

CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

DIRECTOR: PETER COX

Peter Cox took over as Club Service Director when **Dennis Rowston** took leave of absence. There are many jobs in the Club that keep things ticking over and I thank those involved for their commitment – they are the quiet achievers.

Many club members have put forward names for guest speakers. Some of the memorable nights include: **Rick Norris, Derek Filo, Elise Chapman, John Mulder, Dirk de Moore** to name a few.

The Bulletin was published weekly by **Annette Wiles**, circulated by email and left at Eaglehawk Cruise and Travel for pick up by some members. Thanks to **Robyn Moar, John Jones** and **Peter Jeffery** for taking notes in my absence.

The Sergeant Sessions continued to be humorous. Many Rotarians gave it a go with **Walter Lourie** providing much laughter with his jokes. I thank Corporals **Joe Cogo** and **Ern Spence** for collecting the fines.

Maureen Lougoon again kept a record of attendance which averaged out at 84% weekly attendance. Permanent cashiers **Peter Ludeman** and **Ern Spence** were well supported by **Jack Millonig** and **John Haugh**. The role of Protection Officer has again been carried out by **Alf Thorpe** and Historian **Rob Layton** updated the Club's history by writing an account of 2006-2007 year. The Club will be well served by this work when we celebrate future Club anniversaries. Rob also organised an excellent inter club visit to Kyneton when we visited Ivan and Joan Smith's vintage vehicle collection.

Rob Layton also supported club members as Welfare Officer. As many club members enter later life, this role is becoming more important

Gordon McKern has kept the profile of the Rotary Foundation high in the Club and organised Chris Don to visit our club. He also maintains contact with our sister club, Jomtien–Pattaya, Thailand and is presently assisting to organise a Rotary Foundation Grant for more containers to go to East Timor.

Thanks are extended to **Leon Scott, Alf Thorpe** and **Gordon McKern** for numerous articles and photographs in local newspapers and interviews on radio and television which keeps the club maintaining a high profile.

Just a couple of months ago the Club opened its Bar before meetings. Our appreciation is extended to **Bill Slee** and **John Haugh** for gaining a liquor licence and organising the bar.

Peter Cox
Club Service Director.

IN MEMORY

STAN SPENCELY

who died 26th April 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007-2008

PRESIDENT DOUG POOLE

As you can see by reading the reports presented by the Club Directors the Rotary Year 2007/08 has been another successful and rewarding year for the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk.

I wish to highlight a few of our major achievements. We saw the completion and opening of the McKern Skate Park in February. This was a fitting finale to the years of lobbying, planning, fundraising and dedication to the commitment made by the Club members some years earlier to provide a State of the Art Skate Park facility for Bendigo youth.

My congratulations go to all members and in particular to P.P. Howard Osborne and P.P. Alf Thorpe for their determination to see the project come to fruition and to P.D.G. Gordon and Anita McKern for their most generous donation toward the cost of the Park.

A hard working and committed group of members have spent countless days working at the Eaglehawk Primary School fulfilling our commitment to convert a multipurpose room into a kitchen – dining complex for the Stephanie Alexander Foundation kitchen – garden initiative. The room is being transformed into a welcoming and functional kitchen – dining complex where students can learn healthy eating and use the produce from their own school garden whilst learning to prepare and cook healthy meals. This as yet uncompleted project is one of which we can all be proud.

The ROSE Program has continued this year with three orphan students from Pattaya Orphanage in Thailand spending some nine months in Bendigo learning English and so greatly improving their chances of attending university and

consequently gaining higher skilled employment. Ploy, one of the students has been granted a scholarship to study at Girton College for the next three years to complete her secondary studies here in Bendigo and hopefully achieve her goal of studying medicine. Congratulations Ploy and thank you to Howard and Vivienne for their continuing involvement, support and dedication to this program.

The New Generations Committee under the direction of John Jones has been quite active and several local students and youth have had the opportunity to participate in various Rotary Programs such as RYPEN, RYLA, MUNA etc. Funds raised through the club for drought relief has also been distributed to some rural schools to assist with fees and costs of school excursions etc. for drought affected families.

