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ROTARY CLUB OF NUMURKAH, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

for

The Rotary Year 2007-2008



**2007 – 2008
Rotary Year**



**2008 – 2009
Rotary Year**

Reg.No.A14482V

President June Hewson

welcomes all present to the

2008-2009

Changeover Dinner



of the

ROTARY CLUB of NUMURKAH



Program for Change-Over Dinner

6.30pm	Fellowship	
7.00pm	Call to Order	Alby Barton, Sergeant at Arms
Welcome		June Hewson
Rotary Grace		Pat Fitzpatrick
Loyal Toast		Ed Bouchier
Chairperson		Terry Brennan
Toast to Rotary International		Pat O'Brien
Response		DG Rob Lloyd
Toast to Rotariannes and Partners		Bill Hewson
Attendance		Graham Hodge
Fellowship Session		Pat O'Brien
Alby's World		Alby Barton
Heads & Tails		Two Honest Spinners
Community Service Award Presentation		Pat O'Brien
Vocational Service Award Presentation		Ivan Routley
Sergeant Session		Alby Barton
2007-2008 President's Address to Club		June Hewson
Induction of 2008-2009 President		DG Rob Lloyd
2008-2009 President Inaugural Address		President Geoff Stewart
Close of Official Meeting - Four Way Test		President Geoff Stewart

CONTINUED FELLOWSHIP



Rotary Club of Numurkah

2007 – 2008 Board Members

President

June Hewson

President Elect

Geoff Stewart

Immediate Past President

Bill Hewson

Secretary

Phil Meagher

Treasurer

Ron Bartley

.....Directors.....

Club Administration

Geoff Stewart

Service Projects

Alan Guest-Smith

Public Relations

Ernest Jones

Rotary Foundation

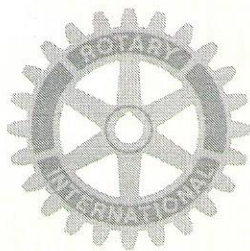
Ed Bouchier

Membership

Bill Hewson

Sergeant-at-Arms

Terry Brennan



Introduction to this report

Geoff Stewart,

Editor

This Annual Report is unique as it is the first under our new and slightly modified 'corporate structure', which has somewhat varied the **responsibilities** of Directors and Committee Chairmen, without effectively altering the aims of Rotary or what the committees do.

The aim of this report has been to clearly show the new structure, as much as to bring before the club an account of the activities of the various committees. All of them.

It has been set out so that the directors (Administration and Service Projects) who are responsible for several committees each, need only comment on policy and direction and briefly, on anything of major significance, in their report; and thus provide an introduction to the individual committee reports.

President June has made a very comprehensive report to the Club, giving her perspective on our year, (in the way this has usually been done under the past club structure) so some committee activities may be recorded from more than one point of view. Not necessarily a bad thing; every good preacher knows that repetition is the best way to get a point across!

I have it on good information that the next president will be relying much more heavily on the reports from the directors and committee chairmen!

Geoff Stewart

Editor (and President-elect!)

P.S. My thanks to those who provided such excellent reports, often on very short notice.

I, myself, took it on with little advance warning. GS

Logo, 2008 - 2009





ROTARY CLUB OF NUMURKAH Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2007-2008 ROTARY YEAR

This year has been very challenging due to Rotary International asking Rotary Clubs to "Take your Club to the next level - Implement The Club Leadership Plan." This is a plan aimed at strengthening Clubs, simplifying the committee structure, developing long range plans which should involve ALL club members. The Club Leadership Plan is, I believe, compulsory from the year 2008-2009. I endeavoured to lead us into this new concept, which has not been readily accepted by some members in a lot of clubs including our own, people do not like change, but change is inevitable and is part of each and everyone's daily life. I freely admit change is not always better, but whether we like it or not, in most instances it does turn out to be an improvement. So I would like to thank one and all for your patience and sufferance in this matter, and I know we will succeed and our Club will be better for it.

Due to the serious drought conditions in our area another unusual happening has taken place in the last nine months which involves our Rotary Club, it is called Boroondara Cares – Moira Cares. Our club has been given the interactive task of "Church to Church" in this venture. Details of all of the Churches in our area have been forwarded to our counterpart club in Boroondara our Sister Club being Kew on Yarra. A detailed Annual Report can be found at the end of my report.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Through our International Director who chooses at random, a rotary club from somewhere in the world and enlightens us as to club numbers, location, weather patterns and other interesting snippets of information re same, we continue to toast these clubs. One of our members then sends information about our club via post to the club we toasted. Some very informative replies have been received by us and they in turn usually toast our club.

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control the Fiji Urban Water Supply project has had to be cancelled.

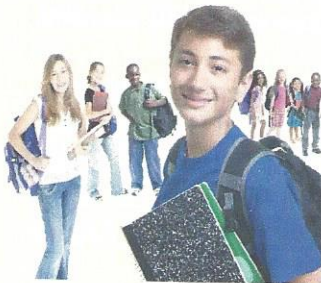
We are assisting a young 20 year old man named Michael from a remote village in Irian Jaya (West Papua/Indonesia) who is training as a nurse with the intention of working in his isolated home area in the Eastern Highlands of Irian Jaya. At this stage we have paid for twelve months of his nursing education.



