

# The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk Inc. VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

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## 2015-2016

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: RK "Ravi" RAVINDRAN



THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME 2015-2016

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2015-2016

## PRESIDENT CAROLYN ROBINSON

Has it really been 12 months? WOW, what a year. Where has it gone? I know this statement is not very original, it's been said by so many Past President's, but, it's so very true.

When accepting the position of Incoming President, this was not a decision that I made lightly. It took me months to accept. Why? You may ask. Well, I had so many reservations. Did I have enough Rotary knowledge and experience? Could I fill the enormous shoes of the Presidents before me? Could I make a difference? Did I have the skills necessary? Would I let the Club down? What value could I add? What could I do differently to ensure the longevity of the club? Could I continue to grow and enhance the succession planning of the Club? The questions went on. Then I realised, no one goes into a role knowing everything, and no one is expected to, we are all volunteers. You learn something new everyday of your life, and Rotary is no exception. Also, I am part of a club with such diverse knowledgeable members, who always share and impart their knowledge. Decision made!

"Be a Gift To The World" was Rotary International President KR "Ravi" Ravindran's theme for this year. A pretty powerful theme you must admit. As I sat at PETS listening to RI President Ravi's address regarding his theme, an overwhelming sense of pride came over me. I'm proud to be a Rotarian, and a Rotarian of the Eaglehawk Club. The theme resonated with me, this is why we are all Rotarians, and why we belong to this Club. Rotarians are Gifts to the World. So many people want to make a difference, but, they just don't know how to do it alone, unable to do it alone, they want to change the lives of those less fortunate, by giving others opportunities that would not

otherwise be achievable. Together, as likeminded people, we achieve the unachievable. So, have we been a gift to the world this year? Have we made a difference? I certainly think so.

This year has been a rollercoaster to say the least. It has been without a doubt the busiest 12 months of my life, I know this has been said before, however, it's so very true. I could not give you a precise number of the meetings, training sessions, emails, phone calls and numerous changeovers that lead up to my presidency. Then in this last year, as President, the meetings, individual member meetings, emails, reports, phone calls and the list goes on, all whilst juggling my full time career. The year has certainly been a learning experience. I have encountered challenges and obstacles along the way, however, I have gained so much in return. My Rotary knowledge has broadened, and I have grown as an individual. I have had the privilege of forming lasting friendships with so many Rotarians, both within the club and external. Overall, it's been a very rewarding year.

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to all Committee Directors, they, and the Committee Members should be extremely proud of their efforts this year. Their reports will no doubt elaborate what a successful year that they have had, however, I feel it pertinent to highlight some of those achievements below

**CLUB CAR** – Outstanding!! What a better way to advertise the club and Rotary. Richard Epskamp has done a marvellous job in organising the roadworthy, club plates, signwriting and promotional signage for the car. It was a long tedious task, but, he persisted, and judging by the crowd it drew at District Assembly, it will attract the attention, which is just what we wanted. It's a shame that it did not make its debut at the Dahlia and Arts Festival, but, it had a mind of its own that day. It's certainly a great asset.

**SWAP MEET –** This is always outstanding. So much fun. FJ's Café is never tiring, never a dull moment. This is organisation at its best, we absolutely blitz this. The regulars that we see year in year out, and they never forget a name makes it so worthwhile. And I have to add, the banter with the Poole brothers is fantastic! They make my weekend.

VICTORIAN STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS – This was a new event for us this year, we went in blind not knowing what we would be faced with. Again, we rose to the challenge. It was fun, and different. Whilst we may have slightly over catered, that is better than under catering I say. The planning that went into it by the members was exceptional, and nothing was left out. We will undoubtedly be up for the challenge should we get the opportunity again. It was great to see all our partners and families there, it's wonderful when we all get together. Thank you everyone for your contributions on a long weekend.

**DAHLIA AND ARTS FESTIVAL** - Mick Costello and Co organised an exceptional entry into the procession, we showcased our club well, also highlighting our 50 years this year. The Float was bright and eye catching, having our Charter Member Roy Parker in the vintage car was fantastic, and everyone had a great day, except for those helium balloons!! Thanks to everyone who turned out to participate on the day.

ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION – Running over the weekend of the Dahlia and Arts Festival, this was a great display of Art by Artist David Williams and his wife Shirley, complimented by the Bendigo Woodturners' exhibition. It was a great display and a lot of fun interacting with the visitors to the exhibition. What I also felt was a standout, was the water colour art classes that David Williams held for the local Primary School Children. They loved it, and the feedback from them was great. We have not done this before and to be able to provide this to the local children was a highlight for me. Congratulations to Walter Lourie, David Kaye and everyone who assisted with the event.

