

CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

DIRECTOR: PETER COX

It's been a great team effort over the year to keep the club ticking over as Rotary is only one of a few organisations who meet weekly. Program co-ordinator **Rita O'Brien** has provided many stimulating speakers and has involved many local identities. Everybody has a story and it is interesting what motivates people and how they start out.

Sarah Wainwright has taken notes for the weekly Bulletin while **Annette Wiles** has put it together with informative promotion of events. **Roy Parker** has put himself on the line as Sergeant and involved others in organising what is often an entertaining weekly session.

Corporals **Joe Cogo, David Dolman & Lindsay Roberts** collect our fines while **Maureen Lougoon** diligently undertakes Club Attendance. Cashiers **Peter Ludeman, Jack Millonig, Ern Spence John Haugh & David Dolman** attack our wallets each week. Thanks to **Bill Slee, John Haugh** and their bar team who offer a drink before the start of meetings.

Geoff Adcock has updated the Club's website, **Graeme Lock** works regularly on catering activities which involves more than what it seems and **Rob Layton** maintains our records as historian.

Doug Harrison has performed the role of Protection Officer during the year and **Doug Pool** On To Conference.

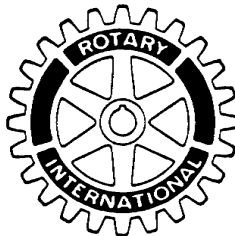
The Club has had visits to Rochester organised by **John Gurr**.

Other members have taken on the responsibility of welcoming guest speakers and chairing sessions and making sure the facility is left clean and tidy at the end of each meeting.

The Club runs smoothly as if someone is unavailable to undertake their duty someone is always able to step in. So don't underestimate your part in the Rotary Team. You all keep the Club ticking over!

I congratulate those members who have been responsible for the vast improvements around the Mechanics Institute. It is a credit to the Club to upgrade a building for community use which probably would have been bulldozed. Not a bad vision for a group of seniors.

Peter Cox
Club Service Director.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Our support for the Foundation has grown steadily over recent years; this is recognized by the following statistics:

- 20 current Club members, 10 former members, and 3 partners, have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.
- Sapphires have been awarded to 4 current members, 1 former member, and 1 partner.
- 8 current members contribute to the Centurion Club.

An application for a Matching Grant towards the transportation cost of six fully loaded containers from the Port of Melbourne to the Port of Dili, Timor Leste, has been lodged with the Foundation. We expect to be advised soon on the success, or otherwise, of the application.

The Club's contribution of \$5,500 to the Foundation for 2008/09 has been forwarded. This represents approx. \$150 per member.

Gordon McKern

Definition of Rotary

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are approximately 1.216 million Rotarians, members of more than 30,000 Rotary clubs in 207 countries.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2008-2009

PRESIDENT ALF THORPE

It is with much pleasure I present the Annual Report for the Rotary Year 2008/2009.

It has been a busy year with many ongoing projects.

The 'Stephanie Alexander Kitchen' project at Eaglehawk primary School was successfully completed with the opening in October, congratulations to Leon, Walter, Doug Poole, Trevor, and the many others who participated in this excellent project.

Working bees were held on many weekends, dismantling and removing equipment and materials from Eaglehawk Secondary College, Weeroona College and Golden Square Secondary College, as well as Flora Hill Primary School; most of which was, or is destined for East Timor for the ongoing projects over there. As well, there were working bees at Heather Ridge's and Mayfair, to load the containers for East Timor.

The Neanger Park Pony Club Project was started, with plans afoot for that to continue.

On Saturday 6th of February we had that devastating fire that resulted in the loss of one life. About sixty homes and over one hundred and sixty other buildings were destroyed. Our own member, Norm Kenyon, lost his home and another member, Geoff Adcock, suffered some damage.

As the fires were located in the Maiden Gully, California Gully, and Long Gully areas, we were presented with a challenge; how do we respond? What can we do to help those affected by this terrible event? Immediately after black Saturday we invited

all affected families to a fellowship meet and talk social event at our club rooms, this event was supported by the Eaglehawk Brass Band and the Eaglehawk Football Club.

