
ROTARY CLUB
of
North Balwyn



CLUB REPORT
1985-86

DISTRICT 980
"You are the Key"

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN

1985/86

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OFFICE BEARERS

President	Paul Fitz
President-Elect	Geoff Steinicke
Vice President	PP David Goldsmith
Immediate Past President	PP John Reddish
Secretary	Ron Carnell
Treasurer	Geoff Perdriau

DIRECTORS

Club Service	John Robson
Community Service	Ron Roy/George King
Fellowship	David Cheney
International Service *	Ron Arthur
Vocational Service	Don Haycraft
Youth Service	John Thwaites
*(Includes Rotary Foundation)	

CHAIRMEN

Attendance	Ron Carnell
Grapevine Editor	Peter Kagan
Rotary Information	PP Stan Hibbert
Media/PR	Duncan Ansell
Sergeant-At-Arms	Ralph Lee
Programme	Clive Hughes
Fund Raising	PP John Reddish
Membership/Classification	Geoff Steinicke
On-To-Conference	Geoff Steinicke
Almoner	Fred Pike
Club History	PP John Etkins
District 980 Presidents'-Elect	PP Kevin Maunder
Hon. Auditor	Ron Phillips

DISTRICT 980 REPRESENTATION

Public Relations	PP Stan Hibbert
Australian Rotary Health	PP John Reddish
Research Fund	
Group Study Exchange	PP Kevin Maunder

DISTRICT 980 GOVERNOR

PP Edwin Peatt

DISTRICT 980 GOVERNOR GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

PP Don Armstrong

COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY SERVICE

George King (C: 1/1/86 - 30/6/86)
Ron Roy (C: 1/7/85 - 31/12/85)
Alan Anderson
Roger Benallack
Murray Carr
P.P. Geoff Clark
Ron COates
Ian Collins
Rob Fletcher
Ron Liner
Lew Lustig
Dick Wines

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Ron Arthur (C)
Peter Cleary
David Doyle
Rob Head
Marcel Muntwyler
Don Pilgrim
Ken Proposch
David Stockman

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Don Haycraft (C)
Bill Kneale
p.p. Kevin Maunder
Ron Phillips
Fred Pike
David Wornell
Eric Witts

FUND RAISING COORDINATION

P.P. John Reddish (C)
Duncan Ansell
David Cheney
P.P. Geoff Clark
P.P. Stan Hibbert
Ron Liner

YOUTH SERVICE

John Thwaites (C)
Peter Cook
Tim Fletcher
Russell Fynmore
P.P. David Goldsmith
Greg Matthews
Tony McLean
Gordon McQueeney
Geoff Ross
Gerry Spencer
Roger Wiggill
Ray Zuccala

CLUB SERVICE

John Robson (C)
Duncan Ansell
Ron Carnell
P.P. Stan Hibbert
Clive Hughes
Peter Kagan
Ralph Lee
Geoff Perdriau

FELLOWSHIP

David Cheney (C)
Max Hunter
Ian Lucas
Morrie Rubenstein
Bernie Smith
David Wilshire
Tom Wing Young

INTER-CLUB/ON-TO-CONFERENCE

Geoff Steinicke (C)
P.P. John Etkins

MEMBERSHIP/CLASSIFICATION

Geoff Steinicke (C)
P.P. John Reddish

PAST PRESIDENTS

Stan Hibbert (Charter)	-	1980-81	
Geoff Clark	-	1981-82	
John Etkins	-	1982-83	
Kevin Maunder	-	1983-84	
John Reddish	-	1984-85	
David Goldsmith	-	1977-78	(Napier West) N.Z.

PAST VICE PRESIDENTS

Paul Fitz	-	1983-84
Stan Hibbert	-	1984-85

PAST SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Paul Fitz (Charter)	-	1980-81
Mervin Lewis	-	1981-82
Bernie Smith	-	1982-83
John Robson	-	1983-84
Marcel Muntwyler	-	1984-85

PAST GRAPEVINE EDITORS

Rob Essery (Charter)	-	1980-81
Ken Proposch	-	1981-82
John Etkins	-	1982-83
Paul Fitz	-	1983-84
John Etkins	-	1984-85

PAST SECRETARIES

Bill Kneale (Charter)	-	1980-81
Kevin Maunder	-	1981-82
Ron Carnell	-	1982-83
Ron Carnell	-	1983-84
Ron Carnell	-	1984-85

PAST TREASURERS

John Robson (Charter)	-	1980-81
Arthur Dawson	-	1981-82
Arthur Dawson	-	1982-83
Arthur Dawson	-	1983-84
Geoff Perdriau	-	1984-85

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When I was elected to be president 19 months before taking over the reins, the installation as president seemed a long way away. It is amazing how quickly those 19 months disappeared. The closer the time came the more I thought about the responsibility I was assuming. The North Balwyn Rotary Club is a great club and had developed quickly over the five previous years under the leadership of five very able and dedicated men. Now it was my turn to carry the baton and ensure that I passed the Club on to Geoff Steinicke in equal and, if possible, better condition.

As we entered our sixth year of service we faced the challenge that we were now a mature Club with significant achievements in our five avenues of service. It was important to build on these achievements, to improve in those areas which needed improvement and to maintain the friendship and fellowship in our Club which is the envy of all other clubs in the District.

To achieve these ideals it was essential that we set real objectives and goals for the year and to plan, as we have in the past, well in advance to ensure we achieved them and, in achieving them, we maintained and expanded the high standards of our Club and built greater goodwill and understanding between our members, our families and our community.

Rotary International President Edward Cadman's theme for 1985/86, "You are the Key", seemed most appropriate in all of this. The members of our Club are the keys to our successful achievements, activities and fellowship, our Club is one of the keys to an achieving District and our District is another of the keys to making Rotary International, in reality, a body which builds international goodwill, understanding and peace.