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Overseas Medical students from Melbourne University as part of their rural work training at our local hospital visited the club telling us of their progress so far, and their intentions when they finish their course.

A most enjoyable evening meal was held at the 9 Mile Café at Wunghu where we found out how much the McGorlick Family have been able to diversify their lives through the beginnings of their Locheilan Cheeses business.



YOUTH/NEW GENERATIONS



Our club sponsored

1. Dylan Grandell who represented Numurkah and Victoria in the Primary Schools Golf Championship at Wynnum, Qld.
2. Adam Hickey, who was selected to represent Victoria in the ARFC (Australian Rules Football Competition) in Sydney, NSW

Portsea Camp was well attended with 11 children, 2 Senior and 2 Junior Councilors going from our district.

National Youth Science Forum attendance on our recommendation has enabled Glen Gamble from Numurkah Secondary College to decide on his career path and he is now working toward that end.

One student from each of the 9 Primary Schools in our District received Achievement / Encouragement Awards and 2 Numurkah Secondary College students were awarded Scholarship Awards.

Unfortunately RYPEN had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our mobile B.B.Q has been used for various functions this year including fund raising activities being held in the community.

The Combined Service Clubs Dinner Meeting was highlighted by the informative and entertaining report given on our Urban Water Supply by Rotarian Allan Gale from Shepparton Club, who is also Director Technical Services of GV Water.

Another lovely Winery Mystery Tour to round off our year was enjoyed by all who were able to attend.

Our grateful thanks must go to Rotarian Pat O'Brien for his dedication to helping get the Men's Shed Project up and running, and the fact that the Moira Healthcare Alliance with the assistance of the committee have now been able to purchase a suitable site shows the enthusiasm of all concerned. Congratulations Pat.



FOUNDATION

Some of our members were fortunate enough to be able to attend an evening with the Rotary Club of Yarrawonga in welcoming one of the incoming Group Study Exchange teams.

MEMBERSHIP

We were very sorry to have to say goodbye to two members during the year, one of our newer members Peter Kam had to leave due to family commitments, he was a diligent member and we miss him. Frank Thomas a 30-year Rotary veteran with wife June decided it was time for change and they moved to Wangaratta. Frank would put his hand up for anything that was needed, always tried to keep us on the straight and narrow and we miss him greatly. We wish them both well and hope to maybe see Peter back with us sometime in the future. On the other side of the coin we welcomed back two previous hard working members to our ranks Steve O'Callaghan and Jenny Berry it is great to have them back.



CLUB SERVICE

Fellowship has been maintained throughout the year with various Interclub and Community Organisation activities.

Our highlight for the year was the celebration of The Rotary Club of Numurkah's 50th Anniversary of inception. It was wonderful that we were able to contact and have in attendance so many past Rotarians, Rotariannes and Rotaractors of our Club, and coinciding with our District Governor's Annual visit certainly made it a night to remember.

Our annual Bowling Competition between Rotary Club of Nathalia and ourselves for the "Les Lawrence" Shield, a perpetual shield in honour of past Numurkah Rotarian Les Lawrence was the usual battle of the clubs. A lovely night of fellowship, food and fun was had by all. Of course there has to be a winner and Numurkah prevailed won the night, but we have to be wary, it was sooo close.

A couple of our members were able to attend Rotary Club of Tocumwal's Trivia night which was a great success.

Our annual Ten Pin Bowling night in Shepparton for members, family and friends was again very enjoyable.

Our Yearly get together with the Numurkah Lions Club at Apex Park was a good kick start to the Calender Year, with a beautiful evening, good food, drink and plenty of fellowship what more could one ask.

A wonderful meal and evening was enjoyed by all who were able to avail themselves of the Numurkah Cricket Club's kind invitation during the Cricket Season.

Rotary Club of Tocumwal were able to spend an evening of fellowship with us near the end of the year.

We have had some very interesting programs and guest speakers throughout the year, which members and visitors have enjoyed.

Our Bulletin Editor has done a wonderful job of keeping us up to date with all the goings on, keeping us on the ball with current, past and future events and giving us all a few laughs as well.

GENERAL

Due to the drought Fund Raising activities were curtailed somewhat, however we did help with the following: -

1. Assist the rotary Club of Mooroopna with their annual New Year's Eve car raffle.
2. Jointly manned a Catering Stand with the Numurkah Lions Club at Show Us Ya Wheels.
3. Once again a very worthwhile Art & Craft Show brought talent, entertainment, demonstrations and a weekend where the Community could unwind and enjoy time out together.

Congratulations to our hard working Art & Craft Committee and all members and partners who helped to make the Show such a success.

4. The third annual Environmental and Heritage Discovery Tour held over 3 days was a lot of hard yakka, fun, changeable weather to add to the enjoyment and thoroughly enjoyed by all.
5. Easter Eggs were distributed and enjoyed by all the residents of both Karinya and Pioneer Lodge.
6. Environmental and Heritage Tour (2) Murray River Trip – Fishing – European Carp eradication – Health of our waterways.

On reading through this epistle it seems we really did do a lot and as usual not everything has been able to be included in this report, and I must thank the tireless workers who have seen to it that each and every function ran like clockwork so to speak and was a success.