I hope in the future we can continue to provide this sort of opportunity to the local children of Eaglehawk.

**FELLOWSHIP** – Doug Harrison has excelled in organising social functions. They have been most enjoyable and fun for all. The choice of venues has been outstanding, and the same can be said about the Company.

**BINGO** – With the two trial sessions now completed, and the hiccups ironed out, it's set to be a huge success. This is exciting times ahead for the Club. Let's all get behind this one and promote it to everyone. Well done Alison

**INTERNATIONAL** – To be able to change the lives of the recipients of the scholarships in Timor Leste and also Pattaya, Thailand is humbling. I am so proud that we have been able to do this. Please read Howard's report, this is exactly why I am a Rotarian, to give someone an opportunity that they would not have otherwise had.

**FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE** – I'm really excited with the way our Facebook site has been conducted. It's relevant, and the posts are informative and showcase our club. We are attracting more and more followers each post. Our web page is undergoing a complete overhaul, this is time consuming for everyone involved, but will be well worth the wait. Social Media is the way forward with the club, and we will have to work hard to ensure that our content is both relevant and informative. I have found it exciting when members of the public inform me of items on our page, before I have seen it, so it's working. David B, Alison and Richard well done.

**MECHANICS HALL** – The years of waiting were worth it. What a fantastic home we have now. It's great to come to Rotary each week in a beautiful building. The new bar is great, and looks fantastic, not to mention being able to visit indoor "facilities". It has brought a new feel to the club by being able to congregate before meetings at the bar area.

**CAMP GETAWAY** – Everyone needs to take a trip out there, it's unbelievable. The dedication and hard work by some of our members in transforming this facility into the state of the art facility it is becoming, is outstanding. As a child, our yearly school camp was to Camp Getaway, I have great memories of this place and it's great to see that moving forward, when completed, it will attract more school camps and give those children the same fond memories I have. Leon Scott and Co, commendable job to date.

ANZAC DAY GUNFIRE BREAKFAST & AUSTRALIA DAY – For me these events are outstanding. It's great to see the Community all come together to share these special days, and more importantly, witnessing the increasing participation by the local children, it's wonderful to know that the importance of these days will not die out. It's great to be a part of these events, and as a club, we shine.

**BOOK STORE** – Rita and her bookstore have definitely had some heartache this year. Although being a victim of the "fire bug", incurring a major setback, Rita, in true Eaglehawk fashion, didn't let this get in the way. She opened in record time, ensuring that she continued to provide her regular customers with books to read. Her store raises significant funds for the club annually, which are used to fund various Rotary Projects. Rita's little bookstore is mentioned on social media quite regularly.

**MEMBERSHIP** – We inducted one new member into the club this year, Mary Bugeja. How lucky are we. Mary is a true asset to the club, and is always ready to assist at any event. Welcome Mary, I know that you will enjoy being a Rotarian. Also, we had three new members join our Friends of Rotary this year. Fiona Mummery, Julie Gannon and Bill Peterson. These lovely people are no strangers to the Rotary family. I know that they are more than eager to help the club with upcoming events, and we are lucky to have you all. Sadly, we did loose a member this year,

PP Richard Epskamp. Richard was a valuable member to our club and will be greatly missed. I wish Richard, his wife Kylie and their family all the best, and we will miss you.

We sadly said goodbye to two lovely Rotary Ladies this year. Carol Gurr, wife of PP John Gurr and Laura Poole, wife of PP Doug Poole. Both ladies have over the years made a significant contribution to the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. They will both be sadly missed.

Membership is always an area of concern, not only in our club, but, Rotary as a whole. We need to ensure that we embrace new members, encourage their ideas and participation. We need to be open to new ideas, and change our attitude. By this I mean steering away from the age old verbatim of "we always do it this way" "we've done that before" etc. We need to encourage new ways of doing things, this will in turn help to attract and retain new members. I firmly believe that it is better to try, than not try at all, or you will always wonder what if. We all have different ways of planning and analysing things, we need to be open to this. Diversity is a wonderful thing.

This year, one of my goals was to provide washing facilities for the homeless to access. Whilst this has not occurred to date, I am in the process of liaising with a community group at present. It is vital that this is placed in the most convenient accessible place. Therefore the funds have been set aside as you will see in the disbursements.

Our club is fortunate in that we are so diverse, we have so many knowledgeable Rotarians. I have endeavoured to draw on this knowledge to enhance our Strategic Plan that Ron instigated in his year, and to commence forward planning for future committee members, I have encouraged the experienced members to impart their knowledge so that the club can continue to grow.