We distributed 5 holiday packages donated by the LaSalle Motel in Narooma, NSW and 15 Bicycles donated by the Police 'Blue Light' organisation, all to worthy affected families.

Some members joined with Leon Scott in clearing a property in Happy Valley Road where the house had been destroyed.

Our major effort was to offer to have title boundaries of affected properties surveyed; letters were sent to 125 property owners and so far 71 properties have been surveyed. The cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$55000 and this has been raised through donations from Community enterprise foundation \$30000, the Australian American Motorbike Club who donated \$5350, radio station 4BN in Brisbane \$5000, District 9800 recovery fund \$10000 and many other sources.

The 'Rose' project continues with another five students Urgn, Nut, Kaew, Gib and Rit arriving in May. On Track, once again will provide the core of their studies; many thanks to On Track for their continued support of this project. Thank you also to Girton College, Catholic College, Victory Christian College and Creek Street Christian College and Eaglehawk Secondary College for their support. Ploy, a 'Rose' student from 2007/8 is also at Girton on a scholarship awarded to her; she is doing very well and is to be congratulated on her achievement so far.

Ploy made her debut at the Dahlia and Arts Ball this year; she looked delightful and made her host family proud, I'm sure it was a night she will remember always.

The 'Rose' program could not succeed without the generous support of the Host families, thank you very much, as well as other supporters in Thai Airways, the Rotary Clubs of Bendigo Sandhurst, Bendigo Strathdale, Kangaroo Flat and Jomtien Pattaya.

This year, District Governor Jim Studebaker paired each of the Goldfields Cluster Clubs with a metropolitan cluster and asked that we work with that cluster on a drought relief project.

Eaglehawk was paired with Gateway Cluster which consists of Essendon, Moonee Valley, Tullamarine, Keilor, East Keilor Essendon North and North Melbourne.

Gateway raised \$3000 for drought relief with which we were then able use to assist affected students at Inglewood Primary School and Pyramid Hill College with school and camp fees, books and uniforms.

Other Projects this club has engaged in during the year has been erecting and dismantling the Nativity Scene at the Eaglehawk Town Hall, setting up seats and running the BBQ on Australia Day at Canterbury Gardens, assisting in the setting up and pulling down of the Dahlia and Arts Festival, Clean Up Australia day, and we also entered a team in the Relay for life.

We sent two Students from Eaglehawk Secondary College to the Skandia Weekend and awarded two scholarships at the 2008 end of year awards.

Fundraising has also been a busy time with many activities held during the year. In August we joined with 3 other Rotary Clubs to cater for the '150 years of Defence in Bendigo' celebrations; unfortunately wet and cold weather kept the crowds down and only a very small profit was made.

September we had the annual 'Cycle about Whipstick' and November we joined with the other 5 clubs once again to cater for the 'Swap Meet'; recipients this year were Righteous Pups, The Bendigo Youth Choir and the Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre.

The Christmas Stocking Raffle ran during December, then in March we once again produced the 'Festival Idol' competition during the 'Dahlia and Arts' Festival, this year there was an increase in entries and those who made it through the audition

round to the final were of a very high standard; the judges award was won by Elizabeth Barrow from Bendigo; she sang 'Poor Wandering One' from Pirates of Penzance; the audience award was won by Sinead Archbold of Eaglehawk and this year, for the first time, we gave two encouragement awards, one to Sam Eddy of Kangaroo Flat and the other to Jessica Kulwin from Lancefield.

A BBQ was held for the Astronomy Club in April and the annual 'Bendigo by Bike' followed in May; the final fundraiser for this year was the Chrysler Car Club catering at the Bendigo Town Hall.

I have to congratulate both the mechanics committee and the catering committee on their outstanding achievements this year. First the catering committee; Bill Slee, John Haugh, Rita O'Brien and their helpers have been magnificent in what they have achieved, they have catered for well over 30 events and, along with the bar, they have made well over \$13,000; an outstanding result.

The Mechanics Institute Committee has also achieved much. There has been a new front fence and gates erected, the car park has been completed to an all weather standard, a veranda with concrete floor has been erected to protect the back of the building.

Shrubs have been planted along the back and north fence lines, a watering system installed with kerbing to protect them.