I would like to especially thank Secretary Phil Meagher, Treasurer Ron Bartley, Bulletin Editor Pat O'Brien, Program Officer Phil Seager, Service Club Chairpersons, Board Members, Club Members and their Partners for their assistance and support during the year in the running of our various functions particularly the quiet achievers who go about their tasks with no thought of recognition, thank you. A special thanks to my long suffering Husband Bill in the many tasks he has helped and enabled me to perform.

I wish the incoming President Geoff Stewart and his team a very successful year 2008-2009.

June Hewson President
2007 – 2008 Rotary Year.

A report by Councillor Kevin Bourke, Chairman, Moira Cares

Boroondara Cares -- Moira Cares.

'Boroondara Cares – Moira Cares' is possibly one of the most innovative, exciting and beneficial programs undertaken by all four Rotary Clubs within the Moira Shire.

'Boroondara Cares—Moira Cares' is a Rotary-led community partnership between the City of Boroondara and the Shire of Moira working together.

In September 2007 the Mayor of Boroondara, Cr Phillip Healy, contacted Cr Frank Malcolm, Mayor of Moira Shire, and together they agreed, "something must be done to support our drought challenged shire".

Led by the Rotary Club of Camberwell, the Rotary Clubs of Boroondara and Moira combined very quickly to create this unique partnership between two municipalities and twelve Rotary Clubs.

Since the first community event held at Katunga in early October last year and the recent community trotting fun day held at the Cobram Harness Club, the following are some of the projects funded and delivered by 'Boroondara Cares' with strong support from the Rotary Clubs of Nathalia, Yarrowonga, Numurkah and Cobram (Moira Cares): -

- Two tonnes of rice per month to Moira Foodshare (due to the world shortage of rice other staple foods are being substituted)
- 2000 Christmas cakes and puddings delivered to farming families in Moira in December 2007
- 1000 Christmas presents for children in Moira-- Christmas 2007
- Tickets for children to Kooyong Tennis Classic --December 2007
- Financing children's bus trip to visit Melbourne Zoo – January 2008
- Return visit to Moira and farm tours ---February 2008
- Sponsorship of the Burramine Gift—March 2008
- Invite Moira Shire local producers to attend the Glenferrie Farmers' Market – March, May and June. The Cobram Secondary College Band has been invited to play at the June market.
- Supply equipment for a teenager who qualified as a Football Goal umpire.
- Invite and home host students to the recent address by Nobel Prize winner Professor Peter Doherty.
- Fund over 40 girls' netball registration fees.
- One hundred tickets to the Hawthorn-North Melbourne AFL match at the MCG on June 21 for a fathers' and sons' day with VIP treatment and transport.
- Donation to the Strathmerton Skate Park Funding Appeal

Projects being developed include: -

- Community trotting event to be held annually
- 40 children to attend Portsea Holiday Camp in September
- Youth mentoring program supported by Victoria University
- Combined Rotary meeting including Boroondara Rotary Clubs in August.
- Golf lessons by leading professionals with associated events.
- Expand the School-to-School, and Church-to-Church links.

As chairman of 'Moira Cares' I would like to thank all Club Presidents for the excellent work they have done in developing this project so quickly despite the additional workload on club members.

Congratulations to all club members who have participated where possible, and to the staff of Moira Shire, particularly Treena Henderson and Sally Rice who have given us all magnificent support and energy in driving many of the projects.

While 'Boroondara Cares – Moira Cares' has been a product of this prolonged drought, it has delivered great benefits to our communities, and has engendered the spirit and ideals of Rotary within the twelve participating clubs and the officers of the two municipalities.

The programs that have been delivered and those that are evolving, together with the great fellowship and friendships that have been developed, will ensure this project will continue well after the drought has passed.

It has been a privilege to be part of this wonderful project as a Rotarian and a Moira Shire Councillor.

Rtn. Kevin Bourke
Chairman
'Moira Cares'

Note. I would also like to acknowledge the very generous support of the Rotary Club of Frankston and District 9790 who have made a significant contribution to the 'Christmas Toys for Children' initiative via their 'drought and fire' fund.

President June Hewson and Bill Hewson have represented the Rotary Club of Numurkah on this committee, which includes four Rotary Clubs in the Moira area, and four in the Boroondara area.

Club Administration

Director **Geoff Stewart** **President-Elect**

Sergeant-at-Arms **Terry Brennan**

Attendance Committee **Graham Hodge** **Chairman**

Bulletin Committee **Pat O'Brien** **Chairman**

Fellowship Committee **Pat O'Brien** **Chairman**

Program Committee **Phil Seager** **Chairman**

Director's Report

My thanks to the various committees for the excellent work they have done over the past year, and to Sergeant Terry Brennan, Treasurer Ron Bartley and Secretary Phil Meagher, without whose help the administration of the club would be impossible.

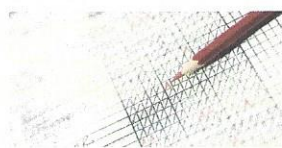
Thanks also to President June Hewson for her work in the inauguration of the new administration structure. It will be mandatory anyway in the near future, and really is very similar to the old plan.

