



Rotary Club of Moe District 9820 – Chartered 1949 2010 - 2011 Annual Report



President: Wendy Farmer
Secretary: David Power
Treasurer: Barry Dunstan



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: Ray Klinginsmith

DISTRICT 9820 -

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:	David Piper
ASSISTANT GOVERNOR:	Ray Howe
DISTRICT SECRETARY:	Bryon Groves
DISTRICT TREASURER:	Roger Annear
DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT:	Kel Hobby
DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE	Tony Spring

MOE CLUB -

PRESIDENT:	Wendy Farmer
PRESIDENT ELECT:	Pash Demagistris
SECRETARY:	David Power
TREASURER:	Barry Dunstan
SERGEANT:	John Hutchinson
ROTARY INFORMATION:	Laurie Huffer
ROTARY FOUNDATION:	Bryon Puddy
CLUB HISTORY:	Laurie Huffer
PROGRAMS/ MEMBERSHIP:	Roger Taylor
ATTENDANCE/CATERING:	Bryon Puddy
BULLETIN:	Neil McCluskey
WEBSITE:	Bryon Puddy
PUBLICITY:	Brian Gregory



MEMBERSHIP LIST

As at 31 May, 2011

INDUCTION DATE	ROTARIAN			PARTNER	CLASSIFICATION
13.08.1990	Achorn	Ed	PP, PHF	Aurelda	Computer Systems
12.04.2010	Barry	Daniel		Linda	Assett Management
20.12.1999	Cairns	Len	PP	Margaret	Education Tertiary
20.11.2006	Cassar	Lynette		Eddie	Catering Development Management
18.10.2010	Crooks	Rhonda			
14.12.1992	Demagistris	Pash	PE, PHF	Sandra	Building Construction
04.05.1998	Dunstan	Barry	PP, PHF	Pam	Education Services
11.12.2006	Farmer	Wendy	P	Brett	Health Administration
07.11.2002	Gregory	Brian			Sports Retail
03.05.1982	Huffer	Laurie	PP, PHF	Jean	Education Consultant
18.01.1982	Hutchinson	John	PP, PHF/S	Norma	Energy Management
16.12.2010	Kingsbury	Peter			Dentistry
14.08.1987	Koch	Michael	PP, PHF		Electronics Sales & S.
18.01.1982	Lampel	Chris	PHF	Sue	Medical Practitioner
03.05.2005	Manani	Kishor		Reshna	Pharmacy
18.05.1975	Maxfield	Ross	PP, PHF	Suzie	Real Estate
22.11.1993	McCluskey	Neil	PP, PHF	Lorraine	Accountancy
09.10.1995	Needham	Ian	PP, PHF		Honorary Member
29.03.1993	Paull	Bruce	PP		Carpet & Drapes Ret.
11.03.1988	Platchinda	Evan	PP, PHF	Florence	Real Estate Resident.
25.03.1975	Power	David	PP, PHF	Jan	Law Practice
10.11.2008	Prust	David		Maria	Engineering Management
31.10.1983	Puddy	Bryon	PDG, PHF/S	Pat	Education TAFE
11.12.2000	Sinnott	Alan	PP	Alison	Electrical Contracting
07.06.2004	Taylor	Roger	PP	Irene	Education Primary
20.01.2003	Thompson	Neil	PP	Sue	Minister of Religion
30.05.2011	Waddell	Maureen			Education Administration
07.04.2002	Wilkinson	Diane	PP	David	Health Services
01.10.1990	Wood	Dave	PP, PHF	Kerry	Automobile Recycler
27.10.1975	Yeatman	Julian	PHF	Jocelyn	Newsagency



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Honouring a Legacy of Service to Rotary and the Community