The side door has been opened up allowing access to the meeting room when the front hall is in use, new equipment bought for the kitchen and an exhaust canopy is being assembled over the stove and grill plate.

Lastly I must thank our Rotary Partners. Many have been actively involved in so many projects, from catering at working bees, participating in fundraising events such as the swap meet, the Chrysler BBQ, the Idol

competitions, the Christmas stocking raffle and other events; much of what we have done this year simply could not have succeeded, without their assistance.

My partner, Joye initiated a project to collect 5 cent coins and together with so many partners and Rotarians taking part, they collected over \$300 in 5 cent coins. The efforts and achievements of our partners must be acknowledged, thank you to all the partners.

Finally, I thank you for your support, I have enjoyed my year as President and I wish incoming President, John Jones and his team, every success, I pledge my support to him and hope he enjoys his year.

Alf Thorpe
President 2008-09



IN MEMORY

VINCENT JAMES WALSH

who died, 13th August 2009

DONATIONS & GRANTS

2008 - 2009

Rotary Foundation	5657
RAWCS	346
Margaret Roberts, Foundation	500
Portsea Camp	460
ESC (Energy breakthrough)	500
ESC (Rothacker & Evans Scholarship)	800
Ambulance	212
Elmore P.School (Drought relief)	518
Lockwood P.School (Drought relief)	518
Lockwood South P.School (Drought relief)	518
Relay for Life	1340
ROSE program	13558
Righteous Pups	1000
Bendigo Youth Choir	1000
Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre	1000
Storm the Stage	500
Idol competition Awards	850
ESC Orientation Day breakfast	50
Bushfire	15500
RYLA and Muna	759
Skandia	90
Rotary Liasion Officer Timor Leste	2000
ShelterBox Australia	1200
\$200 Million Polio Challenge	1000

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	2008-09	Doug Harrison

MEMBERS

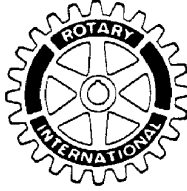
As at 30th June, 2009

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

Honorary Member

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Jack Taylor	June 1988
Gordon J. McKern (with 5 Sapphires)	June 1990
Leon Maxwell Scott (with Sapphire, Feb. 2005)	June 1991
Anita Mary McKern (with 2 Sapphires)	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
Ann Scott	May 1997
Joseph Cogo	June 1998
Bill M. Slee	May 2000
Robert J. Layton (with Sapphire, June 2009)	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
June Layton	June 2009



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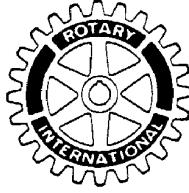
District 9800

2009-2010

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:
JOHN KENNY



THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME 2009-2010



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: DONG KURN LEE



THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME 2008-2009

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
DIRECTOR: HOWARD OSBORNE

Rotarians Orphan Students Exchange (R.O.S.E.)Program

The R.O.S.E. Program has commenced its 5th year of exchange with a total of 5 new students, 2 from the Pattaya Orphanage & 3 from 'The Home for Street Children' in Thailand arriving in Australia on Sunday 24th May 2009.

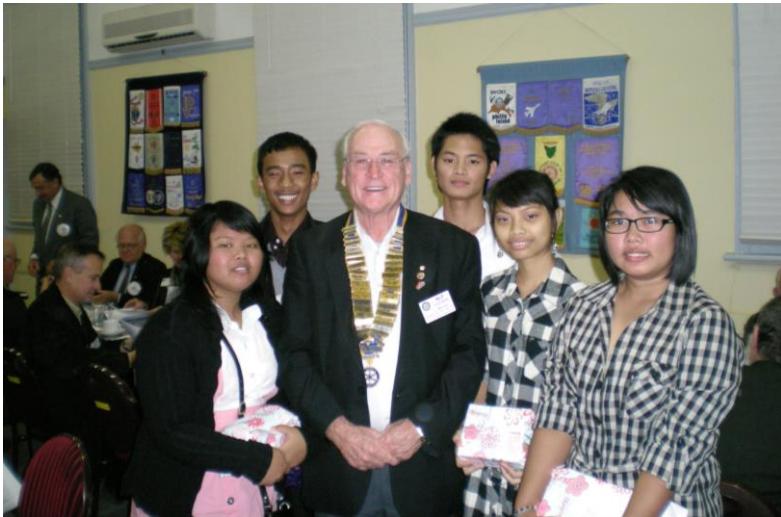


Photo: Kaew, Nut, President Alf Thorpe, Rit, Gift & Urng

The students were greeted and welcomed to Australia by representatives of the host families, Rotary and 'On Track' at approximately 12.00 Noon when their smiling faces came through the customs doors at Tullamarine.