With the planning that has gone into the committee structure for the new Rotary year, and the energy and support and enthusiasm I am seeing within our club, the future looks good.

Geoff Stewart



2007 – 2008 Attendance Report



It's with much pleasure I present the Numurkah Rotary Club's Attendance Report for 2007-2008 year.

Average attendance from 1 June 2007 to 31 May 2008 was 75.29%.

It is worth noting that on 31 March 100% attendance was recorded !!!

The following have 100% attendance for the year, Albie Barton, Terry Brennan, June Hewson, & Graham Hodge.

Ron Bartley & Bill Hewson missed one meeting, and Ivan Routley missed three, others with good numbers were Bob Fyfe, Geoff Holmes, Phil Meagher, & Pat O'Brien..

Graham Hodge.
Attendance Officer.

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FELLOWSHIP

The opportunity for fellowship is fundamental to the ideals of Rotary, not only at Club meetings, but also wherever Rotarians are involved in Rotary service. Events such as meetings with other service clubs, selling raffle tickets, providing the community barbeque, bush-bashing (?) in 4WD's, conducting the Art and Craft Show, etc. have all been great opportunities for fellowship.

The weekly club meeting sets aside a moment to highlight important dates in the lives of Rotarians and their partners, particularly birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and anniversaries of their initial induction into Rotary.

Significant milestones in fellowship during 2007-2008 included:

- Club anniversaries – Frank Thomas (30 years), Bob Fyfe (30),
- Wedding anniversaries – Pat/Val Fitzpatrick (50), Allen/Margaret Canobie (40 years)
- Birthdays – Ed Bouchier (84), Lou Hamon (70), Sieg Seiter (70)

Pat O'Brien

CLUB BULLETIN

The club bulletin has a key role in reporting on the club meetings, acknowledging the participation of guest speakers, enjoying "Alby's World", and noting important issues and events.

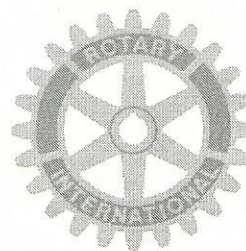
It is also intended to serve as a reminder of what we might otherwise forget – such as working bees, BBQ's, trips, meetings, changes of dates, etc. etc, and as the opportunity for contribution to fellowship and community service by fellow Rotarians. It is hoped that in the coming Rotary year, more members will take up this opportunity.

Pat O'Brien
Bulletin Editor

CLUB PROGRAM – 2007/2008

Commitee Chairman

Phil Seager



The club program has again provided the opportunity for members to gain a stronger perspective of the interaction of Rotary in the wider community – local, national and international, to renew and develop friendships, and to increase their understanding of people and events. The club greatly appreciates the generous assistance of all involved in organising and presenting the weekly program.

Events and guest speakers during the Rotary year 2007-2008 have included:

- ADG Madeleine Pinkerton, Rotary Club of Cobram
- Rtn Phil Seager – To Bourke and Back
- John Corboy – GV Food Alliance Group
- Cr Frank Malcolm – The Shire Point of View
- Club Assemblies
- Rtn Ivan Routley – Travels to California (World Deciduous Fruits Conference)
- David Oliver – Living with Dementia
- Rtn Lou Hamon – Travels to Cape York (The Bill Peach way)
- Noel Murdoch – The Flying Doctor Service
- Banqueting at Nine Mile House, Wunghnu
- Rob Watson - Travels in Chile
- 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Numurkah Inc.
- Rtn Frank Thomas – Travels in the Apple Isle
- Christening the new mobile canopy (in the Rotary park)
- Rtn Phil Seager – Travels in the land of the long white (and wet) cloud
- Barbara Brown – Teaching English in Shu-jo, China
- Wendy Scott – “The Flying Muffin”
- Farewell and best wishes – Rtn Frank and June Thomas
- Dinner at the Numurkah Youth Club Cricket Club, and address by Neil Stuart – President
- Combined barbeque with Numurkah branch of Lions International
- Rtn Geoff Stewart – Cruise to NZ; Rtn Alby Barton – Cruise to Noumea
- Wendy Geldart – Sponsoring teacher training in Sentani, Irian Jaya
- Bob I'anson – Role of the Shire Law Enforcement Officer
- Trips, travels and tall tales with the 4WD adventurers
- Rtn Libby Vasey – The Interplast program in Bangaldesh
- Treena Henderson / Rtn Trevor Ellis – The “Boroondarah Cares” Project
- Combined Services Clubs Annual Dinner
- Meetings with Rotarians from Nathalia, and from Tocumwal
- The Les Lawrence Shield - and another win!
- Gary Gray – The Shepparton Men's Shed
- Rotarianne Lorna Bouchier – Anzac Day and the Beersheba Commemorative Trip

Many thanks to all those who assisted



ROTARY CLUB OF NUMURKAH Inc.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FOR 2007-2008 ROTARY YEAR

SERVICE PROJECTS

Director, Alan Guest-Smith

This has been the first year of adopting the administration procedure of an overarching Director Service Projects reporting on behalf of the sub committees;

* International Service	Chairman	Alby Barton
* Vocational Service	Chairman	Ivan Routley
* Youth & New Generations	Chairman	Ernest Jones
* Community Service.	Chairman	Pat O'Brien

All these committees have successfully achieved a worthwhile year and have reported separately, through the chair of each committee.