Our ten major objectives for the year, which in the main were achieved, were to:

1. Continue to foster the fellowship and friendship bonds in our Club.
2. Continue to develop hands-on projects in our Community Service activities.
3. Concentrate on service efforts within the boundaries of our Club.
4. Continue to emphasise Youth Service activities, an area where we have performed well in previous years.
5. Concentrate on developing programmes in the difficult Vocational Service area.
6. Improve our knowledge and dissemination of Rotary Information.
7. Charter a Rotaract Club.
8. Organise and provide logistical support for District 980's President-elect seminars.
9. Support the Rotary Down Under House appeal.
10. Increase our membership to 60.

Our fellowship bonds are forged by our Club Service and Committee meeting involvement.

John Robson headed up our Club Service Committee with great efficiency which ensured our Club functioned effectively and smoothly. He and his committee spent hours in organising and coordinating all of our club meetings, administration and communications.

Clive Hughes organised an excellent programme for the year which included such eminent speakers as Sir William Dunlop, Ian Haigh, Harry Beitzel, Senator Shirley Walters, Ian Cleland, Frs. Chris Gleeson and John Brosnan, Dame Phyllis Frost and Bruce Ruxton to mention only a few.

Three interesting meetings were held away from "home" - one at the Melbourne Stock Exchange, another at Odyssey House and the third at the Box Hills hospital. Our ladies, as ever, supported the Club magnificently, at ladies' nights which we held about every 4-6 weeks, by providing the entertainment at our Christmas and Birthday meetings and when they "took over" a meeting in June and provided us with such entertainment and fun. Of special note is Betty Carnell who made our birthday cake.

Ralph Lee and Peter Kagan respectively looked after the portfolios of Sergeant-at-Arms and Grapevine editor. I know from personal experience that these activities are persistent, with weekly deadlines to be met, but they are activities which bring personal fulfillment. Ralph, controlled meetings very well and entertained us all with excellent fines sessions. Peter improved the "Grapevine" as the year went by and, on the whole, kept the Club informed. A special thanks to Ralph Lee and his staff for printing and distributing our bulletin.

Stan Hibbert, as Rotary Information Chairman, presented a number of segments at selected meetings which were aimed not only informing members, but making them think.

Fred Pike, as Almoner, kept the Club informed on members' illnesses and forwarded cards, messages and flowers to the members and families concerned. There were more than usual hospitalisations during the year with major emphasis on 3H programmes!

Duncan Ansell, as Public Relations Chairman, commenced the year well but unfortunately business and family pressures meant that Duncan did not have the time to maintain the level of publicity we would have liked. However, some committees obtained independent publicity covering selected activities.

John Etkins began the difficult job of documenting our club's history before we grow too old and records are lost.

Ron Carnell, our secretary and Attendance Chairman, continued the low-key but time-consuming role he does so well and is so important for the smooth running of the Club. Many members do not realise the efforts Ron devotes to our Club and, as President, I know how Ron's efficiency makes my role that much easier. Similarly, Treasurer Geoff Perdriau has given the Club tremendous service in the way he has administered its financial transactions and records. It is the efficiency of Ron and Geoff which makes Club Administration run so smoothly and effectively.

Our Fellowship Committee was directed by David Cheney with the Cheney flair and dedication to detail and it provided us with a well structured and variable programme. In all, 13 functions were organised ranging from Trivial Pursuit and Casino-nights to a Golfing/Tennis week-end to a New Year Eve's party, Pool Party-Spit Roast, a cricket match against Gisborne and the highly successful Safari Dinner.

The leadership of our Community Service Committee changed hands mid-way through the year. Ron Roy ran into work pressures which meant he had to resign from the Board and as a Community Service Director. However, George King very willingly stepped into the breach for the second part of the year. Our goal of continuing hands-on activities within our boundaries resulted in some worthwhile projects. The health testing week-end was again successful and Roger Benallack is to be congratulated for his excellent organisation. We also undertook some worthwhile activities at the Marwell Avenue Elderly Citizens Club where we also missed a meal and donated the savings to the Rotary Foundation for the Polio Plus programme. However, we continue to "suffer" from living in an affluent area where community service projects appear to be hard to find and the Club may have to re-consider its guideline of staying within its own boundaries.

Our Youth Service Committee, under the able leadership of John Thwaites, moved from strength to strength. It achieved one of the highlights of the year when P.P. David Goldsmith's committee, consisting of selected Youth Service Committee members and one member from each of the other committees, successfully extended the new Rotaract Club of North Balwyn. Our special thanks go to David and to District Rotaract. Special Representative, Dianne Griffin, for their untiring efforts which resulted in the now flourishing Rotaract Club.

Roger Wiggill continued to develop our Club's creation, the Rotary International Youth Art Exchange (RIYAE) programme and was appointed as the District's inaugural RIYAE Chairman when D.G. Edwin Peatt officially recognised the programme.

Tony McLean organised the second year of our Youth Debate which saw more schools participating and Carey winning the North Balwyn Rotary Club's Debating Shield by narrowly defeating Marcellin in the final.

We selected a student, Lan Nguyan, to attend Mittagundi and our own Rotaracter, Carol Griffin, was selected as our RYLA awardee. Thanks to Gerry Spencer and Peter Cook respectively. Graham Ford coordinated our ongoing Vern McConchie Awards with Greythorn High and a student from Greythorn High, Peter Roberts, won our Club's prize in R.I's "Letters for Peace" competition.

Last, but not least in the Youth Service area, was our surprise exchange student from South Africa, Vanessa Lowe, who came to us in January and whom we are sharing with West Footscray. A special note of thanks goes to the Headmaster of Carey Baptist Grammar School who so readily accepted Vanessa at the last moment. We, also, farewelled Martin McInerney to Brasil.

