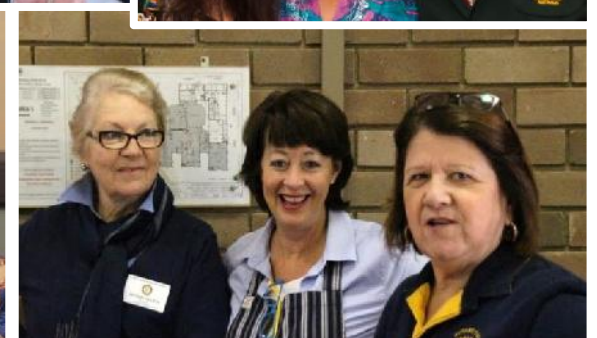
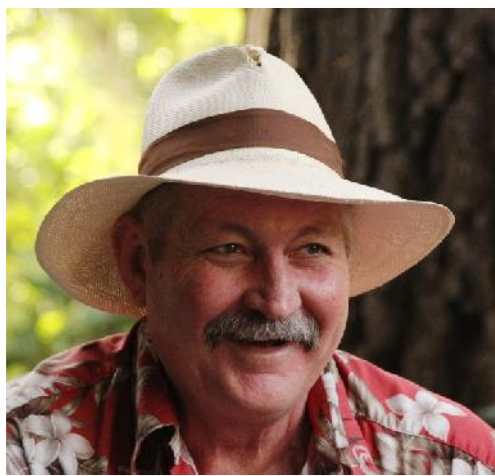
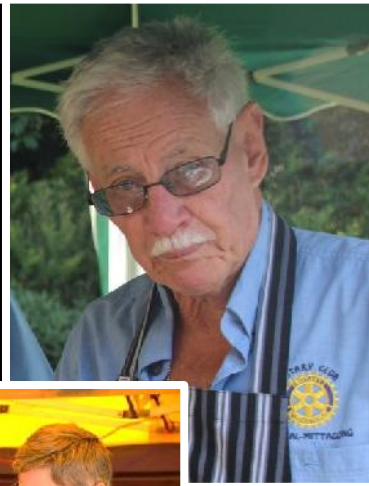




The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong
2015 / 2016 Presidents' Report



Presidents Report

It is with pleasure that I can present this report on behalf of the four Presidents for the 2015/16 Rotary year.

The year quickly settled down to a wide range of activities and involvement both locally and Internationally. Firstly, I would like to pay a sincere tribute to the Board and other club members who contributed so much of their efforts and time in making this past year so successful.

Whilst there are detailed Directors reports attached which I would commend for your reading, I would like to just briefly touch on the club's main activities.

Youth/New Generations

- Continued involvement and support (6th year) for Dream Cricket
- Continued support for Interact and Breakfast Club at Bowral High School
- Co-ordination/running of Science and Engineering Challenge/Discovery Day
- Continued involvement in Youth Exchange - Fernanda going home, Miranda coming home, James going to France
- Sponsoring two students to RYPEN
- Second successful local MUNA competition with 6 High Schools competing

International

- 5 club members spent two weeks building a classroom at Lorevuico school in Vanuatu
- At each meeting we continue to propose a toast to another club/country selected on historical anniversaries or events.
- Donations have been made to - Shelter Box - Rotary against Malaria, School in Timor Leste - Rotary Foundation

Events

- A range of fund raising BBQs included our major event of Tulip Time in Sept/Oct 2015.
- Other events supported included - Clown Doctors Ball - Highlands Fun Run - Relay for Life - Berrima Gaol break - Children's Cancer Golf Day - Bong Bong Races.

Membership

Fluctuations in membership are inevitable with people moving to new locations; having health issues or resigning. During the past 12 months we have inducted 4 new members with current membership standing at 45.

Public Relations

The club has been fortunate in the excellent continuing support from both the local newspaper and radio.

Locally we have supported the Valentine family with both hands on work at the house as well as fundraising from a movie night plus the proceeds from the Australian Rugby Choir event.

During the year we had a range of guest speakers over many topics with some of the more notable talking on the school in Timor Leste and Geonomics research at the Garvan Institute.