Whilst this approach to managing the club may have significant advantages for larger clubs there is a sense of duplication and repetitive reporting in this more centralized model.

I congratulate the chairmen and committee members for their significant contribution to the service projects of Numurkah Rotary Club

Alan Guest-Smith

Director Service Projects



Rotary Club of Numurkah Inc.

Community Service 2007-2008

During the Rotary Year 2007-2008, the Community Service Committee focused on a series of projects as well as continuing to use the mobile public relations unit cleverly disguised as a splendid (and much envied) barbeque trailer.

Some projects were short term such as the offer to install house numbers for members of the local community – which in fact had no requests despite the publicity; and to provide club members with hands-on experience in the use of fire extinguishers – many thanks to the Numurkah CFA for their cooperation.

The mobile barbeque again proved indispensable as a service to the community and a source of revenue where this was applicable. Functions and events included the Numurkah Primary School Twilight Fete, "A Night with the Stars" (Katunga), Seniors Expo, Australia Day Breakfast, Pancake Day for the Uniting Church, 4WD trip, Show Us Your Wheels Community Day, Dedication of the new SES shed, Les Lawrence Shield competition against Nathalia Rotary Club (and another win), the combined BBQ with Numurkah Lions International, and launching of the new canopy (held at Rotary Park). The assistance of Rotarians and their partners – often at short notice – has been greatly appreciated, with particular thanks to Terry Brennan and Pat Fitzpatrick for their skills in getting the job done.

The club project to set up a Men's Shed in Numurkah originated from the success of similar sheds in providing men with activities, information and fellowship, and proven benefits in mental and physical health and well-being. The board endorsed the project and the initial meeting of key community stakeholders indicated very high support – which was further evidenced in a comprehensive community survey. The project has been remarkably successful to date, with donations of over \$1500 and a strong level of interest by individuals, community groups, the Moira Healthcare Alliance, the Community Health Centre, and the Moira Shire. Contracts are now in preparation for the purchase of a Knox Street site – with shed – by the Moira Healthcare Alliance, and the next phase of refurbishment, equipping and landscaping will commence in the near future. My thanks to the club for their support, and to Alby Barton and Geoff Holmes for their advice and participation.

The Rotary Club of Numurkah continued to play a major role in the community, with the successful Annual Art and Craft Exhibition, and the Combined Services Club's Dinner, both of which provided the opportunity to highlight the community service focus of the club and to extend the interaction between the club and community members and organisations.

During Easter, President June and Bill again distributed Easter eggs to the occupants at Pioneer Lodge and Karinya, and President June laid a wreath at the Anzac day service on behalf of the Rotary Club. The 4WD trip was again successful, and provided the chance for Rotarians and non-Rotarians to enjoy fellowship, excitement and adventure.

Thank you to all my fellow club members for their support and assistance during the past Rotary Year.

Pat O'Brien, Community Services Director 2007-2008



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 2007 - 2008

The past years International Service Committee has come to a conclusion on a very positive outcome.

Early in the past year we received a request for assistance to help a 20 year old Papuan man from a remote village in Iran Jaya. Alfons Nus Turukna (Maikel pronounced Michael) is training to become a nurse and needs financial assistance to continue his training.

Upon completion of his training it is Maikel's intention to return to his isolated home, a village called Bime, in the Eastern Highlands of Iran Jaya. At present there are no trained nurses or any equipment in the Clinic the Indonesians have built in the area.

Maikels has already completed 1 ½ years of the 4 years nursing course at the University of Chenderwasi and is desperately in need of financial assistance to complete. Institution Costs, Books, Practical Uniform, Transport, Accommodation, Food and Clothing for a year totals \$1,200.00 AUD.

At the completion of his training it is Maikels intention to gain experience working at Wamena (a large highlands town) to round out his education with exposure to 1st world medical techniques and procedures before returning to his village to provide the much needed medical assistance desperately required.



Alfons Nus Turukna
(Maikel)



Ms Wendy Geldart, a guest speaker, at one of our recent weekly rotary meetings provided our club with added insight into Maikels plight.

After a process of due diligence, I am pleased to report the Rotary Club of Numurkah through our Board of Management have allocated and forward the sum of \$ 1,400.00 to support Maikels with his nursing course. The funds will be managed through World Team Australia (Badenhop project – Maikel).

On a sad note it is with regret the Rotary Club of Numurkah had to withdraw from the Water Project in FIJ

P.P. Ably Barton
Chairman
International Service 2007 – 2008

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YOUTH / NEW GENERATIONS REPORT
2007 - 2008

The club directed attention to the following Rotary programs:

PORTSEA CAMP

Organised and coordinated the attendance of 11 children at the Portsea Camp held in January 19 -26 February, 2008. The cost per child was \$269 and covered food, transport and accommodation.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

The National Youth Science Forum held in Canberra is one of Rotary's most significant youth projects.