A special committee interviewed fifteen students for outward exchange in 1987 and two girls were recommended to District for final selection. We were the only Club to have both students selected by District. Carolyn Greene, our student, will be going to Canada/USA as well our second student, Athalie Williams who will be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glenferrie. We were notified that Matti Paljakka from Finland would be joining us in August.

Finally, our thanks to Roger Wiggill and Ford for the rafts which allowed us to come last in the Rotary/Rotaract Raft Race.

Improving our performance in Vocational Service was another of our goals this year. Director, Don Haycraft and his Committee did a great job in organising visits to Show Ads, the Melbourne Stock Exchange and Box Hill Hospital, speakers to celebrate Vocational Service Month (Ian Cleland and our own P.P. Kevin Maunder) "mock" job interviews with Marcellin College students, and a Careers' Seminar for Greythorn High. During the year, one of the Committee members, David Wornell, wrote a book entitled "Towards a Fulfilling Career" and its potential will be explored further in 1986/87.

Ron Arthur directed the activities of the International Service and Rotary Foundation Committee. It organised guest speakers for Rotary Foundation Month (Duncan Grace, Foundation Awardee from Canada), World Understanding Month (Rupert Balfe on Pakistan and Peter Dransfield on China) and speakers on FAIM (Terry Mulqueen) and Interplast (Rosie Ravich). IPAC projects were evaluated but it was decided to investigate further in 1986/87 a project presented by our Youth Exchange student, Vanessa Lowe, to provide a classroom in Zululand, South Africa. We interviewed an applicant for a Rotary Foundation Scholarship and nominated a Paul Harris Fellow.

Our Fund-Raising Committee was chaired by P.P. John Reddish. This year the Committee evaluated fund raising ideas coming from Club members and allocated projects to Committees to execute. This approach was only partially successful. However, we raised \$8,970 for our Service account from six projects and \$1,216 for our administration account from three projects. Major fund raising successes were the do-it-ourselves fashion parade, organised very successfully by the Fellowship Committee, the Christmas Raffle, so well organised by the Youth Services Committee that we doubled our profit over the previous year and the Aeromodellers Display which was very successfully organised by the International Services Committee. We conducted three excellent in-house fund raising projects, the annual wine auction, the sale of pears so well conducted by Gordon McQueeney and the Racing Night. In turn, we donated to RI's Polio Plus programme (\$468), Rotary Foundation (\$943), Onemda Centre (\$1,000), Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (\$1,000), Red Shield Appeal Door Knock (\$1,880), Rotary Swinburne Bursary (\$1,000), Odyssey House (\$612 for two EDP Hard Discs), EDAR (\$1,060) and Rotary Down Under House (\$840). Minor donations were given to Mexican Relief Fund, Diabetes Foundation, Camberwell Community Youth Centre and Surry Hills Primary School Camp. One of the major challenges for our Club is to establish

one or two major fund raising projects which will allow it to financially support some large programmes.

The Membership Development Committee, under the Chairmanship of President-elect Geoff Steinicke carried out an excellent programme of gradual but continual recruitment. In all, 9 members were inducted into the Club bringing our membership to 61, one more than our target at the beginning of the year. We welcomed our first Honorary member, Keith Glover and Gwentyth, who MC'd the District Convention in Canberra, his third. Keith was paid a second honour at the Convention by being awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by PDG Jack Nankervis on behalf of the Rotary Club of Melbourne North.

Our attendance record was excellent in the first half of the year but declined to some degree in the second half. This was partially due to a record number of overseas trips by members (in excess of 25 members travelled overseas more than 35 times during the year!) and an above average numbers of leave of absences due to travel, illness or business reasons. However, attendance is an area we must watch closely.

The Club's official task for the District was to organise the logistical support for the President's-elect seminar. The Committee was chaired by P.P. Kevin Maunder and comprised one representative from all the Club's committees with assistance by most members on the day. Kevin and his committee did a first class job and brought great credit to the Club from District.

The Club was well represented in other District activities including the DG's Change Over Dinner, Conference, Assembly, International Dinner and Forum, Membership and Peer Group Forums and the Rotary/Rotaract Raft Race. The Club was represented with distinction on District Committees by P.P. John Reddish (Australian Rotary Health Relations), P.P. Stan Hibbert (Public Relations) and P.P. Kevin Maunder (Group Study Exchange). As well, P.P.'s John Etkins and Kevin Maunder were leaders in the District's Presidents-Elect Seminar and John and Kevin were joined by P.P. Stan Hibbert as leaders in the District Assembly.

D.G. Edwin Peatt set up a committee of Camberwell City Rotary Club Presidents (Ashburton, Balwyn, Camberwell, Camberwell North and North Balwyn) which met regularly to coordinate Rotary activities. Of major note was the decision for the five clubs to share common boundaries, those being the boundaries of the City of Camberwell.

A great deal has been achieved this year and the credit goes to our excellent Board and to the members and ladies of our great Club. You were truly the keys and I thank you for all your wonderful support. It has been a great honour to have served as president of the North Balwyn Rotary Club and if I am handing the Club over in good condition it is entirely due to you all. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife, Sue, for her total support, patience and understanding during a very busy and time-consuming year. I know she enjoys Rotary as much as I do and gets the same satisfaction coming from the fellowship and friendship of all our members and ladies within the Club and our worthwhile activities outside. I, also, extend a special note of thanks to my secretary, Trudi Bisnieks, for her wonderful logistical support. Nothing was ever too much trouble even if it was on top of an already very busy day. Her friendly assistance made the year for me that much easier. Also, to Immediate P.P. John Reddish, for his continuous support, friendship and advice throughout the year. I thank him sincerely.

To our incoming president Geoff Steinicke and his wife Judy, Sue and I extend our very best wishes and total support for what, undoubtedly, will be another great year for the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. "Rotary does bring Hope".