Socially

Whilst many of the fund raising activities have a social aspect, some of the more notable events in this area are -

- Bong Bong Race Day
- Christmas Party
- Australian Day
- Car Rally

Financial

Set out in the attached report are details of the various fundraising activities/donations and grants together with balance sheet and profit and loss account.

Over the past 12 months, the club has approved donations of some \$25,000 for disbursement within the local community and internationally.

As can be seen from the accounts, the club is in a sound financial position as it goes into the 2016/17 year.

I never cease to be amazed at the extent and range of activities this club is involved in over a 12 month period and once again I sincerely thank all members for their valued contribution.

Ian Cropper - President April/June 2016

This report has been presented on behalf of my fellow Acting Presidents - Trevor Fair, David Rees and Tony Glenn

Events Report for 2015 – 2016

Summary

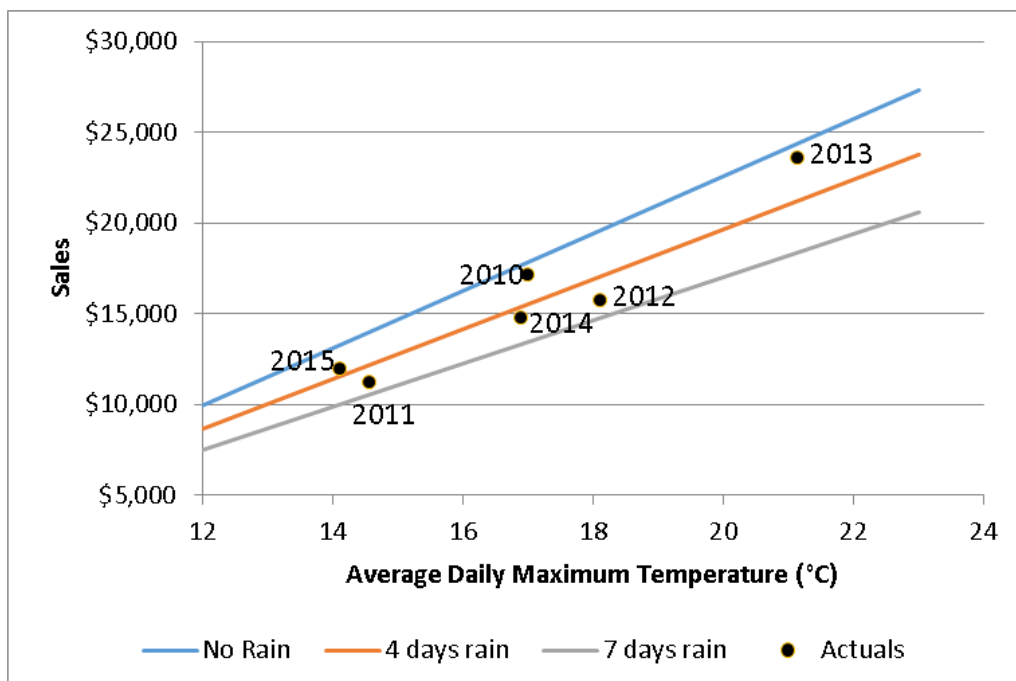
The events which were either organised or supported by the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong in 2015-2016 included:

- Sausage sizzles in July 2015 supporting the 2015 RAWCS Vanuatu School Building Project
- Annual sausage sizzle at Bowral High in July 2015
- Tulip Time Gates and BBQ from Monday 14th September 2015 to Sunday 27th September 2015
- Berrima Gaolbreak in Berrima from Saturday 3rd October to Monday 5th October 2015
- Dream Cricket on Bradman Oval on Friday 30th October 2015
- Clown Doctors' Ball on Saturday 17 October 2015
- Three movie nights at the Empire Cinema (October 2015, November 2015, April 2016)
- Science and Engineering Challenge in March 2016
- Highlands Fun-Run on Sunday 20th March 2016
- Relay for Life in April 2016
- BBQ for a birthday party in May 2016

Details of the earnings from these events are included in the Treasurer's Report, while a comprehensive report for both the Dream Cricket and the Science and Engineering Challenge can be found in the Youth Director's report.