Glen Gamble from Numurkah Secondary College was selected to attend the 2008 forum.. Subsequently he was guest speaker at our Rotary dinner meeting giving an enthusiastic presentation. To date, no student expression of interest from Numurkah Secondary College has been received for selection for the 2009 forum

EXCELLENCE AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS

Scholarships (2) were presented to senior Numurkah Secondary College students at the Awards night and achievement awards were presented to one student from each of the local nine primary schools.

OTHER SCHOOL BASED ROTARY PROGRAMS

Although offered to schools there were no students seeking the following opportunities - Ian Murphy Memorial Debating, RYPEN, Murray Darling School of Freshwater Research, Siemens Summer School

INDIVIDUAL YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Sponsorships to support outstanding sporting endeavours were presented to:

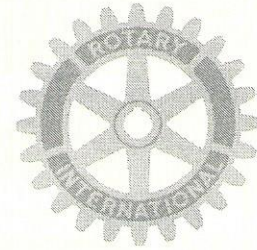
- Dylan Grandell - represented Numurkah and Victoria in the Primary Schools Golf Championship at Wyunum
- Adam Hickey - selected to represent Victoria in the Australian Rules Football Competition in Sydney

Ernest Jones - Youth / New Generations Director, 2007 -2008

VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chairman

Ivan Routley



When you are thinking about Rotary activities the idea of Vocational Service does not always come to mind, but if we think about it, work or vocation is such a dominant part of our existence that it is seldom far away.

Group Study Exchange, and our meeting with the group in Yarrawonga, falls into the Foundation area because that's where the funding comes from; but this is the most clearly Vocational program we have, with young professionals travelling between countries for knowledge and experience.

Our hosting of young medical students gaining country experience is a more obvious example.

But consider some of the speakers at our regular meetings:

Lorna Bouchier spoke on the unveiling of a statue to honour the famous cavalry charge at Beersheba led by (later Brigadier Sir) Murray Bouchier, a part-time soldier before and after the war, whose vocation at the time was most certainly that of a soldier.

Barbara Brown spoke of her vocation as a teacher and her time in China.

Noel Murdoch spoke on the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Treena Henderson was the administration officer for 'Booroondara Cares', an organisation of two municipalities and eight Rotary Clubs (including Numurkah) raising money in the city and using it to support drought-affected people in our own shire. Vocational? Think about it!

A meal at Nine Mile House in Wunghu, and learning about their cheesemaking venture;

John Corboy from the GV Food Alliance Group;

Wendy Scott and her business, 'The Flying Muffin';

Gary Gray of the 'Shepparton Men's Shed', supporting the work of Pat O'Brien and our own club, who, with others, are organising a 'Men's Shed' here. A venture that has strong vocational links; many of the 'men' have been tradespeople or people whose hobbies have been in those same fields, and the 'sheds' are strong influences for their wellbeing.

Vocational Service Committee Chairman Ivan Routley travelled overseas (again!) to the World Deciduous Fruits Conference in California.

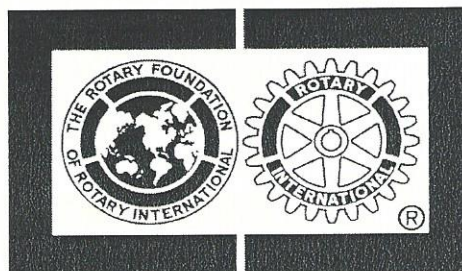
Libby Vasey's talk about people whose vocation is in medicine, healing people in Bangladesh through 'Interplast'. And there have been others.

So our club is much more oriented towards Vocational service than you may have realised.

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Director **Ed Bouchier**



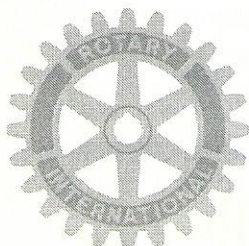
It is with pleasure that I report on the Rotary Foundation for the past year.

Our submission to the Board of Directors was successful as this evening a further two Rotarians will be awarded Paul Harris Fellowships. We congratulate them both on attaining this award and trust they will enjoy further years in Rotary.

We were not successful in hosting the Group Study Exchange Team from California this year; however our club made an inter-club visit to Yarrawonga where we met and enjoyed the evening with this group.

Ed Bouchier

(I tried to copy Ed's original letter with its beautiful handwriting but without success. Ed.)



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Director

Bill Hewson

As Membership Chairman I wish to report that the Rotary Club of Numurkah currently has 24 (twenty four) members.

During the current year we lost 2 (two) members, namely Peter Kam due to family commitments and Frank Thomas who moved to Wangaratta to reside.

We gained 2 (two) members namely Jenny Berry and Steve O'Callaghan; both were former members who wished to rejoin our club. Welcome to you both.

The membership committee met on 3 (three) occasions during the year re increasing our membership, a number of people were approached re taking up membership with no takers so far.

Bill Hewson

Public Relations Committee

Director, Ernest Jones

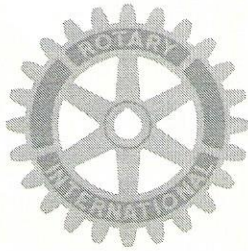
The club recognises the importance of providing information about Rotary and the club's service projects and activities to the public.