Paul Fitz
President

CLUB SERVICE

Director: John Robson, Secretary: Ron Carnell, Treasurer: Geoff Perdriau,
Programme Chairman: Clive Hughes, Grapevine Editor: Peter Kagan, Sergeant - Ralph Lee,
Public Relations: Duncan Ansell, Rotary Information: Stan Hibbert, Club History:
John Etkins, Almoner: Fred Pike.

A. Membership

Membership on 1st July, 1985	54
Plus: Inductions	<u>9</u>
	63
Less: Transfers to other clubs	<u>2</u>
Membership at 31st May, 1986	<u>61</u>

1. Inductions

Gerry/Audrey Spencer	18. 7.85
Murray/Carole Carr	15. 8.85
Greg/Heather Matthews	7.11.85
Alan/Valda Anderson	5.12.85
Russell/Joan Fynmore	9. 1.86
Peter /Janet Cook	20. 2.86
Robert/Ailsa Head	13. 3.86
Keith/Gwenyth Glover	10. 4.86
Tim/Jenny Ford	19. 6.86

It was very pleasing for the club to induct its first Honorary Member, Keith Glover. Soon after being admitted to the club, Keith Glover was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship at the district conference held in Canberra. Keith has been a guest speaker at our club and he has been the Master of Ceremonies at three district conferences.

2. Transfers

During the year we were sorry to lose Mal/Lesley Corben and Fred/Val Woodman who transferred to other clubs.

3. Our membership is made up as follows:	Active	51
	Additional Active	1
	Senior Active	3
	Past Service	5
	Honorary	<u>1</u>
		61

The average age of our members is 51 years and 9 months, and it is intended that we look for younger people as prospective members in the coming year. The introduction of some young members will ensure that the club has a good blend of youth and experience to ensure that we remain an active club, capable of undertaking whatever task that may emerge within our local community.

Although our club is now six years old, the average period of service by the members is 3 years and 8 months.

B. Attendance

Our average weekly attendance for the year was 85.57%, which placed us in 9th position in District 980, out of fifty three member clubs.

Our best month for attendance was December, 1985 where we attained 3rd position in the district, but our performance has deteriorated to the extent that we dropped to 23rd position in April, 1986.

Our members undertook over 30 overseas trips during the year, and eleven members were granted leave of absence due to business and travel reasons.

Unfortunately our attendance figures have been affected by a lack of make-ups being recorded. Members should note that their first obligation to Rotary is to make-up at another club if at all possible, and if that proves to be difficult, seeking leave of absence from the club should only be sought where a person's membership is in danger because of absenteeism.

Peter Kagan is to be congratulated on his achievement of being on an overseas trip for three weeks and in that time having made-up at nine Rotary Clubs in various countries. The banners are a welcome addition to our collection of regalia.

It is pleasing to record that the following members achieved a 100% attendance figure during the year: Ron Carnell, David Cheney, John Etkins, Stan Hibbert, Peter Kagan, Geoff Perdriau, and Tom Wing Young.

Peter Cook has also achieved a 100% attendance record since he was inducted on 20th February, 1986.

The attendance performance of the other fifty one members was as follows:

90 - 99%	Attendance -	13
80 - 89%	"	- 19
70 - 79%	"	- 13
60 - 69%	"	- 1

The apology book continues to provide fairly accurate indication of the numbers attending our meetings each week, and that has enabled us to keep faith with the caterer.

It is to be hoped that the food served at our meetings is improved as a result of the survey carried out in June. Although the venue is convenient, serious consideration must be given to a change if the standard of food continues to fluctuate so much from week to week.

C. Programme

Clive Hughes is to be congratulated on having organised a selection of speakers who would rank very highly in any company.

The speakers were: Darren Barling (R.Y.L.A. Awardee), Dr. Colin Adrian, Dr. Frank Rosenfeldt, Sir Edward Dunlop, Ian Haigh, Rod Nickolls, Mick Taylor, Harry Beitzel, Senator Shirley Walters, Father Gleeson, Ian Cleland, Geoff Stevens, Tony McNamara, Brian Randall, Duncan Grace (Rotary Foundation Awardee), Father Brosnan, Mal Meikle, Vanessa Lowe (Exchange Student), Major Warren Golding, Les Perrott, Rupert Balfe, Dr. Peter Dransfield, Dr. John Hamilton, Terry Mulqueen, Dame Phyllis Frost, John Dowell, Bruce Ruxton, Nick Chiebnikowski, Mrs. Rosie Ravech, Mr. Hayakaya, Mr. J.A. Preston, Michael Kirk, Danny, John and Michelle of Odysse House.

In addition to the speakers listed, we enjoyed auto-biographies from the new members of our club, and six of our members spoke of their overseas trips.

We held three very interesting meetings away from our usual venue. The visit to Odyssey House was a most informative evening, and as a result of our visit, Rob Head has made himself available to assist in obtaining employment for Odyssey members who are ready to return to the work force.

We look forward to continuing our association with Odyssey House in the future.

We also visited the Box Hill Hospital where we were given a tour of the new facilities that have been installed as part of the upgrading of the hospital. The hospital services our area for emergency cases so it was comforting to see the very latest equipment that is available.

Finally we visited the Stock Exchange of Melbourne where, as hosts of the stockbroking company, Randalls, the functions of the exchange were outlined, a visit was paid to the exchange floor and investments were discussed.

A number of ladies' nights were held during the year, and the fellowship that we enjoy on those occasions is one of the strengths of our club. A group of the wives provided entertainment at the Cmas Meeting and also at our Birthday Meeting. Betty Carnell provided a most attractive cake for our birthday celebration and we sincerely thank her for her time and obvious skill.

