

CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

DIRECTOR: DOUG POOLE

The Rotary Year 2009 /10 has been a great year for the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk Inc. The Club has continued to function most efficiently with members accepting and carrying out their duties cheerfully and well.

The weekly program has been well organised by Program co-ordinator P.P. Doug Harrison with a great variety of excellent speakers on a wide range of subjects, interspersed with social nights which have kept the family of Rotary well catered for. Well done Doug.

Membership and attendance records have been ably kept by Attendance Officer Maureen Lougoon. Our membership this year has remained static at 39 members. We have however mourned the passing of Vin Walshe P.H.F. one of our longest serving members, passed away on 13/08/2009. Vin was a member of The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk for 43 years. P.P. Bill Orde P.H.F. has been in poor health for quite some and tendered his resignation earlier this year. Bill has since accepted Honorary Membership of the Club and we look forward to having him attend some meetings when he is able. Bill had been a member of Eaglehawk Rotary Club for 34 years. Rtn. Gary Moar also tendered his resignation during the year.

New members inducted this year are Colin Hutchieson, Julie Hutchieson and Ron Payne. Both Colin and Ron first joined Rotary at Eaglehawk Rotary Club before moving on to others Clubs and then returning to Eaglehawk. We welcome these three members and look forward to their input over the coming years.

Our weekly average attendance for the year is 80.2%.

The Sergeant co-ordinator P.P. Roy Parker has seen to it that the meetings have been well controlled and some great fines sessions have ensued as the task of Sergeant has been rotated throughout the year to various Sergeants each bringing their own brand of humour and approach to the task. Well done Roy and the sergeants. The Corporals, generally Joe Cogo and ably assisted by others in his absence always appear to be happy to take our fines.

Others who are willing to take our cash are the front men, The Cashiers, Peter Ludeman and Ern Spence who are there each week to check us in. To Peter, Ern, Jack Millonig and those others that help out a big thank you. It is not always easy to be there early every week to perform your duties.

The Bulletin is very much the notice board and contact for the members of the club. This year the task of producing a very readable, professional publication each week fell to Sarah Wainwright, whose skills on the computer were the envy of most others in the Club.

Sarah was ably assisted by Colin Anderson and particularly Secretary Rob who took on the task if Sarah was unavailable. Thanks to Sarah, Rob and Colin for the timely presentation of the Club news each week.

Other Club Service functions such as On- To – Conference, Inter Club Visits, Historian and Protection Officer and Fellowship were all performed with professionalism by those allocated the tasks.

Finally I congratulate President John on the completion of a great year and thank him for the opportunity to serve on his Board of Directors. I wish incoming President Geoff all the best for 2010/11 and look forward to another great year at the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk Inc.

P.P Doug Poole
Club Service Director

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
DIRECTOR: GORDON MCKERN

The Club has continued to show its strong support for the Foundation during this year, as shown by these figures:

- twenty of our members have made personal commitments to the Every Rotarian Every Year programme. Five of them are members of the Paul Harris Society, viz. Colin Hutchieson, Julie Hutchieson, Lola Miller, Anita McKern, and myself.
- a total of 34 Paul Harris Fellow recognitions have been awarded to worthy recipients since the Club was chartered, with eight current Members also having Sapphires and/or Rubies.
- a Club contribution of approx \$2,000 has been forwarded to T.R.F., this represents \$51.28 per member. In addition \$1,000 was donated to Polio Plus.
- a grant of \$3,340 was received via the District Simplified Grant programme. The Club added a further \$1,660, resulting in a cheque for \$5,000 being presented to Leon Scott, in his role as Chairman of the Maubisse Friendship Committee, to cover the transportation cost of a container to Timor Leste.

Gordon McKern
Foundation Director

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009-2010

PRESIDENT JOHN JONES

It is with pleasure that I present the President's Report of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk for the Rotary year 2009-2010. As you will note in the Director's Reports it has been another very busy and productive year.

In August we mourned the passing of Vinnie Walshe. Vinnie was inducted into the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk in December 1966. He was President of this Club in 1986/87 and was made a Paul Harris Fellow in 1996.

During his nearly 43 years of Service in this Club he filled many roles. He attended at least one Rotary International Conference – one held in 1967 in France and was for many years a regular attendee at our District Conferences even to Canberra just 3 months before his 90th Birthday. He was a regular attendee at our meetings until just three weeks before he passed away.

