



## CLUB SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2008-09



I am indebted to the hard working committee who were willing to confront difficult issues this past year, in order to provide protocols which will assist our club in the future.

Membership was singled out as a key focus, and accordingly members were catered for with the distribution of the club data base, wallet sized member contact cards and our annual calendar of member responsibilities. By September, after several meetings, a Membership Discussion Paper was presented to the club. Its purpose was to clearly spell out appropriate procedures for the introduction and care of new members.

Our Membership month theme was "Rejuvenate...late...in 2008", and it provided an opportunity to investigate the new member's kit, with club discussion centring on current members' testimonials. Bryon Puddy's assistance in this regard was invaluable, and he received great support from another veteran in David Power, who also ensured that quality programs were presented during the year. The new member's night was a disappointment, both in prospective members and club presence, and future promotions will require more thoughtful preparation. It was wonderful however, to induct Mike Carter and David Prust during the past 12 months.

Neil McCluskey and Julian Yeatman admirably fulfilled the responsibilities of Secretary and Treasurer respectively and communication at club and board level was always current and informative. Their contributions, together with those of the PP Len Cairns, would have been of great assistance to President Neil.

Club Service decided that the cost of producing the Bulletin had become excessive, and to that end we are circulating it now by email, as well as ensuring some hard copies are available for visitors and members who require them. This dependence on electronic communication will increase over the ensuing years as we incorporate Club Runner into the Rotary Club of Moe's website. The other positive, of course, is in the production cost savings, which will be of significant benefit to various programs.

In my capacity as chairman, I was responsible for a number of club programs including Melbourne Cup night, the Christmas Party at Heritage Park, the New Year barbecue, our "Wimbledon-like" victory over Trafalgar at the annual sports evening, the promotion of the 9820 Conference in Albury, and most importantly, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our club. We owe special thanks to Laurie Huffer for the success of this celebration.

One final personal highlight for me this year as President-Elect, was to attend the district training programs (Pre-PETS in February and PETS in May) with my first participation in a Rotary Conference in March. (Tennis finals always seem to have clashed previously!) The camaraderie, assistance and direction provided in these activities have been greatly appreciated, and I realize that there are innumerable avenues of support available as a result of my involvement. I'm sure I will need plenty of that support.

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***President Elect***