



DISTRICT 9650

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAREE INCORPORATED

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Club 17947

CLUB REPORTS 2011 – 2012 75th Annual Report



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

ROTARY CLUB OF TAREE INC

OFFICE BEARERS 2011-12

PRESIDENT

David Fisher

PRESIDENT ELECT

Howard Whitelaw

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Bruce Moy

SECRETARY

Joy McCaffrey

AUDITOR

Jack Broadfoot

TREASURER

Phillip Streatfeild

DIRECTORS

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Howard Whitelaw

VOCATIONAL/YOUTH

Leonie Melder

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Kevin Sharp

INTERNATIONAL/FOUNDATION

Peter McKay

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ashley Cleaver

MEMBERSHIP

Ashley Cleaver

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Kalyan Banerjee

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Barry Hacker

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

Ken Sheather



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I begin my report by thanking all members for entrusting me with the Presidency of the Club at the time of our 75th Anniversary. I have found the year most rewarding. This has occurred because of the hard work of not only the Board but many members of the Club. I particularly want to thank Secretary Joy. Her hard work in administration and secretarial duties makes the Club run very smoothly.

Early in the year after discussions with Club Taree we moved our Monday meeting venue from the Casuarina Room to the Melaleuca Room, which is a more attractive area. The Club also allowed us to place a plaque on the wall above the bar saying that the Rotary Club of Taree meets here every Monday. At the same time we also secured storage area downstairs, for our Rotary paraphernalia

Membership Director Ashley has reported later on the state of membership, but having lost a number of members at the beginning of the year it was important that we stabilise the Club during the year with an influx of new members. This has occurred with active members now being fifty; however we need to build on this next year.

During the year it was very sad that we lost our PDG Bob Young. Bob did so much over a long period both for the Club, the District and the wider Rotary community, particularly his work with the Kokoda Memorial Hospital. He will be sadly missed.

However through the hard work and badgering of our Membership Director Ashley Cleaver, we have gained eight new members and hopefully in coming months some more. With our average age increasing, it is essential that we invigorate the Club with new younger members. As I write this report I'm pleased to be able to inform you that I have just been advised by Secretary Joy that the Rt Hon Ian Sinclair, AC has accepted our invitation to become an Honorary Member. You'll recall that he gave an inspiring address at our Anniversary Dinner in April and I took that opportunity to ask him to become an Honorary Member.

Talking about that dinner. What a wonderful weekend we had in April, with the arrival of a delegation from the Rotary Club of Okayama Chuo, our sister Club in Japan. The dinner and this visit couldn't have been the success they were without the huge effort of a number of people. The Sister Club Committee, especially Herb Beer, Alan Small and Ashley Cleaver did a marvelous job in ensuring the weekend went off without a hitch. I should also thank those members who hosted the Japanese. The visit wouldn't have been a success without your assistance.

The dinner on Friday evening was well attended by members, our District Governor Barry Hacker and Bronwyn, Past Governors, a couple of members from our Sponsoring

Club, the Rotary Club of Newcastle, past members and members of other local Rotary Clubs.

Coupled with these two events was a five page insert in the Friday edition of the Manning River Times on 27th April which included a photo of each member. Thanks to Ashley Cleaver for taking the photos of each member, securing the sponsorship for the supplement and generally organizing the supplement. Thanks also go to all those member's businesses who took out an advertisement within the supplement. I received many complements in relation to the whole celebration of that weekend.

Early in the year we received a visit from last year's Group Study Team that visited Canada. Of course one of those members, Mark Drury, our nominee on the team had returned and joined our Club as a member.

Throughout the year, Les Hogarth and his team have arranged a great selection of guest speakers and visits to various organisations throughout the area. Guest speakers were presented with a Certificate of Thanks saying a donation would be made in their name to Australian Rotary Health. On the back of the certificate are details of some of the grants that have been made by Australian Rotary Health.

In September a group of our members visited Japan to attend the 20th Anniversary celebrations of our sister Club, The Rotary Club of Okayama Chuo. They in turn visited us in April for our 75th Anniversary celebrations.

Our members assisted Kevin and May Sharp in the running of their Camp Memories. Regrettably this is the last year Kevin and May will run this excellent community event. It was just getting too much for them.

We undertook a couple of "Sausage Sizzles" at Bunnings over Christmas. Regrettably more and more community organisations are taking on this activity, meaning we don't have the same number as in previous years.

Barry Hicks instigated an appeal for clothing and emergency relief for the people of Mindanao following devastating floods just prior to Christmas. With the help of many Rotarians and particularly Robert and Alison Keene and the community generally much hard work was done in packing and sending this relief to the Philippines. This hard work of the International Committee was recognised at the District Conference, where the Club was awarded the World Community Service Trophy donated by PP Tub Nardy. It was proudly accepted by Robert Keene, who worked so hard on this project.

Our usual Australia Day Rotary Golf Tournament was postponed because of rain, and held in February, however though successful, it did not attract the same numbers and therefore less profit than hoped for.

We sponsored students to attend RYAG Dairy at Wingham. Youth Director Leonie Melder, as Manager of the ANZ Bank Taree also sponsored students and helped supervise over the weekend.

A number of our members helped out at Taree's "Community Connect Day", where the most vulnerable members of our community are assisted.

We had a great night out and raised some money at the MEC laughing through “On Golden Pond”.