Membership continues to present a challenge and is a task that should be the focus of our collective attention. As well as losing Vinnie, we had resignations from Bill Orde and from Gary Moar. In the course of the year we did induct three members, Ron Payne and Colin and Julie Hutchieson. Attendance at our Club meetings has been consistently high.

A number of successful fundraising events were held. The movie premiere of Mao's Last Dancer was particularly successful as was the Christmas raffle. The business breakfast was relatively successful and has the potential to become a significant event. As a consequence of our efforts the Club has been able to distribute more than sixty thousand dollars.

I am particularly proud of our achievements with respect to the Rotary Foundation. We have contributed \$2000 through annual giving and \$1000 to polio plus. In addition we have five Paul Harris Society members and a very large percentage of members contributing to Every Rotarian Every Year. Thank you for that support. It is fitting that we are able tonight to present a Paul Harris Fellow to Graeme Lock and sapphires to Walter Lourie and Leon Scott.

Community Service continues to be to the fore. Regular working bees have transformed the facilities of Neangar Park Pony Club with the installation of some cupboards as the remaining task. The major project has been the relocation of the Wes Vine Hall in association with Eaglehawk Soccer Club. The recent funding announcement by Jacinta Allan MP means that the project can now proceed to completion. No doubt there will many more opportunities for us to be involved in a hands-on manner as the project is delivered.

The R.O.S.E program continues to flourish under the leadership of Howard and Vivienne Osborne. The relationship with Girton Grammar has become particularly significant and we now have two students on scholarships. A new dimension to that relationship is being explored with former Head Master, Clayton Jones. This involves students from Girton undertaking volunteering projects at the Orphanage at Pattaya and/or the Father Ray Foundation.

The other very significant dimension to our international program is with respect to East Timor and special tribute must be paid to Leon Scott for his leadership. He has organised countless working bees to salvage materials from schools to be packed into containers and shipped. These are then transformed into school facilities for children who must be among the poorest, but happiest, on the planet. I had the privilege of taking part in a work party in August and it was an amazing experience and one I would commend to all of you.

New generations continued to be a major portfolio and we were able to support Junior Citizenship Awards, scholarships at Eaglehawk Secondary College, Storm the Stage and RYLA. The most significant achievement, however, was the opportunity to sponsor, in association with Bendigo RSL and the College, three students from Eaglehawk Secondary College on a short term exchange to Turkey. They attended school in Istanbul and then attended the Dawn Service and Lone Pine Commemoration at Gallipoli on ANZAC Day. In July Eaglehawk Secondary College will be hosting some Turkish students taking part in a reciprocal visit.

It was a very successful year for fellowship activities. Director Wayne McAuliffe took leave part way through his year and Lola Miller stepped in to provide a wide range of innovative activities.

Vocational Service featured a number of workplace visits – Eaglehawk Secondary College, Australian Turntable Company and William Farmer Funerals. As noted above, the Business Breakfast, addressed by Mike Hirst, was an event that has the potential to develop into a major initiative.

Club Service, led by Doug Poole, continues to be a cornerstone of the Club. We had an excellent array of speakers, a team contributing to the Bulletin, some very entertaining Sergeants, our cashiers, the bar staff – all made significant contributions to our year.

The Mechanics Institute continues to be the envy of other Rotary Clubs and the Committee has made further improvements in the course of the year. It is becoming a very popular venue for hire by other groups and is generating a significant income stream. The extraordinary contribution of the catering team, Bill, John and Rita, must be acknowledged.

And now to thank yous. Firstly, to my Board Members for your support, cooperation and enthusiasm. I must make special mention of Secretary Rob Layton and Treasurer Walter Lourie. To Assistant District Governor, Hugh Wheeler and Sue and to the cluster presidents, thank you for adding a whole new

dimension to our Rotary experience; to you the members and to the partners, you are the very fabric of our club – thank you. And finally, to Marj, thank you for your understanding, advice, tolerance, encouragement, patience – it has been a frenetic year and without your love and support I could not have enjoyed the year as I have.

To Geoff and Beryl, it is an enormous privilege to lead the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk and I know that I can speak on behalf of all members in pledging our support for you as you embark on your journey Building Communities, Bridging Continents. May you enjoy your year as much as I have.

John P Jones,
President 2009-10

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.