1979 Allan McHardy	2000 Evan Platschinda
1984 Brian O'Rielly	2001 Chris Lampel
1986 John Dwyer	2002 Bryon Puddy (Sapphire)
1987 Claude Staff	2003 Ken MacGregor
1988 Allan Ormond	2003 Steve Micah
1988 Jim McAllister	2004 Michael Koch
1989 Bob Pugsley	2004 Barry Dunstan
1989 John Leckey	2005 Pash Demagistris
1991 Charles Robertson	2006 Ian Needham
1992 Charles Witts	2007 Neil McCluskey
1993 Ross Maxfield	2007 Peter Wells
1994 Bryon Puddy	2007 Steve Micah (Sapphire)
1994 Ben Verschuur	2008 Ed Achorn
1996 John Hutchinson	2009 Dave Wood
1997 Laurie Huffer	2010 John Hutchinson (Sapphire)
1998 Julian Yeatman	2011 Bruce Paull
1999 Max Grubb	2011 Diane Wilkinson





PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It is with great pleasure that I present this Annual Report of our club's activities for the Rotary Year 2010-2011; the 61st year of the Rotary Club of Moe.

At the start of this Rotary year I presented a **Club Plan** to our club of what I believed was achievable throughout the year; I am pleased to announce that most of the objectives we planned for were achieved, as well the opportunities and challenges that were not envisaged at the planning stage. All activities were undertaken with willingness and enthusiasm. I sincerely thank The Board and all members of this club, together with their partners, for their support, dedication and hard work throughout the year that ensured the ongoing success of our club.

Rotary International's World President Ray Klinginsmith's theme for this Rotary year was "**Building Communities, Bridging Continents**". The Rotary Club of Moe has worked towards achieving this theme in our work with the local community and through national and international projects and programs. We should feel proud that throughout the year we have indeed helped to 'build' the local community as well as helped to 'bridge' the gaps across the continents.

A strong characteristic of our club is the tremendous **fellowship** between our members and the warmth of the greetings given to our guests and visitors throughout the year. Visitors, both Rotarian and non-Rotarian, have commented that 'fun and fellowship' is a fantastic feature of our club and that they felt very welcome at our meetings. We should be proud of the fact that we interact with each other so well considering we come from many backgrounds and walks of life. I am certainly proud to be able to say that the members of The Rotary Club of Moe not only have a **huge** amount of fun together but also work well together to achieve many goals and that each member contributes in so many ways towards the overall success of our club.

This year we have seen our President Elect Pash Demagistris chair a large and diverse **Club Service Committee**. He has embraced his responsibilities and the challenges of this program and, together with his hard working committee, has done a wonderful job and I am sure we are going to have a great year in 2011-2012 with Pash at the helm.

David Prust and Michael Koch both had a busy, but extremely successful, year sharing the **International Service Committee**. David's commitment to International Service has seen the club's strong involvement with hosting the GSE Team from Finland, and, at the same time, the running of the Annual Charity Golf Day. With the help of the International Service Committee both activities were very successful. Thank you David for putting your hand up and taking on the Golf Day, which was a huge success with major sponsorship being achieved as well as a good time being had by all those who attended.

When David took leave of absence during the year Michael willingly stepped into his shoes and continued with the success of this committee.



In January this year we welcomed home **Rotary Youth Exchange** student Melissa Howlett from her exchange year. Melissa had an amazing year living in Austria.

This Rotary year we once again hosted an Inbound Exchange Student. Jeppe Straaup came to our district and club in July 2010 from Denmark and has had a wonderful year experiencing life 'down under', and, through the 'Rock to Reef Safari', got to visit possibly many parts of Australia that some of us Rotarians haven't seen. A huge thank you must go to Rotarian and non-Rotarian families that hosted Jeppe, and also to Melissa's counsellor, Diane Wilkinson, and Jeppe's councillor, Michael Koch, for always being there in a counselling role for these students when needed. I am sure both Melissa and Jeppe will remember the good and the not-so-good experiences of youth exchange for the rest of their lives and, because of these experiences, will be able to face the challenges of life with more maturity, wisdom and confidence into the future.