The first Monday in November saw us raise money with our usual Melbourne Cup Calcutta and auction where PP Bruce Moy tries to get everyone to purchase something, even if they don't want it!

Bowelscan this year has encountered some regulatory problems, however at the eleventh hour they were overcome and Bowelscan this year was held later than usual in May

We had a great few days in late February hosting the GSE Team from D6990 Florida. Peter McKay and Mark Drury are to be congratulated on arranging an excellent program for our visitors.

With March being Literacy Month we have purchased twelve books – through the “Books for Babies Program” - to be presented to babies born at the Manning Base Hospital during March. Kevin Sharp delivered them to the hospital in early April.

One of the many great guest speakers who entertained us during the year was Jim Frazier. Jim subsequently offered us the faculty to sell his artwork, “Crystal Art”, his very own creations. It should be a great fundraiser as we will get the majority of the sale price. Coupled with this through a conversation with PDG Ian Dyball, we arranged to have a fundraising evening with Jim, where he spoke on his Life, specifically his cinematography work and the Jim Frazier Lens. This expanded to a morning and evening lecture at the Manning Entertainment Centre and in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Forster-on-Wallis the same at Club Forster. Regrettably Taree's had to be combined into one evening venture and moved to the Theatrette at The Manning Information Centre, where just over 100 people attended.

Each week at our meetings there are people behind the scene that ensure things happen. Ralph Godwin ensures that numbers are advised to Club Taree, so if you are not attending please ensure you let Ralph know. Then at the meeting we are greeted by Ted Gauntlett, who welcomes us and keeps track of who is present and finally our Treasurer Phil Streatfeild collects our money. The set up and tidying of the room is under the control of Sergeant David Howard and some helpers. Thank you for completing these necessary jobs.

During the year the Board made the decision to invest in a new Website run by ClubRunner, an organisation that has specifically designed sites for Rotary Clubs. It also gives us a 'back office' where we can keep club records up to date in one spot. It is still being finalised but so far it has received a very positive response.

Thank you also to Robin Streatfeild for arranging the regular ladies morning teas and dinners. I believe the ladies really do enjoy getting together for a chat!

Howard Whitelaw was elected as President for 2012-13 and Joy McCaffrey was elected as Secretary. Joy was also elected as President Elect for 2013-14. I wish Howard and his Board listed below a great year

Directors for year 2012-13 are:

Mark Drury - Club Administration, Ken Patterson – Special Projects/Community, Fr Keith Dean-Jones - Vocational Service, International/Foundation - PDG Ian Dyball with assistance from Barry Hicks, Wayne Robards - Membership Director, New Generations - vacant, Ashley Cleaver – Public Relations

There are a number of suggested projects still in the planning stage, but one was 'tongue in cheek' suggested following Councils financial problems, "Paint the Martin Bridge Pink for Charity". Project Director Kevin Sharp had the photo below appear in the MRT along with plenty of editorial.

I congratulate Les Hogarth, Margaret Patterson and Joyce Carey on being awarded Paul Harris Fellowships.

I want to recognise my wife Jenny. Throughout the year she has been a tower of strength with her advice, encouragement and being by my side at all the major events. Nothing seems to phase her. It was her work that made the evenings at our place with the GSE Team from Florida and the Rotary Club of Okayama Chuo successful, even if I say so myself. Thank you.

Lastly I want to thank a few Past Presidents. As I have only been here a relatively short time, there were many 'local' things I didn't know about, so thank you Bruce, Kevin and Phillip all members of the Board and also Peter Dahdah all for your wise and thoughtful advice. I hope I now know all the members of the club, some of whom I didn't at the beginning of the year. I have certainly "Reached Within to Embrace Humanity".

David H Fisher



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Let me start by saying how quickly this year has flown by. Even so I am pleased to say how rewarding it has been to have fulfilled the role of Secretary for this past year. It has been a pleasure to have served with President David Fisher and the Board for 2011-2012.

This year has been an enjoyable one and I have found that the role of secretary comprises a myriad differing tasks with most of the work I have undertaken this past year being mainly focused on providing support to others, both in an organisational and administrative capacity. It has given me a great insight into the workings of Rotary generally, and great satisfaction, and I am delighted and very proud to be a Rotarian.

Over this past year our work was certainly cut out for us particularly with the organisation of the Club's 75th Anniversary. This was a huge task made easier with the support and help of many people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who made my role a little easier by providing me with advice and on-going support throughout the year. Your encouragement has been greatly appreciated.

It is with pleasure that I look forward to assisting Howard Whitelaw and the new Board in the same role as Secretary for 2012 – 2013.

Kind regards

Joy McCaffrey
Secretary



A relieved PP Bruce Moy congratulating President David at last year Changeover



Following the AGM, President David with President Elect Howard and President Nominee Joy McCaffrey



PDG John Glass & Ted Lewis both from the Rotary Club of Newcastle with Bob Newling at our 75th Anniversary Dinner



Tashi Ono, Leader of Japanese Delegation with Mineko & Takao Iwashiro and Karenne Norling

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAREE - TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer: Phil Streatfeild

Assistant Treasurer: Brian Braithwaite

The final detailed report on the Club's finances will be an audited statement of the accounts presented at the Annual General Meeting in November. This report outlines the Club's donations and contributions to help Community, Youth and International Projects from funds the Club has raised by various efforts through the year.

