups and organisations. Bunnings, Pontings for their tradies breakfast, Walk Against Violence, Warrnambool & District Motorcycle Owners Club, Relay for Life, just to name a few. In preparing this report, we want to recognise Tony Austin for coordinating and arranging these BBQs and for the many and varied members who assisted in many ways. Thank you everyone involved.

WARRNAMBOOL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW GATES

During the Warrnambool Show, our members, supported by Friends of Rotary and Rotaractors, once again, worked as ticket sellers and gate keepers. Thanks must go to Doug Maclean for organising the rosters and those who volunteered their services.

PORT FAIRY FOLK FESTIVAL

Each year, members of this Club work at the Port Fairy Folk Festival as back stage and entrance supervisors. The roster for our members was completed by David Brown.

Volunteers manage the various locations dressed in orange tee shirts and on their feet for five (5) hour shifts at a time. Given all this, most really enjoy the experience and opportunity to work in an exciting and vibrant environment.

Thank you to the many members who volunteered and especially our members who organised family members and friends to support our roster.

WARRNAMBOOL FATHER OF THE YEAR



This project, in association with Brophy Family and Youth Services, was led by Ian Cairns. This was again supported by ACE Radio network, South West Credit and Bunnings Warehouse. A record number of entries were received from schools in Warrnambool and Moyne Shires. There were several divisions in the competition involving all students from Prep to Year 12.

TASTY PLATE

During the year, one of our presenters came from “Tasty Plate” an organisation established to provide catering experiences for people with special needs. Sometime later, our Club was approached by a representative of Rotary Central who were working with Tasty Plate to build a portable kitchen premises in order to cater for offsite events. To support this project, our Club has promised a sizable donation early in the new Rotary year.



WARRNAMBOOL EISTEDDFOD

The establishment of the Eisteddfod was a project of this Club and since its commencement, has been supported continually over the years. This year is no exception. We wish to recognise the many members who gave of their time to act as door keepers and entry assistants.

ROTARY'S FREE VEHICLE CHECKS

This is the third year this project was held and was very well supported by Bursons Autoparts, (Terry Parkinson) The Tyre Factory (Geoff Cook) and SW Institute of TAFE (Damian, Paul and their apprentices – Automotive Division).

This project provided community members with the opportunity to have the external lights on their cars checked, along with an assessment of their tyres, windscreen wiper blades. Minor repairs would be carried out if necessary. The last stage of this process was the checking of headlight alignment.

This year's event was held at Bunnings Warehouse on their Pre-Easter Family Fun Night. Funding for television advertising through WIN Network, was made available through Road Share (Nicole Wood – WCC). In addition, further advertising was done through social media, posters and newsletters.

The response by the public to this event was disappointing, so much so that a total review of the project will be conducted in the near future.

To the 14 members who assisted on the night, a big thank you for giving your support to this project.

BREAKFAST CLUB

One of the local primary schools asked for our assistance with their Breakfast Club. After setting up rosters and parents guidance, our services were not really needed however, this led to the possibility of another project at the same school.

ENGLISH FOR THE NEW COMERS

Because of the number of migrants now living and working in Warrnambool, there is a demand for young people (and some workers) to increase their skill level in speaking and reading English. The intention was to open the school at weekends and provide supervised learning or reading and speaking English.

A representative of this Club met with school officials, local representative from the Department of Immigration and Employment agencies.

After detailed discussions, it seems this project has developed into more than was expected and will be more formally recognized through other channels.

Through the combined efforts and enthusiasm of our members, friends and family, we believe we have made a difference within our community.



I take this opportunity to sincerely thank our members for their participation and support throughout the year and look back on a successful year of community service.

Brian Trenery

Director, Community Service



Rotarians Ian Cairns and Karina Wood were at the launch of the Domestic Violence Awareness Launch where a white ribbon was wrapped around a tree on behalf of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool. The Rotary Club of Warrnambool is proud to stand against domestic violence in all its forms



ROTARY FOUNDATION

Committee members: Anne Adams, John Hunt and Mary Fitzgerald, Trevor Williams, Janet Blackley, Ron Bishop, Marie Bennett, Dallas Armistead and John Harris.

