



Rotary Club of Applecross (Inc.)

District 9460 - Western Australia.

"Service Above Self"

ANNUAL REPORT

2000/01 ROTARY YEAR

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2000/01 YEAR

In preparing this summation of the past year's events, I have been both surprised at the speed with which the year has seemingly passed and happy that we have progressed through some difficult times.

As those who attended last year's Changeover Dinner may recall, I began my 'Presidency' by reading an Aesop's Fable that had as its moral, "Don't stretch your arm further than your sleeve will reach". The idea of that moral was to support the goals that I proposed for the coming year, which, broadly stated were:

- To foster harmony and fellowship within the club via larger committees;
- To undertake at least one major long-term community project; and
- To continue to support youth projects as a priority whenever possible.

I believe the first goal was achieved thanks to Geoff Bennett and his fellowship committee, Orlando Fernandes for his guest speaker programme and to all members who helped and participated in the various social events.

The second goal has also been set in train with the successful inaugural *Jacaranda Festival*, an event that will be repeated this year and one that appears to have Melville City Council approval and support as an ongoing fixture. Although not intended as a profit-making venture, we nevertheless do not want this to be a subsidised event.

Experience gained, together with increased exhibitor numbers this year, should hopefully see the event achieve closer to break-even point in the future.

Our Youth Committee under Peter Walters continued to support the two major science projects, the Youth Exchange programme, the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure and, but for lack of participants, both the MUNA and RYLA events would have been well supported. In addition, the first year apprenticeship award was dedicated to the memory of our late esteemed member, Bob Cooper. With an emphasis on youth, the annual Bromwell-Cooper Awards night now has greater significance for the Club.

On a sadder note I record the recent death of our much admired and very dedicated Charter member, Colin Day.

Various charitable donations were made during the year and these are particularized both within the various directors' reports as well as by our Treasurer.

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The Rotary Club of Applecross was very well represented at District Conference in Margaret River, in support of our Club member and 2000/01 District 9460 District Governor, Gerry and Marilyn Faulkner. Congratulations to both Gerry and Marilyn on a job very well done and for continuing the District Governorship tradition for which this Club has been noted.

On the 29th May 2001, with a combined (breakfast) meeting of members, their partners and with special guests being past members and partners, the Club celebrated the 30th Anniversary of its charter. This proved to be a very popular event with some eighty-six people in attendance. So well received was it, that it may well have indicated the manner in which future past-member meetings could be held.

The smooth running of any Club owes itself to the efforts of its contributing members. In that regard, I would like to pay tribute to the team that helped to such a great extent in making this an enjoyable year:

Club Service	-	Greg MacKenzie
Secretary	-	Tony Jakovich
Treasurer	-	Paul Clune
Bulletin Editor	-	Bob Hollingsworth
Sergeant	-	Kenn Williams
International Service	-	Bruce James OAM
Community Service	-	Chris Dawson
Youth Committee	-	Peter Walters
Vocational Service	-	Mal Taylor
Fellowship Committee	-	Geoff Bennett
Membership Committee	-	Ronald Bower

Attendance Officer - John Kelly
Programmes - Orlando Fernandes

I would also like to acknowledge and thank those members whose 100% attendance record this year have helped to maintain Applecross at the top end of attendance records for the District:

Gerry Faulkner	Bruce James	John Hosking	Greg Hocking
Tony Jakovich	Paul Clune	Bob Hollingsworth	George Mavros

My personal thanks to all who assisted me during the year not only by attending to the abovementioned duties, but also with advice and words of encouragement that helped make the year pass so quickly and enjoyably. Needless to say, I am extremely grateful and indebted to my very able personal assistant and wife, Elizabeth.

George S Mavros
President 2000/01