After meeting everyone they then had the long trip back to Bendigo by car so they were very tired travellers for the next couple of days.

Ploy, (R.O.S.E. Class of 2007-2008) from the Pattaya Orphanage, is in her second of her 4 year Scholarship at Girton Grammar School here in Bendigo and is doing extremely well at her studies.

Ploy made her Debut at the Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Debutant Ball in March this year – a night she will remember always and I would like to thank Leon & Ann Scott for encouraging, training and making it such a special night for Ploy.

Ploy is hosted by Leonie & Graeme Adamson who are also hosting Gift - an incredible gesture of love and devotion on their behalf.

Our quest to involve other Rotary Clubs has come to fruition with the Rotary Clubs of Bendigo Strathdale & Bendigo Sandhurst both contributing \$2,000.00 & Kangaroo Flat \$500.00 towards the sponsorship of the students.

This year the students will attend 'On-Track' in the mornings as per previous years with Catholic College Bendigo, Creek St. Christian College, Victory Christian College, Girton Grammar School & Eaglehawk Secondary College each taking one student in the afternoons to enable the students to mix in and develop friends and verbal communication skills in English.

Thai Airways International is a major sponsor of the R.O.S.E. Program again this year providing 4 complimentary return tickets – we are very grateful for their continued support for the Program.

Our sister Rotary Club in Thailand, the Jomtien Pattaya Rotary Club, has provided invaluable assistance in the preparation of the students for 2009-2010. They presented a Notepad computer to each of the students to assist with their schooling and internet communication.

Concession tickets for bus/train travel have been provided by the R.O.S.E. Program to the students along with a mobile phone (including camera and MP3 player – courtesy of 'The Good Guys').

On behalf of the R.O.S.E. Committee, Vivienne and I would like to sincerely thank the following:

- The caring Host Families, Leonie & Graeme Adamson (Gift & Ploy), Liz & Les Dingfelder (Nut), Chris Thorn and Peter Taylor (Urgn), David & Judy Richards (Kaew) & Noni & Ben McCauley (Rit) 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 Girton Grammar School & Eaglehawk Secondary College for placing the students in the afternoons for the duration of the students stay in Bendigo.
- Catholic Diocese Bendigo for again offering 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 & the presentation of notebook computers to each student.
- Rita O'Brien, Sarah Wainwright & Caroline Robinson who ran the Pie & Port Night featuring 'Hat Hire', 'Eaglehawk Cup' and Trading Table which was a great success financially (\$1,011.30) as well as a lot of fun!
- Rotarian PP Lindsay Roberts, Rotarians, partners and family members for their invaluable assistance

in the running of this year's Christmas Stocking Raffle raising over **\$8,800.00** 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 > \$4,500.00.

- 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 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 again for his commitment and dedication to the people of East Timor projects and hopefully our Club will support Leon and the District Committee in the coming Rotary year.

Disaster Appeals

Provided funds for 'Shelter Boxes'.

Finally I would like to congratulate President Alf on a great year of Rotary service and I would also like to wish incoming President John all the very best for 2009-2010.

Howard Osborne
International Service Director

EAST TIMOR REPORT – 2008 - 2009

Strong support for East Timor during this Rotary year has been provided once again through the City of Greater Bendigo-Maubisse Friendship Community Committee projects.