In June, there was a "ladies takeover" of one meeting. This was a new innovation to our club programme and resulted in an extremely entertaining evening of fellowship and fun.

D. Grapevine

Peter Kagan has an unenviable task of producing the Grapevine as successor to our award winning editor, John Etkins.

Peter attempted to keep everyone informed of club activities throughout the year and his gesture of providing the facilities within his office is greatly appreciated.

E. Public Relations

Due to outside business and family pressures, Duncan Ansell was unable to devote a great deal of time to this important aspect of our Club. As a result the news sheet informing members of board decisions was not made available regularly and this also led to a breakdown in communicating those decisions to the Grapevine editor.

F. Sergeant

Ralph Lee accepted this difficult task with enthusiasm, and he is to be congratulated on making a significant contribution to the success of our weekly meetings.

Kevin Maunder was a very able assistant on the occasions that business prevented Ralph from being present to carry out his duties. I also had to call on Ian Collins and Roger Benallack to act as sergeant for one meeting each, and their co-operation was greatly appreciated.

G. Rotary Information

Stan Hibbert contributed a number of three minute segments at selected meetings, and we found him to be informative for the benefit of new members, humorous, for the die-hards, and thought provoking for the new board members in relation to the Ashburton club.

The secret of this task is to keep the members informed by giving a short address, embodying the three factors mentioned and in so doing Stan was able to get his message across to the members.

H. Almoner

Fred Pike kept the club informed of members' illnesses and the get-well cards or messages of sympathy were well received by the people concerned.

A number of our members have been on the sick list this year and it is great to see the warm welcome extended to them when they are able to resume their attendance at our meeting.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Ron Carnell for another year of great service to the club, Geoff Perdriau for keeping the finances under control, and John Etkins for continuing to update the history of the club.

We have a great club and it has been my pleasure to work with each and every member of the club service committee.

John Robson
Director

TREASURER'S REPORT 1985/86

1. Administration Account:

The Administration account started off the year with \$812.03

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>85/86</u>	<u>Actual to</u> <u>May '86</u>	<u>Comparison</u> <u>84/85</u>
Meals & Functions	-	24,323	25,482
Fines	500	532	577
Copper Pot (Aust. Rotary Health Research Fund)	-	257	255
Entrance Fees	100	100	160
Subscriptions	5,225	5,605	4,080
Raffle Proceeds	-	142	298
Donations	250	500	250
Wine Sales	-	447	520
Safari Dinner Profit	-	655	350
Horse Racing Night	-	256	322
Sale of Pears	-	532	-
Bank Interest	100	62	96
Badges/Banners	-	76	185
Tricontinental Interest	-	152	-
	<u>6,175</u>	<u>33,639</u>	<u>32,575</u>

Balance with Tricontinental Cash Management Trust - \$1,000-00.

Payments

Meals & Functions	-	24,120	25,177
Grapevine Printing	700	568	668
Postage & P.O. Box	700	616	653
R.I. Per Capita Fees	1,800	1,644	1,311
District 980 Levy	660	594	539
Rotary Down Under	825	836	592
Rotary Publications	100	118	319
Pins, Badges, Banners & Caps	500	220	460
STationery & Secretarial (incl. P/Cash)	200	136	236
Insurance	250	265	204
Gifts - Guest Speakers (Pens)	300	-	245
Donations	200	50	230
Flowers	300	107	225
Federal Tax on Debits	30	28	33
President-Elect Seminar	-	50	80
Raft Race Entrance	-	20	-
Rotary House Donation	-	840	-
Annual Report Printing	-	-	139
R/C Carlton Charter Night	-	50	-
Cricket Shield & Engraving	-	112	-
R.I. Polio 2005 Programme	-	468	-
	<u>6,565</u>	<u>30,842</u>	<u>31,111</u>

Thanks to our fund raising efforts during 1985/86 we should finish the year with approximately an additional \$1,800-00.

2. Service Account:

Tricontinental Cash Management Trust - \$5,000-00.

We started the year with - \$1,378-00 in the Bank.

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Actual to May '86</u>	<u>Comparison 84/85</u>
Fashion Parade Profit	1,420	6,112
Aeromodellers Display Profit	3,128	1,174
Christmas Stocking	1,680	868
Bank Interest	23	54
Tricontinental Interest	809	713
District 980 Youth Exchange	300	-
	<hr/> 7,360	<hr/> 8,921

<u>Payments</u>		
Exchange Student	822	2,117
Rotary Foundation	943	1,495
Vern McConchie Memorial Award	250	212
Blood Pressure & Diabetes Testing	560	672
Mittagundi Youth Committee	95	190
Onemda Centre	1,000	600
Aust. Rotary Health Research Fund	1,000	2,000
Painting Exchange Postage	115	97
Mexican Relief Fund	200	-
Diabetes Foundation Donation	200	-
Camberwell Community Centre Youth Donation	50	-
Rotary Swinburne Bursary	1,000	-
Youth Art Exchange - Canberra Display	151	-
Surrey Hills Primary School Camp	100	-
St. John Ambulance Radio	2,005	-
Metal Signs	270	-
Letters for Peace Prize	50	-
Rotaract - Establishment Costs	425	-
Odyssey House - 2 EDP Hard Disc.	612	-
Federal Tax on Debits	9	18
Interplast Australia	-	600
District 980 Ryla Committee	-	270
Ripple Mattress	-	200
L. McKenzie Memorial Fund	-	100
Yooralla	-	100
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Vic.	-	100
Open Family Foundation	-	1,000
Probus Club-Establishment Costs	-	393
Debating Shield	-	118
	<hr/> 9,857	<hr/> 10,282

Geoff Predriau
Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Committee Members: Geoff Steinicke, Paul Fitz

At the beginning of the year (1.7.85) our membership was 54. During the year 2 members resigned - Fred Woodman and Mal Corben.