The Vocational Committee has arranged workplace visits and also hosted a series of seminars for junior secondary college students aimed at informing them about options of employment, training and the need to improve their skill and education levels in an effort to obtain gainful employment.

The continuing commitment to East Timor Projects by dedicated members such as P.P. Leon Scott, P.P. Walter Lourie, Heather Ridge, Norm Kenyon and others has seen many containers of much needed building materials, school requisites, desks, chairs and clothing loaded and forwarded to East Timor. Several work parties have travelled to East Timor to rebuild schools, etc. Thank you to all who have assisted in any way to this most valuable work in providing or restoring these facilities in this developing country so close to our shores.

The Rotary ladies and partners have once again supported the club in many ways. They are always willing helpers at any event and indeed are a vital part of the life of the club. Without their help we would not be able to fulfil our commitment to events such as the Swap Meet, Bike Rides, and many other fundraising events.

This year they have also raised and contributed \$2000 to the Mechanics Institute Building Fund as well as \$600 to School of St. Jude's, \$300 toward Farm Drought Relief and \$500 for Relay for Life. Ladies, please accept my heart felt thanks for your contribution to the club throughout the year.

Peter Cox has held several roles this year among them being Bulletin Editor and also Program Director. Peter has always been able to have interesting speakers address our meetings each week and the weekly Club Bulletin has been well set out, informative, easy to read and on time. Thank you Peter (and Annette) for a great job well done.

One notable speaker that attended our Club during the year was Kirsty Sword Gusmao, wife of Xanana Gusmao the Prime Minister (and former President) of Timor Leste. Kirsty was an inspirational speaker and it was an honour to have her as a guest of our Club during her recent visit to Australia.

The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk has welcomed four new members during the year, Geoff Adcock, Peter Jeffery, Rod Hanson and Stephen Moss. We are most fortunate to have new members of such calibre as these, join our club and we look forward to their continuing contribution throughout the coming years.

We mourned the passing of our friend and long serving member P.P. Stan Spencely P.H.F. and Sapphire when he lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. Stan was renowned for his enthusiasm and happy go lucky nature as well as his skills as an excellent tradesman. Stan is sadly missed by club members. Age and health problems have caused the resignation of two of our long serving members Des Harvey and John Brook. John has accepted an honorary membership to the Club and we welcome him regularly to our meetings.

During the year I have been proud and honoured to present various awards and recognition to outstanding members of the club. The Board decided to recognise three hardworking members by naming three rooms of the 'Home of Eaglehawk

Rotary ' it was with great pleasure that we named the Rotary Meeting Room 'THE STAN SPENCELY ROOM'.

The Board Room was named 'THE JOHN HAUGH ROOM' and the kitchen was named 'THE BILL SLEE KITCHEN'.

The Golden Eagle Award which is awarded to a non board member of the Club who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club during the year was presented to Rita O'Brien last week as she was unable to be present here tonight to receive it. Rita has worked long and hard throughout the year assisting in almost every facet of the Club activities. Congratulations Rita, well done!

Tonight it was my honour and pleasure to present Paul Harris Fellowships to two very worthy members of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. Past President Walter Lourie has served the Club in many ways: President, Community Service Director, Sergeant and is currently Treasurer. Walter is enthusiastic and committed to any project that he undertakes and carries out his duties and commitments to the best of his very considerable ability. Congratulations Walter, a very deserving recipient of a P.H.F.

Past President (and incoming President) Alf Thorpe is another member who is determined to see any task he undertakes is followed through to a very successful conclusion. A perfect example of this is his vision to provide a skate park for Eaglehawk and Bendigo youth. Alf has served the Club in many different positions and tonight takes on the President's role for a second term. Congratulations Alf.

To the members of the Board for this year I offer my heartfelt thanks for your support, help, advice and enthusiasm and dedication to not only your particular area of interest but to the general wellbeing of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. Thank you for putting up with my shortcomings, mistakes and blunders. You have made my year so much more enjoyable than it may otherwise have been.

To Doug Harrison -- Thank you for your guidance, understanding, and professional approach to the generally thankless task of secretary. You have gone beyond the call of duty to ensure that the Club ran smoothly throughout the year and I thank you for that.

Thank you to Walter Lourie for his untiring work as our Treasurer.