Many thanks to all members who helped raise funds. In particular thanks to Don Hopkins for organising the Melbourne Cup activities, Bob Newling for the Australia Day Golf, Kevin Sharp for the Bunnings BBQ, Max Carey and Kevin Sharp for Bowelscan, Ian Dyball for the Jim Frazier activities, Barry Hicks for the Philippines Appeal, Karenne Norling for the Theatre night and the Japanese Committee chaired by Herb Beer.

COMMUNITY:

Taree Manning Men's Shed	\$200.00
Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service	\$3,455.00
Manning Rural Referral Hospital – Children's Unit	\$3,455.00
Ten Little Fingers Project	\$82.80
Community Service Awards	\$300.00
Australian Rotary Health Foundation – Bowel Cancer Research	\$500.00
Australian Rotary Health Foundation – Mental Health Research	\$1,000.00
Farquar Inlet Management Group Inc	\$200.00
Black Head SLS Club	\$200.00
Taree Old Bar SLS Club	\$200.00
Crowdy Head SLS Club	\$200.00
Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal	\$500.00
Australia Day Free Breakfast - GTCC	\$200.00
Dundaloo Foundation – Sponsorship of International Day of Disabilities	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$10,692.80

YOUTH SERVICES:

Taree High School – Prizes for Awards night	\$100.00
Zone 4 Science and Engineering Challenge Support	\$200.00
Sponsor 4 students to RYAG Dairy	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$800.00

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

Polio Plus	\$150.00
Rotary International Foundation	\$2,000.00
School of Saint Jude (Tanzania) – Support Student	\$1,500.00
Philippines Appeal	\$1,252.00
EduFund (Philippines)	\$500.00
Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$5,702.00

OVERALL TOTAL	\$17,194.80
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(Back Row) Mayor Paul & Patti Hogan, Marjorie & Don Phillips, David Fisher
(Front) Rosemary & Ian Sinclair, Bronwyn & DG Barry Hacker, Jenny Fisher



Max & Joyce Carey cutting 75th Anniversary cake



Mrs Yoshimi & Akiyoshi Osaka

CLUB ADMINISTRATION REPORT

	Director – Howard Whitelaw
	Assistant Director – Ross Tingle
Programs:	Les Hogarth, Alan Small
Bulletin:	Stephanie Coomber, Joy McCaffrey
Sergeant:	David Howard, Don Phillips
Corporals:	Laurie Easter, Harvey Else
Attendance:	Ted Gauntlett, Ralph Godwin
Welfare:	Fr Keith Dean-Jones
Archivists:	Max Carey, John Doust
OH & S:	Kevin Sharp
Webmaster:	Max Carey
Fellowship:	Phil Streatfeild, Leonie Melder

From the point of view of Club Administration, the highlight of this year has been the increased membership and the very welcome inclusion of “new blood” brought by the newer members. All members have been cooperating in the quest for new members but the driving force has been Ashley Cleaver who deserves the gratitude of us all.

The members of the Club Administration committee have all simply carried out their duties in a quiet competent manner with little need for prompting. The smooth running of the Club is due to these members who mostly work in the background and their hard work often goes unnoticed.

The Club’s finances remain healthy and the Treasurer Phil Streatfield has been meticulous in keeping the Board fully informed so that the best decisions can be made.

Work of all the other members including the attendance officer, the Sergeant at Arms

Those who prepare the meeting room and the myriad of small details that make all of our lives so much better is really appreciated by us all. The Bulletin remains one of the best in District 9650 and this has been acknowledged by the award of “runner up” in the District competition. Hearty thanks and congratulations to Stephanie and Joy.

The programmes and guest speakers have been of high quality and these make for interesting and enjoyable meetings.

The 75th Anniversary celebrations and the visit from members of our Japanese sister Club were both enjoyable and historic, made possible by the collective effort of the members and especially Herb Beer and Alan Small. The great public relations in connection with these events was coordinated by Ashley Cleaver – a real “quiet achiever” who is also “quite an achiever”. The fellowship among our own members was greatly enhanced by these major events.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Club Administration committee who made my job as Director of Club Administration not only uncomplicated but enjoyable.

Howard Whitelaw
Director and President Elect

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Director: Ashley Cleaver

Membership Development: David Fisher, Bruce Moy, Joy McCaffrey
New Member Mentors: Ian Dyball, Colin Rose
Rotary Information: Peter Dahdah, Colin Rose, Howard Whitelaw

In what has been a tough year for membership I would like thank the club for its inordinate efforts in attracting new members and in particular the efforts of Col Rose, Leonie Melder, Laurie Easter and Stephanie Coomber in collectively sponsoring our eight new members.

The committee is locked into its two stage renewal plan with a target of sixty members.

Stage One: To increase club membership from 50 to 55 members.

Stage Two: To increase club membership from 55 to 60 members.

Membership Movements 2011-2012

Ordinary Membership as at 20/06/11	49
Resignations	7
New Members inducted	8
Ordinary Membership as at 23/06/12	50

Resignations from ordinary membership during the year were received by Grahame Hoare, Glen Maas, Debbie Purse, Terry Drury, Larry Belton and Michael Kemp.