Tulip Time

Once again Tulip Time was the major fundraising event for the club. In 2015 the combination of low temperatures and rain caused a significant drop in the number of customers at the barbecue compared to 2014. This prompted a comparison between the 2015 barbecue results and the results from previous years. This comparison showed that, not unsurprisingly, temperature and rainfall have a major impact on the takings from the barbecue as shown below:



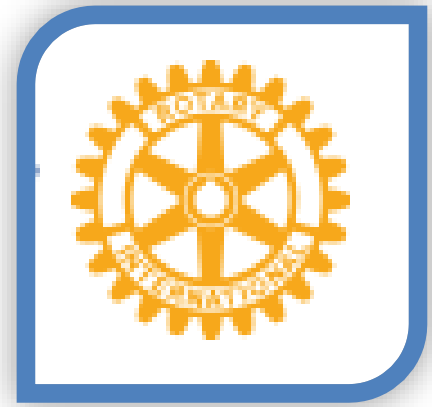
Unfortunately it is not possible to tell early enough beforehand what the temperature or rainfall will be over the period of the event. To achieve a net earnings rate of \$20 per hour with full manning of the barbecue total sales of at least \$15000 are required. It is therefore clear that 2011, 2014 and 2015 failed to achieve this threshold.

We always have trouble filling the slots on the roster for Tulip Time. While the barbecue may make a good return on volunteers' time when the weather is good, it does not provide the guaranteed return on time which is provided by manning the gates. It is therefore recommended that the first priority should be manning the gates. There are however some club members who would be willing to work on the barbecue but not on the gates. A strategy which could be applied to utilise the services of those members as well as improving the return on volunteer time would be to only operate the barbecue between say 11am and 2pm each day when sales would be high, except if it is cold and raining in which case the barbecue would either not operate or operate with only two volunteers. Apart from the option of non-operating, this is only one hour less than the previous weekday roster so it should be acceptable to the Tulip Time organisers.

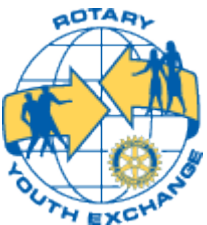
This strategy would significantly reduce the pressure on the roster with the total rostered hours for the barbecue (excluding setup and pack up time) reducing from 452 hours to 156 hours, even less if it is raining. It would be expected that earnings would not be significantly impaired. If the weather is good and there are members who have more flexible schedules there may be an opportunity to increase the manning and/or hours to further increase the barbecue revenue.

Robert de Jongh
Events Director for 2015-16

YOUTH IS OUR FUTURE



New Generations Report 2015-16



Rob Uhl
New Generations
Youth Director

Year Summary

This Rotary club again supported youth with a busy youth program. We saw our wonderful Youth Exchange student, Fernanda , return home to Brazil in January after an amazing year. Within that year, she made our club, her family, her host families and her school extremely proud with her attitude and achievements.

Each youth program and the young people that our Rotary club sponsors makes a difference. These programs enhances their lives, gives them skills and opportunity to make good choices in our world. It also brings the opportunity to our club members to meet and interact with amazing young people and their vision, their attributes and skills.

This year I am retiring as Youth Director after four years in the role and I wish to thank my club and the members in supporting me within this program.

Rob Uhl

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Dream Cricket – Brian Pattinson OAM

The sixth Bowral Dream Cricket Day was conducted on the Bradman Oval on Friday 30 October, 2015 where 175 students from over 20 schools were involved. Our Dream Cricket Day is a Southern Highlands Rotary program in conjunction with the Bradman Foundation and is now the model for other Dream Cricket committees across Australia to follow.

This year participants were welcomed by a 20 piece brass band from the Bowral high school, setting the scene for a day of excitement and fun. On registration each school entered the oval through an archway of balloons adding to the atmosphere of the event. The activities throughout were broadcast live by Highlands Radio 107.1 FM. Volunteers from the three local Rotary Clubs and 25 from the Uniting Church were briefed on their role to fill the 60 adult volunteer positions required during the day. They in turn were assisted by 102 students from the local high schools, the Bowral Interact Club and Tudor House prep school.