To Assistant Governor Rob Layton, how fortunate I have been to have you as a member of Eaglehawk Club. Thank you for your advice, help and friendship throughout the year it has been much appreciated especially when I found the going tough at times for various reasons.

I wish to thank all members of the Club for their support and help throughout the year. Whenever a task has been required to be undertaken there was always someone ready to complete it.

Finally I wish to thank Laura for her support, love and understanding throughout the year, Laura, without you it would have been a very long year.

To Alf and Joye, I trust that you will enjoy your time as President as much as I have and I look forward to working with you as you "Make Dreams Real"

Doug Poole
President 2007-08

DONATIONS & GRANTS

2007 - 2008

Relay for Life	2329.40
Drought Farm Relief	1203.47
Bone Marrow	484.10
Food Bank	833.33
Symphony Orchestra	1083.33
Riding for the Disabled	1083.33
Alola Foundation	212.00
Eaglehawk Secondary College (Scholarships)	800.00
Rotary Liasion Officer Timor Leste	2000.00
Portsea Camp Sponsorship	540.00
Breast Cancer Network Bendigo	100.00
Cancer Council of Victoria	100.00
California Gully Mechanics Institute	600.30
RYLA and MUNA	1090.00
ROSE Programme	7226.86
Rotary Foundation	4000.00
McKern SkatePark	1252.60
Rotary Club of Port Melbourne (New Club)	100.00
Madison Committee	1062.17
Idol Competition Awards	750.00
Men's Health Week	500.00
Salvation Army	500.00
Bendigo Uniting Care Outreach	500.00
Righteous Pups	500.00
ShelterBox Australia	2450.00
Margaret Roberts Motor Neurone Disease Foundation	500.00
	31,800.89
Rotarian Partners Donations	
California Gully Mechanics Institute	2000.00
St. Judes School	600.00
Relay for Life	500.00
Drought Farm Relief	350.00
	3,450.00

EAGLE AWARD

An award donated by the Sutcliffe Family, to be awarded to a non-board member who has given outstanding service to the club during the year.

1985-86	John Haugh	1997-98	Alan Bull
1986-87	Des Harvey	1998-99	Leon Scott
1987-88	Lindsay Roberts	1999-00	Trevor Lock
1988-89	Colin Hutchieson	2000-01	Hans Sieglhoff
1989-90	Jeff Lougoon	2001-02	Lesley Sieglhoff
1990-91	John Brook	2002-03	Walter Lourie
1991-92	Stan Spencely	2003-04	Gordon McKern
1992-93	John Gurr	2004-05	Graeme Lock
1993-94	Peter Ludeman	2005-06	Charles Cunneen
1994-95	Len Hands	2006-07	Heather Ridge
1995-96	Joe Miles	2007-08	Rita O'Brien
1996-97	Ralph Weeks		

MEMBERS

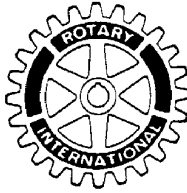
As at 30th June, 2008

ADCOCK Geoff (Beryl)	# MILLER Bill (Lola)
# BROOK John (Pat)	MILLONIG Jack
COGO Joe (Maria)	MOAR Gary (Robyn)
COX Peter (Annette)	MOAR Robyn (Gary)
CUNNEEN Charlie (Mary)	MOSS Ron (Jeanette)
DOLMAN David (Nola)	MOSS Stephen (Nikki Roberts)
GURR John (Carol)	O'BRIEN Rita
HANSON Rod (Jeanette)	ORDE William (Bill) (Ruth)
HARRISON Doug (Lyn)	OSBORNE Howard (Vivienne)
HAUGH John (Mary)	PARKER Roy
JEFFERY Peter (Jo White)	POOLE Doug (Laura)
JONES John (Marjorie)	RIDGE Heather (Noel)
# KENYON Norm	ROBERTS Lindsay
LAYTON Rob (June)	ROBINSON Carolyn
LOUGOON Maureen	SCOTT Leon (Ann)
LOURIE Walter (Glenyce)	SLEE Bill
LOCK Graeme (Ann)	SPENCE Ern (Lois)
LOCK Trevor (Marie)	# TAYLOR Jack (Ida)
LUDEMAN Peter (Elaine)	THORPE Alf (Joye O'Meara)
McAULIFFE Wayne (Dianne)	WAINWRIGHT Sarah (Damian)
McKERN Gordon (Anita)	WALSHE Vin
# MILES Joe (Jean)	

