How quickly the year has flown. At this time last year it was all planning and organising and looking forward and now it is time to look back on the achievements of our club over that year. I think we can look back with considerable pride. We are not exactly the largest club in the District, but we certainly are a busy one.

Our theme this year was Building Communities – Bridging Continents. I want to take just a short time to reflect on how we have achieved that. We built communities through our community service activities with the PCYC, the Regional and State Science and Engineering Challenges, Bowelscan, and the migrant women’s sewing basics project. We engaged with young people and helped to build communities of the future through our support of RYPEN and RYLA candidates and also our support of candidates to the National Youth Science Forum and the Science Experience. We built our Rotary community through joint meetings and projects with our fellow local clubs of Carindale, Logan and Beenleigh including the Pride of Workmanship Awards, the Science and Engineering Challenge dinner and joint meetings with Carindale and Logan – not forgetting District Conference and District Assembly and District training days. We have laid the foundation for some very exciting joint projects with our sister clubs in the future.

We bridged continents through establishment of relationships with the Rotary Club of Marina City, Singapore and the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa. We sent financial assistance to Myanmar and sewing machines to Tonga. We welcomed a peace studies scholar Abdikheir Sheikh Ahmed (Abdi) from Canada via Kenya via Somalia. We were the sponsor club for Hakleang Heng aged 2½ from Cambodia who came to Brisbane for a heart operation through Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC).

We laughed and bonded our way through many fund raising events, from the fortnightly BBQ to the Melbourne Cup Calcutta night and the RAMS motor bike poker run and who will ever forget Undie Sunday. We socialised with special evenings including our 30th Birthday, home meetings, Polio Plus film nights, Christmas parties and musical entertainment. We shared happy and sad dollars and grew more and more interested in “what’s for dinner”.

We made big decisions, the biggest perhaps being our change of venue to the new PCYC facility at Tudor Park. We reviewed our Constitution and By Laws, we moved our BBQ venue and made some purchases to assist in our fund raising efforts. We now also have a club website.

This year we fund raised for specific targets and distributed funds throughout the year. Everyone in the club worked very hard to be able to assist the community. Among others, the main recipients this year were:

- Queensland Institute of Medical Research - $2,000
- Purchase of a shelter Box $1,000
- Top up a district simplified grant of $2,200 to assist the PCYC by $1,800
- Provide funding to Kingston College Youth Achievers program $2,300
- Polio Plus $2,000
- ROMAC $1,000
- Regional Science and Engineering Challenge $2,500
- Mixed Beans Choir $800
- Rotary Flood Appeal $2000
- Canterbury College Golf Day $200
- Support RYPEN, RYLA Science Experience And National Youth Science Forum attendees

I would like to thank every member of the Rotary Club of Loganholme for their support, enthusiasm and good counsel throughout the year and for making every weekly meeting, every board meeting and every committee meeting easy by their dedication and commitment to the values of Rotary. The Chairs of Committee have written very comprehensive reports. I commend them to you as a good detailed read of what the members of this club have achieved this past year.

The mantle now passes to President Sue – I wish her and her board all the best for the coming year.

Secretary Report

Another year has flown by. In my first year as Secretary of the Rotary Club of Loganholme, I have certainly learnt a lot, and I thank the other members for being easy on me as I find my way in this important position. I have successfully managed to chair the monthly board meetings, and keep the board members on track.

Our club has achieved so much, including a refreshing change of venue to PCYC Tudor Park, where they look after us so well that I think we have all put on a few kilos from the exciting and fantastic meals served to us each week.

I offer my personal thanks to those members who have worked above and beyond the call of duty, and who always put their hands up to help out at our various community projects. You will note through the other reports how many projects we have been involved with during this past year, and it’s a wonder we have found time to go to work at all!
President Sandra Evans has been great to work with, and has led our club well over the last twelve months. I look forward to working with Sue Mulaney in the coming year as she takes on the role of President, and I continue in the role of Secretary, along with a very able and competent Board. Thank you all for your patience and encouragement.

Kym Smith

Treasurer’s Report

The Club’s major donations are listed in the President’s report.

The Club’s funds remain in the black.

