



COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT 2009-10



Committee Members: Mike Carter, Dave Woods, Bruce Paull, Lynn Cassar, Pash Demagistris, Len Cairns (Chair)

The Community Service Committee has, in this Rotary year, had a very busy programme of events and responsibilities. As chair I would like to thank all members for their dedicated work and for the support they have given the committee and the Rotary Club of Moe over this year.

Activities this year have included a number of major projects and some additional works across the Moe community which have both benefitted the community and added to some of the Club's beautification projects.

ACTIVITIES:

Moe Botanic Gardens

This project is a long-term one partially funded by Latrobe City. This last year we have been installing tower lights to better illuminate the park from the Narracan drive end to the Tennis club. This will allow evening safety and better lighting for events. The reinforced bases for the light towers were prepared and put in place and the light poles are now being painted. This project should be near completion by the end of this Rotary year. Pash Demagistris and fellow Rotarians have worked hard to get this project close to completion in this Rotary year.

Thanks should also go to Rotarians Alan Sinnott and Bruce Paull for previous electrical and planning work on this ongoing project.

Catering for Moe Events

Throughout the year we have provided catering for a number of events across Moe. First large event was the Moe Carols by Candle-light at Old Gippsdown where we provided free sausages and sold soft drinks.

In addition we catered for the TRUenergy Fun Run event at Yallourn and also for the Movies in the Park event sponsored by Latrobe City.

Other Activities of the Committee

The Committee also supported the Frames project for Mainstreet Art painters with disabilities (some from Moe Lifeskills) and engaged in a number of other community support activities including the Apex/Lions Fireworks evening and all other Rotary Club events with good turn up and active involvement.

The Community Services Committee also undertook the completion of the Cool Room project which now means we have better refrigeration for all catering events. Thanks to the "Work for the Dole" group and GEST as well as Rotarians, Barry Dunstan, Dave Woods and his employer for their time and donations respectively for this project.

We are to yet to repaint the Picnic tables and seats in the Botanic Gardens, paint a section of St Aidan's Church and the Fishing Platform in the Botanic Gardens. We are also having the Rotary Club BBQ trailer refurbished after many years of reliable service and we have ordered a new set of "like keyed" padlocks for all our gate, shed, trailer and other equipment. We have also assisted the Yallourn North Primary School's breakfast programme and supported all other club events.

Special Thanks to both Committee member Rotarian Lynn Cassar for her catering prowess and extra work and to fellow Rotarian and PP Alan Sinnott for his support of this committee through works on and in the Club shed and other projects we have engaged in whilst he works on another committee. The support of President Roger Taylor and the Club Board throughout the year has been most helpful and the Committee has enjoyed the year.

[Fund Raising and Budget](#)

During the year we held a Wine and Cheese Tasting night at Old Gippstown which raised around \$700. Our other income for the Committee's work came from BBQ and Sausage sizzle activities and catering events and a series of raffles. Overall, the Committee budgeted for an approximate income for the year of \$6251 (includes the remaining part of the Latrobe City Botanic Gardens Lighting Grant) and an expenditure of \$5,700.

The Club spirit and Committee commitment of all members has been superb and whilst we have had some difficult tasks and large projects we have, in the end, had a very successful year. I thank all the Committee members for their work, support and "service above self" in the Rotary Club of Moe. I wish Mike Carter well as incoming chair of this Committee for 2010-2011.

I regret that I shall be away in the UK for this year's changeover and I wish incoming President Wendy Farmer all the best. My work takes me overseas quite often and I shall be back in August to continue my work for the Club.

[LEN CAIRNS](#)