IN MEMORY

VINCENT JAMES WALSH

who died, 13th August 2009

DONATIONS & GRANTS

2009 - 2010

Rotary Foundation	2000
RAWCS	250
Rotary Club of Jomtiya Pataya (Sister Club)	1000
R.C. Cobar (Hospital Lifting Device)	135
Bendigo Community Health Men's Health Week	500
ESC (Rothacker & Evans Scholarship)	800
ESC (Energy Break Through)	500
1st Eaglehawk Scouts (Jamboree Trip)	850
Wes Vine Hall Relocation	1515
Training Ship Bendigo	500
Vision Australia (Swap Meet Allocation)	833
E'hawk Swimming Club (5 Competition Medals)	100
ESC (Turkey tour to Gallipoli)	2000
Relay for Life	3406
ROSE program	20081
Horizon House	1000
Cluster Bushfire / Disaster Account	6689
RYLA	660
Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee	5000
Rotary Liasion Officer Timor Leste	2000
R.C. Melbourne Park (New Club Present)	100
Multi District Waste Water Treatment Project	500
Polio Plus Challenge	1000
ROMAC	500
Eaglehawk Citizens Brass Band	500
Interplast	500
State Emergency Service – Bendigo	1000
Australian Rotary Health	500

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	1998-99	Leon Scott
1986-87	Des Harvey	1999-00	Trevor Lock
1987-88	Lindsay Roberts	2000-01	Hans Siegloff
1988-89	Colin Hutchieson	2001-02	Lesley Siegloff
1989-90	Jeff Lougoon	2002-03	Walter Lourie
1990-91	John Brook	2003-04	Gordon McKern
1991-92	Stan Spencely	2004-05	Graeme Lock
1992-93	John Gurr	2005-06	Charles Cunneen
1993-94	Peter Ludeman	2006-07	Heather Ridge
1994-95	Len Hands	2007-08	Rita O'Brien
1995-96	Joe Miles	2008-09	Doug Harrison
1996-97	Ralph Weeks	2009-10	Bill Slee
1997-98	Alan Bull		

MEMBERS

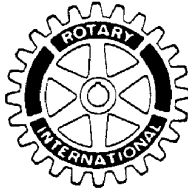
As at 30th June, 2010

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

Honorary Member

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Jack Taylor	June 1988
Gordon J. McKern (with 5 Sapphires)	June 1990
Leon Maxwell Scott (with 2 Sapphires)	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
Julie Hutchieson (with 4 Sapphires)	Dec. 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
Colin Hutchieson (with 4 Rubies)	June 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 (with Sapphire, June 2010)	June 2008
Alf Thorpe	June 2008
June Layton	June 2009
Lola Miller (with Sapphire, April 2010)	April 2010
Graham Lock	June 2010



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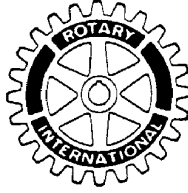
District 9800

2009-2010

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:
JOHN KENNY



THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME 2009-2010



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THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME 2010-2011

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
DIRECTOR: HOWARD OSBORNE

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



Photo: Kaew, Nut, Gift & Urgn
(Feathertop Chalet Weekend - February 2010)

The 5th year of the **R.O.S.E. Program** concluded successfully on 21st February with 3 of the 4 remaining students of the '**Class of 2009-2010**' returning home to Thailand.

The remaining student, Gift, has commenced her 4 year scholarship at Girton and together with Ploy will complete their VCE here in Bendigo at Girton Grammar School.

The 5th student, Rit, returned home to Thailand in August last year. 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 conversational 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.

Gift 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 Gift.

Ploy & Gift are both hosted by Leonie & Graeme Adamson and Leonie & Graeme are to be congratulated for their amazing gesture of love and devotion to these young people and the Program.

Our quest to involve other Rotary Clubs has come to fruition with the Rotary Clubs of Bendigo Strathdale, Bendigo Sandhurst & Kangaroo Flat contributing towards the sponsorship of the students again this year, which has been greatly appreciated.

This Rotary year the students attended '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 was 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 communications.

Thanks must go to Graeme Meager, Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale, who provided invaluable assistance in servicing the notebooks as they constantly broke down.

Candidates have been nominated from the Pattaya Orphanage & the Father Ray Foundation Children's Home for the **R.O.S.E. Program 2011–2012** and the selection process will take place in the coming months.



Photo: (02-06-10) - President John Jones presents 'Blue' (from Class of 2004-2005) with flowers and gift for her 21st.