Len Cairns, Vocational Service Chair, and his committee have continued a great tradition of **Vocational Service**. The annual Pride of Workmanship Awards was a highlight of the year's programs and it was wonderful to be able to formally acknowledge those recognised by their school for outstanding workmanship. It was also great to see two local businesses being awarded Vocational Awards for their work and commitment in the local community. Chris, together with his committee, also showed a huge support to Rotary Youth Programs by sourcing students from local schools to attend programs.

Mike Carter and Alan Sinnott, **Community Service** Chairs, provided our club with plentiful funds for community and Rotary projects. Mike jumped in when the senior citizens requested our help with the Medic Alert books and he was always willing to roll up his sleeves and get his hands dirty when needed. This is always a hard working committee with lots of things to do; thank you to all committee members for an excellent year of community service.

During the year we had Bryon Puddy provide us with lots of information about **The Rotary Foundation**, and Laurie Huffer was our guru on **Rotary knowledge**; their input helped to confirm what we already know - that Rotary International is a great organisation to belong to.

One of the objectives all Rotarians see as a constant is to increase the net membership of our clubs worldwide. At our club we too hope to increase our numbers where possible; regrettably though, this year we had to accept a resignation due to relocation. We have, however, been fortunate to welcome Peter Kingsbury and Maureen Wadell as new members to our club. Under the reins of **Club Membership** liaison officer, Roger Taylor, we continue to promote Rotary and The Rotary Club of Moe whenever and wherever we can. We continue to find that word-of-mouth and being as high profile as possible in the local community is generally the best way. Brian Gregory has helped greatly with club promotion through articles and photographs in the Moe News.

Neil McCluskey, our **Bulletin**, editor provided our club with a very informative and entertaining weekly newsletter. Thank you Neil for all your wonderful hard work in getting our bulletin out on time each week and congratulations on winning 'District 9820 Best Bulletin Award' for our club.



Throughout the year our Director of **Programs**, Roger Taylor, helped keep us 'educated and entertained' at our weekly meetings with a variety of programs, activities and many great guest speakers. Part of that weekly entertainment was our **Sergeant Session**; Sergeant John cleverly managed to extract lots of money from us whilst making light fun of our many misdemeanours and our inaccurate footy tipping.

I would like to extend my thanks to **Treasurer** Barry Dunstan for his ongoing commitment to The Board and to me. Barry has kept our financial books in good order this year, and, as we all know, the treasurer has a difficult job that must be carried out quickly and accurately, particularly following events such as the Golf day and barbecues. Barry has done this very well.

My grateful thanks go to **Secretary** David Power for his efficiency and dedication to our club. I could not have performed the role as President without his support, his management and his forward thinking.

One of my last responsibilities for the year, and one I am proudly looking forward to, is to honour two very worthy members of our club with the prestigious **Paul Harris Fellow Award** for dedication to the ideals of Rotary through service to our Club, our Community and Internationally. These awards will be presented at Changeover Night with due ceremony.

Once again I extend my sincere thanks to our Board Members for their commitment and valuable time given. My thanks also go to all Committee Chairs who carried out their duties in their respective portfolios with great enthusiasm and energy. Each Chair has presented their portfolio reports for this Annual Report

Well, for me, I have had a busy but very enjoyable year as President of The Rotary Club of Moe. This role has not only given me the opportunity to learn more about our local community, individual members of our club and of course Rotary International and its work around the world, but it has also taught me a lot about myself and where I fit in the 'grand scheme of life'.

I truly thank you all for this remarkable opportunity to serve you as President for 2010-2011 and for allowing me to experience such a 'special' year that I will always remember. I trust Pash has an equally rewarding year as President.

Finally I would like to thank my husband Brett and my family for their love, encouragement and support given to me throughout the year. I could not have done this without them at my side.