Denise Hendey

Effective Services Report

SUMMARY

The year started off with lots of activities on our calendar and continued at a fast pace for remainder of the year – a ‘BIG’ thank you to all members who enthusiastically volunteered their time to help out and share the workload.

VOCATIONAL

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

A combined Pride of Workmanship evening was held with Logan and Beenleigh clubs at the Beenleigh PCYC on Wednesday 27th October. Over 70 Rotarians and guests attended the evening, with 7 employees being awarded Pride of Workmanship awards.

Two awards were presented on behalf of the Rotary Club of Loganholme. Michelle O’Shannesy from Glamazons Hair & Beauty was nominated by P Sandra Evans and Acting Senior Constable Jacob Flaherty from Rochedale South Police Beat was nominated by Cr Lisa Bradley.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Barbara Currell for her effort in organizing the plaques for the evening’s presentations, donation of raffle prizes and all of the work she did on the committee to ensure the evening was a success.

INTERNATIONAL

BURMA ORPHANAGE

In October Kingsley Hayes talked to us about his recent trip to Singapore and gave an update to us on the Burma Orphanage.

While he was in Singapore he met Bernard Forey, the benefactor of the Burma Orphanage, and also SP Lee, the president of the Rotary Club of Marina City, Singapore. SP Lee is having talks with other clubs in Singapore to encourage them to assist in further ongoing funding for the Orphanage.

Kingsley presented a cheque for $1000 from our club which has paid for the re-claiming of some of the Orphanage land. They were able to fill the land and are building a new classroom on it for the children. This is an ongoing project.

SEWING MACHINES TO TONGA

David Roseby sourced sewing machines suitable for adjustment to manual use and once the modifications (changing from electrical use to hand cranks) were done, 6 machines were sent to Tonga. Thanks must go to Kingsley Hayes who organised the shipping. Kingsley reported that the machines have arrived at the intended destination safely, ie the Rotary Club of Nuku’alofa, Tonga. The club is very grateful and the machines will be forwarded to remote areas for use by people in need.

The following is an extract from an email received from Tonga and is followed by a copy of the letter from the Ahopanilolo Technical School.

Hi Sandra,

I am Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Nuku’alofa. We have taken delivery of the six sewing machines and distributed them in batches of two to 3 organisations.

Tonga National Centre for Women and Children

Women and Children’s Crisis Centre

These two groups do great work helping and caring for women and children at risk in the home and society. Both groups run “life skills” training and sewing is one of the skills that often assists the women find work and make an income.

‘Ahopanilolo Technical School

This Catholic School is what we would term a Tertiary institution. They cater for students that have not been successful in the mainstream system and have courses in catering, service industry, English and of course sewing. The machines as supplied are really most welcome as their main machines are industrial and these will enable some basic learning of sewing skills before moving on to the other machines.

ROMAC
The Rotary Club of Loganholme was the sponsor club for a Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) recipient, Hakleang Heng aged 2½ from Cambodia who came to Brisbane for a heart operation.

Hakleang and his father Sun were accompanied by Sopheap Pang from The Children's Sanctuary, Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia. They arrived in Brisbane on Monday 6th December and Sopheap’s operation was performed on the 16th December. His operation went a little longer than planned, but good news was that he was able to leave hospital on Christmas Day.

Hakleang, Heng and Sopheap, spent the majority of their time in Brisbane, with Pastor Morn Kim and his family at Marsden.

After being cleared to go home, Hakleang left on the 19th January 2011.

Hakleang is a significantly improved child from the one that arrived at Brisbane Domestic Airport on Monday 6th December 2010 thanks to our wonderful Australian medical people

Bill Benham gave a fantastic presentation on ROMAC in March, after which President Sandra presented him with a $1,000 cheque from our club.

COMMUNITY
BBQ – Thank you to Kingsley for all of his work associated with both BBQ’s at Harvey Norman and Clive Peteers.

We commenced the year operating the weekly BBQ at Harvey Norman, but with diminishing funds being made, we took the gamble and changed venues to Clive Peteers at the Hyperdome. We have negotiated a commitment of two Saturday’s per month, which the club continues to maintain

LOGAN PCYC –
We have had several opportunities to assist the PCYC.