Blue returned to Bendigo to celebrate her 21st in May 2010.

Blue is currently studying English & Chinese at University in Bangkok and doing extremely well in her studies. She is a wonderful ambassador for the R.O.S.E. Program.

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, Geoff Young 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.
- Girton Grammar School for providing scholarships to Ploy & Gift to study their VCE.
- 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 presentation of notebook computers to each student.
- Rotary Club of Ocean Grove who provided a week stay in Ocean Grove for the students.
- Mary & Chas Cunneen who ran the Pool, Pie & Port Night featuring a Trading Table & entertainment by our Thai students - a great success financially (\$934.00 profit) as well as a lot of fun! Profits from the night allowed Viv to fly the students to Sydney for a weekend where they were hosted and shown the sites by Lara.

- 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 **\$8,283** 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.

Finally I would like to congratulate President John on a great year of Rotary service and I would also like to wish incoming President Geoff all the very best for 2010-2011.

Howard Osborne
International Service Director

EAST TIMOR REPORT – 2009-2010

Working as a partnership with the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Relationship Committee, four container loads of school furniture, sporting equipment, building products, clothing and household items, together with medical/orthopaedic and dental equipment, have been collected, packed and shipped to East Timor for distribution.

The Bendigo Volunteers House has provided comfortable accommodation for work party teams who have continued projects at the Liquetei School in the Maubisse District. Volunteers who have made up 7 work party teams, included Rotarians and partners from the Rotary Clubs of Bright, Brighton, Bendigo Sandhurst, Kyneton, Wendoree Breakfast, Ballarat South and Eaglehawk. Community volunteers, Bendigo Maubisse Committee members, and an Eaglehawk Y Club member formed the balance of work party team members during this year.

Work undertaken has included:

- The completion of a retaining wall beside new classrooms at Liquetei School. This building was built from local materials by the Maubisse community and funded by the Government of Timor Leste.
- Completion of three classrooms at Liquetei, a store room and an office all rebuilt from a dismantled Bendigo Council building, and fitted out with school furniture and fittings from Bendigo schools.
- Electricity provided to the school from a donated generator.
- Running water and bubble taps at a drinking trough from items salvaged from Golden Square Secondary College.
- Septic type toilets with a hand basin for washing of hands.

All of the above – ‘what a novelty’ – after children previously sitting on bamboo poles or a dirt floor, with no electricity, no toilet facilities or running water, and no windows or doors on the classrooms – not to mention the holes in the dilapidated roofing iron.

Funding for projects undertaken and freight costs involved with transportation of the containers came from the City of Greater Bendigo’s support to the Friendship Committee, a grant from the Rotary Foundation supported by funds from the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk - \$5000.00, as well as \$5,000.00 donated by the Rotary Club of Kyneton. Eaglehawk Club has again donated \$2000.00 in support of Rtn. Daryl Mills, the Rotary Liaison Officer in Dili. Several Rotary Club work party teams paid vehicle hire costs and covered food costs during their stay.

Sister Maria Mendes from Maubara Kindergarten spent three months in Kyneton to assist her vocational skills and improve her English speaking skills. Hosts Ivan & June Smith brought Sr. Maria to our Christmas night.

Eaglehawk Rotarian Heather Ridge returned from East Timor in July 2009 after leading a team of 13 Loddon Mallee Literacy Specialists on a two week visit to several schools where they provided professional learning activities for teachers.

Three truck loads of very well maintained orthopaedic appliances, (wheel chairs, walking frames, patient lifts, chairs etc.) were collected from Orthopaedic Appliances Bendigo P/L. As each future container is packed a number of these appliances will be sent as part of the load. They were gratefully received by the Maubisse Hospital.

My sincere thanks to the Department of Education for allowing the salvage of many container loads of goods from the recently demolished Secondary Colleges throughout the region. Thank you also to the 242 volunteers who have attended many working bees throughout the year, not only to obtain items, but also to pack the containers. In excess of 1700 school chairs, along with many thousands of donated clothing items, coupled with the rebuilding

projects, are making a huge difference to the lives of people in and around Maubisse. East Timor continues to be a strong focus of our Club's International Avenue of Service and I thank members for their continuing support.