New members inducted were Wayne Robards, Mark Drury, Warren Blanch, Tim Deverell, Susie Ploder, Elizabeth Kempers, Belinda Crossingham and Robin Green.

The club has seven honorary members as at the 23rd June 2012: Narelle Campbell, Alan Cowan, Paul Hogan, Mavis Jones, Patricia Rees, John Ritchie and we have just invited The Rt Hon Ian Sinclair, AC to be an Honorary Member.

During the year the club lost a distinguished Rotarian with the passing of PDG Bob Young.

The net result for the year is a gain of one member. Elsewhere in the report is a listing of all active members as at 23 June 2012.

Ashley Cleaver
Membership Director

PROGRAM 2011 - 2012

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
4 Jul 11	Craig Huth - Announcer	Report on USA Trip
11 Jul 11	Stuart Neal	Horticulturalist
18 Jul 11	Don MacInnis	Legacy in Action
25 Jul 11	Kikki Everson	Past Exchange Student
1 Aug 11	Club Assembly	
8 Aug 11	Belinda Power	Westpac Rescue Helicopter
15 Aug 11	Mark Drury	GSE Team from Canada
22 Aug 11	Vocational Visit	Men's Shed Taree
29 Aug 11	John Lawrence (PRID)	Shelterbox to Japan
5 Sep 11	Kathryn Bell	Taree Councillor
12 Sep 11	Club Member Talks	Peter McKay & Fr Keith Dean-Jones
19 Sep 11	Chris Ryan	Ryan Aerospace
26 Sep 11	Robert Hicks	Scuba Diving
3 Oct 11	No Meeting	Public Holiday
10 Oct 11	Ian Johnston	"Tractors"
17 Oct 11	RYAG Participants	Georgia Anderson & Others
24 Oct 11	DG Barry Hacker	
31 Oct 11	Melbourne Cup Calcutta & Auction	
7 Nov 11	PDG Neville Parsons	Rotary Foundation
14 Nov 11	Don Hopkins	Racing
21 Nov 11	AGM	
28 Nov 11	Club Golf Day	Club Taree
5 Dec 11	Rotarians Returning from Japan Talk	
12 Dec 11	Christmas Party	
19 Dec 11	Christmas BBQ at Aero Club	
26 Dec 11	No Meeting	
2 Jan 12	No Meeting	
9 Jan 12	Social Night - Old Photos	
16 Jan 12	Vocational Visit	WT Howard Funerals
23 Jan 12	Member Talks	
30 Jan 12	Simon Brown	President - Taree Chamber of Commerce
6 Feb 12	Jim Frazier	Art & Photography
13 Feb 12	Rob Loadsman	G.M. Midcoast Water

PROGRAM 2011 - 2012

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
20 Feb 12	D6990 Florida GSE Team	
27 Feb 12	Tharindu Senanayake & Ellie McEwen	National Youth Science Forum – Their Experience
5 Mar 12	Vocational Visit	Honeycomb Farm Nabiac
12 Mar 12	Members Report	District Conference
19 Mar 12	John Edstein	Surf Lifesaving
26 Mar 12	Wendy Morrison	Pakistan Trip
2 Apr 12	Phil & Helen Webster	Cancer Support Group
9 Apr 12	No Meeting	Easter
16 Apr 12	Ian Dyball	Climate Change
23 Apr 12	Club Assemby	Japan Trip & RYDA
27 Apr 12	Rt Hon Ian Sinclair, AC	75th Anniversary Dinner
9 May 12	Volunteer Community Service Awards	
14 May 12	Bob Newling	RAWCS
21 May 12	Ian Dimmock	Police Anecdotes
29 May 12	Rotary Club of Gloucester Visit	
4 Jun 12	Jeremy Miller	Manager M.E.C.
11 Jun 12	Public Holiday	
18 Jun 12	Vocational Visit	Taree Court House
23 Jun 12	Club Changeover	Fisher to Whitelaw



75th Anniversary Dinner at Club Taree 27th April 2012

VOCATIONAL SERVICE AND YOUTH

Director: Leonie Melder

Assistant: Bruce Moy

Committee: Ken Raison, Laurie Easter, Fr. Keith Dean-Jones, Phil Streatfeild, Don Phillips, David Howard, John Doust, Belinda Crossingham, Susie Ploder, Elizabeth Kempers, Tim Deverell, Wayne Robards

Projects and activities undertaken during the year included:

Rotary Youth in Agriculture (RYAG) Dairy. This was hosted by the Rotary Club of Wingham, with ANZ Bank being one of the sponsors. We nominated two students to attend this camp, and they reported to our club meeting on a very worthwhile experience. I had the dubious pleasure of sleeping over with the students one night. Ian Dyball also assisted with the program.

Science & Engineering Challenge. Another highly successful annual activity strongly supported by our club. The popularity of the Challenge for secondary students continues to grow, with a special program now running for primary school students. At the Rotary dinner during the Challenge, the Rotary Club of Taree table won the challenge to build the highest and strongest load bearing tower.

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA). This outstanding program was brought to our District by Ken Patterson. Ken, supported by Margaret (and a big team of Rotarians & partners), continue to drive this event with great skill and expertise. The results for the students speak for themselves.

Rotary Youth Exchange. Our club is still exploring the possibility of hosting (and therefore being able to sponsor) a student under this program, aimed at promoting international understanding.