Furthermore, we need to continue to remember that we are all volunteers, we are all doing the best that we can, and we are all here for the same reasons, to achieve the same goals, making the world a better place.

Whether or not I have been successful in my year as President, I guess, is for others to decide. I came into the role of President with best intentions and with the best interests of the club at heart, and I have given 100% at all times. I am very grateful and feel very privileged to have been given this opportunity, and I have a lot of wonderful memories.

Lastly, I wish to sincerely thank all Board Members for their dedicated support. You should all be extremely proud of what you have accomplished this year, it's been amazing. To Colin Anderson for the many hours you put in to keep the books balanced, thank you. To all members I thank you for all your tireless efforts with working bees, and various projects, you are all amazing, and you are all why this club is so successful.

Thank you to Alison who has been an amazing support and ensures that I don't forget anything, also thank you to Faye for all that she does for me behind the scenes.

I wish Ron and his team all the best for 2016-2017, I know that it will be a very successful year ahead and am looking forward to it.

Regards,

Carolyn Robinson, President 2015-2016

## **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 1.222 million Rotarians, members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in 220 countries.

## **CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**DIRECTOR: LEON SCOTT** 

Thank you to Club Service Committee members for their contribution to a successful 2015/16 year with all areas functioning well.

<u>Program:</u> Alf Thorpe has provided a varied and interesting array of Speakers with topics covering various areas of Rotary information, local events and social activities. A dinner at Saltworks assisted with their fundraising to provide weekly meals for lonely or disadvantaged members of the community.

<u>Bulletin:</u> Editors David Kaye, David Bugeja and assistance from President Carolyn with "Caz's Chatter" has kept all members well informed.

<u>Sergeant At Arms:</u> A Club position willingly shared by Doug Poole, Rita O'Brien, Ron Payne, John Jones, Graeme Lock, Rob Layton, David Bugeja, Walter Lourie, Doug Harrison and Shane McCloud. Corporal duties were undertaken by Shane McCloud, Les Dingfelder, Leon McGlashan and David Kaye.

<u>Club Historian:</u> Rob Layton, together with a small committee, has the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in hand with a luncheon organised for Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

Membership: August 2015 saw Mary Bugeja accepted into membership and regretfully a resignation from Richard Epskamp was accepted in April, 2016. Membership now stands at 37. Friends of Rotary – 11 members.

Attendance: David Dolman has efficiently carried out his duties and reports monthly for Board meetings and to District. It is

pleasing to note that our monthly average attendances remain in the area of above 80%

<u>Cashiers:</u> A friendly greeting awaits members and guests each week from regular cashiers David Dolman and Jack Millonig. Other members are happy to assist when needed.

<u>Catering:</u> Tireless effort from Graeme Lock has seen events brought to fruition such as the Anzac Day Gunfire Breakfast, BBQ at a Gemstone Fair, catering for the Central Victorian Country Swimming Championships at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre, Australia Day Community Breakfast at Canterbury Park, as well as provision of a Breakfast at the Ulumbarra Theatre Grounds in recognition of Workplace Safety. Thank you to Graeme and all members for their support.

Inter-club Visits: were organised to Woodend and Rochester's Pie & Port Night. Club members were pleased to share the company of Rotarians from Next Generation, Maryborough and Bendigo South Clubs when they visited as a part of the Scatter Meetings initiative.

Doug Harrison held the position of Protection Officer for 2015/16, with Doug reporting that 26 people associated with the Club are registered with a "Working with Children" Card.

P.P Leon Scott
Club Service Director



## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

**DIRECTOR: ROD HANSON** 

Once again, our Club, through its members has been a very strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation, the not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International.

The Foundation transforms our gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, with very low overheads, it is supported by the global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into <u>our priorities</u>, such as <u>eradicating polio</u> and <u>promoting peace</u>. The application of Foundation <u>grants</u> is designed to empower Rotarians through implementing lasting solutions to challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition.

Rotary, along with <u>our partners</u>, has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. We are close to eradicating polio, but continue to need the help of Rotarians to achieve this goal. Polio is now endemic in just two countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan.

• This year, the Club was successful in being awarded our first District Grant. This grant, for the sum of \$1000, matched dollar for dollar by the Club, assisted in our participation in the Dahlia and Arts Festival by supporting an art workshop for local school children and promoting the achievements of the Club over it's first 50 years. It is to be hoped that this participation will assist in the recruitment of new members.