Rotarians from all Clubs in this area have supported many working bees to salvage building materials, school furniture and equipment, donated by the Loddon Mallee Region of the Department of Education from schools earmarked for demolition through the Bendigo Education Plan. Together with donations of household items and clothing, the school collectables have contributed to 9 container loads of goods being packed and forwarded to East Timor this year, with 2 more being loaded at present. These containers along with the corresponding paperwork are sent via District 9800 Donations in Kind Co-ordinator PP Bill Dagg and very capably handled in Dili by Rotary Liaison Officer, Rtn. Daryl Mills, who is also a tremendous help with all projects being undertaken in East Timor. A collection of about 30 generators of various capacities has been donated and will be used to provide power, lights and access to IT facilities for many schools in the Maubisse region.

The 'Bendigo Volunteers House' has been refurbished and now provides comfortable western style accommodation as well as cooking and laundry facilities for work party team members and visiting professionals from our area. Community volunteers, Rotarians and their partners, as well as staff from City of Greater Bendigo have brought this project to fruition.

Liquetei School is currently being built from a dismantled Reservoir Road Council depot building. At present the footings, concrete floor, frame for three classrooms, iron clad roof and verandah have been completed. School children currently carry their desk and chair to their old classrooms. At the close of their school day, the furniture is returned to a store

room. Certainly beats sitting on bamboo poles, the floor or standing in class all day and proves how much this furniture is appreciated by the children. Rtn. Heather Ridge is currently leading a team of 13 Literacy Specialists to East Timor, spending one week in Dili and the second week in Maubisse.

Two East Timorese Nuns spent time during 10th-27th September 2008 in Bendigo, staying with Rtn. Maureen Lougoun. Thanks to PE John Jones for arranging a program in the schools throughout the area and PP Peter Cox for providing a learning environment at On Track for Literacy and Numeracy classes. Mariazinha and Joaninah thoroughly enjoyed their stay and I thank everyone involved for their support.

Guest Speaker engagements have resulted in several donations of funds to assist with freight costs in transportation of containers. PDG Gordon McKern has applied for a matching grant of \$45,000 through the Rotary Foundation to pay further freight costs.

Through donated funds, working bee volunteers, or work party team members from the Rotary Clubs of Eaglehawk, Kangaroo Flat, Keilor, Bendigo South, Bendigo, Bendigo Strathdale, Ballarat South, Bright, Brighton, Euroa, Rochester, Traralgon, Bendigo Sandhurst, Essendon North, Williamstown-Port Gellibrand, and the corporate sector, our near neighbours in East Timor have been very well supported throughout the past Rotary year.

PP Leon Scott

COMMUNITY SERVICE

DIRECTOR: WAYNE McAULIFFE

The Neangar Park Pony Club:

After the Council approved the alterations to the plans, we made a start on work at the club. Having put in many hours of planning the new holding are and bending pipes to these specifications, Leon and Walter prepared the ground for a successful day. The old rails were pulled down, the ground was levelled and the holes were marked out. The holes were drilled by the post hole digger and many hands cleaned them out. The steel rails were sat into position and levelled. Almost miraculously the two cement trucks appeared, and it was on. The trick was to fill the holes, level the rails and hold them in place before the cement sets. The group looked like a well co-ordinated railway gang team. Lunch was served, old wood loaded and site cleaned. All in all a good days work.

The work at the Pony Club will resume in the weeks to come as the new kitchen cupboards and ovens are in storage and the posts for the club house extensions are made.

Carols by Candlelight:

Carols by Candlelight in Canterbury Park was a big occasion as usual and was well attended again this year, by members, their families and the public.

Skandia Geelong Week:

Two students from Eaglehawk Secondary College were the recipients of the clubs Scandia awards. Emma Lewis and Ashlee Frye, both had what they described as a totally awesome experience. The girls were hosted in Melbourne by the Rotary Club of Essendon North and also stayed overnight with the members of the Rotary Club of Brighton. They attended the Victorian Australia Day luncheon at the Crown Complex where they met and chatted to, Adam Gilchrist, Geoffrey Rush and the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd. After competing in the yacht race to Geelong the following day, they attended the after race party at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, and home again with Ashlee's mum. They both said they would recommend this experience to anyone.

Australia Day Celebrations:

About 19 members and partners of our club provided a BBQ lunch for approximately 500 or more people. The happy crowd enjoyed the sunny conditions and the speeches were interesting. Emma Lewis was the Junior Eaglehawk Citizen of the Year. The band was in fine tune and the canons rattled some dentures.