Honorary Member

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Ernest W. Miller	June 1988
Jack Taylor	June 1988
Gordon J. McKern (with 2 Sapphires)	June 1990
Joseph H. Miles	June 1990
Leon Maxwell Scott (with Sapphire, Feb. 2005)	June 1991
Anita Mary McKern (with Sapphire, June 2006)	June 1993
Lindsay H. Roberts	June 1993
John W. Brook	June 1994
William R. Parker (with Sapphire, June 2005)	June 1994
John Haugh	June 1995
Vincent J. Walshe	June 1996
Ann Scott	May 1997
Joseph Cogo	June 1998
Bill M. Slee	May 2000
Robert J. Layton	June 2000
Ronald Moss	July 2001
Doug Poole (Kyneton)	May 2002
Howard Osborne (with Sapphire, May 2007)	July 2002
Peter Ludeman	June 2003
William J. Orde	June 2003
Douglas Harrison	Aug 2003
David Dolman	June 2004
John Gurr	June 2004
Vivienne Osborne	June 2006
Walter Lourie	June 2008
Alf Thorpe	June 2008



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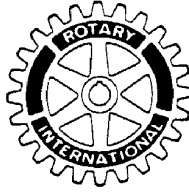
District 9800

2007-2008

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:
WILFRID J. WILKINSON



THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME 2007-2008



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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

DIRECTOR: HOWARD OSBORNE

- **Rotary Orphan Students Exchange (R.O.S.E.) Program**

The third year of the R.O.S.E. Program concluded successfully with 2 of the 3 Thai students, Ann & Nut, returning home to the Pattaya Orphanage, Thailand on Monday 3rd March 2008.

The students returned home full of confidence, self esteem, with new life skills and most importantly with a good grasp of the English language. Their conversation skills had improved considerably.

Their stay in Australia was a life changing experience and one they and all concerned with the program will never forget (especially the weekend at Feathertop Chalet).



Ploy did not return to the Pattaya Orphanage as she has obtained a 4 year Scholarship to study at Girton Grammar School here in Bendigo. Ploy will be hosted by Leonie and Graeme Adamson for the entire duration which is an incredible gesture of love and devotion on their behalf.

The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk is proud to support Ploy in her quest to achieve her VCE and wish her every success in her endeavours to become a Doctor.

We are expecting more students to be nominated to come to Australia and participate in the R.O.S.E. Program 2008-2009 within the next month and if possible we would like to involve other Rotary Clubs in the Program.

This year the students attended 'On-Track' in the mornings, as per previous years, with Catholic College Bendigo, Creek St. Christian College & Victory College each taking one student in the afternoons to enable the students to mix in and develop friends of their own age. Nut achieved Club Champion in his local soccer team (Epsom) which was a great achievement for him.

Concession tickets for bus/train travel was again made available for the students and this was greatly appreciated as in the past travel expenses have eaten into the student allowances.

On behalf of the International Committee, Vivienne and I would like to sincerely thank the following:

- The caring Host Families, Leonie and Graeme Adamson (Ploy), Liz and Les Dingfelder (Ann), Chris Thorn and Peter Taylor (Nut) and Bernadette and Gerard Sheehan (Nut) without whose generosity this program could not continue.
- Peter Cox and staff at 'On Track' for agreeing to continue providing the educational program for the students at nominal cost to the Rotary Club.
- Creek Street Christian College, Victory College and Catholic College Bendigo for placing the students in the afternoons for the duration of the students stay in Bendigo.
- Catholic Diocese Bendigo for again provided full use of their Feathertop Chalet for a weekend free of charge for all involved with the R.O.S.E. Program.

- Our sister club, the Rotary Club of Jomtien-Pattaya, for their valuable assistance with the program especially helping with the purchase of air tickets etc.
- Rita & Paul O'Brien who ran the Pie & Port Night again which was a great success financially as well as a lot of fun!
- Lindsay Roberts, Rotarians, partners and family members for their invaluable assistance in the running of this year's Christmas Stocking Raffle raising again over **\$7,000.00** to go toward the R.O.S.E. Program. A big thank you to those individuals and businesses who so generously donated to the Christmas Stocking – valued at > \$2,500.00.
- IGA Eaglehawk and IGA Long-Gully for the use of their premises for the Christmas Stocking Raffle.