- Twenty-one members of our Club made or continued personal commitments to the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) program under which they give at least \$100 a year to support the work of the Foundation. This high proportion of member participation is truly a credit to our Club.
- A further eight members of our Club are also members of the Paul Harris Society (PHS) which requires each of these members to commit themselves to a minimum contribution of US\$1,000 each year to the Foundation, as long as they are able to do so. Two members are also Major Donors, who have each contributed in excess of \$US10,000 of personal giving.
- A total of thirty-seven of our current members, partners, friends and community representatives have been recognised by the Club with a Paul Harris Fellow Award (PHF) for their contributions to the Foundation, the Club and the community. Twenty-five PHFs are currently active members of the Club, including 14 with Sapphire or Ruby (US\$2,000 or more of giving) recognition.
- I continue to encourage members, who are able to do so, to join EREY or PHS, to support this important and successful work of the Foundation. This year the Club has contributed \$3,600 to the Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus, Endowment and the Annual Program & Share.

Rod Hanson Foundation Director

## YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

**DIRECTOR: GORDON TIVENDALE** 

## **Rotary Youth Exchange**

## <u>Inbound</u>

This program continued to be the main focus for Youth Services in 2015/16 year.

Matilda Asund arrived in July 2015 from Sweden. Matilda attended Bendigo Senior Secondary College for her 12 month stay and was hosted by 3 families. During the year Matilda had many trips around Victoria, Tasmania and NSW with host families and also with the Epskamp family. She was in very regular attendance at our weekly meetings and established good rapport with members.

Matilda enjoyed the Exchange Safari through central Australia, across to Great Barrier Reef and back down the coast via Gold Coast and Sydney. Matilda also enjoyed a trip to Canberra which she organised for herself and two other Melbourne based exchange students, staying in Canberra with an exchange student they had met on safari.

Matilda leaves us flying out on the 5<sup>th</sup> July.

A BIG thankyou to the Host Families Julie Gannon, Brett and Kirby Abraham Sheryl, Gordon, Breanna and Matthew Tivendale Jo, Brad, Oscar and Rani Maden.

The club thanks Matilda for her participation and wishes her all the best for her future. We hope to perhaps see her again sometime in the future. We look forward to the arrival of our next student from Spain in July 2016 for her exchange year.

### Outbound

The Club did not sponsor an outbound student in 2016.

#### NYSF

Our club contributed to sponsoring 3 students from our cluster who were successful in their application to attend NYSF in 2016.

It looks certain that this will be a cluster effort in the coming year as well, which works very well.

### RYPEN

We sponsored two students from Eaglehawk Secondary College to attend the March 2016 RYPEN camp.

The November 2015 camp was cancelled due to bush fire damage surrounding the proposed camp venue.

This continues to be a very worthwhile project.

### MUNA

This youth program has also become a combined cluster activity with all clubs contributing to the sponsorship of teams from around Bendigo.

## **School Awards**

We continued to sponsor five primary schools with a Junior Citizenship Award. A certificate and \$50 voucher was presented to the recipient at Eaglehawk, Eaglehawk North, St Liborius, California Gully, Lightning Reef and Raywood.

## **Bendigo Cluster**

We continue to be well represented at Youth Services Cluster meetings through the year. These meetings help to get cooperation between the clubs to maximise the efforts on some of the programs.

## **Fundraising**

## Trivia Night

The Trivia night in August 2015 was again a successful event. The event was well attended with maximum number of tables setup to accommodate numbers and ran smoothly despite the late change of venue.

Thanks to all those who assisted in the organisation, particularly Shane McCloud and David Kaye. Thanks also to everyone who attended and sold tickets for the night, a big effort across the club.

### Tattslotto

Tattslotto supplementary number competition was run several times to assist with youth program funding.

Gordon Tivendale Director, Youth service

## 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's president until two years later.

### **FELLOWSHIP**

**DIRECTOR: DOUG HARRISON** 

Our first event for the year was Christmas in July, held on 31st July at Medora's Restaurant. This was a great rotary family event which saw 47 members and partners in attendance. We dined on a delicious three course meal, and enjoyed a wonderful night of fellowship.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September we had a meal at the Rising Sun Hotel, 34 people attending.

In support of Rotary Health we held a hat day in October, with members taking part by wearing a special hat and joining in the fun.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October we held a Halloween night, at the mechanics hall. This was a "Dress Up" party. 27 members, partners and children attended this event. This was a great fun filled evening, where we played games, had a Halloween Trivia and a very enjoyable meal.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November we had lunch at the Raywood Hotel. Twenty two members attended the afternoon.

The District Governor's visit was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This was a partners' night, with drinks and nibbles before the meeting it was a great opportunity to meet with the D.G.

The Ladies' Christmas Luncheon was held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, so the blokes got together for a Barbeque and chat whilst the Ladies Dined in style.