Wendy Farmer
President 2010-2011
The Rotary Club of Moe



MEETING ATTENDANCE

ROTARIAN		POSSIBLE	ACTUAL + MAKE UPS	PERCENTAGE
Achorn	Ed	44	44	100
Barry	Daniel	44	35	80
Cairns	Len	39	30	77
Carter	Mike	Resigned 10.1.2011		
Cassar	Lynette	44	38	86
Crooks	Rhonda	44	28	64
Demagistris	Pash	44	41	93
Dunstan	Barry	44	42	95
Farmer	Wendy	44	44	100
Gregory	Brian	44	36	82
Huffer	Laurie (E)	44	35	80
Hutchinson	John (E)	44	33	75
Kingsbury	Peter	22	18	82
Koch	Michael	44	44	100
Lampel	Chris	44	41	93
Manani	Kishor	44	34	77
Maxfield	Ross	44	40	91
McCluskey	Neil	44	44	100
Needham	Ian (H)			
Paull	Bruce	43	38	88
Platchinda	Evan (E)	28	17	61
Power	David	44	39	89
Prust	David	37	25	68
Puddy	Bryon	42	36	86
Sinnott	Alan	44	44	100
Taylor	Roger	44	39	89
Thompson	Neil	44	33	75
Waddell	Maureen	1	1	100
Wilkinson	Diane	44	39	89
Wood	Dave	44	36	82
Yeatman	Julian	44	43	98

(E) Denotes Exempt (H) Honorary Member

Monthly Meeting Attendance Percentage.

July	90	January	91
August	90	February	84
September	88	March	93
October	89	April	89
November	93	May	84
December	85		

Average Yearly Attendance percentage = 89

100% Meetings: 30 August, 2010.
8 November, 2010.
28 February, 2011.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Year 2010-2011

Service Account (All money raised in this account is spent on Community Service)

Continuing the trend of the last few years the Club has had a busy year, with funds being raised from a variety of sources. The Annual Charity Golf day is again the largest single income source, and the Club must be able to protect this major activity.

The net service income for the year is in excess of \$25,000 and Service spending has been concentrated on the following areas:

Botanic Gardens Lighting Project:	\$5136
Bali School Project:	\$323 (<i>expected to be approx \$2000 by 30th June</i>)
International Exchange Students	\$1784
Group Study Exchange Mission	\$520
Pride of Workmanship Project	\$1055
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards	\$360
Model United Nations Project	\$500
Latrobe Regional Hospital Foundation	\$5000
Rotary Centenary House	\$5000
Shelter Boxes	\$2000
Paul Harris Fellow (Rotary Foundation)	\$2000
Support for Annual Xmas Carols	\$360
Small Community Donations	\$820
Emergency Disaster Fund	\$5000

General Account (Used for Club operational expenses)

During this year the Club raise \$5500 from Member subscriptions and the opening and closing balance remains essentially the same; as it has done for the last five years, indicating that our subscription level is appropriately set. Rotary District, Rotary International per Capita fees and RI Magazine charges are in excess of \$4500 every year. Catering for the year, which is in addition to our Club Subscriptions, runs at around \$16,000 for the year or an average of \$550 per member.

Barry Dunstan
Treasurer



PROGRAM REPORT 2010-2011

2010		
July 5th	President's Overview 2010-2011	Wendy Farmer
12 th	Latrobe Regional Airport	Neil Cooper
19 th	3 Minuters	Various
26 th	<i>Club Assembly</i>	
August 2nd	Southside Precinct	Damian Blackford
9 th	Aquabox	Peter Roden - Eltham RC
16 th	Membership	Roger Taylor
23 rd	<i>Club Assembly</i>	
30 th	Leukaemia Foundation / (Jeppe's address)	
September 6th	Moe Rotary Club Website	Bryon Puddy
13 th	Baringa Special School visit.	Rosie Romano
20 th	<i>Club Assembly</i>	
27 th	District Governor's visit	DG David Piper
October 4th	Vocation Month address	Jeff Hitchens
11 th	Commonwealth Games @ Out of India	International Committee
19 th	Combined Service Clubs (Moe Bowling Club)	Moe Presidents
25 th	<i>Club Assembly</i>	
November 1st	Melbourne Cup Eve - A night at the races	
8 th	Rotary Foundation: How Rotary Works	Bryon Puddy
15 th	Annual General Meeting	
22 nd	<i>Club Assembly</i>	
29 th	Country Music Entertainment	Evan Platschinda
December 6th	Pride of Workmanship School Awards	
13 th	<i>Club Assembly</i>	
20 th	Rotary Christmas Party	PE Pash Demagistris
	Club Recess	