Sat 11th July members helped to erect Security fencing for PCYC Annual Car show.

Sat 24th July – Open Day at Tudor Park – members manned BBQ.

Sunday 6th February - Open day for PCYC Tudor Park – member’s manned PCYC stall.

SEWING PROJECT
The Sewing Basics project continues to go from strength to strength. A big thank you to Marie Grant and David Roseby together with volunteers from Probus who continue to make this a very successful programme.

BOWELSCAN
Bowelscan kits have been distributed to local chemists and pick-up/delivery of returned kits has been organised. Bowelscan was conducted during the month of March. A special thank you for David Roseby for his efforts with distribution and collection of kits.

UNDE SUNDAY – 4 members participated in Undie Sunday on 13th March – unfortunately no (official) records were broken on the day but we all had a good time (Laugh!!)

CALCUTTA NIGHT
David Gardner again did a magnificent job organising the annual Calcutta Night.

As a result of our Melbourne Cup Extravaganza we purchased another Shelter Box and with a small top up of funds were able to donate $2,000 to the Queensland Institute of Medical Research.

RAM RIDE
Renamed “Rotarians Astride Motorbikes” for this year, Denise and Steven Hendy again organised another great day. Unfortunately due to weather conditions, the number of riders was down from previous years

MIXED BEANS
A $500 donation was given to the Mixed Beans, they entertained us during our meeting and were also great entertainment at our Club’s 30th Birthday celebrations.

Mixed Beans is a free, multicultural community choir for people of all cultures and languages to have fun and exercise their English skills through singing and interaction with others. Unlike more serious choirs that focus on performance outcomes, Mixed Beans seeks to bring together people of all ages, cultures and abilities to create deeper understanding, so that we can enjoy a strong sense of unity in diversity through cross-cultural community music making.

YOUTH
RYPEN – We have had 2 students attend the Rypen camps this year. Sean Clifford attended in August and Rachel Markham in March. Rachel spoke to our club on 18th April regarding her experiences.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE held 20-22nd July at Cornubia Insports.

Winners were Tuesday – Wynnum State High School 1840 points; Wednesday – Moreton Bay College 1773 points; Thursday – Canterbury College 1782 points.

Pre-Challenge dinner was held at Sapphire’s Restaurant, Shailer Park High School and from all reports was a very successful evening. The evening was well catered for by the students and the winner of the challenge for the evening was Carindale Club.

The three winning schools above took part in the State Challenge which was held on 24-26th August. The Challenge was hosted by the Brisbane South Committee and held at Cornubia Insports.

Plans are well underway for this years challenge to be held at Canterbury College with the dinner again at Sapphire’s Restaurant.

RYLA – we had two attendees – Cameron Hendy and Michael Markham at the recent RYLA camp and both came to our meeting on Monday 26th September to tell us of their experiences. Both have benefited immensely from their experience. It was great to see the enthusiasm with which they now look towards their futures.
RYLA is a Rotary Foundation program which I like to think is having a major impact globally on building the citizens of the future and if these two young men are any example, the program is doing a fine job.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM,
Winnie Yum, successfully negotiated her District interview and was sponsored by our club to attend the National Youth Science Forum in January. She obviously benefited enormously from the Forum and it was a pleasure to hear her report of her experiences.

We have had three students apply for the Youth Science forum next year and we wish them well with their interviews.

KINGSTON COLLEGE YOUTH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM
The Rotary Club of Loganholme has supported this program for the past 15 years providing mentors for the students, and also making a monetary contribution to enable the students to go on their annual camp.

The kids involved in the program come from unfortunate backgrounds, often in low socio-economic situations. They learn to work in teams - Together Everyone Achieves More. The exercises are built on trust and they help to build the self-esteem of the kids.

On camp, they learn to set goals, and the more goals they set, the more goals they reach.

Some of the participants are quite bright, but they have little or no self-esteem.

Originally the program ran for a 10-week period, but now it has become so popular that it goes for the whole year. It’s been running at Kingston College for 22 years in total.

SCIENCE EXPERIENCE
In October, the Club agreed to sponsor 2 students from Shailer Park High School to the January 2011 Rotary Science Experience.