2007

2010



Original Liquetei School



Almost completed new school

PP Leon Scott

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

DIRECTOR: COLIN ANDERSON

Wes Vine Hall Relocation: Coordinator: Leon Scott

The 2009-2010 Community Service year's major project was the relocation of the Wes Vine Hall from Eaglehawk secondary college to the Truscott Reserve. The club in conjunction with many individuals and organisations has achieved its goal. Ken Hopley demolitions generously donated most of the materials from the demolition of the hall. Eaglehawk soccer club were actively involved in fund raising and donation of services and labour. Leon Scott was the co-ordinator of the project and Gordon McKern (along with others) lobbied for government funding.

Many businesses donated apprentices and their own time to complete the demolition phase and start of the site preparation. The project is now a Council project and the Eaglehawk community should enjoy use of the hall for many years to come. This was a great outcome for the club and community.

Neangar Park Pony Club:

Another highlight for year was the completion of the horse yards and improvements to the Neangar Park Pony Clubs facilities. The usual suspects lead the charge, Leon Scott and Walter Lourie, but many others were regular contributors. It is gratifying to see the club's work to provide activities and opportunities for the younger members of our community. Once again Rotarians help improve and provide activities that they themselves did not have, when they were younger. It's a credit to the club that we recognised what is important to others and work towards filling that need, even when many of us have no personal experience of that need.

Festival Idol:

Coordinator: Alf Thorpe

Alf along with many others bought together an excellent assortment of entertainers for the Festival Idol night. It was well attended and looks like a regular fixture for many years to come.

Our other routine events the Clean Up Australia Day, and Australia Day ceremonies were conducted with the usual Eaglehawk Rotary military precision, good humour and enthusiasm.

We round out the year with a Family Community Day in Canterbury Park 26th June 2010. This is a new event for the club and our involvement entails the usual BBQ and logistics support. With luck it will be successful and on-going.

However there were some negatives for the year also, our organised bike rides saw very few riders participate in the "Cycle About Whipstick" ride. A similar story for last year's "Bendigo by Bike" ride saw the 2010 ride cancelled. The future of our clubs organised bike rides is uncertain. There is little doubt they were very successful in previous years and perhaps the right individual or group within the club can see a return to those halcyon days.

My sincere thanks to the many contributors from within the club and from the community.

It has been a personally difficult year with the death of my brother and I would like to express my appreciation to my fellow Rotarians for your sympathies and support during the year.

I look forward to helping the incoming director to make 2010-2011 an even better year. Best wishes,

Colin Anderson

Community Service Director

BUSHFIRE ASSISTANCE

A comprehensive summary was provided in the 2008/09 Annual Report on some of the various ways we assisted the people of Maiden Gully, California Gully, Long Gully and Ironbark who were impacted by the fires on Black Saturday, 7th February 2009.

During the Rotary year 2009/10 these are some items of interest:

➤ the boundary survey project was completed, with 78 properties being surveyed, at a cost of approx, \$75,000. Our sincere thanks go to the four local firms who carried out the work at significantly reduced fees, viz. CPG Australia, Adrian Cummins & Associates, Tomkinson & Associates, and Geoff Shaw & Associates.

➤ in addition to the 15 bicycles donated last year by the Police Blue Light Organization, two new children's bikes were sponsored by Geoff Baxter, of BB Truss & Timber.

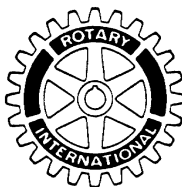
➤ through the D9800 Bushfire recovery committee, led by Mev. Connell, a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, we received 96 new camping tents which were not needed for bushfire relief, so they were donated to the local Scouts and Girl Guides, at a function held in October.

➤ during the year a close association has been developed with "Our Place", and more recently "Our Shed". It was a pleasure to be able to present Rev. Tracey Wolsley with a cheque for \$10,000, which was made available from the D9800 Bushfire Recovery fund. I thank Lola Miller for liaising regularly with Tracey during the year.

➤ as a result of sponsorships, grants and fundraising, including \$9,000 from the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing, and some from other local Rotary Clubs, we completed our assistance projects with a surplus of approx. \$27,000. A decision was made to

invest these funds in a new account at Bendigo Bank titled "Combined Rotary Clubs of Bendigo", so that money would be available immediately to assist in the event of a future natural disaster.

