



# VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 2009-10



Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, promotes high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizes the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fosters the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principals.

It is with much pleasure that I present the Vocational Service Report for this year and at the same time, thank the members of our committee for their support and contributions throughout the year. A special thanks to Chris Lampel for his work with Lowanna College and the Youth Programs.

**Committee Members:** Ross Maxfield Chair Ed Achorn, Chris Lampel, Evan Platschinda, Neil Thompson, Alan Sinnott, Rhonda Crooks, Daniel Barry.

## ACTIVITIES:

### Pride of Workmanship Awards

All local schools in postcode 3825 were invited to participate in our Pride of Workmanship Awards, The presentation was conducted at Old Gippstown on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December where 38 Students and parents were guests of the club with an additional 31 paying guests supporting the students plus Rotarians.

Below is List of awardees and the school they represented;-

Maddison Detar	Albert Street Primary School
Ryan Johnston	Baringa Special School
Chase Mallee	Elizabeth Street Primary School
Bethany Wright	Newborough (Murray Road) Primary School
Bowdy Richards	Rawson Primary School
Tom Johnson	South Street Primary School
Claudia Smith	St Kieran's Primary School
Kellie Wilson	Immaculate Heart of Mary
Ethan Jackson	Tanjil South Primary School
Caitlin Martini	Yallourn North Primary School
Brock Gane	Lowana Secondary School
Kate Troy	Lavalla Secondary School
Steven Thomas	Willow Grove Primary School
Darcie White	Newborough East Primary School

### MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)

Simulates the workings of the UN Assembly. Teams of two students from year 11 represent a nominated UN Country. Topics debated involve matters of world political, environmental and social concern. To provide sufficient time for all participants to actively participate in debates MUNA is held over a week-end. MUNA seeks to increase the knowledge and awareness of students about the UN and about the opinions and perspective of other countries to the issues and situations that are discussed This year our club sponsored Ashlee Thompson and Lachlan Morrow , students from Lowana Secondary College.

The camp was held at Forrest Edge over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010. 26 Students attended.

### Baw Baw Scouts – Patrol Leader of the Year Award

At the request of the Baw Baw Scout Group, Ross Alan and Mike interviewed the three nominees for this years Patrol Leader of the Year award, the interview took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> August at the Trafalgar Scout Hall. The nominations were:-

Sean Escourt	1 <sup>st</sup> Drouin Group
Travis Walsh	1 <sup>st</sup> Drouin Group
Teagan Asbock	1 <sup>st</sup> Mt Rivers Group (Rawson)

Travis Walsh was selected and presented with the award by Alan Sinnott at their meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> September, Sean and Teagan received awards for being nominated.

### John Dwyer Citizenship Award

This Award is won by the student who is not only a good citizen with a demonstrated commitment to community service and activities must also be a student of high moral and academic standard participating also within the school community.

Awarded to: - Bianca James Lowanna year 11/12 Secondary School  
Bianca has met and spent time with Jean Dwyer.

### RYLA ( Rotary Youth Leadership Award)

Rachael Borg was endorsed by our Club and attended the course at Rawson, held 12<sup>th</sup> March- 14th March. 2010. Its great to get feed back from our students who attend these courses, Rachael has kindly sent us her comments which I have listed below for this report.

*Dear Rotarians,*

*RYLA was a wonderful and amazing experience. Thank you so much for the opportunity to attend. Over the course of the weekend I learnt so many different things. It's hard to choose a favorite as it was all great. For me I personally enjoyed learning what personality type I was. Most of it was obvious. Loud, outgoing, spontaneous etc. We did a lot of trust activities which were awkward at the start as none of us knew anyone, but as we did more and more we could and did trust each other in the end. Another highlight was doing the high ropes course at night as it taught us that what you perceive during the day is completely different at night. I don't really have anything that I would like to change for next year as I thought it was great as it was. If I did have to change one thing, it would be that maybe on the Sunday or even the Friday you start earlier or finish later. Everything was on a very tight schedule and if it was a bit more relaxed it would be fantastic. I am sorry to inform you that I don't actually have a photo of me or us at RYLA. As soon as i get one I will send it through.*

*I truly appreciate your sponsorship for RYLA it was the best experience of my life so far.*

*Regards  
Rachel*

### RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)

This year the program was conducted at Forrest Edge Camp, Neerim East on the 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and hosted by the Rotary Club of Mount Martha, our club sponsored Lauren Burns and Shaun Whittaker.