PROGRAM REPORT 2010-2011 (Continued)

2011		
January 10th	Botanic Gardens barbeque	
17 th	John Flynn Scholar	Chris Lim
24 th	Polio Eradication – The Final Inch	David Prust
31 st	Rotary Cluster Dinner	Ian Nethercote
February 7th	Rotarians against Malaria	Tom Shanahan
14 th	Responsible Gambling	Stephanie Cohen
21 st	Austrian Youth Exchange	Melissa Howlett
25 th	Club Assembly	
March 7th	LV Schools Tour of China	Brian McKenzie
14 th	Labour Day	
21 st	Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic	
28 th	Desalination	Dave Graham
April 4th	Club Assembly	
11 th	Committee For Moe	Manny Gelagotis
18 th	Amok in India	Len, Michael and Neil
25 th	Easter Monday	
May 2nd	Club Assembly	
9 th	Brown Coal Museum visit	Anne Loveson
16 th	Village Cinema film night “Water for Elephants”	International Committee
26 th	Kurnai v Lowanna debate (Morwell RSL)	
30 th	Club Assembly	
June 6th	Jeppe’s report “From Rock to Reef”	Jeppe Starrup
13 th	Queen’s Birthday	
20 th	Tying it all together	
27 th	President Wendy’s Changeover Dinner	

Roger Taylor
Programs



CLUB SERVICE

Committee members: Pash Demagistris (Chairman), Wendy Farmer, David Power, Barry Dunstan, Bryon Puddy, Roger Taylor, Diane Wilkinson

It is hard to believe that my year as Club Service Chairman is coming to an end and that I will be starting my new role as Club President shortly. As enthusiastic as I am, I feel that the year will be a challenging one for me, but with the support of the Club Chairmen and the Club members it will be a productive and enjoyable year.

I would like to congratulate President Wendy on an outstanding year and would like to thank her for all her hard work and support throughout the year. A big thank you also to the Committee Chairs, Directors of the Board and members, as all positions were well served and I believe we have had a very successful year.

On Monday the 18th October 2010 five trees were planted in the Botanical Gardens in Moe to represent the Youth Exchange students that have gone out on exchange or spent their year here.

Florian Sutterluty	Inbound - Austria
Rafael Hilgenstieler	Inbound - Brazil.
Cesar Olagne	Inbound - France
Jeppe Straarup	Inbound - Denmark
Melissa Howlett	Outbound - Austria

Membership.

It was great to induct our new members Peter Kingsbury and Maureen Waddell; however we lost Mike Carter who retired and went to Orbost to live to be closer to his family.

Our Christmas Function was well attended, and our special thanks once again go to Jim McAllister as Santa Claus. Jeppe thought it was the real Santa. Fun and Fellowship was had by all with Evan and his Country and Western touring band entertaining us. The raffle on the night was great fun with nearly everyone winning a prize, and also raising \$290.00 for the Club.

The 53rd District Conference in Shepparton was well attended by Rotarians and their partners. The GSE team from Finland, who had been sponsored by the Club, accompanied us. The fun and fellowship was extremely enjoyable and will be remembered for many years to come. The guest speakers were informative and a highlight was that our Bulletin Editor Neil McCluskey was acknowledged at District Level. Congratulations Neil!

The Good Friday Appeal was supported by the club this year with members door knocking and collecting \$1207.40. Thank you to those who supported this worthwhile cause.



A highlight for me this year was to attend the President Elect Training in February at Trafalgar and the District Assembly in May. Listening to Guest speakers and their motivation talks have given me a lot to think about. It was a great opportunity to meet with other President Elects and discuss and share ideas which could be implemented into our clubs.