This year we have inducted 9 new members which brings our total membership to 61.

Our new members are:

- Alan Anderson
- Murray Carr
- Peter Cook
- Tim Ford
- Russell Fynmore
- Keith Glover (Honorary Member)
- Rob Head
- Greg Matthews
- Gerry Spencer

We were delighted to have Keith Glover accept honorary membership and an even greater honour was bestowed on Keith when he was made a Paul Harris Fellow at the Canberra District Conference.

My thanks to our members who proposed new members to the Club during 1985-86.

Geoff Steinicke
President-Elect and Membership Development Chairman

FUND RAISING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. COMMITTEES:

1. Fund Raising Co-ordination/Finance Committee - The Board
2. Fund Raising Advisory Committee - John Reddish (C)
David Cheney
Stan Hibbert
Geoff Clark
Duncan Ansell
Ron Liner
3. Fund Raising Ideas Committees - 6 Committees formed from Club members by President Paul, chaired by:
- Ron Arthur
Mal Corben
David Goldsmith
Don Pilgrim
Ron Roy
Tom Wing Young

B. ACTIVITIES

All but one of the above 6 Committees met and reported many Fund Raising possibilities, each of which was considered by the Fund Raising Advisory Committee prior to their first meeting held on 14/5/85. The Committee advised the Board to allocate the organising of each Fund Raising activity to a specific Club committee, but to involve all Club members.

C. SUMMARY OF FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES:

<u>Activity recommended</u>	<u>Committee responsible</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Funds Raised</u>	
			<u>Service</u>	<u>Admin.</u>
1. Dinner/Guest speaker	Vocational	Nil	-	-
2. Aeromodellers Display	International	Completed	\$3018-75	-
3. Tennis Championships	Community	Nil	-	-
4. Fashion Parade	Fellowship	Completed	\$1400-00	-
5. Christmas Stocking	Youth Affairs	Completed	\$1572-00	-
6. Blue Light Disco	Community	Nil	-	-
7. Wine/Cheese Tasting	Vocational	Nil	-	-
8. Browse and Buy	Community	Nil	-	-
9. Tinned Pears Sale	(G. McQueeney)	Completed	-	\$532-00
10. Open Air Concert	-	-	-	-
11. Australia-Where Now	(Bill Kneale)	Planned	-	-
12. Wine Auction	Club Activity	Completed	-	\$428-00
13. Racing Night	Club Activity	Completed	-	\$256-00
14. Charity Day (Dim Sim)	Club Activity	Completed	\$ 40-00	-
15. Bush Dance	Vocational	Planned	-	-
16. Hole in One	Community	Planned	-	-
17. E.D.A.R. Fete	Community	Completed	\$1060-00	-
18. Red Shield Appeal	Community	Completed	\$1880-00	-
19. <u>Other Club activities</u>	resulting in raising Funds for the Club:			
a) Raffles				
b) Copper Pot				
c) Sargeant's Sessions				
d) Safari Dinner				
e) New Year Party				
f) Investments in Tri-Continental				
g) District Youth Exchange Committee				

D. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Our Club must identify a major project as an aim for our Fund Raising
2. We must find an ongoing major Fund Raising activity - in addition to a number smaller activities
3. We must involve all club members in these activities
4. Funds should be raised whenever possible, from the community rather than from individual Rotarians - our members should supply the expertise and manpower.

In conclusion, may I thank all those members of my Committee, and all those Club members and their wives who have given so generously of their time and talent in achieving the successes in Fund Raising over the past year.

John Reddish
Immediate Past President and Fund Raising Chairman

YOUTH SERVICE

It is pleasing to report that the Youth Committee has successfully completed the following activities for Youth in our District.

1. RIYAE - ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ART EXCHANGE

The objective of this project is to build bridges of friendship and understanding between children of different Nations through the exchange of artworks. Our thanks go to Roger Wiggill who has progressed this project to District level via a number of exchanges between schools in Australia and Japan, Italy and Finland, and is now Chairman of the recently formed District Committee which will actively engage in promotion throughout our District.

2. YOUTH DEBATE

Our thanks to Tony McLean for a most successful Debate held at Argenti's in September. This was the second year a Debate was held, and was the final for two prior debates. The schools participating were Carey Baptist Grammar School and Marcellin College, with Carey winning by a fine margin on the night. The quality of the Debate was excellent and a large number of Rotarians and guests attended.

3. ROTARACT

David Goldsmith headed up a Committee to investigate the possibility of forming a Rotaract Club.

This most important task was ably handled by four members of Youth Service together with one each from the other Club committees.

The Rotaract Club was chartered on 26th November at Argenti's and has continued to grow and prosper in our community with a membership approaching thirty.

Congratulations David for your guidance and leadership during this initial stage.

It is equally important we continue this in future, and experience first hand the benefits of the training that Rotaract provides to young men and women aged 18 to 28.

Finally our thanks to Dianne Griffin for her untiring efforts to assist this Committee.

4. MITTAGUNDI COUNTRY CAMP

Following a programme in the local schools a student, Lan Nguyen was selected for the Camp. Unfortunately, at the last moment he broke his wrist and was unable to attend.

We are hopeful he will attend in January, 1987.

5. R.Y.L.A. - ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

This week of activity takes place in May each year and Carol Griffin is our Awardee and also an active member of our Rotaract Club. Thanks to Peter Cook for a successful award.

6. VERN McCONCHIE

This is a competition to promote youth by the written word in recognition of the service of Vern McConchie at Greythorn High School.

A successful competition was held by Greythorn High School as part of their year's curriculum in 1985 and prizes awarded by the Club.
Our thanks to Graham Foard.

7. LETTERS FOR PEACE

A successful entry received from Peter Roberts, a student at Greythorn High School was awarded and presented in May.

The entry will now go forward to District for further judging.