Two students selected by Lowana chaplain Glenda Noordham.

### Siemen's Science Experience

Six year 9's from Lowanna Colledge attended a three day Science Experience Program at Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn during the September School Holidays.  
Melissa Jelinic, Jasmine Stankovic, Jonathan Anderson, Matthew Harper, Ryan Davis, Dayne Rech.

### National Youth Science Forum

Jacob Keenan Lowanna College school captain was selected out of 18 nominations to represent District 9820. The NYSF was conducted in January 2010 for 12 days at Australian National University hosted by ACT Rotarians. Jacob Keenan spoke about his experience at our meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> February and has attended our Club on many occasions and assisted at our annual Golf Day, a very worthy ambassador for our Club and the District.

### John Flynn Scholar

Our participation in the John Flynn Scholarship continued this year with Brent Foreman from the University of Adelaide visiting us from the 22<sup>nd</sup> November to the 7<sup>th</sup> December, Lauren Phoebe Neilson from the James Cook University of Townsville did not visit this year because of other commitments but will spend additional time next year, both Brent and Phoebe appreciate the hospitality extended to them through our Rotary Club and the valuable rural experience they gained in their time spent in Moe. The JFSS project is most encouraging to rural communities where lack of General Practitioners in some cases is critical

### Fundraising

Our only fund raising this year was the sale of Rotary Christmas Cakes, Puddings and Shortbread we sold 9 boxes which equals 54 cakes at a profit of \$164.00

### Site Visits

The committee organized two site visits this year, both occurred on the same night, the 26<sup>th</sup> October, we visited Village Life located on the corner of Moore Street and Haigh Street Moe, we inspected one of the units and enjoyed an excellent meal in the dining area, prepared by our host, Graeme McDonald and Eve Kilmartin (Managers) we then walked across the road to Gippsland Foot Clinic who opened up especially for us to inspect their premises and test their equipment, it was an interesting and very enjoyable evening.

### Lowanna / Kurnai Debate

Conducted at our club meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, the subject of debate was "Since Mankind needs to maintain Dominance over the planet, The 'powers that be' must eliminate corruption and graft". The students representing Lowanna College were Lauren Burns, Renae Tayler and Maddison Hitchins.

Kurnai College were represented by Sarah Thain, Georgia McCormick, Jerome Johnston. Chairman was Barry Dunstan and Adjudicator was George Cornelis, Lowanna College spoke for the subject and won by a very narrow margin.

### Vocational Talks

On the 5<sup>th</sup> October Kay Radford (District Chair for Vocational Service) attended our Club to recognize October as Vocational Service Month, Kay presented a video and spoke on Vocational Service.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> October Rhonda Crooks spoke on GEST. (Gippsland Employment Skills Training) Rhonda enjoyed the meeting so much that night she later joined as a member of our club.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> November Professor Janice Chesters spoke on Monash Rural and Indigenous Health.

## Vocational Excellence Awards

This award is for members of the public who have “Demonstrated excellence in their vocation and in doing so made a significant contribution to the community “

The people nominated for this years award and the category they represent was as follows:-

Iain Osborn     Railway Station Management  
Jeff Hitchins     Retail Hardware Management  
Peter Bennett     Promotion of State and Regional Archery

The Awards were presented on the 31<sup>st</sup> May at our regular meeting night.

## Pride of Workmanship (Placards)

We have printed and laminated 30 placards with the Rotary Emblem and the words:-

“Do it Once – Do it Well”.’” Build a Better Australia” most have been distributed to factory sites.

In closing I would like to thank the members who helped cater for the Vocational Service Awards presentation for the students and who purchased Christmas Cakes , Whiskey Cakes and Shortbread Biscuits. Best wishes to incoming chair Len Cairns for next year.

**ROSS MAXFIELD**