Gordon McKern
Co-ordinator



CANCER COUNCIL RELAY FOR LIFE

Celebrate - Remember - Fightback

Organized by a group of Partners the decedent ritual of High Tea with friends on a Sunday afternoon at the Mechanics Hall started our Fund-raising. Jan Spencely's great baking effort, raffles 5 cent jars, collection boxes and personal donations amounted to our team of twenty walkers being awarded a Trophy for raising in excess of \$5000.00.

An encore performance of High Tea, 5 cent jars plus other activities will be on again. Consider Relay For Life next year, our ninth year of participation.

Thank you for your support,

Rita O'Brien.

CALIFORNIA GULLY MECHANICS INSTITUTE

“Our Home”

Whilst the number of major building improvements has slowed during this year, there has been steady progress, including:

- restoration and re-tuning of the piano.
- upgrading of the storage facilities, both in the hall and the shed.
- removal of dust and debris from the ceiling space.
- alterations to external doorway to comply with emergency exit regulations.

Once again, the venue was used regularly by /Carpet Bowls, Probus, Education groups, and, pleasingly, D9800 Rotary meetings. In addition a number of private functions were held, all of which contributed funds towards the maintenance of, and improvements to, the property.

Whenever catering was required, which was very often, the team of Bill Slee, John Haugh and Rita O’Brien, with occasional help from others, performed admirably.

Gordon McKern

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NEW GENERATIONS REPORT

DIRECTOR: JOHN JONES

In 2009/10 the Rotary Club has continued to support a range of youth initiatives in and around Eaglehawk.

Junior Citizenship awards were presented at Eaglehawk PS, Comet Hill PS, California Gully PS, Eaglehawk North PS, St Liborius PS and Raywood PS. The schools nominated students whom they believed best represented the values of their respective schools and were enthusiastically received. Recipients received a framed certificate and a \$20.00 voucher.

Eaglehawk Secondary College received two **scholarships** for students in Year 10 and these were presented by myself at the Celebrations ceremony in December 2009.

The Student of the Year at Eaglehawk Secondary College, Kelsey McDowell was the recipient of the **Audi (formerly Skandia) Sail Award**. This involved Kelsey travelling to Melbourne on January 23 to join five other regional students to take part in the Audi sail event. Kelsey has reported back to the club and it was obviously a most significant event. We are indebted to Kerry Warner and the Rotary Club of Essendon North for their ongoing support of this amazing initiative.

The club again supported the **Eaglehawk Literature Festival** held in association with Universal Children's Week. Our involvement was to provide a barbecue lunch for about five hundred young people at Canterbury Park.

The cluster again hosted the state final of **Storm the Stage** at the Capitol Theatre. Some outstanding talent was showcased with the two winners proceeding to Perth for the National final. Some of the finalists were guest presenters at the District Conference in Perth. Attracting candidates continues to be a challenge and so a decision

has been taken, at a cluster level, to incorporate STS into the Bendigo competitions.

Two students from Eaglehawk SC nominated for **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)**. The program has, however, been deferred until August and both our candidates plan to be involved. The program is being hosted by RC Sandhurst and will be held at Camp Getaway.

Larissa Austin was our **Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)** for this Rotary year and attended the camp in December 2009. Larissa gave an animated presentation to the Club and obviously gained much from the experience.

Without doubt the most significant achievement this year was the **Short Term Exchange to Turkey**. We were able to gain three of the sixteen places available nationally for students from Eaglehawk Secondary College. The program was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, Eaglehawk Secondary College and Bendigo RSL and so, on April 1, Laura, Braelyn and Jon flew out for Turkey, via Seoul, for a unique three-week experience. They attended school in Istanbul for three weeks and then went to Gallipoli on Anzac day for the Dawn Service and the Lone Pine commemoration service. In July Eaglehawk Secondary College will host Turkish students taking part in a reciprocal visit and we look forward to extending some RC Eaglehawk hospitality during their visit. Eaglehawk Secondary is looking forward to an opportunity to making this short term exchange an annual event – it is an incredible opportunity to afford our local young people a once in a lifetime experience.

Youth programs continue to be a priority for Rotary and I look forward to continuing to serve the Club in this respect next year.

John P. Jones,
Director, New Generations

FELLOWSHIP

DIRECTOR: LOLA MILLER

The Fellowship programme commenced on a joyous note with Christmas in July celebrations, complete with Christmas tree and decorations, a seasonal meal, sweets and bon-bons and hearty carol singing to herald the arrival of Santa Claus accompanied by Mrs Claus. Light-hearted gifts were distributed by the Claus family, and a totally hilarious evening was enjoyed by all.