Relay for Life:

The ongoing Relay for Life fundraiser was well supported by the club members, their partners, friends and families. Twenty members completed the relay held over two days in great weather. The club efforts were recognised by the Cancer Council of Victoria with a certificate presented to President Alf.

I would like to thank President Alf and Joye and all members and partners who assisted in the Community Service activities this year.

Also good luck, and best wishes to President John and Marj. for the upcoming year.

Wayne McAuliffe

Community Service Director.

Rotary Four Way Test

- 1. Is it the truth?**
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

BUSHFIRE ASSISTANCE

Saturday, 6th February 2009 has become known as “Black Saturday”, with good reason. Whilst, understandably, everyone’s attention was drawn to the devastating fires to the east and north-east of Melbourne, there were 61 homes destroyed in Bendigo, 125 properties damaged, and 1 life lost. As the fires were located in the Maiden Gully, California Gully, Long Gully and Ironbark areas, our Club accepted a major role in providing comfort and assistance for the victims.

Unfortunately, our own member Norm Kenyon, lost his house in Upper Road, and Geoff and Beryl Adcock, came close to losing theirs in Dean Street.

Our first function, held immediately after Black Saturday, we invited all the affected families to a no-charge fellowship evening, supported by the Eaglehawk Brass Band, the Eaglehawk Football Club, and others. The evening was well attended, and gave people the opportunity to meet and talk.

Soon afterwards, the Anglican Church set up “Our Place” in the Eaglehawk shopping strip, with Tracey Wolseley as a full-time Chaplain. Lola Miller was asked to be our Club’s liaison with Tracey, and this has proved to be an excellent arrangement, with a large number of services/assistance being offered, as well as comfort and advice.

The La Salle Motel, Narooma NSW, made available five holiday packages, for a 1 week stay for a family of up to 5. Four of them have been offered, and accepted, by families who lost their homes.

The Police Blue Light Organization, donated 15 bicycles, these were given to people who were in need of means of transport.

Led by Leon Scott, Club members cleaned up a property in Happy Valley Road where the house had been destroyed. The owner was an elderly lady who was very grateful for the assistance.

Our major project, suggested by Leon, has been to offer title boundary survey to those properties where the fences were lost. Letters were sent to 125 property owners, resulting in 71 acceptances. With the co-operation of Roger Muller, Survey manager at the D.S.E. Bendigo office, the four accredited Bendigo-based land survey businesses agreed to carry out the work at a reduced rate. The survey businesses are CPG Australia, Adrian Cummins & Associates, Geoff Shaw & Associates, and Tomkinson Group.

The total cost of the project is expected to be about \$55,000. The funds have been secured, as follows:

- Community Enterprise Foundation \$30,000
- Rotary D9800 bushfire recovery fund \$10,000
- Australian American Motorcycle Club: \$5,350
- Radio station 4BN, courtesy F.E.O. \$5,000
- Clearance of property in Happy Valley Rd. \$5,000

It is anticipated that all the surveys will be completed by the time this Annual Report is ready for distribution.

Gordon McKern
Co-ordinator

CALIFORNIA GULLY MECHANICS INSTITUTE

“Our Home”

The restoration of the property has progressed significantly during Rotary year 2008/09, with the main focus being on external works.

An excellent relationship has been developed with the Australian Technical College, whereby apprentice tradesmen have, as part of their training, carried out important works including the new front fence, the portico at the side entrance, and the verandah across the rear wall. The standard of work done, under the supervision of Phil White, Leigh Andrews, and others, has been outstanding.

We also enjoy a great relationship with the City of Greater Bendigo, resulting in their Parks and Environment division supplying and planting (with assistance by some of our members) 65 well established Viburnum shrubs along the north and west boundary fences.

Internally the emphasis has been on purchasing kitchen equipment so that functions can be catered for, on a commercial basis, without the need for items being “borrowed” from members’ own homes.