This year the Rotary Foundation celebrated 100 years of “DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD”.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



The six areas of focus continue to be:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

A large number of our members attended the special film night for Polio Plus. The film was “Lion” a very good film that was very much enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone who attended and sold tickets. We sold our full quota resulting in a takings for the night of \$800. When this was matched by the contribution from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation it resulted in a contribution of \$1200 for the fight against Polio.

We were pleased to have PP Peter Simmons from Portland as a guest speaker.

Peter is the Chairman of the District 9780 Fundraising Committee and he spoke to us on the many programs supported by the Foundation as well as the background to the establishment and running of the Foundation.

The Board made the decision in honour of the Foundations centenary by raising the yearly donation “DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD” from \$4000 to \$6000. A letter of appreciation has been received from Peter.

A number of our members continue to make a \$100 AU contribution to the Centurian program and their support is very much appreciated.

Two Club members attended the training seminar to enable the Club’s qualification to apply for Rotary Foundation global and packaged grants. As a result our Club, through the International Committee, has made an application for a grant towards our projects in Papua New Guinea.

Thank you to the Board and members for their support of the Foundation Committee.

Anne Adams

Director, Rotary Foundation



MEMBERSHIP

The Committee quickly got together at a fireside meeting and prioritised the items they wished to work on. Work has begun on a generic business card for members to be given to potential members, after an initial meeting.

We held a membership night at the Club which incorporated the make-up of our Club, showing the current distribution of age and gender. The projects our Club is currently involved in, obligations of being a Rotarian and how to engage members in programs. Three members, Andrea Sampson, Keith McLeod and Tony Austin, spoke on what brought them to Rotary and what keeps them involved.

Ground work was completed and presented to the Board on the introduction of Corporate membership to our Club, outlining the strategy, process and guidelines. Yet to be ratified.

The production of an Exit Interview process was completed; purpose is to capture, a general reflection of their time with our Club; the member's general impressions of the Club as a whole; feedback around their actual role in the club; and their reasons for leaving. A positive constructive approach will be taken to assure a happy outcome, encouraging transfer of knowledge, which can be of assistance to the Club's future. Taking the opportunity to explore how the Club can grow.

Appointment of Wellbeing Officers from our Committee – Bunny Hinchcliff and Ian Cairns. This was to provide a structure for members to go through for support and reporting to the Club.

During the course of the year a number of members were presented with pins of appreciation for introducing new members to Rotary, John Harris, Louise Keogh, Steve Giddens and Judy Ross, thank you.

New members introduced to date are Gerry Delaney, Paul Forbes, Leon Cleal, Anne Donaldson and Delia Jenkins.

Our Club has increased its membership of 'Friends of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool'. As the name suggests, the idea is to foster deeper links with people who we believe share our ideals of service and fellowship, but for one reason or another are unable to commit to full Rotary membership.

Thank you to Committee members contribution, John Harris, Ian Sharman, Rachel Furnell, Terry O'Neill, Janet Blackley, John Stuckey, Dallas Armistead, Bunny Hinchcliff, Keith McLeod and Ravi Ganeshalingam.

Louise Brennan

Director, Membership



PUBLIC IMAGE

As the Public Image Director, I am pleased to report that for the Rotary year 2016-2017, our Club has regularly been well recognised in media reports for the work we do not only in our community but also internationally.

The Club has developed a sound working relationship with all media outlets and as a result we've seen in the Warrnambool Standard throughout the year many positive articles on our community club projects (refurbishment of Premier Jack Murray's grave), International projects (hay bales for water project), member achievements (Ron Rauert's 60 years of service to Rotary), community events (Father of the Year Awards - Tasty Plate May fashion parade) and our youth projects both locally (Warrnambool and Moyne Youth Achiever awards) and internationally (Rotary Student Exchange a success).