When the short opening ceremony concluded with a presentation of a \$5,000 cheque from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust the games began. This money has been used to provide kits to the schools involved allowing them to play the Dream Cricket activities on a regular basis. This means that many of the children with disabilities can play sport at school for the first time.

Primary school students at 12 stations supported by 162 volunteers started one of the best days of their year, throwing, catching, hitting and running despite their circumstances, some in wheelchairs, some in calipers and others with the whole range of disabilities. Refreshments were provided throughout the day along with hats and tee shirts for every child.

Added to all this for the first time we had a group of 35 High School students included at a higher level of activities arranged by Cricket NSW. This then provides a pathway for primary students moving to High School to remain in the DreamCricket activities through the T20 Blast All Abilities program.

Finally at the conclusion of the day each student was presented with a gold medallion by Dr. P. Body and Dr. Quack from the Clown doctor team who had been working with the children throughout the day. As they moved off to their buses to leave, the students were smiling and eager to go home and tell of their experience.

It was left to the tired but happy Rotarians to pack up and prepare for the dinner meeting with some 20 Rotarians from across Australia who had come to view the event and attend the AGM of the Dream Cricket Australia members to be held the following day.

Interact – David Rees

Interact meetings have been problematic over the last 12 months due to changes in timetable and, at times, poor communication. Nonetheless, Interact has been active, staging Bowral's Got Talent show, assisting with various Rotary activities, eg. MUNA, Tulip Time, and smaller fund raising activities. As a consequence Interact was able to donate \$1,000 to a shelter box and donate funds toward materials for a school in Cambodia. Funds have been set aside to pay for the erection of a water fountain somewhere on the school site. Future plans involve another Bowral's Got Talent show, a Trivia night and assisting in suitable Rotary activities.

Bowral High School Breakfast Club - David Rees

There was some initial difficulty in filling the roster especially for second term Thursdays but a couple of last minute volunteers saw the roster filled. Some of the problems could be ameliorated with better communication between volunteers, inside and outside of Rotary. Tuesdays, in second term, have been particularly efficient with, the welcome assistance of Tony Glenn's granddaughter, Jade, volunteering as a community contribution towards a Duke of Edinburgh Award. With the addition of a couple of new volunteers, third term should see fewer difficulties filling the roster. The actual operation runs smoothly when all materials are available. The pupils are appreciative of the volunteers efforts, making a point of saying thank you to volunteers as they leave. Eggs, bacon and toast is the usual bill of fare, occasionally supplemented with sausages.

Without the volunteers this program would not exist, so a big thank you to all including Rotarians, Friends of Rotary and CWA.

Science & Engineering Challenge and Discovery Day – Ian Langford.

Once again the Club worked with the University of Newcastle and Engineers Australia to host the Southern Highlands Science & Engineering Challenge in March 2016. We also hosted a Science & Engineering Discovery Day for Primary School students for the second year after last year's successful Discovery Day.

The Challenge consisted of 7 High schools sending 210 students and 14 Primary Schools sending 279 students. In all over the 2 days, 489 students were presented with a range of problems that had to be solved in competitive teams

and stimulated to think about a future in science, technology, engineering and mathematics studies and careers.

The Challenge was won by Frensham and the Discovery Day was won by Mittagong Public School.

Our thanks go to the sponsors, the Mittagong RSL Club, all the volunteers and the University of Newcastle for such an enjoyable and successful two days.

4 Way Test Speaking Competition

Only Bowral High, with speaker, Maddie Lockhart prevailed in this competition. Maddie was successful competing against Moss Vale High and went through to the finals for the District competition. She was not able to progress to the District Conference finals however we congratulate her for her efforts in speaking on a difficult and often controversial topic, that of euthanasia.

NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)

In 2015 we took on a student, Molly Young who attended Frensham, from the Berrima District Club as they had had four applications. I interviewed her with the Berrima District Rotary Club and agreed to sponsor her through Bowral-Mittagong. We sent her through to the District interviews however she did not make the cut. This year, 2016 we have interviewed a very impressive young man, Matthew Worden whose home address is Mittagong but attends school in Cranbrook . We are sending Matthew through to District interviews in Canberra which take place in August. I am confident that Matthew will make the cut to attend the 2017 NYSF.