My appreciation is extended to the International Committee and to all those people who have helped in any way over the last Rotary year to make this worthwhile international project a success.

- **East Timor**

Please refer to the comprehensive report by PP Leon Scott regarding SAVI and the continuing work of Rotary in East Timor.

I would like to extend my congratulations again to Leon, members, family and friends of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk for their successful rebuilding trips to East Timor.

To the Committee Chairman PP Leon Scott I offer my congratulations for his commitment and dedication to the people of East Timor and the SAVI projects and

hopefully our Club will support Leon and the District Committee in the coming Rotary year.

- **Disaster Appeals**

Provided funds for two 'Shelter Boxes'. Plus one from a Club member.

Finally I would like to congratulate President Doug and Laura on a great year of Rotary service and I would also like to wish incoming President Alf and Joye all the very best for 2008-2009.

Howard Osborne
International Service Director

Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to foster and encourage:

First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Third: The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life.

Fourth: The advancement of international understanding and goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.

EAST TIMOR REPORT – 2007/8

A friendship relationship established between Maubisse, in the Ainaro District of the mountainous central area of East Timor and the City of Greater Bendigo, saw the local Rotary Clubs support East Timor through this avenue during the past year.

A community committee, known as the Bendigo-Maubisse Friendship Community Committee, was formed from representatives of the City of Greater Bendigo, the community, and Service Clubs, with the Rotary Clubs of Bendigo and Eaglehawk having two members from each club on this committee.

In September 2007 a delegation from the committee, including two Eaglehawk Rotarians, travelled to Maubisse to formalize the Friendship Relationship and identify community needs and priorities. Education was the main area for immediate attention and focus. The new Bendigo Education Plan of rebuilding 4 new secondary colleges is proving to be a bonus, because the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk has been given the rights to all salvageable building materials, school equipment, furniture and fittings from all schools earmarked for demolition throughout the region. The relocation of these goods and equipment is providing the greatest boost ever experienced to educational facilities throughout East Timor.

Another initiative of the fact finding mission was to obtain and then refurbish a derelict building to western standards to establish a "Bendigo Volunteers House". This will provide accommodation and facilities of a reasonable standard to house volunteers and future work party members. It is also hoped to attract professionals in the areas of health, education, agriculture/horticulture, who will impart their expertise to assist the people of East Timor. Work is under way on this refurbishment and should be complete after the 3rd team of volunteers return on 11th July, 2008. Work party

members to date have included 3 Eaglehawk Rotarians, a Rotary family member and five local Eaglehawk identities.

Rotarian Heather Ridge left for East Timor on 23rd June to lead a team of 8 Literacy Specialists from the Loddon Mallee Region. This team will share their knowledge and teaching skills with groups of East Timorese teachers during their two week visit.

Six container loads of school furniture, sporting equipment, household goods and clothing, together with building materials have been packed and sent to East Timor.

5 unused sheds at Reservoir Road council depot have been dismantled and will be relocated as school buildings throughout the coming year.

I sincerely thank all members and partners for their contribution to the numerous working bees held throughout the past year. Thank you as well to team members who have so generously given of their time and expertise to work parties. Your support is much appreciated by the Friendship Community Committee as well as by the recently appointed Goodwill Ambassador for Education in East Timor – Ms Kirsty Sword Gusmao who honoured the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk as our Guest Speaker at a family night in April, 2008.

PP Leon Scott

COMMUNITY SERVICE

DIRECTOR: HEATHER RIDGE

Throughout 2007 -2008, a hard working team has generously supported many Community Service projects in the Eaglehawk area and beyond. The volume of work has required volunteers to work most weekends for the past 8 months, resulting in a number of projects being completed satisfactorily and one project delayed until July 2008. In order to support some projects fully, additional work between working bees has been carried out by several members in their own time.