We also acknowledge the support of Ace Radio for their continued support of the Father of the Year awards and our Annual Dinner Auction.

I would also like to thank and congratulate Sharon Stark for her commitment in keeping our Club's social media platforms, face book and our website page, current and informative as well as being of great support in helping club members become more familiar in the use of Clubrunner.

I also acknowledge and thank Karina Wood and all of her weekly scribes for the wonderful work they do in producing a second to none in District 9780, Club Bulletin. Our bulletin provides an accurate account of Club meetings for all members as well as information on upcoming programs and member meeting duties.

Through all of these public image mediums both outside and within the Club, I am sure we as a Club will continue to build the community awareness of our Club's activities which will in turn help to increase our club membership.

Terry O'Neill

Director, Public Image



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

As the Rotary year comes to a close I am pleased to report that our Club has continued to support international programs throughout the year.

INTERPLAST

Club members continue to donate via the weekly flask at meetings and we were able to forward \$1000 to Interplast. These funds are used to support volunteer medical staff to perform operations overseas and also provide local doctors and nurses with medical training to perform these operations.

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)

We have continued to express our appreciation to our guest speakers by presenting them with a certificate of appreciation and a RAM badge. The certificate represents the donation on their behalf of one anti-malarial net to a village in Papua New Guinea by our Rotary Club. Guest speakers often express their support of the program. I have personally seen RAM personnel delivering nets to remote villages in PNG. Our Club contributed \$500 to this project.

DONATIONS IN KIND (DIK)

Our Club donated \$1000 to the Rotary Club of Geelong's DIK operation to offset the cost of sending containers of humanitarian aid equipment and materials overseas. Through donations of surplus items from Warrnambool South West Healthcare, Timboon & District Health Care Service and Colac Area Health Aged Care Services, we have delivered approximately three tonnes of items to the Geelong DIK depot this year.

It is likely that most of these goods will go to the Popondetta Hospital in PNG in June.

John Beks secured several ex-school computers for DIK and Brauer College donated several boxes of text books. These are now stored waiting to be transported to Geelong.

Through the initiative of International Services Committee members, Richard Hawker and John Stuckey, we now have no cost access to a 20 foot container at Warrick Loft's Westvic Container export site for temporary storage of DIK materials.



Two separate loads of DIK goods on their way to the Geelong depot



WANNON WATER DONATION



Wannon Water donated more than 30 round bales of hay to support our international projects. The hay was harvested from Wannon Water land near Port Fairy. This is the second successive year we have received this support. The donation was sourced by Rotarian John Harris, who also managed the sale of the hay.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID REQUEST



The Embessa Village, located in one of the most remote parts of Oro Province in PNG, has requested our Club's support to implement a village domestic water provision and land tilling solutions to facilitate crop growing.

The International Services Committee considered the request and recommended to the Club's Board that this be adopted as a 2017 Rotary Club of Warrnambool Project. The Board supported the recommendation.



A team comprising myself, Malcom Price and Friend of Rotary Richard Wilton, will go to PNG in July this year to, if all goes well, sink a water bore and set a hand pump on it and deliver a second-hand commercial rotary hoe.

Considerable planning has already taken place for the Embessa Project. We have applied for a District grant; if we are successful this grant has potential to be up to \$3,000.

POTENTIAL FUTURE PNG PROJECTS

We received a request from our Sariri partner, Elijah Sarigari, for assistance in writing a submission to go to the PNG Ijivitari District of Oro Province's MP seeking funding for a water provision solution for the Bariji High School.

We provided the assistance and Elijah has submitted a request for 100,000 kina (approximately AU\$50,000). If the submission is successful, I am optimistic our Club will have the opportunity to play a significant role in the Project.