Meagan Handley was the young lady sponsored by our club to attend the RYLA program held at Greenhills Conference Centre in January. Meaghan spent 6 days at this residential program and came back on the 19th January to speak at our club. Meaghan stated in that presentation, that it was one of the best weeks of her life and outlined the skills she gained from attending the program. These included increased self-esteem, goal setting, public speaking ability, and group work.



Youth Exchange

Inbound -Fernanda Eid from Sao Paulo Brazil

Fernanda finalized her 12 month Youth Exchange in January. Fe was an exceptional student and a credit to her family and her country and also to our Club. She had an amazing year, traveling to every state in Australia in that time, including a guest of her brother's exchange club in Hobart Tasmania. She assisted at all functions and Barbeques we held, and represented Bowral High school with pride. She was farewelled in December at Rotary, celebrating with all of her host families. She finalized her year with a Scuba diving trip to Bali with her last host family, Robert De Jongh and his wife Mara and then spent Christmas in Perth with Roberts family before flying the long journey home to Brazil.



Outbound – Miranda Nichol – returned from Denmark

Miranda also returned in January after spending an amazing year in Denmark. She spoke to the club in February of the highs and lows of her exchange and the personal growth that she has gained from the experience. Her exchange was so successful her Danish school friends are paying half her fare to travel back to Denmark for her to attend their graduation!



Outbound- James Kelly - sponsored by our Club and currently in France

James is sponsored by this club and is spending his year with Rotary Club of Boulogne Côte d'Opale. He is having a ball and has already had a school excursion to London, visited heaps of museums and improving his French language!



RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment



RYPEN holds two programs a year (May and September) at the Old Gold Rush Village at Mogo. In the September program, our club sponsored two students, Caitlin Lindsay and Peter Sullivan from Bowral High School. The May program, we sponsored another two students, Arabella Ison and Lydia Kirby. This program is for 14-17 year olds and covers group work, self-esteem, Body Image, Youth Suicide and an understanding of people with Disabilities. Nearly all students that attend this program grow from the experience in confidence and understanding of the world they live in.



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Model United Nations Assembly

The second Southern Highlands MUNA was successfully held in May at the Wingecarribee Shire council chambers. Secretary-General this year was Susan Engel from the University of Wollongong. Six of the seven local high schools participated, with Oxley fielding two teams. Again this was a joint project of Rotary in the Southern Highlands, the three Rotary Clubs, Rotaract and Interact. The three judges this year had an extremely hard job adjudicating. The judges were our District Governor, Monica Garrett, District Governor Nominee Mark Wallace and Wingecarribee Shire Councilor, Duncan Gair.

The outright winner of the day was Southern Highlands Christian school representing Russia, with Bowral High School representing South Africa coming second. The winner of the Peace Prize was Oxley College representing Nigeria. Both teams representing Russia and Nigeria will be sponsored to attend the National MUNA in August held at Old Parliament house.



Treasurer's Report

Since I began as Treasurer on 1 July 2014 I made a few changes with the backing of our Board. One of them being the setting up of our accounts on Cloud software from 1 July 2014, and the separating of DreamCricket International and DreamCricket Bowral in December 2014 as well as launching the Joker Raffle draw on 18 August 2015.

With regard to fundraising, this year we have done extremely well netting a profit for some of our projects as follows :

- Bong Bong Picnic Races	Profit of \$5,800
- Tulip Time 2015	Profit of \$10,450
- James Bond Spectre Movie Night	Profit of \$5,104
- Polio Plus – Rotary Foundation	Raised \$2,282
- Rugby Choir Night	\$1,409 Received by our Club Donated to Reaching 4 Korina
- Volunteer Grant	\$5,000 (applied for by Trevor Fair and received in June 2016)
- Science & Engineering Challenge	\$16,500 has been raised this year with a profit of \$2,190 which will be carried forward to the next year

Just recently we sold \$2,805 kits for Bowel Care which were sold through local Pharmacies. This money was sent to Bowel Care Australia in June 2016. Many thanks to David Rees for all your help with this project.

I would also like to thank Rose Conley who through her sole efforts with airport transfers has managed to raise the club \$940 in 2015 and has currently raised \$150 this financial year. Well done Rose!