8. YOUTH EXCHANGE

What an excellent year for Youth Exchange, with incoming student Vanessa Lowe from South Africa arriving in January and outgoing student Martin McInerney off to Brasil.

Vanessa, being co-hosted by North Balwyn and West Footscray continues to contribute greatly to the freshness of Youth Exchange.

Martin, in Brasil is enjoying the exchange in that country to the full.

Our incoming student from mid-August 1986 is Matti Paljakka from Finland and we look forward to his arrival.

Two students are with District for selection of the Outward Exchange in 1987.

Finally, involvement with the Christmas Stocking, Boroondara Charity Day and Science Summer School formed the balance of activities.

With grateful thanks to a willing and helpful Committee.

John Thwaites
Director

ROTARACT CLUB FORMATION

One of the most significant achievements of the 1985-86 Rotary year was the successful sponsoring of the Rotaract Club of North Balwyn, which was presented with its Charter by D.G. Edwin Peatt at an impressive evening on Tuesday 26 November 1985.

The formation of the Rotaract Club was the culmination of a significant effort by all members of the Rotary Club, but in particular, of the special committee under the chairmanship of Vice President David Goldsmith. This committee was strongly supported by the District Rotaract Representative, Diane Griffin, who was untiring in her efforts to see the successful establishment of a new club.

From some 120 names put forward by members of the Rotary Club, and following interest meetings held during October, 1985, a charter membership was achieved of 26 members. Although the club had a very healthy start, the early loss on transfer of the Charter President, Andrew Barr, and of three other members, was a cause for concern. Tess Glenister, a charter member, and a Past President of Werribee, stepped into the breach to successfully maintain and strengthen the structural organisation. There have been seven inductions, to bring the current membership to 29, with a further three inductions likely before change-over.

The Club is strong socially, and has involved itself with some success in community, vocational, and international projects, such as the Raft race, helping at the Allambie Reception Centre, assistance with Blue Light Discos, the Dial-a-Santa programme, and raising funds for a water purification plan in Bangladesh, as well as becoming a recognised force in the Rotaract District. They have participated in all District activities since their provisional pre-charter status, and won the District Participation Award at the Rotaract District conference.

Virtually all members of the Rotary Club have attended meetings of the Rotaract Club, on roster, and Rotaracters have been regular in their attendance at Rotary meetings. The future should bring extension of the already commenced programme of joint activities.

The newly elected Board for 1986-87 under the leadership of President-elect Tim Proposch, will have many challenges of organisation, participation and involvement to meet but if what has been achieved in 1985-86 can be built upon as a firm foundation, then the Rotary Club of North Balwyn will be able to be justifiably proud of its further achievement for the youth of our district.

David Goldsmith

Vice President and Rotaract Club Formation Chairman

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ART EXCHANGE (RIYAE)

A. Outline:

1. History & Current Programmes:

The father of a Japanese Exchange Student brought some paintings with him on a visit to Australia in 1983 and from this North Balwyn Club initiated the Painting Exchange Scheme. The Boroondara Primary School participated in 1983 and Methodist Ladies College and North Balwyn State School in 1984, exchanging paintings with three Japanese Schools. Since these early days, the Scheme has expanded and has now been in operation for approximately 36 months, and 11 batches of paintings (total paintings \pm 300) have been sent across (to Japan, Italy, South Africa and Finland) and 9 batches (total paintings \pm 280) have been received (from Japan, Italy and Finland).

Participating schools and clubs at present are as follows:

Outgoing -

<u>School</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>
Methodist Ladies College	North Balwyn
North Balwyn State	" "
Auburn South Primary	" "
Deepdene Primary	" "
Princes Hill Primary	" "
Glen Waverley High School	TBD

<u>Incoming -</u>	Yoichi Primary, Japan	Yoichi
	Kurokawa Primary, Japan	"
	Hananoki Kindergarten, Japan	"
	Furubira Elementary, Japan	"
	Cappucine, Italy	Imola (Dist 207)
	Herralahden Ale-aste	Yrjonk (Dist 141)
	Primary School, Finland	

Invitations to participate have also been issued to:

* Presbyterian Ladies College, Melbourne	- Declined
* Strathcona	"
* Rotary Club of Hiroshima	No reply
* Rotary Club of Victoria, British Columbia	"
* Rotary Club of Capetown (batch of paintings included)	Aw. response
* Princes Hill Primary State School	Will participate
* Dist. Governor, Pineland, South Africa	Are considering
* Dist. Governor. Orange, California	No reply
* Dist. Governor, Brussels, Belgium	"
* Dist. Governor, Daejeon, Korea	"
* Dist. Governor, Molrosso, Brazil	"
* Dist. Governor, Inkere, Finland	"
* Dist. Governor, Taipei, Taiwan	Are considering

* Dist. Governor, Gray, Austria	- Aw. reply
* Dist. Governor, Gimenez, Argentina	"
* Dist. Governor, Lagos, Nigeria	"
* Rotary Club of Atlanta, USA	"
* Rotary Club of Billevecay, UK	"

In addition, the following is the status of Australian Rotary Clubs who have expressed interest:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Status</u>
* Footscray (Ted Logan)	Have approached 11 schools in their area, and are proceeding. Status TBA. Called Ted Logan 4/6/86 - awaiting return call.
* North Camberwell (Stephen Decker)	Are participating. Called Stephen Decker 4/6/86 - in hospital will return call.
* Balwyn (Brian Neill)	They have received a batch from Japan. Will participate. Called him 4/6/86 - awaiting reply to advise status.
* Rose Bay, NSW (Bill Holmes)	Will participate - are approaching local schools.
* Rotary Club Crow's Nest, NSW (Robert Steffans)	Interested - are considering participation.
* Waverley, Victoria (Rowan Ebbels)	Will participate. Are starting with Meadows Primary School. Status at 4/6/86 not known.