During 2008, Stan Spencely lost his fight with cancer. Stan was a keen member of the Community Services team. He was a hard worker and great organiser. His sense of fun and skill, have been sadly missed by all of us who had the pleasure to work alongside him.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Project.

Coordinator: **Leon Scott**

The major Community Services Project for 2008 has been the building of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen. This project was undertaken for Eaglehawk Primary School, requiring the renovation and transformation of the existing multi-purpose room into a large teaching kitchen, with five cooking workspaces and adjacent offices. After some walls, and the carpet and trampoline were removed, concrete footings were poured and a steel frame erected. A large amount of the timber floor required replacement in order for it to then be polished. This week, the final stage has been completed with the installation of steel framed workbenches. Sincere thanks to **everyone** who assisted with this demanding project, particularly Leon Scott for his co-ordination of work and materials, Walter Lourie contributed many hours, especially in construction of the steel bench frames. Special thanks to Anne Scott and Maureen Lougoon who provided catering each week for the workers. Despite the hard work, this has been a very successful project and one which has created a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction for everyone involved.



Community Health:

Coordinator: **David Dolman**

Stroke Awareness has been a focus for Rotary International this year. David Dolman coordinated successful community Blood Pressure clinics in conjunction with local health workers. In addition, guest speakers attended club meetings to support Men's Health week, presenting information for members about Prostate Cancer. Thank you David for this very successful effort.

Neangar Park Pony Club:

The Pony Club has been supported by Eaglehawk Rotary club, to access a grant of \$3000 from **Empowering Eaglehawk**. This will be a great starter for upgrading facilities at the club grounds. This project will commence in July 2008. Work is required to build new horse yards, upgrade existing clubroom facilities and finish off guttering and the toilets. Some building materials have already been purchased by the Pony Club and to assist us, provision of manpower from pony club members has been assured. Background information was shared with the club when Treasurer and former member Nikki Chalmers spoke to club members early in 2008.

Festival Idol 2008:

Festival Idol was held on April 9th 2008 in the Eaglehawk Town Hall as part of the Dahlia and Arts Festival celebrations. This was a successful event again this year, with active community support from volunteer judges, pianist, compare, and local businesses who supplied equipment and provided their time. Rehearsals were held in March resulting in ten items for the Idol event. Thanks to Peter Cox who contributed so much time to undertaking advertising and publicity. Thank you to all other members who assisted in any way to ensure the event ran smoothly.

Dahlia and Arts:

Again this year, Eaglehawk Rotary Club provided assistance to erect the Nativity scene at the Eaglehawk Town Hall for Christmas, and installed decorations in the Canterbury Park Sound Shell for the annual Carols by Candlelight celebrations. Support was also provided for the barbeque in the park for the 2008 Australia Day ceremony. The Dahlia and Arts Festival was supported by members who loaded chairs, supervised areas in the park, and assisted with the erection and dismantling of stands and seating for the flower show and the family activities in the park.

Other Community Projects 2007-08:

A Barbeque was conducted for Furniture Biz to raise funds, and again this year a team undertook to clear the Bright Street and Averys Road site for Clean up Australia in March. In addition, the team has been very active assisting with packing containers for East Timor and in collecting materials from local decommissioned schools to be recycled.

Many thanks to everyone who has assisted in any way with the many community service projects this year. In particular the small but diligent crew who keep turning up each weekend to work hard and enjoy the company of other club members. A wonderful achievement for 2008.

Heather Ridge

Community Service Director.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

RELAY FOR LIFE - 2008

The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk registered a team of 18 people made up of 7 Rotarians, 5 partners of Rotarians, and 6 friends and family of Rotarians in the 21 hour 'Relay for Life' to raise money for cancer research in Victoria.

The weather was kind and the fellowship was great and the walking again handled by all with grit and determination (some with more speed than others) for the required 21 hours.

The team raised over **\$4,000.00** which was a very good achievement for a small team – well done to all involved!

This year's fund raising activities were a Fashion Parade, BBQ for 'Choir of Hard Knocks', Bicycle Victoria bicycle counting, Trading Table and Cake Stall and a fantastic Trivia Night organised by Rotarian Carolyn Robinson. The rest was raised through sponsorship donations.