Elijah has also asked if we could assist in another PNG community water provision Project; *"My [well] is supplying water to the community around my place. There are 15 households I am already supplying water to from the well and about 25 other houses or families to be considered. People carrying water from me for drinking and washing. I find it hard to say no to people badly need drinking water."*

I intend investigating this as a potential Project when we are in PNG in July.

Tony Austin

Director, International Service



YOUTH SERVICE

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



From L to R: Karla Bracklow, Ryan Keogh, Sarah Forbes, Carly McDonald, Tim Kleinpas, Axelle Berthoumieu



We started the youth year by saying good bye to Karla Bracklow, our exchange student from Germany. I thank all the families who were involved in making Karla's exchange year such an enjoyable year and all members for the generosity in contributing to her farewell gifts.

We were preparing for the new adventure of hosting three exchange students to be shared by all the clubs in Warrnambool. After a number of trips to the airport by counsellors, flight delays and late trips home with fog and rain, we welcomed to Australia Mathilde from Denmark, Axelle from France and Tim from Germany. Get together's were then organised for the students to meet their future host families.

The students have had an exciting time meeting members and being involved in each club's activities, some of which were Rotaract trivia nights, auctions, car rally's, whale boat racing and BBQ's. Students also attended their weekend commitments with the District 9780 Youth Exchange Committee, as well as attending jacket presentations for out bound students, the Mini Safari, their Rock to Reef safari tour and their upcoming expo to promote their countries to future out bound students. Their families and Rotary Clubs back at home





should be very proud of the students they sent to us as ambassador's for their countries.

I would like to thank Terry O'Neill, Rachel Furnell and Jules Ryan for their dedication as counsellors and helping their student throughout the year, I would also like to thank Louise Brennan and Stephen Giddens for their support throughout the year.

Our weekend hosting the jacket presentation was an exciting weekend and a wonderful money earner and was held with only a few weeks notice. I would like to thank the members who supported us over that weekend with donations and helping with shopping and preparation of food. Judy Ross, our host for the evening, provided an account of her experience being involved with youth exchange over 40 years ago and how she still

keeps in touch over the years.

I would like to thank all the host families this year: Jules and Dion, Andrea and Chris, Louise and Stephen, Ann, Judy and Phillip, plus Svet and Russ and Karina and Peter whose circumstances changed and were no longer required for hosting. Special thank you to my husband and family for having all the students through our home.

We had two students ready to go out on exchange this year - Carly McDonald who is being hosted in Austria and Sarah Forbes hosted in France. The girls are having a wonderful time and are enjoying their year abroad. Jules Ryan who, as a second year member of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool, is to be commended for organising Sarah to go out on exchange whilst learning about the program and what is involved in being a counsellor for both an inbound and outbound student.

Finally on youth exchange we welcomed home my son Ryan Keogh.

I would like to thank the Club for supporting Ryan, my family and also Terry O'Neill for his dedication towards the youth program and helping to fulfil students' dreams.



RYPEN AND RYLA



Three Rotary Clubs – Warrnambool, Daybreak and Central shared the costs and travelling for students to attend RYLA and RYPEN this year. Our Club sponsored David McKay to attend RYLA at Kangarooie, and Sharna Rogers Bridgen, Horizon Moore and Sophie Austin attended RYPEN.

Feedback from all students was that it was one of the best weekends of their lives. We look forward to a presentation from them all in May.

I would like to thank Phillip Ritchie from Warrnambool Central who drove the students to Creswick for the camp and Louise Brennan for bringing the students home. Thanks also to Rachel Furnell for her support with the RYLA project and also assisting Warrnambool Central in taking their student to the camp. I have since spoken with David's father and though he is was hesitant at the beginning he was very grateful for the opportunity to participate in RYLA.

ROTARACT

Members of Rotaract Warrnambool have been attending monthly meetings and informing us of what they have coming up. Their Trivia Night, which is their major fundraiser for the year. was a great success and enjoyed by the many people who attended. They are now preparing for next year's event, so start studying and doing some Google research! Andrea Sampson and Rachel Furnell have been actively supportive of the Rotaract Club and I thank them for their continued support.