Our Annual Christmas night held on 16th December, was again another enjoyable evening with 66 people in attendance. There were quite a lot of children in attendance, so Santa had a wonderful time handing out presents on his way through from the North Pole. Our entertainment for the evening was Jingle the Naughty Elf, who popped in to help Santa distribute the presents. Rev. Brock Gavener from the Eaglehawk Baptist Church delivered the Christmas message.

Thank you to Charlie and Mary Cunneen and Ron and Debbie Payne for hosting the new year meetings at their homes. Both nights were extremely enjoyable fellowship nights and plenty of fun was had by all. The hospitality offered by these members was very much appreciated by all.

A Dinner was held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Bush Pig Inn. A very hot night but 35 people still enjoyed a spit roast in rustic surrounds.

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner was held again this year on 30<sup>th</sup> April. We had 12 people take part, with four guests at two host families' homes. This was an extremely enjoyable evening, a great way for hosts and guests to get to know each other better.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June we had our final Fellowship event for the year with tea at the Hibernian Hotel.

I would like to thank my committee members, for their help and support during the year.

Doug Harrison Fellowship Director

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**DIRECTOR: MICK COSTELLO** 

The 2015-2016 year was again filled with successful community service activities and events, which were strongly supported by Club members. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank members who have organized activities and everyone in the club who have helped out throughout the year.

The major projects completed during the past year included:

## **Camp Getaway**

Throughout the year we have been involved in working bees which have continued at Camp Getaway. Most of these working bees have involved the building of the New Kitchen; it is taking shape and should be finished soon

## **Bendigo Swap Meet**

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November. This is the big one for the year involving a lot of work for all club members. Last year we manned FJ's Cafe. Big thanks to Ron Payne for taking on the role as Club Organizer.

## **Nativity Scene**

The nativity scene was set up at the Town Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> December and re-packed early in the New Year

### **Canterbury Carols**

Canterbury Carols was held on Sunday 13 December 2015. The Club set up and packed away the stage lighting and decorations.

## **Australia Day**

A very successful Australia Day event with barbeque provided by the Club was held on Saturday 26 January 2015 at Canterbury Gardens. A good roll-up of Rotarians ensured excellent fellowship and ample food for the large crowd.

## Community Garden at Eaglehawk Secondary College

As part of the developing of the Community Garden at Eaglehawk Secondary College, we were involved in installing a hothouse to be used to raise seedlings.

## **Anzac Day Gunfire Breakfast**

2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Anzac Day Gunfire Breakfast has been another great success and the Eaglehawk RSL are looking to do it as an ongoing event with Eaglehawk Lions Club and our support.

### Dahlia and Arts Festival

A big Thank You to everyone involved it was great to see us all out there being involved in this event and being seen by the public. Big thank you to the Veteran Vintage & Classic Club Bendigo Inc. for providing the beautifully presented cars for the parade. Leigh Andrews of Andrews' Transport Services for the use of the truck. Well done everyone!!

As usual, Eaglehawk Rotary installed and removed the chairs from the sound shell.

I would again like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of Eaglehawk Rotary Club for all the community work they have done, not only this year but in their Rotary Lives. Thanks again

Mick Costello Community Service Director

## CALIFORNIA GULLY MECHANICS INSTITUTE "Our Home"

DIRECTOR:

WALTER LOURIE/RICHARD EPSKAMP/ CAROLYN ROBINSON

Well, we thought it would never happen, but, wasn't it worth the wait.

Finally, our long awaited extension is complete. The Hall is outstanding to say the least. The extension boasts internal men's, ladies', and disabled toilets. Storage and cleaning room, Secretary's room, new entrance and Bar. New windows were also fitted throughout. Our facility is now totally wheelchair friendly, which was long overdue.

The Bar is now fully equipped with custom made benches, cupboards and sink. New Fridges, glasses, and bar stools were purchased which sets the Bar up magnificently. A security grill was fitted to ensure the area is fully secure when not in use.

The Hall is regularly used by Eaglehawk Probus club, the carpet bowls group and the dance school. They too, are as excited, and proud as we are, of the extension and renovation works. We are also seeing Rotary District using our facilities more often, which is something we have been encouraging. Since the works, we have seen an increase in others wishing to use the facility, being training groups and private functions, which is fantastic.

Of course, there is still works planned, which will come in the future, being sealing of the carpark and a covered area outside the back entrance.

The beautiful extension and renovation works would not have happened if it were not for the City of Greater Bendigo (we are truly grateful) and the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk Mechanics Committee. Total cost of the works was well in excess of \$220,000.00.