Our football trip to Melbourne, initially to be by train to Etihad Stadium, lost numbers when unfortunately changed to bus to the MCG, but all participants enjoyed lunch on route, nibbles on the bus, and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to driver/organizer Wayne McAuliffe.

On September 23rd Club members followed the weekly meeting with Fire-side gatherings at the homes of Rotarians O'Brien, Poole, Layton and Miller and great evenings of fellowship ensued. For some it was a first experience of Fire-side Meetings and a great reminder of the origins of Rotary and the aspirations of Paul Harris.

In November, Fellowship Director Wayne McAuliffe undertook a placement at the CBA in Mansfield for six months and his input was sadly missed. When Steven Moss and later Trevor Lock took leave we were under-manned but all our efforts were well supported by the members.

The Christmas Dinner Meeting proved a delightful occasion despite the intense heat. 95 participants enjoyed a lovely meal in the main hall, which was beautifully decorated – complete with Christmas trees, Santa's Chair, "*Christmassy*" tables and music. The Naughty Elf entertained everyone before Santa distributed gifts to the children. A special tribute to Trevor Lock who ensured our comfort in heat wave conditions.

On January 6th, we headed out to the new Hutchieson Hillside Estate, - complete with boulders, sheep, and water unlimited – for the first of our after-Christmas social gatherings and enjoyed a lovely evening of good food and fellowship.

On January 13th we joined President John and Marjorie in their delightful garden setting – a beautiful meal was presented to us, and a tour of their amazing garden was a true highlight of the occasion.

With so many working bees and other activities, it is increasingly difficult to find times for dedicated Fellowship functions, so every opportunity is taken for incidental fellowship, such as the great turn out of 24 members at the Australia Day Celebrations, Dahlia and Arts Activities, Easter Eggs, The Gold Fields Cluster Dinner, Club Changeover Dinners, and the Community Family Day.

Our Pre-Mothers Day function proved hugely successful – the white table cloths, floral decorations, white chrysanthemums for the ladies, and the quiz, set the atmosphere for the evening which was a delightful prelude to Mothers' Day.

Thank-you to those Members rostered onto Fellowship to greet arrivals each Wednesday and to all members for your enthusiastic participation in our endeavours.

Congratulations to President John and Marjorie for a splendid year of Rotary Service, and best wishes to President Geoff and Beryl for a very rewarding year.

Lola M. Miller AM BEM
Fellowship Director.

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.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

DIRECTOR: ROD HANSON

The 2009-2010 year included a number of successful vocational service activities, all of which received strong support from Club members.

We were pleased to be able to contribute to the “women only” Straight Talk program for high school girls in August. Very positive feed-back was received from all participants regarding their discussions on career opportunities and experiences in the workplace. We thank all those who participated.

In October, a visit was made to the Stephanie Alexander garden at the Eaglehawk Primary School, followed by dinner in the Stephanie Alexander kitchen, constructed by members of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. After dinner, there was an opportunity to inspect the newly constructed Eaglehawk Secondary College.

A vocational visit was made to the Australian Turntable Company (ATC) on 21 April to inspect the Eco Pod low energy modular building. This was a very informative and interesting visit which outlined the innovations which the Turntable Company is pursuing with its new building division. This visit followed a presentation by Paul Chapman, Managing Director of ATC on 17 March.

A business breakfast featuring Mr Mike Hurst, Managing Director of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank as guest speaker was held on 21 May, at the All Seasons Quality Resort. Net proceeds amounting to about \$500 were donated to the Rotary Polio Plus program.

A tour of the newly completed William Farmer Funeral Parlour was undertaken in June. Guest speaker and funeral director Andrew Hampton explained changes in the industry over the 137 years of the William Farmer business and his personal experience of the last 23 years. A very enjoyable supper was held at the nearby home of Leon and Ann Scott.

Other guest speakers during the year included; Dr Vince Murdolo from Bendigo Health Pathology, who provided an insight into the Bendigo hospital pathology department, one of only two regional hospitals with its own pathology department, and Steven Moss, one of our own members who discussed the alcohol interlock drink-driver education system.

In August, we were saddened by the passing of Vin Walshe, a valued member of our Vocational Service team.

Thanks to John Jones, Gordon McKern and other club members for their support during my year as director.

Rod Hanson
Vocational Service Director

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