National Youth Science Forum. We invited two students to this forum, and they presented a very enthusiastic report back to a club meeting.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). It was most disappointing that no suitable young person was put forward this year. A special effort needs to be made, as this is an outstanding personal development program.

Pride of Workmanship, a joint activity between the three Rotary clubs in Taree, took a different approach this year, recognizing community volunteers.

Vocational Service Month, October, gave the opportunity to strongly focus on this “difficult” avenue of Rotary service. We had member vocational talks, and each week there was a special article in our club bulletin. Members have been encouraged to wear their Rotary lapel badge with pride, and it is encouraging to see our newer members setting the example here.

Vocational visits during the year were very much enjoyed by members. We were shown the facilities at the Race Course (thanks to Don Hopkins), we went to the Men’s

Shed, the Honeycomb Farm at Nabiac our own Terry Miller's business W.T. Howard Funerals and to the new Court House in Taree.

It has been a pleasure to serve our members in this capacity during the last year, and I particularly want to thank those who have assisted me throughout the year.

Leonie Melder

Director, Vocational & Youth Service



Member and Partners at the Science and Engineering Challenge with an interloper from the Rotary club of Gloucester



Mayor Paul Hogan and Rt Hon Ian Sinclair, AC addressing 75th Anniversary Dinner

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

Director: Kevin Sharp

Assistant Director: Rob Keene

Committee: Warren Blanch, Max Carey, Mark Drury, Peter Fitzpatrick, Robin Green, Don Hopkins, John Lattimore, Terry Miller, Bob Newling, Karenne Norling, Ken Patterson, David Snell, Ross Tingle.

Whilst the Service group was an action Committee, all the Rotary Club of Taree was invited to give service to the following projects to our community.

- ❖ Taree Agricultural Show; Gates were supervised by Rotarians and fees collected for the Show Society. Donation was granted to the Rotary for services rendered.
- ❖ Melbourne Cup; Monday Rotary meeting prior to the Melbourne Cup day, raised funds for local charities and had a fun evening.
- ❖ Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) was conducted at the Taree Race Course in November 2011 and May 2012 for schools in our Rotary Cluster.
- ❖ Camp Memories; Rotary from various Clubs supported families of Camp Memories in, drivers of vintage cars, Traffic controllers, wardens, erection of marquees, supply of tents, sleeping equipment, breaking up camp and packing equipment.
- ❖ **Rotary Awareness Project**; Rotary cares about its community in health, industry, life style, location – **Paint the Martin Bridge PINK**
- ❖ Bunnings Barbeque; Christmas Eve and Boxing Day would be a normal strain on man power on these days BUT NOT for Taree Rotary. We enjoyed serving our community.
- ❖ Australia Day; Wet and windy but the show went on in providing a free breakfast for the public.
- ❖ Australia Day Ambrose Golf; Deferred to the 26th February due to the course being closed. However, the Fund raising day was a great success.
- ❖ Manning River Men's Shed; Supported by Rotary in service and kind.
- ❖ Bowelscan; Continues to save lives in our Rotary District 9650. Some Clubs ran the program in March and majority of Clubs running in May/June in 2012.
- ❖ Fotheringham Park flag pole and surrounds were repaired and painted, and Council illuminating the flag, allowing 24/7 flying of the Australian flag.
- ❖ Rotary Literacy Month of March; Rotary Club provided Books for Babies through the Manning Rural Referral Hospital- Maternity Section.
- ❖ **Improvements** to the Manning River; Painting of the Manning River Sand Dredge.
- ❖ Apex Lookout; Tidy, clean and repair the lookout park in Richie Crescent.
- ❖ Australian Rotary Health; Awareness of Mental Health through Hat Day promotion and raising funds for Mental Health Research.

I take this opportunity to thank Rotarians their partners and families for your support throughout the past Rotary year 2011-2012.

Kevin Sharp
Community Service Director

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE & THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Director: Peter McKay

Assistant: Bob Newling

World Community Service:	PDG Bob Young@, Robert Keene
Sister Club Committee:	Herb Beer, Brian Hole, Alan Small, Karenne Norling, Ross Tingle
School of St Jude:	PDG Ian Dyball, Stephanie Coomber
GSE:	Col Rose, Mark Drury
Committee:	Col Rose, Barry Hicks, Brian Hole, Brian Braithwaite, Bob Berry, Ian Dyball, Ted Gauntlett, Ralph Godwin

Mindanao Cyclone Appeal

In December a devastating cyclone struck the Philippine island of Mindanao. The storm pummelled northern Mindanao causing rivers to overflow and flooding coastal cities in the early hours of 17 December 2011 while people were sleeping. It is estimated that approximately 1400 people were killed or are missing. 51,000 homes were damaged and 700,000 people were affected. Our club member, Barry Hicks, has been working in the Philippines on poverty eradication programs, community based economic development and running an scholarship program known as Edufund. Barry coordinated the collection and donation of goods to be sent to the Philippines to assist those affected by the cyclone. Many residents of the Manning Valley donated items. Over 50 pallets of blankets, clothing, shoes and home wares were sent to the Philippines. Special recognition should be given to Robert Keene and Mark Drury, who provided storage space at their homes, and Barry Hicks who organised this mammoth task.