This goal has been addressed in varying ways, some of which have been highlighted as follows:

- The Numurkah Leader has given excellent coverage, including photos, of various Rotary activities. eg. Art & Craft Show, 50th anniversary of the club, publication of Rotary disbursements, National Youth Forum attendee, Easter egg presentation to residents in Karinya and Pioneer Lodge, etc.
- The use of the Rotary BBQ at a range of public functions has given exposure to the work of Rotary, as well as making the public aware of our community involvement and participation. eg .Show us Ya Wheels, clearing sales, school fetes, Australia Day celebrations,.
- Rotarians actively represent Rotary on community and municipal committees, eg Australia Day celebrations, Men's Shed steering committee, Boroondara / Moira Cares.
- The presentation of a successful Art & Craft Show and the strong community support in providing sponsorship, highlighted a significant community contribution.
- Rotarians through their personal, business and professional contacts seek to further the aims and accomplishments of Rotary.
- Sponsorship of the "Business Excellence Awards".
- Club organisation of the popular 4 Wheel Drive excursion and follow up dinner which involved a majority of non Rotarians helped promote the aims of Rotary.
- Involvement in activities as detailed in New Generations report lifted the profile of the club to the youth.
- Annual Rotary Vocational and Community Service Awardees receive public recognition and acknowledgment and recognition.

The prominent profile of the club has been maintained and enhanced through the personal interactions of Rotarians and the public information about Rotary generated by the many facets of the club's service activities and operations.

Ernest Jones



ROTARY 4WD TRIP 2008

The Rotary annual 4WD excursion was held on the 11-13th April. All (approx 50) participants left early to rendezvous at Harrierville at 10am. Without mentioning names, the Wrights & Williams's were less early than some!! From there we travelled in convoy via a circuitous 4WD route to our eventual campsite at Talbotville. The camp was a lush green carpet like a freshly mown lawn. Phil & Ivan found out why on Monday, after staying an extra night. Lots of Hereford cows!!

The weather was very kind to us, with lovely autumn sunshine. However we did get a taste of high country climate when we encountered heavy fog and coolish temperatures on the drive out on Blue Rag range, where we stopped for lunch on Sunday.

Everyone pitched in to help with preparing and serving our usual gourmet meals. No-one went home hungry and Lorraine's plum pudding was a hit, as always. The Rotary BBQ served us well again and the new shelter (with additions) was great.

After Saturdays breakfast extravaganza most went for a leisurely 4WD on the nearby tracks with no major dramas, returning to camp in the early afternoon. However we did have a bit of trouble counting from 1 to 20. If you want to know why, you will have to come on the next trip!

The offer of testing out a new Jeep 4WD provided by Ken Muston was too much to refuse, for some, and we found the steepest track to try it on x 3 or 4 times by about 8 different drivers. After that, some drivers (idiots) tried their own vehicles on the same track, for comparison and educational values, of course!

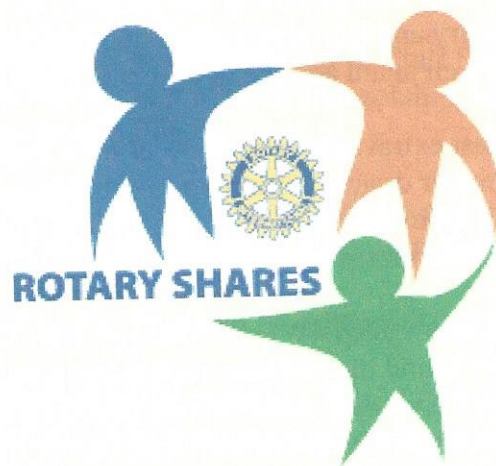
Saturday night was a resounding success with meals and entertainment by the fire. David Geddes' recitals of the Man from Snowy River (and other stories) are always amazing, as he recites from memory only. Singing and whip cracking and a few jokes completed the night.

A big thankyou to all those involved, especially the Rotarianne ladies; without their help this would not be the success it is. We hope next year's trip will be as good as this one!!

Geoff Holmes

Rotary Logo

2007 - 2008





28th Annual Art & Craft Exhibition Report.



An impressive presentation of art and craft was on display at the Rotary Club of Numurkah 28th Annual Art & Craft Exhibition held over the long weekend March 7th to 10th March.

Earning a reputation with artists as a well organized exhibition, one that displays artist's works in a premium setting with excellent lighting, this year's exhibition was no exception.

Positive feedback was received during the weekend. The public was impressed with the standard of work on display, and the artists themselves were impressed with the way the works were presented.

The exhibition attracted good crowds throughout the weekend, commencing with the official opening by Cr. Frank Malcolm, Mayor of Moira Shire. This was followed by the art and craft judges announcing the winners of the 16 sections open for competition. The judges commented on the winning entries.

The art judge Geoff Paynter from Bendigo was impressed with the diverse nature of the works and the varying standard of the exhibits.

The \$2000 Painting Award was won by Len Pawluk from Eltham with his entry 'Victorian Summer'. Comments from the judge on this entry were "a strong colourful image, excellent atmosphere with positive diagonal composition, a stand out picture".

The Craft judge was Margaret Lawry, who expressed admiration for the works on display.

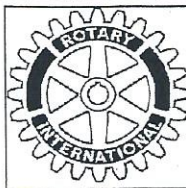
Demonstrators added interest to the exhibition throughout the weekend, whilst the People's Choice Award, where the public cast a vote for the best exhibit on show created much interest.