The trend that was noted in the 2007/08 for the hall to be used on a regular basis has continued into 2008/09. I refer in particular to the Indoor Bowls, Probus Club of Eaglehawk, District 9800, and many Education groups. Catering for these various functions has been very capably handled by Bill Slee, John Haugh, Rita O’Brien, and Mary Haugh, and the Club is very grateful for their dedication.

In addition to his assistance in the kitchen, John Haugh deserves special thanks for his tireless efforts as caretaker. He is in attendance virtually every day, without fuss or bother, doing what is necessary to maintain “our home” in a spotless condition.

Thanks also to the Mechanics committee, Rob Layton, Alf Thorpe, Walter Lourie, Bill Slee, and John Haugh.

Gordon McKern

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 its president until two years later.

NEW GENERATIONS REPORT

DIRECTOR: JOHN JONES

2008/09 has been another positive year for the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk in our endeavour to support young people within and beyond our community. Highlights include the following:

RYLA: Our candidate, Nadia McCombe, had a wonderful time at RYLA in December and provided a most engaging and entertaining report on her experience to the club. Nadia has expressed interest in pursuing ongoing involvement with Rotary, especially in Youth Leadership programs.

Skandia: P.P. Wayne McAuliffe managed this program and we were fortunate in that this year we were able to send two candidates, Emma Lewis and Ashlee Fry. Both have reported back to the club and this project continues to be a key platform in our youth development program. An unexpected bonus was a donation of \$500.00 per participant from the Skandia Corporation. In turn \$500.00 was made available as a seeding grant for Storm the Stage.

Junior Citizenship Awards: Again Grade 6 students from six primary schools in our area, Eaglehawk, Eaglehawk North, Comet Hill, California Gully, St Liborius and Raywood, were asked to nominate a Grade 6 student who best represented the core values of the school. Each successful student was presented with a certificate and a \$20.00 voucher at their respective Grade 6 graduations.

Eaglehawk Literature Festival: The festival was conducted on Universal Children's Day in October. Our involvement was to provide a barbecue lunch for about 500 young people (aged 3 – 7) at Canterbury Park. The Festival included a storyteller,

story reading hosted by secondary college students in business houses in the Eaglehawk shopping strip and entertainment at Canterbury Park.

MUNA: In June this year we sponsored two students to attend MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly). Our students, Leah Mitchell and Tia Steen, represented Spain and, as such, had to represent that country's point of view in debates across a range of international issues. We look forward to hearing about their experiences.

A continuing challenge is our involvement with the National Youth Science Forum. To date we have requests for support from three outstanding young candidates but we do not have the financial capacity to support all three. They have yet to complete the selection process. When that process is completed we will need to ascertain just how much financial support we can provide.

The New Generations Portfolio continues to provide a wide range of opportunities for young people in our area, which is only constrained by our capacity to generate the financial resources to support those opportunities. I look forward to maintaining the priority of this portfolio on 2009/10.

John P Jones
Director, New Generations

Rotary Four Way Test

- 1. Is it the truth?**
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

FELLOWSHIP

DIRECTOR: SARAH WAINWRIGHT

The opportunities to enjoy club fellowship activities this year have come partly from the many and varied club projects and activities.

Encouragingly most members arrive early to the weekly Rotary meeting to enjoy fellowship and a drink which has added a lot to the friendship of members.

The number of Club projects and events which were undertaken during the year sometimes made specially planned fellowship outings either difficult to arrange or unnecessary. Most members and partners were involved in most or all of the projects in some way or another. 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.

The Christmas night was a great success with The Rev. Tracey Wolsley giving a very interesting talk and also being entertained by 'The Naughty Elf'. Santa paid his usual visit and worked with the Elf like a true Professional.

The January meetings held at the home of Roy Parker and at the Marong Hotel were enjoyable outings and a pleasant change of environment for those who attended. An exceptional effort by the ladies who provided the meal at Roys due to the sweltering heat!

The club members who attended the District Conference at Tasmania were able to have a great weekend of fellowship together.

Congratulations to President Alf and Joye on a great year in Rotary it has been a pleasure to be part of your team.

Best wishes to John and Marjorie for the coming year.

Fellowship Director
Sarah Wainwright.

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.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

DIRECTOR: MAUREEN LOUGOON