



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 2009-10



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

Committee Members: Brian Gregory, Laurie Huffer, John Hutchinson, Michael Koch (Chairman), Neil McCluskey, David Power and David Prust.

ACTIVITIES:

Youth Exchange Program

During the year we had **César Olagne** on an inbound student exchange from France. César shall always be remembered for his famous mop of hair and the constant offers at meetings to give him a haircut. Whilst here César was hosted by Pash and Sandra Demagistris, John & Norma Hutchinson then David & Maria Prust. Counselor was Neil McCluskey.

As an outgoing student exchange to Austria we sponsored **Melissa Howlett**. Her counselor was Diane Wilkinson. We receive monthly reports from Melissa and she is having a fantastic time.

An International Focus

Thanks must go to Brian Gregory for organizing a day out to Mont DeLancy with a tour of the early French settlement and a bit of relaxation at the Chandon winery. Pash drove the mini bus and over a dozen of us enjoyed a great day.

Michael & Neil travelled twice, and Len Cairns once during the year to Indonesia to support the Bhunutan primary school in Amed. This school is in a very poor area and our project is to supply school books for the 250 students and to assist in the provision of compulsory school uniforms. Whilst in Indonesia talks were held with the Rotary Club of Ubud about the possibility of a future joint venture to establish water supplies for some smaller villages in Amed.

Local Events

During the year our committee has been active on many fronts. The biggest activity was the annual golf day headed by John Hutchinson (with a lot of support by Norma). The day was a great success and following a wet start was enjoyed by over 100 players. This was a good fundraiser having earned \$12000.00 towards the service activities of the club. Our thanks go out to all who helped and our many generous sponsors.

Our committee ran a film night at the Village cinema in Mid Valley. This fund raiser earned approx \$1,200 for the club and was an enjoyable social event packing out one of the theatres.

Thanks go to the many supporters who assisted us with an extra \$1400 to acquire extra shelter boxes to add to the club supported shelter box. These shelter boxes are each able to provide emergency accommodation for up to ten people.

For yet another year we must thank Laurie Huffer for taking on the Foundation role for the club. Laurie keeps us up to date and arranged for Graham Tudge from the District Foundation committee to address the club at one of our dinner meetings.

Our last international theme night for the year was the Bocce night held at the Italian Australian Club on the 7th June. Fun was had by all as we learnt how to play Bocce

President Roger, with your help and through my committee and fellow Rotarians, International Service had an enjoyable and productive year.

MICHAEL KOCH