YOUTH ACHEIVER AWARDS

We again the Rotary Club of Warrnambool supported the Warrnambool and Moyne Youth Achiever Awards. Congratulations to Cooper Lower and Gabrielle Steele for their achievements for Warrnambool, and Joshua Bartlett and Georgina Maxwell from Moyne Shire. Students recently repeated their presentations to Club members and the quality of their work was testimony to their well-earned awards. I would like to thank Judy Ross for attending the award night and presenting the awards to the students and also Duncan Stalker for his support in helping to get letters organised for this event for the winners.

Louise Keogh

Director, Youth Service



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

It gives me great pleasure to submit this report on behalf of the Vocational Services Committee, which consists of Anne Adams, Judy Ross, Eric Williams, Graeme Ross, Tony Austin, Bunny Hinchcliff, Jim Dwyer, David Brown and Ian Sharman.

Sadly Eric's ability to contribute has now finished due to health problems, but we thank him for his valuable participation in the past and wish him well.

The aim of the Vocational Services Committee is to promote high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve our society.

JOB TALKS

Once again John Hunt provided some of our meeting nights with a great opportunity to get to know our fellow Rotarians better by learning of their history, achievements and past life experiences. It's amazing how much more we have been able to learn about each other through these talks, and I encourage the Club and future boards to continue this practice. Members who contributed this year include Iris Bickley, Paul Forbes, Gerry Delaney, Karen Marsh and Dallas Armistead. I hope I have not missed anyone.

WORK PLACE VISITS



The photo depicts the chain gang consisting of Club members assisting PP Dedy Friebe and now CEO of Food Share Warrnambool. Thirty six members and guests attended the evening



on 14 March to listen and view the operations of Food Share. It was amazing to learn of not only the quantities of packages provided each week, but also of the businesses that contribute to Food Share. On the night of our visit, a hastily formed chain gang made quick work of several large crates of food delivered to their shed. Well done team.

I wish to thank Mr BBQ, Tony Austin for arranging and overseeing the self-catered meal which also included sweets and refreshments. Many thanks also to Judy Ross who dished up the tucker for the hungry mob, and others who provided assistance on the night. The evening provided an income of \$891.70 which bolstered the administration account, much to the delight of our Treasurer Michael (Scrooge Mc Duck) Boyd.

GREAT SOUTH COAST SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

This project which is supported by the wider Rotary community, encourages a focus on science based careers for secondary college students.

This year will see the Fifth Challenge continuing at the Warrnambool Deakin Campus. The program is designed and run by the University of Newcastle and managed by a committee involving representatives from Deakin University and Rotarians. It involves a day for year 10 students to engage in competitive tasks requiring the use of problem solving skills in science, technology and engineering.

We wish to acknowledge the continued sponsorship from Telstra and also Deakin University. This year's challenge will be held on 20 June, so with the valuable support of Chairperson Anne Adams, Judy Ross and Tony Austin, I am sure the challenge will prove to be a great success. We look forward to additional support from our Club members and also the Warrnambool East Rotary Club members.

DEAKIN AND TAFE'S STUDENT AWARDS

This year after some discussion, it was decided to not participate with the Deakin and TAFE students awards, but rather an amount of \$2000 was pledged to support the DG partners project of an Indigenous Nursing Health Scholarship. We will continue our support for these awards in the future, with review held on an annual basis. We look forward to hearing of the scholarship's success in the coming months as a meeting program.

I have enjoyed working with this year's Board and must say the energy and enthusiasm shown by the committee members stands well for the coming year. I would also like to congratulate the five Past Presidents in Judy Ross, Steve Giddens, John Hunt, Anne Adams and Brian Trenery for a marvellous job as acting as President during the year. It was a difficult task that was carried out to perfection and shows what can be done when our backs are to the wall.

I look forward to working with Trevor Williams in the coming Rotary year and pledge my full support.

Malcom Price

Director, Vocational Service





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