The 14th June, saw the final stage of the Botanical Gardens project with the lights being officially turned on. Special thanks to Rotarians and Sub Contractors who gave up their time, and to all who contributed to this project.

I would again like to take the opportunity to give my sincere thanks for the help and co-operation provided by all the Club Service Committee members over the course of this year. I am looking forward to the coming year.

Pash Demagistris
Chair- Club Service Committee



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Committee Members: David Prust (Chairman), Brian Gregory, John Hutchinson, Peter Kingsbury, Michael Koch, Neil McCluskey and Kishor Manani.

President Wendy and fellow Rotarians,

It is with great pleasure that I submit this report on the International Service Committee for the year.

During the year we had **Jeppe Straarup** on an inbound student exchange from Denmark. Jeppe has been a delight over the last year; the boy never seems to have stopped growing, it must have been the good Australian air. While here, Jeppe was hosted by Wendy and Brett Farmer, Mark and Marianna Fontaine, David and Maria Prust and Pash and Sandra Demagistris. His Counsellor was Michael Koch.

The start of this year saw the completion of **Melissa Howlett's** student exchange to Austria. Melissa presented to the club regarding her successful year in Austria. Her counsellor was Diane Wilkinson.

The International Service highlight for our club would have to be the hosting of the GSE team from District 1410 in Finland. They were with us from March 21st to the start of the District Conference on March 25th. The team enjoyed their stay in Moe and the many activities put on by our club.

The team's vocational hosts: Yallourn Energy (mine & power station), Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, Latrobe Regional Airport Gippsland Aeronautics, Lowanna College, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Ellinbank Research Station, Hobson's (Hydroponics farm), Blackshaw's (Potato and Dairy farm), Latrobe Valley Express (print works) and Gommans' (Goat farm).

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During this Rotary year there were a number of trips to Amed in Indonesia to support the Bhunutan Primary School. Michael and Neil travelled three times, Len Cairns twice – on one occasion accompanied by Julian and Jocelyn Yeatman and Peter Kingsbury. As the school is in a very poor part of Indonesia our project is to assist their 250 students with school uniforms, school books, white boards and sporting equipment.



Our committee continues to be active on many fronts, but this year's biggest activity was the annual golf day where our focus was on securing major sponsors. As we were blessed with good weather it enabled the Finnish GSE team, together with over 100 other players, to have a great day of golf. The day proved to be a great success with over \$18,000 raised towards the service activities of our club. Our thanks go to everyone who helped and, of course, to the many generous sponsors.

Another activity of the International Service Committee was the organising of a film night that was held at the Village Cinema in Mid Valley during May. 160 participants enjoyed not only the movie, Water For Elephants, but equally the social side of the evening. \$1800 was raised for our club.

With the help of President Wendy and the support of our committee, fellow Rotarians and partners we have had an enjoyable and productive year of International Service.

David Prust
Chair – International Service Committee



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Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic 2011 raises over \$18,000 for local Charities.

The Moe Rotary Club 11th annual Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic was deemed a huge success this year by raising in excess of \$18,000.00 for local charities. This year saw the introduction of some major partnership initiatives with local media which lead to the successful introduction of 3 Major Sponsors.

Local media, Radio 3GG, The Latrobe Valley Express, Radio 3TRFM/1242Gold and WIN Television all contributed substantial advertising packages to better promote the Classic which in turn encouraged major sponsors Workways, Gippsland NDT Services and the Gippsland Dental Group to come on board.

With the assistance of another 90 plus local sponsors and 114 golfers on the day and their guests for the evening dinner and presentations, a total of over \$18,000.00 was raised for local charities.

This year \$5000.00 will be donated to the Latrobe Regional Hospital, \$5000.00 to the Rotary Centenary House Project, \$5000.00 for local disaster relief and the balance for Moe Rotary Club Projects.

Club President Wendy Farmer said that this years event was a major step up for the Golf Classic and with the already committed support of the local media for next year we hope to make this event one of the biggest in the Gippsland calendar.