Okayama Sister Club

In September 2011 six Rotarian's and their partners (11 in total) travelled to Okayama, Japan to visit our sister club - The Rotary Club of Okayama Chuo. The reason for the visit was to represent the Rotary Club of Taree at the 25 year celebrations of our sister club. Our club members were treated to a well-organised, enjoyable and memorable experience. In April 2012 it was our turn to host members of the Rotary Club of Okayama Chuo so they could attend our 75 year celebrations. We hosted a delegation of 11 representing our sister club. Our sister club association has been strengthened by these activities. Herb Beer and the Sister Club Committee are to be congratulated for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Group Study Exchange (GSE)

In February this year we hosted 6 members of a GSE team from District 6990 in Florida USA. The team were in Taree for 2 days. They gave a presentation to our club meeting. They spoke of the demographics of their district, their careers, families and interests. The team participated in a vocational visit on their second day. Thanks to Mark Drury for his help in organising their visit. Thanks to those members who hosted the team and provided transport for their visit.

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)

Our members contributed \$510 to the District RAWCS Supporters Fund.

Guest Speakers

During the year we have had 3 guest speakers at Club meetings relating to International Service and the Rotary Foundation.

Mark Drury was our speaker on 15th August. Mark was a team member in the Group Study Exchange team which visited District 5370 in Canada in June 2011. Mark spoke about his experiences as part of the GSE team and the activities of the Rotary clubs he visited in Canada. We were very happy to welcome Mark as a member of the club several weeks later.

PDG Neville Parsons was our guest speaker on 7th November. Neville spoke of the Rotary Foundation, its principles and its history. The Rotary Foundation programs include the Humanitarian Grants Program, the Educational Programs and Polio Plus. PDG Neville spoke of how the funding is obtained by Rotarian contributions.

Our own club member Bob Newling spoke on the 14th of May. Bob spoke about the activities of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS). He gave details of projects in Papua New Guinea, East Timor, the Solomon Islands and Vanuata. He also spoke about the Rotarian's Against Malaria program

School of St Jude

We continue to sponsor Blandina Allen as a student at the School of St Jude. Blandina is now in Form 3. The School of St Jude, in northern Tanzania, was started In 2002 by a young lady from Northern NSW, Gemma Sisa. The school was started with the help of her family, friends and the local Rotary club. The school has now grown to approximately 1500 students and around 350 staff.

EduFund

Our club has provided financial support to EduFund which was started by our member, Barry Hicks. Edufund provides scholarships to students from poverty stricken families in the Philippines. These scholarships enable the students to receive a higher level of education than their families could afford, thus breaking the cycle of poverty. We receive regular reports from Edufund student Jomar Levado on his educational progress and achievements.

Peter McKay
Director

Sister Club Committee Report

The Rotary Sister-Club committee is pleased to be part of this report to state what many of our members already know—and that is, after months of careful planning, the eleven member delegation of the Rotary Club of Okayama Chuo who visited Taree in April to assist in the celebration of our 75th anniversary, was very successful from almost every point of view.

Of course, while the committee and other interested members did a lot of work to ensure that all arrangements were in place to contribute to a successful interchange, all of our members generally in one way or another, made valuable contributions to the success of the visit. We thank you for your ready participation.

That the Japanese visit was highly successful was confirmed by the the comments while our Japanese friends were here in Australia, but also since their return to Japan there have been numerous letters and emails thanking us all for the manner in which the visit was handled. There is no doubt that the Japanese Rotary visitors went home very impressed with Australia, the Rotary Club of Taree, the 75th anniversary celebrations, and the personal experiences they enjoyed here during their short stay.

A special thanks to those people who hosted members of the Japanese delegation.

The ready co-operation of all concerned made all the work worthwhile and we thank you for a job well done.

Alan Small

On behalf of the Sister-Club Committee



Barry Hicks & Peter McKay with his children
survey donations for the Mindanao Appeal



President David with Mark Drury after his
induction.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

“Promote or Perish”

Director Ashley Cleaver

Committee: Alan Small, Harvey Else, Max Carey

The Manning River Times has given unstinting support to the Rotary Club of Taree throughout the year and special thanks must go to its editor Toni Bell, General Manager John Bulmer and Helen Manus.

Coverage well in excess \$20,000 was received by the club from single image and story, to full front page and multiple page features.

The five page 75th Anniversary feature was well received with copies given to our visiting members of the Rotary Club of Okayama Chuo.

Rotary activities not directly covered by the Times were covered by the clubs Public Relations committee.

The incalculable hours spent behind the scenes in picture editing and copy writing by all committee members, and here I must make special mention of team member Alan Small, attributed directly to this very successful outcome.