Thank you to all registrants who gave up their time to take part in this worthwhile event or who provided support in-kind (Anne Scott, Elaine Ludeman, June Layton and Mary Cunneen for the food supplies - they were great!) to make it a success.

A special thanks to Vivienne Osborne who not only organised our team, collated the donations etc. but also lasted the 21 hours with only a brief kip.

To all who assisted by donation or in any other way we thank you and if the Rotary Club enters a team in this worthwhile event next year we wish the organiser best wishes and pledge our support.

Approximately 2500 people participated in the 'Relay' at Bendigo this year raising approximately \$210,000.00 - an incredible effort!

Howard Osborne
Relay For Life Committee

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

DIRECTOR: MAUREEN LOUGOON

This Rotary year in conjunction with CVGT, the SMITH Family and Eaglehawk Secondary College we were involved in a Straight Talk program.

We ran two sessions one for a group of year eight boys and the other for a group of year eight girls. The students met with mentors from various trades to learn about life skills and what skills are needed to enter the workforce.

We had a lot of positive feedback from the sessions and hope this program can continue next year.

Thankyou to the mentors who gave up their time to help with this worthwhile project.

Thankyou to Bill, John and Rita for the catering and thank you to our Rotary club for the use of the hall.

In October our speaker was from Jimmy Possum Furniture following the meeting we were given a tour of the Jimmy Possum Factory.

We had a visit to Bill Slee's green energy home. Bill gave us a tour of his home and explained how the system works. It was a windy night so we got to see the wind turbine at full speed. Bill also catered for our meal that night. All who attended had a great night.

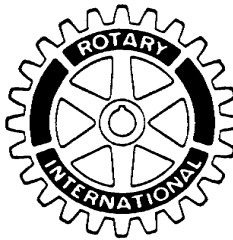
Guest speakers for this year included Dirk De Moore from the Bendigo Hearing Clinic, Emma Terrill a speech Pathologist, John Mulder CEO of the BHCG,

John Jones speaking on the Al Gore training program on Climate Change

Thankyou to my team for your help and support Peter, David,
Peter, Geoff, Bill and Vin.

Maureen Lougoon

Vocational Service Director



Attendance report the year, started with 38 members and
finished with 38 members with an average attendance of 84%

CALIFORNIA GULLY MECHANICS INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

Quite a few things have been achieved at “our home” over the past 12 months. Money that had been loaned, interest free, by members to assist in restoration work was repaid last August.

The hall has been hired out on a good number of occasions. The Probus Club of Eaglehawk has continued to use the facilities each month and many School Teachers Conferences, together with family type celebrations have utilised the building. Our own District 9800 has also taken advantage of our facilities a number of times. Catering has been provided for each Probus Meeting and many of the other functions. P.P's. Bill Slee and John Haugh have carried out the duties of catering in an exemplary manner. Rita O'Brien and a few other Members have ably assisted them.

With the revenue from the hiring of the facility and the catering we have been able to look toward further improvements of the building and surrounds. The City of Greater Bendigo has also agreed to make an interest free loan, repayable over the next 5 years to help complete these works. Currently work is being carried out to weather proof the whole of the car park area and lay a concrete path at the side and front of the building. Many thanks must go to Honorary Member John Brook who has carried out a fantastic amount of work on this project. Provision has been made for additional lighting of the car park. The side door is being reopened and a ramp built for access to the toilets. Arrangements are in hand for the construction of a verandah, to assist with weather proofing, across the back of the building and the erection of a front fence similar to that of the original fence. An exhaust system has been purchased for installation in the kitchen together with a Bain Marie. We have also recently obtained a number of large evaporative coolers to be installed in the roof of the Hall and also a large gas heater.

During the year the Club honoured three of our Members who had worked tirelessly for the Mechanics, The Meeting Room was named the 'Stan Spencely Room', the kitchen was named the "Bill Slee Kitchen" and the Board Room the "John Haugh Room".

Thanks are due to my Committee over the past 12 months, P.D.G. Gordon McKern and P.Ps. Alf Thorpe, Walter Lourie, Bill Slee, John Haugh and the late Stan Spencely.

P.P. Rob Layton
Chairman

First Rotary Club

On the evening of February 23, 1905, Paul Harris and three friends, Sylvester Schiele, Gustavus Loehr, and Hiram Shorey, met in Loehr's business office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago to discuss Paul's idea that businessmen should get together periodically for camaraderie and to enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances.