Looking over the past 12 months, you can see that we together we have achieved a great deal for members within our local community as well as overseas.

Again thankyou to all who have spent the year “BUILDING COMMUNITIES, BRIDGING CONTINENTS”

Sue Mulraney

The Rotary Foundation Director Report

In November we received a Certificate from District acknowledging that we are a Paul Harris Society Club.

A number of members made the commitment to be Centurions.

A DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT was applied for and we were successful in obtaining $2,200 which has been used to upgrade the Kitchen facilities at the Tudor Park PCYC.

POLIO PLUS: Members attended a joint function with Logan and Beenleigh Clubs to the movie premiere of “Conviction” with proceeds from the evening going to Polio Plus.

ROTARY FOUNDATION: At the end of February, PDG Chris Wright shared his passion of the Rotary Foundation with club members. A cheque for $2000 was also presented to John Nightingale to support Polio Plus.

ROTARY PEACE FELLOW: We also welcomed Rotary Peace Fellow Abdikheir (Abdi) Ahmed to our meeting. Abdi arrived in Brisbane on the 5th March and is attending the University of Queensland. This semester, Abdi is registered for three courses; Advanced International Studies which has four units, Principles of Deep-Seated Conflict Resolution and Culture, Conflict and Reconciliation both of which have two units each.

Abdi grew up in a conflict situation and he is now looking at the challenges for security in his region. He wants to contribute to peace-making in Somalia. Abdi will be in Australia for 18 months.

While here, PDG Merv Richens will be his host counsellor.

Sue Mulraney

Membership Report

We started the year with 15 members.

Unfortunately, we lost our Committee Chair for Membership, Sharnelle James, during the second part of the Rotary year and the commitment and effort she put into retaining and attracting members has been sadly missed. In August Sharnelle organised a membership evening and I am sure that Probus was very pleased to get the two new members we found for them from that exercise.

Sharnelle also organised the club business cards which came in very handy as an introduction and provided a high element of professionalism when some of us attended other clubs or meetings. She also implemented a very handy, if not occasionally lifesaving, wallet card with the contact details of all our members at our fingertips.

June Reil and Barbara Currell joined us during the year, bolstering our numbers from 15 to 17 and we didn’t hesitate to get them both engaged very early in our projects. In fact, Barbara was attending fund raising activities before she was inducted.

Indicative of all of our busy lives we had David Gardner, Debbie Beths, Sharnelle James and Dawn Stubbs on leave of absence for varying periods at one time and another throughout the year, and Merv took advantage of the 65 year ruling in order to concentrate on Probus responsibilities.

We said goodbye to Marie Grant and June Reil during the year due to work commitments. Which has brought our numbers back to 14. But this should not be considered a failure by any standard since all members of the Rotary Club of Loganholme have been fully engaged and committed to achieving our club goals for the year.
Next year Barbara Currell will be the Committee Chair for Membership and I extend my best wishes for a successful year in her first time leadership role with the Rotary Club of Loganholme.

Sandra Evans

Public Relations Report

This past year has been a very busy one, with several changes made to enhance Rotary’s profile in the community. We took on a fortnightly barbeque at Clive Peeters, Loganholme which has been very successful.

We have purchased our own barbeque and shade shelter, which proudly displays our club banner at each event.

Some members attended the “Undie Sunday” event to promote bowel cancer awareness, which was a lot of fun.

We have kept in touch with members during their illnesses by way of cards and flowers.

We assist the PCYC by attending several of their annual events, which also helps to promote Rotary within our local community.

We have almost got our new club website up and running, thanks to Webmaster Allan Short and his dedication. Hopefully it will be finalized in time for the new Rotary year.

Allan Short arranged for an article in the Department of Community Safety “Emergency” magazine, a copy of which is shown below.

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We had an article published in the Elders Newsletter and got a mention in conjunction with the Tudor Park PCYC in the Albert and Logan News.

Our Melbourne Cup Calcutta night was published on the Queensland Institute of Medical Research events website.

Our new PR Director for the coming year will be Barbara Currell, who has lots of great ideas already and I look forward to working with Barbara and the rest of the Loganholme team in 2011-2012.

Kym Smith