Ashley Cleaver

Public Relations Director



Rob & Alison Keene, Barry Hicks
President David and Susie Ploder
With the World Community Service Trophy



PDG Ian Dyball and PDG Neville Parsons
following Neville's talk on the Rotary Foundation

ROTARIAN	PARTNER	LEGEND	YEAR JOINED	OTHER CLUB	CLASSIFICATION
Herb BEER	Dawn	PP PHF	1992		Building Services
Bob BERRY	Narelle	PP PHF	1972		Dentistry
Warren BLANCH	Rhonda		2011		Contract Services
Brian BRAITHWAITE	June		1988		Dentistry
Dennis BROWN	Robyn	PP PHF PAG	1981		Hospitals-Medical Tec
Max CAREY	Joyce	PP PHF SARH	1960		Pharmacy
Ashley CLEAVER		PP BF PAG PHF C	1992		Tire Retailing
Stephanie COOMBER	Bob Berrigan		2009		AgedCareNursingAdmin
Belinda CROSSINGHAM	Daniel		2012		Funeral Services Management
Peter DAHDAH, OAM	Denise	PP PHF ARH	1987		Men's Wear Retail
Fr Keith DEAN-JONES		PHF	2006		Religion
Tim DEVERELL	Linda		2011		Business Banking
John DOUST	Judy		1976		Media Print
Mark DRURY			2011		Forestry Management
Ian DYBALL	Margaret	PP**PHF PDG BF SARH	1999	Carlingford 1976	Education Early Childhood
Laurie EASTER			2011		Aviation
Harvey ELSE	Lilian		1994		Petroleum Retail
David FISHER	Jenny	PRESIDENT, PP* PHF PAG C	2009	Newcastle 1986 North Sydney 1988 Lindfield 1996	Airline Administration
Peter FITZPATRICK	Elaine		1996		Education Secondary
Ted GAUNTLETT	Dulcie	PP* PHF#	1983	Barraba 1965, Glen Innes 1967	Postal Services
Ralph GODWIN	June	PP PHF	1976		Printing
Rob GREEN			2012		Manufacturing Jeweller
Barry HICKS			2009	Mudgee 1966. Lae PNG 1968 London, UK 1974. Gingogog Philippines 2004	Business Consultancy
Les HOGARTH	Beverley	PP PHF	1994	Yenda 1983, Kempsey 1991	Investment Planning
Brian HOLE	Heather	PP	1978		Opal Mining
Don HOPKINS, OAM	Tricia	PHF	1977 1996		Education Administration
David HOWARD	Bonnie	PP	1988		Employment Services
Rob KEENE	Alison		2006		Building
Elizabeth KEMPERS			2012		Library Services
John LATTIMORE		PP PHF	1967		Dairying
Leonie MELDER			2010		Bank Management
Terry MILLER	Elaine	PP*	2006	Temora 1980	Funeral Services
Bruce MOY		PP PHF	1991 2007	Walcha 1991, Port Macquari West 2003	Auctioneering

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Joy McCAFFREY	Terry		2009		Accounting Services
Peter McKAY	Melinda		2010		Optometry
Bob NEWLING	Jenny	PHF	1989		Electrical Services Management.
Karenne NORLING			2001		Travel Agency
Ken PATTERSON	Margaret	PP PHF	1982		Motor Parts
Don PHILLIPS, AM	Marjorie	PHF	1983		Business Machines
Susie PLODER	Herbie		2012		Education Preschool
Ken RAISON	Virginia	PP PHF PAG	1999		Education Consultancy
Wayne ROBARDS	Meagan	PP	2011	Taree	Accountancy Management
Colin ROSE, OAM	Di	PHF	1975		Medicine GP
Kevin SHARP	May	PP PHF GARH	1984	Deniliquin 1976	TAFE Administration
Alan SMALL	Jan	PHF	1966		Photographic Retailing
David SNELL	Maree		1999		Banking Commercial
Phil STREATFEILD	Robyn		1997	Wentworth 1 Nov 1989	Education Admin.
Ross TINGLE	Ruth		2007		Manufacturing Engineering
Howard WHITELAW	Kay	PP*	2004	Walcha 1967 Inverell 1986 Bathurst 1992	Aged Care Residential
Bob YOUNG @	Ann	PP PHF#	1973	Griffith 1970	Technical Education
Manuel ZAUNDERS		PP PHF	1956		Catering Services
HONORARY MEMBERS					
Narelle CAMPBELL			2009		Honorary
Alan COWAN	Judy	PP PHF SARH	1976		Honorary
Paul HOGAN	Patti		2008		Honorary
Mavis JONES			2007		Honorary
Patricia REES		PHF	2003		Honorary
John RITCHIE, OAM	Sally	PP PHF	1975		Honorary
Ian SINCLAIR, AC	Rosemary		2012		Honorary

PP	Past President
**	President previous Club and this Club
*	President previous Club
PHF	Paul Harris Fellow Recognition
#	Paul Harris Fellow Recognition with 1 Sapphire Pin
GARH	Gold Companion of Australian Rotary Health
ARH	Companion of Australian Rotary Health
SARH	Silver Friend Australia Rotary Health
BF	Rotary Benefactor
C	Rotary Centurion
PDG	Past District Governor
PAG	Past Assistant Governor
@	Passed away during the year

ATTENDANCE RECORD

We now do not have to report to District our monthly attendance figures, however Ted Gauntlett keeps an accurate record of who does and does not attend. By number we averaged 35 members per meeting, which is an average of 76%.

We have seven members who have applied for "Attendance Exempt", though in practice a number of them attend meetings regularly. They are Bob Berry, Peter Dahdah, Max Carey, Ted Gauntlett, Brian Hole, John Lattimore and Terry Miller.

Throughout the year a number of members were absent on Leave of Absence. They were Ken Patterson, Ken Raison and Peter Fitzpatrick.