From their discussion came the idea for a men's club which would meet weekly and whose membership would be limited to one representative from each business and profession. After enlisting a fifth member, Harry Ruggles, the group was formally organized as the Rotary Club of Chicago. By the end of 1905, the club's roster showed a membership of 30 with Sylvester Schiele as president and Ruggles as treasurer. Paul Harris declined office in the new club and didn't become it president until two years later.

NEW GENERATIONS REPORT

DIRECTOR: JOHN JONES

2007/2008 has been yet another busy year for New Generations. Projects supported in the course of the year included.

RYLA: This year we were represented by a young man referred by B Central who has been involved in the FREEZA program. He has had a rather disrupted school life and, after twelve months in the army, has rejoined mainstream schooling at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. He gave a very good presentation to the club.

Junior Citizenship awards: This program continues to be greatly appreciated by the primary schools in our area – California Gully, Comet Hill, Eaglehawk, Eaglehawk North, St Liborius and Raywood. All presentations were made personally and the award at Raywood. All recipients were presented with a framed certificate and \$20.00 Officeworks voucher at their awards afternoons/ evenings.

Skandia: Robert Aitkenhead, the Eaglehawk Secondary College student of the year, was our representative this year and he had a wonderful time as reflected in his wonderful address to the club.

Scholarships: the club has continued the tradition of presenting scholarships at Eaglehawk Secondary College. These were presented by President Doug at the awards evening.

MUNA: The club was involved again in the Model United Nations Assembly held in May. Our representatives from Eaglehawk SC, Eva Staples and Megan Reynard, represented Pakistan and reported a wonderful experience. They are keen to report to the club on that experience.

RYPEN: A credit carried over from 06/07 meant that we only had to fund one of the two positions for the October camp but she was unable to attend. Coordinated transport and the

generous donation of the Vision Australia bus was most useful in getting students to and from the camp. A further place was offered to a student for the April camp

The National Youth Science Forum is attracting extensive interest at Bendigo Senior Secondary College and this presents some budgetary challenge. Cooperation between clubs in our cluster and some Melbourne clubs should help in this regard.

Storm the Stage: This was a new initiative in this Rotary year and proved to be very successful in a number of areas. Of particular significance was the cooperation between clubs and the coordinated effort. Anne Pease (RC Echuca) played a major role at a District level and it is anticipated that this project will go from strength to strength. It was particularly gratifying to see that one of our local candidates (Nelson Gardner) was successful in the National Final.

Although the skate park was not a New Generations initiative the contribution of the RC Eaglehawk to the young people in our community must be noted and especially the incredible contribution of the skate park committee.

It has been particularly gratifying to see young people taking initiative throughout the community. The establishment of the BYTE Foundation at Eaglehawk Secondary College and the 'Forgotten Ones', a voluntary project by ESC students to care for some graves at Eaglehawk Cemetery are two cases in point.

A continuing challenge is the resourcing of the opportunities that are available to our young people and to balance those aspirations against the broader agenda both locally and at a national and international level.

Thankyou to President Doug, the Board and my committee for their support in responding to wide range of opportunities presented.

John P Jones
Director, New Generations

FELLOWSHIP

DIRECTOR: CAROLYN ROBINSON

The opportunities for enjoying club fellowship activities this year have come partly from the many and varied club projects and activities as well as planned 'Fellowship events'

The fellowship aspect of club projects is generally as important to members as is the project itself, and a great time is had by all involved.

A night at the Theatre to watch "Oklahoma" followed by supper was a good start to the year.

The Family Christmas night was a very successful evening with eighty members and families in attendance. Santa paid his usual visit and assisted "The Elf" to entertain the children (and adults)

The Fellowship evenings at Heather Ridge's and Peter Cox's homes were very enjoyable evenings.

An inter-club visit was held at Kyneton.

The club members who attended the District Conference at Shepparton were able to have a great weekend of fellowship with members of other District Clubs.

The evening "Christmas in June" was well attended and an evening enjoyed by all, our thanks to Santa.

Carolyn Robinson
Fellowship Director