It would be remiss of me if I did not thank some members for their tireless efforts over the past 12 months.

Gordon McKern – liaising with the City of Greater Bendigo, both leading up to the start of the extension and during the extension, ensuring that all ran smoothly. Commendable, thank you.

Walter Lourie – Our very own "maintenance man", nothing is too much trouble, beyond repair, or too hard. Everything is just "magically" fixed. Your work is not unnoticed, and very much appreciated by all. Thank you. Thanks also for being the Mechanics Director for the first part of the year.

Richard Epskamp – For taking over the reins as Committee Director. Leading the committee members to ensure all legalities are up to date, maintenance issues attended to, enrolling members for RSA certificates, commencing forward planning for the smooth running of the Mechanics. Tireless hours, and very much appreciated. Thank you.

John Hoare – For handling all the bookings for the hall hire, ensuring all is set up correctly for the regular hirers, your tireless hours of cleaning after each event, ensuring that the premises are always clean and of a high standard. The setting up and stocking of the new cleaners' room. Also, your assistance to Bill in running the bar. Thank you.

Bill Slee – setting up the new bar, and ensuring that everyone is catered for. Running around each week ensuring that the bar is well stocked. Providing training for new bar recruits, ensuring that they gain the necessary knowledge and experience to assist when required. Working tirelessly ensuring the bar is open at every event, and hall bookings. Thank you, and congratulations to you and John, on your outstanding achievements this year.

Alf Thorpe – for taking over the position of bookings manager, preparing and implementing new hire agreements, and working

with the committee members to ensure legalities are met. Thank you, and very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank everyone that has contributed during the year to the running and upkeep of the Mechanics.

It has been a very exciting year. Our facility is outstanding and we are very proud of the California Gully Mechanics Institute – The home of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk.

Carolyn Robinson President

## **SECOND HAND BOOK STORE**

Another successful year \$6,000 plus. The shop was closed for four weeks for the clean up after the fire on the 14th February.

Rebuilding started on the 24th May to be finished the end of June. Quality book donations from not for profit organizations have replenished the stock. Thank you to all who have donated books.

My thanks to Dylan Dixon from Epsom who comes in every Saturday and to all the workers especially my family.

We are selling emergency medical information book. (E M I B) Have you filled in your book? With the \$200 profit from sale, I have ordered more books.

Rita O'Brien.

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

**DIRECTOR: HOWARD OSBORNE** 

The International Committee has supported the following International Projects this year and a brief summary follows:

## Rotary Orphan Student Education (R.O.S.E.) Program:

This year the RC of Eaglehawk's International Committee through the *R.O.S.E. Program* has decided to provide monetary scholarships to 'give an advantage to the disadvantage through education' as follows:

- a) 1No. \$5,000.00 (Aus) education scholarship to support the work of the Fr. Ray Foundation, Pattaya Thailand.
- b) 1No. \$5,000.00 (Aus) education scholarship to support the work of the HHN Child Protection Foundation in Pattaya, Thailand.
- c) 1No. \$6,500.00 (Aus) education scholarship to support the work of the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee and the Alola Foundation. This scholarship has been awarded to *Mizela Dalia de Sa Benvenides*, and will enable her to undertake a 4 year University Degree of her choosing. She has been accepted into the Medical Faculty (Midwifery) at University of Timor Leste, Dili. A laptop was also provided to Mizela to help with her university studies.



(PP John Jones presents Mizela with laptop)

d) 1No. \$500.00 (Aus) education scholarship to support student, Egidio Varela, complete his studies at University in East Timor – this also was as a direct request from the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee and the Alola Foundation in Dili.



(Egidio Varela)

## **East Timor**

An amount of \$2000.00 (Aus) is put aside annually in the International Committee's budget for ongoing financial support for Rotary's work in East Timor.

I would like to extend my congratulations to PP John Jones, members, family members and friends of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk for their successful reconnaissance and rebuilding trips to East Timor and the dedication shown toward the people of East Timor.

Further Projects are being planned and hopefully our Rotary Club will support John and the work proposed in East Timor in the coming Rotary year.

## Fundraising:

The main fundraising efforts this year for our RC's International Programs comprised of:

 Monster Christmas Stocking Raffle - ~\$15k (Thank you to all involved).

I would like to thank all those who helped in any capacity with the running of the Monster Christmas Stocking Raffle this year – greatly appreciated!

Finally I would like to congratulate President Carolyn on a great year of Rotary service and I would also like to wish incoming President Ron and his incoming Board all the very best for 2016-2017.