Two members, PDG Ian Dyball and President David Fisher had 100% attendance



Members at Bunnings BBQ



John Lattimore and ? at Honeycomb Farm



Japanese Group and members on last day prior to lunch at Cassegrain Winery

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Norm JONES	1976	d*
Kevin HARDES	1977	d #
George Maxwell NORTH	1981	d
Robert Allen BERRY	1982	
Jack Cameron CAREY	1982	d
Leonard Walter KELSEY	1982	d
Robert George (Bob) YOUNG	1982	d#
Allan John CONNORS	1983	d
Thomas William DYBALL	1985	d
Harold JOSEPH	1985	d
Mrs. Pat (Bob) YOUNG	1985	d
Ian Ross DYBALL	1987	(Carlingford)
Frank PLUMMER	1987	d
Dennis Herbert REES	1987	d #
Bob BERRIGAN	1988	
Bruce COWAN	1988	d
Ray GREEN	1988	d
James William (Bill) KENNEDY	1988	d*
Les MURRAY	1988	
Mrs. Maud (Jack) NOONAN	1988	d
Wilf CONNORS	1989	
Patrick CONNOLLY	1990	d
Mrs. Judith (Alan) COWAN	1991	
Mrs. Joy (Sid) DAVEY	1991	
Edwin Murray (Ted) SAXBY	1991	d
Leonard Maxwell (Max) CAREY	1992	
Eric James QUARMBY	1993	d
Charles Francis WITHERS	1993	d
John RITCHIE	1994	
Mrs. Patricia (Dennis) REES	1996	
George Murray (Jock) TURNER	1996	d
Manuel John (Jack) ZAUNDERS	1997	
John LATTIMORE	1997	
Colin Gordon RUPRECHT	1997	d
Alan Russell COWAN	1997	
Colin McIntosh ROSE	1997	
Edward (Ted) GAUNTLETT	1997	#
A. (Bill) BIRRELL	1997	
Peter Kaiss DAHDAH	1998	
Glenn Douglas MAAS	1998	
Noel Wesley EMERTON	2002	d
David Hamilton FISHER	2002	(Lindfield)
Kevin John SHARP	2003	
Donald Geoffrey PHILLIPS	2005	Centenary
Russell SAUNDERS	2005	Centenary
Dennis Maxwell BROWN	2005	
Kenneth PATTERSON	2007	
Kenneth RAISON	2008	Conference
Mrs. Virginia (Ken) RAISON	2008	Conference
Geoffrey WATMAN	2008	
Ralph GODWIN	2009	
Herb BEER	2010	
Ashley CLEAVER	2010	
Alan SMALL	2010	
Keith DEAN-JONES	2011	
Donald Edmond HOPKINS	2011	
Bruce MOY	2011	
Robert J. NEWLING	2011	
Leslie Thomas HOGARTH	2012	
Margaret Judith PATTERSON	2012	
Joyce Isabel CAREY	2012	

* Multiple PHF d Deceased # plus Sapphire Pin

PRESIDENTS

Cuth Haddan	1937-38	Allan Connors	1974-75
Claude Walker	1938-39	Jock Turner	1975-76
Chas Peel	1939-40	Wes Woodward	1976-77
Brian Davidson	1940-41	Manuel Zaunders	1977-78
Ron Butterworth	1941-42	John Lattimore	1978-79
Steward Sheppard	1942-43	Max Carey	1979-80
Merv Williams	1943-44	Bob Young	1980-91
Fred Burrows	1944-45	Bob Berry	1981-82
Ron Butterworth	1945-46	Dennis Rees	1982-83
Hiram Cowan	1946-47	John Ritchie	1983-84
Frank Hole	1947-48	Ted Saxby	1984-85
Herman Nelson	1948-49	Noel Emerton	1985-86
Alex Herbert	1949-50	George Shreeve	1986-87
Hugh Scribner	1950-51	Alan Cowan	1987-88
Stewart McGlashan	1951-52	Ralph Godwin	1988-89
Roy Saxby	1952-53	Graeme Sparkes-Carroll	1989-90
Ralph Plummer	1953-54	Glenn Maas	1990-91
Wall Sneddon	1954-55	Ern Death	1991-92
Jim Hamilton	1955-56	Brian Prince	1992-93
Darrell Crowfoot	1956-57	Colin Ruprecht	1993-94
Ralph Chequer	1957-58	David Howard	1994-95
Les Osmond-Dreyer	1958-59	Peter Dahdah	1995-96
Max North	1958-59	Ashley Cleaver	1996-97
John Campbell-Brown	1959-60	Brian Hole	1997-98
Bill Nelson Snr	1960-61	Leslie Hogarth	1998-99
Cliff Douglass	1961-62	Herb Beer	1999-00
Eric Davis	1962-63	Ken Patterson	2000-01
Rex Yen	1963-64	Dennis Brown	2001-02
Bill Hardie	1964-65	Ken Raison	2002-03
Chris Mooney	1965-66	Larry Belton	2003-04
Roy Allen	1966-67	Ian Dyball	2004-05
Allan Thompson	1967-68	Wayne Robards	2005-06
Kevin Hardes	1968-69	Terry Drury	2006-07
Charles Withers	1969-70	Philip Streatfeild	2007-08
Keith Griffin	1970-71	Kevin Sharp	2008-09
Allan Osmond-Dreyer	1971-72	Bruce Moy	2009-10
Bill Nelson Jnr	1972-73	Bruce Moy	2010-11
Rex Meehan	1973-74	David Fisher	2011-12