The Rotary Club of Moe wishes to acknowledge these organisations for their generous support of the GIPPSLAND ROTARY GOLF CLASSIC 2011



gippsland dental group

GIPPSLAND'S FRIENDLY DENTIST

BENDIGO BANK
CONNEQ
DAVINE FITZPATRICK SOLICITORS
DUNLOP SPORTS
GIPPSLAND LAND SERVICES
GIPPSLAND PHYSIO GROUP
GREGORYS SPORTS & MUSIC
HARTS PARTY HIRE
HARVEY NORMAN, MOE
HYDRO AUSTRALIA
JOHN BUNDLE
JOHN KERR & ASSOCIATES
MICHAEL KOCH
LATROBE VALLEY EXPRESS
LAW SOMERVILLE INDUSTRIES
MICHAELS GOLDEN HEN
MIRVAC REAL ESTATE
MOE FRIENDLY GROCERS & CELLARS – IGA
MOE RACING CLUB
NILSEN (VIC) PTY LTD
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RGM ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS PTY LTD
T M & H HOME TIMBER & HARDWARE
TRUenergy
WATERTANK CLEANING
ALPINE COUNTRY, MORWELL
COLONIAL / FIRST STATE
COMFORT INN, MOE
CURVES
EAST WEST AUTOS
EMERALD GARDENS RECEPTION CENTRE
GHD
JC & N HUTCHINSON
LATROBE CITY
LATROBE VALLEY FUNERAL SERVICES
LATROBE VALLEY PHYSIO
LAWRENCE & HANSON
NOEL'S PANELS
OLD SALE RD VET
RETIREINVEST-
MOE / TRARALGON / WARRAGUL
REGAL JEWELLERS
RETRAVISION, TRARALGON

SAGE TECHNOLOGY
SINNOTT'S ELECTRICAL
TAYLOR EYEWEAR
TIM SILVER
TULLOCKS CAR WASH
VALLEY FORD, MOE
WESFARMERS FEDERATION INSURANCE
YALLOURN GOLF CLUB
ACTIVE ELECTRICAL
ART FX
AYGEE GIPPSLAND
BAKERS DELIGHT, MORWELL
BUNNINGS, MORWELL
CHEMIST WAREHOUSE, TRARALGON
EASY CLEAN CAR WASH
FRAME BY FRAME
FURNITURE BEDS & MORE
GIPPSLAND HERITAGE PARK
HOUSE, MID VALLEY
HOUSE OF FROCKS
INVESTORS MUTUAL LIMITED
K-MART, MOE
MAGNUM MOVIES

MOE CHIROPRACTIC CENTRE
LATROBE POOLS & CHEMICALS
LATROBE ST CLINIC WARRAGUL
LEUNIG & FARMER
MOE HOTEL
MOE MEDICAL GROUP
NEWBOROUGH NEWSAGENCY
ODLUMS PHARMACY
OFFICE WORKS
ONE PATH
OG'S ON LLOYD
PATCH OF BLUE
REECE PLUMBING
REGAL JEWELLERS
REPS MOE
SAFEWAY, MOE
TANJA BOHL, DERMATOLOGIST
TURFSIDE
THIRSTY CAMEL
VALLEY GREENGROCER AND DELI
YELLOW BAKERY MOE





COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee members: Mike Carter (Chair July–December), Alan Sinnott (Chair January–June), Dave Woods, Lyn Cassar, Ed Achorn, Julian Yeatman and Evan Platchinda.

As usual the Community Service Committee has had another busy but successful year and I would like to thank my committee members for their assistance throughout the year. It was sad to lose Mike Carter during his reign as Chairman. Mike was a valued member of our club and committee but we wish him well in his new ventures.