HOWARD OSBORNE
International Service Director

## **VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

**DIRECTOR: LOLA MILLER** 

We commenced the Rotary year with renewed enthusiasm and a new chapter of Job Talks detailing the motivation/inspiration for the members' choice of vocation.

Workplace visits for the year commenced with the visit by the CFA, Bendigo and Eaglehawk, to our temporary home at St. Peter's Church, with Tim Fitzgerald detailing the training and experience required for permanent Fire Officers, and Tim Weston soaring high above the Hall roof.

Graeme Fountain, CEO, spoke to the Club about the activities of Remembrance Parks, before our inspection of the Crematorium, which, despite some apprehension, proved both intriguing and educational.

Our visit to the Recovery Yard and Recycling Centre proved a fascinating learning experience, for most of us-amazing recycling activities take place in the various sheds and it has become a self-supporting industry. Peter Buck, the Manager, spoke to us afterwards to further highlight the Recovery/Recycle concept.

The former Masonic Hall in Eaglehawk was purchased by Murray Gray for conversion to a private residence, and we were privileged to be able to visit the project and learn the past and future purposes for the Hall -- some truly amazing re - creation of its heritage features.

An unexpected interruption to the program meant no Emergency Services Recognition Dinner, mini-Olympics, or Great Debate, but fortunately Club members ensured the progress of the Pride of Workmanship Awards during my absence.

The 5 Award Winners, their nominators, and sponsors and all partners will be guests at our Presentation of Awards evening on June 8th.

My sincere thanks to everyone for their encouragement and support, to Rankin's Catering for their ready co-operation at all times, and my best wishes to Rotarian John Jones as he continues with this important Avenue of Service which underpins all other Club activities.

Lola Miller AM BEM

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?

## **MEMBERS**

## As at 30th June, 2016

ADCOCK Geoff (Beryl)

ANDERSON Colin (Leanne)

BACON Alison (Darren)

# BROOK John (Pat)

BUGEJA David (Sarah)

**BUGEJA Mary (Joe)** 

# COGO Joe (Maria)

COSTELLO Mick (Mandy)

COX Peter (Annette Wiles)

CUNNEEN Charlie (Mary)

DINGFELDER Les (Liz)

DOLMAN David (Nola)

**GURR John** 

HANSON Rod (Jeanette)

HARRISON Doug (Lyn)

HAUGH John (Mary)

JONES John (Marjorie)

KAYE David (Jenni)

LAYTON Rob (June)

LOCK Graeme (Ann)

LOCK Trevor (Marie)

# LOUGOON Maureen

LOURIE Walter (Glenyce)

# LUDEMAN Peter (Elaine)

McCLEOD Shayne (Lyn)

McGLASHAN Leon (Barbara)

McKERN Gordon

MILLER Lola

MILLONIG Jack

MOSS Ron

O'BRIEN Rita

# ORDE William (Bill) (Ruth)

**OSBORNE** Howard (Vivienne)

PARKER Roy

PAYNE Ron (Debbie)

**POOLE Doug** 

**ROBERTS Lindsay** 

**ROBINSON Carolyn** 

SCOTT Leon (Ann)

SLEE Bill

# SPENCELY Jan

# TAYLOR Jack

THORPE Alf (Joye O'Meara)

TIVENDALE Gordon (Sheryl)

## FRIENDS OF ROTARY

## As at 30th JUNE 2016

CLARIDGE Noel

DRUMMOND Marian

**GANNON Julie** 

**HOPLEY** June

LEWIS Emma

McQUALTER Jill

**MUMMERY Fiona** 

**PETERSON William** 

**POLSEN Mark** 

WAINWRIGHT Sarah

**WOLSLEY Tracey** 

### **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.

## **DONATIONS & GRANTS**

## 2015 - 2016

Rotary Club of Melbourne (East Timor)	\$ 2,000.00	
Rotary Foundation	\$ 3,600.00	
Camp Getaway	\$ 1,000.00	
A.R.H.F.	\$ 500.00	
Blaze Aid	\$ 500.00	
Discovery Centre Bendigo	\$ 300.00	
Eaglehawk Fire Brigade	\$ 1,000.00	
Raywood Fire Brigade	\$ 500.00	
Campbells Forest Fire Brigade	\$ 500.00	
Woodvale Fire Brigade	\$ 500.00	
SES Marong	\$ 1,000.00	
SES Bendigo	\$ 1,000.00	
Righteous Pups	\$ 500.00	
Uniting Care Food Fund	\$ 750.00	
Cleft Palate (Rotary Club Bendigo)	\$ 300.00	
Eaglehawk Brass Band	\$ 500.00	
Saltworks	\$ 1,000.00	
Eaglehawk Community House	\$ 250.00	
Neangar Park Pony Club	\$ 250.00	
Central Victorian Lion Team	\$ 250.00	
Alzheimers Foundation	\$ 60.00	
Dolly Parton Imagination Library (12 Children)	\$ 1,008.00	
Cancer Council Victoria	\$ 500.00	
Truscott Hall Lift Installation Project	\$ 500.00	