I would also like to thank everyone who has played a part in fundraising for this Club. Our determination as a Team has been greatly rewarded as can be seen by our fundraising efforts above. Great work everyone – Well done!!!!

As this is my final year as Treasurer I would like to thank everyone in the Club for their help and assistance and patience during my 2 year tenure. My position has now been passed on and accepted by a very capable and extremely meticulous Rotarian, Ian Langford, whom I know will make an excellent Treasurer.

Josephine Chalmers

Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

2016 International Report

RAWCS Trip – Vanuatu

Five members of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong spent the first two weeks of August, 2015 on the island of Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu where they built a school classroom for the Lorevulco Primary School. The school is operated by the Anglican Church of Melanesia and serves the village children and the classrooms are used by the adjoining trade training centre in the village.

The Team was Ray Coulton, Lynton Kettle, Will Eddowes and Simon Knight and was led by Rod Aistrophe.

The concrete floor slab and base block walls had been built by an earlier team from the Rotary Club of Winston Hills. We sourced materials and tools, plugged the rough blockwork on the new building as well as the adjoining existing classrooms and painted them with block sealer, built the superstructure, roofed and lined the walls, fitted doors and windows and painted the whole new building and the existing classrooms external walls to match.

Much of the work was undertaken by students of the Lorevulco Trade Training School with assistance and supervision from Anglican Church Fathers Rex, the School Headmaster, and Charles and Walter, the Parish Priests. Lunches were provided by the women of the village. The finished Classroom is owned by everyone in the village - their participation made it theirs which will assure its continuing use and upkeep.

In 11 working days we were able to complete and hand over the new classroom ready for use.

This was a very satisfying Project carried out with and for the loveliest people which will leave the Team members with a great sense of achievement, our Club with a pride in our participation and a long term legacy of education and training of the next generations of Vanuatians.

International Toasts

Each week at the Club meetings, a member proposes a toast to another Rotary Club throughout the world. The Club and country are selected based on a historical event which is being celebrated during the week of the toast. As well as the toast, there is a brief (sometimes) description of the country, the special occasion being celebrated and other relevant matters. Rod Aistrophe ably prepares the toast and a letter for exchange between Presidents.

Donations

During this financial year donations to projects included in the International Portfolio included;

Shelterbox - \$3,000 from the Club, however Bowral HS Interact Club also raised \$1,000 for a box and we received a generous donation of \$2,000 from a community member.

RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria) - \$2,000. This campaign will be the next big focus for Rotary once polio is eradicated in the next year or so. The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong is keen to commence focus on malaria as many close neighbours to Australia are affected by this parasite.



The finished classroom when with our Team, Lynton, Ray, Will and Rod and some of the workers (plus a couple of kids). Team member Simon had departed earlier.

Annual Report: Public Relations

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There were a number of other endeavours this year that ensured the club was never too far out of the local media, and for that we again thank the editor of the Southern Highland News, Jackie Meyers, as well as radio 2ST presenters Graeme Day and Angela Walsh, as well as ABC Radio Illawarra presenter Nick Rheinberg, all of whom helped us promote events and keep the public informed of Rotary's good work throughout the year.

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A club sub-committee met early in June to discuss the future of the club's website and decided to maintain its account with Clubrunner whilst exploring alternative web-hosting services.

Mark Wallace
PR Director 2015-16

Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong

Membership Report 2015-16

This year has seen a significant number of membership movements. The Club commenced the year with 56 members and closed with 47 members. There were a total of 12 members leave the Club and 3 members join.

Of the members leaving, 6 members moved out of the district, 1 resigned due to ill health and 5 for other reasons. Of the new members 1 transferred from Sydney and the Club inducted 2 new members.

There are currently 12 female members, being 26% of the total membership.

During the Year guest speakers included the District Membership Chair as well as a presentation from Mark Huddleston concerning Barriers to Membership. As the Club is now in its 77th year, it is apparent that the Club is transitioning due to the mature age of many members and it is therefore essential and appropriate that the Club has committed to reviewing membership issues and the needs and expectations of a younger demographic early in the New Year.

Tony Glenn President January- March 2016

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