Our main activity for the year was the successful completion of the Botanic Gardens Project. We installed nine streetlights along the footpaths and surrounding areas adjacent to the tennis club and barbecue rotunda. This was a fairly large project (it seemed to get bigger by the minute), and would not have been possible without the help of so many volunteers. I would especially like to thank Danny Batista and Stevenson's Haulage Company for their donation of much appreciated labour. Of course we had plenty of help also from our club members and David Wilkinson. Pash Demagistris and I spent a fair amount of time planning and completing this project and it was well worth it as it has made the area far more attractive and a great deal safer at night. We held a 'Switch the Lights on' ceremony during June and invited the Latrobe City Mayor, local councillors and media to attend, along with the many Rotarians and volunteers who assisted with this project.

At Old Gipps town we had our annual Moe 'Carols by Candlelight' evening where we provided free sausages (but sold soft drinks) and, as usual, it was very well attended.

We had two large ride-on toy cars given to us that we donated to Baringa Special School. It was an absolute pleasure to hand them over and to see the enjoyment they gave to the students.

A Christmas Raffle was run this year and, given its success, will no doubt become an annual occurrence.

We ran several fundraisers during the year. Barbecues were held at various locations including Bunnings, Querencia, Harvey Norman and TM&H Hardware.

All yielded much needed money for our club. We may be able to add the Hill Climb Club on Coach Rd to our list of venues in the future as they have expressed interest in having us man the gates on special event days.

The cool-room is now complete and has already been put to good use. The barbecue trailer has had an overhaul thanks to Daniel Barry and Barry Dunstan, but more repairs to the burners will be needed sometime soon.

We have ordered three eskies through Neil McCluskey and his contact at Alpine Country in Morwell. These will come in very handy when we cater for future barbecues and Golf Days.



Before Mike Carter's departure, he organised and distributed Medic Alert booklets which proved to be very popular and they were well received. Another project was at the Botanic Gardens where the fishing platform is now structurally finished but awaiting a coat of paint.

A couple of things dropped off our calendar this year, namely the Tru Energy Fun Run and our usual wine tasting night. It will be good to have them back into the calendar for this coming Rotary year if possible.

In conclusion, I wish to thank President Wendy for her magnificent efforts during her tenure, despite experiencing a couple of health issues. I wish incoming President Pash a very successful year and I am sure he will do an excellent job. We will support him whenever and wherever we can.

Alan Sinnott
Chair – Community Service Committee



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Committee Members: Len Cairns (Chairman), Ross Maxfield, Rhonda Crooks, Chris Lampel, Daniel Barry, Neil Thompson, Laurie Huffer

Our committee has had a very successful year and I am proud to say has been able to complete a number of vocational related activities.

Last December at Old Gippstown we hosted a Vocational Pride of Workmanship award evening. Students from local schools were presented with awards recognising their contribution to both their school and to their local community.

Special thanks to everyone who was involved in the evening and especially to Rhonda Crooks for organisation and administration skills and to Daniel Barry for arranging and preparing the certificates. Presidents Wendy did a great job presiding over her first large event of the year.

The committee recommended that our club re-introduce the 'Brief Job Talks' sessions to the weekly program and this was successfully reintroduced. There have been some fascinating insights into just what our Rotarians actually do in their busy lives. Many thanks to all who have contributed so far and we look forward to the continuation of the sessions as there are still a few we have not heard from yet!

The Vocational Committee also supported activities such as MUNA (Model United Nations Activity), with Lowanna students involved. Unfortunately, RYPEN and RYLA had some difficulties with student support, for these nominated programmes, however we are in the process of selecting a student for next year's National Youth Science Forum.

We recently presented Pride of Workmanship/Vocational Service Awards to four locals from the Moe business community who have made significant contributions to the local community. These were Julian and Jocelyn Yeatman for their fine customer service through the iconic Yeatman's Newsagency and to Jim and Jen Siekman of the Valley Greengrocer + Deli who have had some fresh and innovative ideas that greatly benefited our local community. I am proud that our club has formally recognised these people who have contributed so much.

All Committee members have been stalwarts throughout the year. Thank you to all for your support, work and enthusiasm.

Len Cairns

Chair – Vocational Service Committee