



VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 2012/2013



The Vocational Committee kicked off the New Year with a MUNA debrief visit from the two Lowanna students our club sponsored in the previous year (a month earlier). This was a great way to commence a new year – youth, vibrancy and a positive enthusiasm. Tonya Ryan and Natalie Acreman had a fantastic time during MUNA and clearly expressed their sincere gratitude to Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Moe was delighted to welcome and present two local businesses with the Vocational Business Awards for 2012//2013. Andrew and Kate Corrigan from Frame by Frame, together with Christine Waterhouse and Sue Broadbent from Furniture Beds and More, were delighted to receive these awards in recognition of their economic and social contribution to the local area.

Andrew & Kate Corrigan



Christine Waterhouse & Sue Broadbent



We were also delighted to present John and Maree Hall with the Volunteers Recognition award. John and Maree have firelessly spent many many hours cleaning the streets of Moe. Their strong community focus continues to be a prominent element of their daily lives.

In November we happily invited back our John Flynn Scholarship recipient Chris Lim. Chris is in his fifth year of medicine and is currently working at the Kalgoorlie Hospital. Chris advised he very much enjoys the two weeks he spends in our region each year. This visit saw Chris spending his time between The Moe Medical Centre and both hospitals in Traralgon and Warragul observing surgical procedures. No doubt The Rotary Club of Moe will receive Dr Lim again later this year.

The biggest event for the Vocational Committee in terms of organization is the Pride of Workmanship awards evening and the 2012/2013 was no exception. We had a fantastic turn out and 100% attendance by all invitees. Once again our whole club came together to make this night an absolute success. Students, parents and school officials beamed with pride as the children stepped up and proudly accepted their awards.

Unfortunately our school debate between Lowanna and Kurnai Colleges scheduled for March 2013 had to be deferred due to industrial action. However it is anticipated that the debate will go ahead in the new Rotary year with the subject being - 'Same Sex Marriage Should be Legalised' with Lowanna taking the negative approach.

The 2013 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) was held at Rawson Village 19 to 21 April 2013. The 2013 Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) was held over the same weekend at Forest Edge. Both programs attracted many potential participants and our club exceeded attendances from our local area. Two applicants attended RYLA and six applicants attended MUNA. I was lucky enough to visit RYLA this year with President Peter and it was clearly evident that both our participants were very much happily engaged in the program. We anticipate their attendance at The Rotary Club of Moe for a debriefing dinner shortly. The six MUNA participants will be attending a debriefing dinner at The Rotary Club of Moe, along with representatives from The Rotary Clubs of Traralgon, Traralgon Central and Hazelwood on Monday 24 June 2013. These three clubs helped fund the additional MUNA participants and we will be pleased to welcome them to The Rotary Club of Moe to enjoy fellowship and feedback from the MUNA participants.

The 2013 Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) was held at Forest Edge over the weekend 3 to 5 May 2013 and our club sponsored two students from Lowanna College to attend. I had the pleasure of dropping off and picking up the girls - Georgina O'Connor and Mikka Van Opijnen, to and from Forest Edge. They had a wonderful time and were fully participative in all activities. Friendships were made, much laughter prevailed and serious subjects were given serious consideration – bullying being just one of the topics covered. Following dinner with the girls and a debrief on RYLA (13 May 2013), I comfortably reported the following to Lowanna College - "They came along to Rotary last night and debriefed the club on their activities and their overall view of RYPEN in such a professional yet succinct friendly manner."

RYPEN 2013 Participants



Mikka, Rhonda & Georgina @ RYPEN

All of the Vocational Committee members have contributed throughout the year and I thank them for their support. Maureen Waddell will take over as Chair from 1 July 2013 and I am sure she will do a fine job.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and active participation.

Rhonda Elizabeth Crooks
Chair Vocational Committee
June 2013