St Liborius Brunch Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Laundry Facility for homeless (dryer/washer, venue currently being negotiated, funds held in trust)	\$ 1,500.00
Playspace Playground Lake Neangar (held in trust towards clubs contribution in 2017)	\$ 2,000.00
MUNA	\$ 274.29
Transport - Primary School Water Colour Art Lessons with David Williams	\$ 220.00
Education Scholarship Egidio Varela (Timor Leste)	\$ 500.00
Four year University Scholarship  – Mizela Dalia de Sa Benvenides (Timor Leste)	\$ 6,500.00
Education Scholarship - Fr Ray Foundation Pattaya Thailand	\$ 5,000.00
Education Scholarship – HHN Child Protection Foundation, Pattaya Thailand	\$ 5,000.00



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## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Jack Taylor	June 1988
Gordon J. McKern (with 3 Rubies)	June 1990
Leon Maxwell Scott (with 2 Sapphires)	June 1991
Lindsay H. Roberts	June 1993
John W. Brook	June 1994
William R. Parker (with Sapphire, June 2005)	June 1994
John Haugh (with Sapphire, June 2011)	June 1995
Ann Scott	May 1997
Joseph Cogo	June 1998
Bill M. Slee (with Sapphire, June 2012)	May 2000
Robert J. Layton (with Sapphire, June 2009)	June 2000
Ronald Moss	July 2001
Doug Poole (Kyneton) (with Sapphire, June 2011)	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 (with 2 Sapphires)	June 2004
Vivienne Osborne	June 2006
Walter Lourie (with 2 Sapphires)	June 2008
Alfred Thorpe	June 2008
June Layton	June 2009
Lola Miller (with 3 Rubies)	April 2010
Graeme Lock (with Sapphire, June 2016)	June 2010
Rodney Hanson (with 3 Rubies)	Sept 2010
Leonie Adamson	June 2011
Colin Anderson	March 2012
Peter Cox	June 2012
John Jones	June 2012
Rita O'Brien (with 4 Sapphires)	Nov 2012
David Richards	June 2013
Elizabeth Dingfelder	June 2014
Leslie Dingfelder	June 2014
Leon McGlashan (with Sapphire, June 2016)	May 2015
Jack Millonig	July 2015
Charles Cunneen	June 2016

## **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	2001-02	Lesley Siegloff
1986-87	Des Harvey	2002-03	Walter Lourie
1987-88	Lindsay Roberts	2003-04	Gordon McKern
1988-89	Colin Hutchieson	2004-05	Graeme Lock
1989-90	Jeff Lougoon	2005-06	Charles Cunneen
1990-91	John Brook	2006-07	Heather Ridge
1991-92	Stan Spencely	2007-08	Rita O'Brien
1992-93	John Gurr	2008-09	Doug Harrison
1993-94	Peter Ludeman	2009-10	Bill Slee
1994-95	Len Hands	2010-11	Maureen Lougoon
1995-96	Joe Miles	2011-12	Doug Poole
1996-97	Ralph Weeks	2012-13	Rita O'Brien
1997-98	Alan Bull	2013-14	Leon Scott
1998-99	Leon Scott	2014-15	David Dolman
1999-00	Trevor Lock	2015-16	Leon McGlashan
2000-01	Hans Siegloff		

### 2016-2017 ROTARY YEAR

#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR

PUBLIC RELATIONS

**NEVILLE JOHN** 

DAVID BUGEJA

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

PRESIDENT **RON PAYNE** VICE PRESIDENT ALF THORPE PRESIDENT ELECT ALISON BACON IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT CAROLYN ROBINSON **SECRETARY** ALISON BACON TREASURER CAROLYN ROBINSON CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR LEON SCOTT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR **HOWARD OSBORNE** COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR RITA O'BRIEN VOCATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR JOHN JONES YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR SHAYNE McCLOUD FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR LES DINGFELDER FOUNDATION DIRECTOR **ROD HANSON** FUNDRAISING **GEOFF ADCOCK** 

## IN MEMORY

## **CAROL ANN GURR**

Who died 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016

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## LAURA MARGARET POOLE

Who died 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016



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Charter Granted August 8th, 1966.

District 9800

## 2016-2017

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: JOHN F. GERM



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