Thanks to the sponsors, artists, demonstrators and the viewing public for their continued support.

The committee members have worked hard to bring the show to fruition, and deserve praise. Special thanks to Fiona Seager, the art entry secretary, Jennifer Routley, Barbara O'Brien and Margaret Canobie, the craft entry secretaries, June Hewson for the catering and Ron Bartley the treasurer.

The committee was once again delighted with the full support of the club members and the Rotariannes, without this support the exhibition would not be possible.

Lou Hamon, Chairman, Art & Craft Committee.



Rotary Club of Numurkah 2007-2008 Disbursements

A Hickey	\$	250.00
Plan International	\$	468.00
Bionic Ear Institute	\$	700.00
Karinga House Easter Eggs	\$	190.48
D Grandell	\$	250.00
Chamber of Commerce-Business awards	\$	500.00
National Science Forum- half share	\$	887.50
Numurkah Play Group	\$	150.00
Verney Road School	\$	250.00
Numurkah High School Awards	\$	250.00
Primary School Awards	\$	556.40
Visiting Students	\$	30.00
Moirs Cares Fund	\$	250.00
Inter-Church Council	\$	500.00
Rotary Foundation-Paul Harris	\$	2,140.00
NOVAS	\$	1,000.00
SES	\$	500.00
CFA	\$	500.00
ARHRF	\$	500.00
Numurkah Pre-School	\$	500.00
PNG Student	\$	1,400.00
St Vincent de Paul-Numurkah Drought Relief	\$	500.00
TOTAL	\$	12,272.38

SPECIAL ACCOUNT---1st June 2007-31st May 2008

INCOME

Magistrate's Court Donation	
W Gamble-Summer Science Forum	
4-w-d Fishing Trip	
Australia Day Funds	
Admin--Funds Adjustment	
Car Raffle	
Show us your Wheels-Float	
Show us your Wheels-Profit	
Portsea Camp	
Donation	
Art Show Transfers	
Fiji Account	
4-w-d Camping Trip	
Art Show Profit	
Bank Interest	

EXPENDITURE

Fiji Account	\$ 100.00	\$ 13,204.34
07-08 DISBURSEMENTS as per list	\$ 887.50	\$ 12,272.38
Gamble contribution passed on	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 887.50
4-w-d Expenses (fishing Trip)	\$ 700.00	\$ 265.78
Cardwell Funeral-wreath	\$ 197.29	\$ 50.00
Car Raffle and Float	\$ 3,503.00	\$ 1,850.00
Admin	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 197.29
Show us your Wheels-Float	\$ 778.71	\$ 1,000.00
Australia day Expenses	\$ 2,959.00	\$ 701.74
Portsea Camp	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,959.00
Art Show Transfers	\$ 1,999.00	\$ 1,999.00
	\$ 13,245.35	
4-w-d Expenses (camping Trip)	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 1,059.42
International Correspondence	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 31.00
	\$	
	\$ 1.26	

\$ 36,461.11

\$ 36,477.45

ADMIN ACCOUNT---1st June 2007 to 31 May 2008

INCOME

Meals	\$ 12,160.30
Door Fees	\$ 965.00
Subscriptions	\$ 4,300.00
Sergeant	\$ 524.05
BBQ	\$ 575.15
Heads and Tails	\$ 225.00
Show us your Wheels	\$ 2,652.40
Wine Trip	\$ 825.00
Starbowl Night	\$ 650.00
Bank Interest	\$ 0.70
Transfer from Special (fishing trip meat)	\$ 206.18
Donation to Foundation (Hewsons)	\$ 200.00

\$ 23,283.78

EXPENDITURE

Meals	\$ 12,090.25
RI Dues	\$ 1,490.31
Magazines	\$ 810.35
District Dues	\$ 1,632.00
Badges and Pins	\$ 329.82
Stationary	\$ 185.67
Consumer Affairs/Shire permits	\$ 92.60
Wine trip	\$ 970.00
Misc Expenses	\$ 332.15
50yr Celebrations	\$ 412.66
Secretary Expense	\$ 226.55
BBQ	\$ 431.28
Insurance	\$ 360.61
Fishing Trip Meat	\$ 206.18
Show us your Wheels	\$ 2,752.40
Classified Advts	\$ 68.97
Funerals	\$ 150.00
Starbowl Trip	\$ 653.00
Aust Post-Box Rental	\$ 70.00
Donation to Foundation (Hewsons)	\$ 200.00
District Assembly and PETS fees	\$ 222.50

\$ 23,687.30

Bank Concilliation-Admin Account 1st June 07 to 31st May 08

Balance b/fwd	\$	8,013.42
Income 2007-08	\$	23,283.78
TOTAL	\$	31,297.20
Less Expenditure	\$	23,687.30
BALANCE	\$	7,609.90

Bank Concilliation-Special Account

Balance b/fwd	\$	14,819.07
Income 2007-08	\$	36,461.11
TOTAL	\$	51,280.18
Less Expenditure	\$	36,477.45
BALANCE	\$	14,802.73

BENDIGO BANK TERM DEPOSIT	\$	10,574.50
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