UNICEF International Student Art Exhibition - 1986

The Board of North Balwyn Rotary Club has approved this as an International project for 1986/7. DG Edwin Peatt has concurred and obtained the green light from the 4 DG's whose districts are involved. The project involves 3 major art exhibitions July - October 1986, with North Balwyn Club assistance, Rotary publicity, the opportunity to raise funds, and the availability of well over 100 paintings for exchange. Details were finalised in June in a combined meeting with the UNICEF Art Committee and other sponsors.

2. Objective:

Utilising the concept of painting exchanges between children of different countries, the scheme is spreading and becoming a means of building bridges of friendship and understanding between children of different Nations.

3. Participation:

All schoolgoing children show interest, and benefit from the scheme. The scheme operates on a School to School, and Class to Class basis, with any School eligible.

4. Method of Operation:

The following is the method of operation:

- (a) In order to inject a personal touch, a photograph of the artist should accompany each painting, together with the artists name, age and address. This might encourage pen-pal-type relationships.
- (b) Participating Club's Youth Affairs or International Committees administer the Scheme.
- (c) Topics for paintings are chosen by the Youth Affairs Committee of the Club organising outgoing paintings, or by the Schools preparing the paintings, e.g. "MY HOME", "MY SCHOOL", "MY FAMILY" etc.
- (d) Paintings on the appropriate topic, probably around 25 paintings in total (but, any number is acceptable) with a photograph of the artist stapled in the top lefthand corner, and bearing the artist's name on the rear of the painting are collected by the Rotary Club from the participating school (and class) and mailed to the participating Rotary Club in the other country. Simultaneously, a batch is collected and mailed in the opposite direction. A time-table for the exchange is established in advance by the organising club, together with the age group selected. The exchanges are, ideally, on a 1-year programme basis with, say 3 exchanges in the year, on three different topics. The incoming batch is delivered to the local school. Paintings are usually displayed in the class for perhaps 3-4 weeks, and as desired, at meetings of the participating clubs.
- (e) The cost of inter-club packaging and mailing is borne by the participating clubs. The children provide the photograph of themselves.
- (f) The paintings should be done by a class in the participating school under the guidance of the school, and as part of the normal curriculum.
- (g) Consideration could be given to involving wives of Rotarians in the scheme, in view of their (usually) closer contact with the school.
- (h) An unexpected side-benefit of the scheme arose, when it was established that the Victorian National Gallery may be interested in receiving incoming batches of paintings after the schools have finished with them. These would be stored in their archives and used for study purposes in future years, mainly in the training of art teachers, and the first batches handed over.

B. District Committee

Roger Wiggill, Chairman of RIYAE for the Rotary Club of North Balwyn has been appointed Chairman of a District 980 Committee to promote the exchange amongst other clubs. Members are being co-opted onto the committee at present.

C. PLANS

It is recommended that the plan to develop RIYAE over the 1986/7 year and for future should be:

1. We (North Balwyn Rotary Club) continue with the exchange limiting our commitment to 5 local and 5 overseas schools (through overseas Rotary Clubs).
2. The District Committee will guide participating clubs to ensure a uniform approach by all Clubs, and will publicise the scheme and encourage participation by District 980 Clubs, and Clubs in other Districts in Australia and overseas.
3. For 1986/7, at least four District 980 Clubs should, under the above Committee's guidance, become active in the exchange programme e.g. North Camberwell, Balwyn, Footscray, and one other, and a start should be made by clubs in other districts.
4. Clear guidelines will be established for Clubs in other districts who may wish to participate e.g. Rose Bay, N.S.W.

Roger Wiggill
RIYAE CHAIRMAN

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

It is with pleasure that I report, on behalf of our Committee, the activities undertaken during the year.

1. Salvation Army Doorknock: This annual event was carried out in the first week of July with the majority of members participating.
2. EDAR Fete: This annual event was held in October and raised funds for EDAR through the collection and sale of trash-and-treasure contributed by Club members, making and sale of peanut butter and running the spinning wheel.
3. Boroondara Shopping Centre Festival: Our Club participated in this Community self-help project in early December with bicycle marking (by the Rotaract Club of North Balwyn), the sale of tickets in the Christmas stocking raffle and the sale of Dim Sims.
4. Senior Citizens Centre: Two working bees were held involving external cleaning and painting and grounds management. This effort saved the Centre considerable expenditure by not having to engage contract labour.
5. Health Survey: The annual health survey involving blood pressure, diabetes and chest X-ray was ably organised by Roger Benallack and carried out in February.

Some 450 people passed through each of the services at a cost to the Club of \$555.00

Ron Roy/George King
Directors

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

It is with great pleasure that I report, on behalf of our Committee, the activities undertaken during the year.

1. July: A visit was made to Show Ads as organised by P.P. Stan Hibbert. The state-of-the-art technology for graphic art and colour separation was demonstrated. It was a very interesting evening but, unfortunately, attendance by members was poor.
2. September: "Mock" interviews were undertaken with about 70 students at Marcellin College.
3. October: To celebrate Vocational Service month two guest speakers spoke on their vocations. The first, Ian Cleland spoke on the Cleland Cold Stores and our own P.P. Kevin Maunder spoke on the Heart Foundation.
4. November: A visit was made to the Melbourne Stock Exchange as guests of stockbrokers, Randalls. Following preliminary talks by Randall staff, a tour of the exchange floor was undertaken and the evening was rounded off with an excellent supper in the Randall boardroom.
5. March: The Vocational Service Committee assisted with morning teas and lunch at the District 980 Presidents-Elect Seminar at LaTrobe University. The seminar was organised by our Club under the chairmanship of P.P. Kevin Maunder.
6. MAY: A visit was made to the Box Hill Hospital to observe the services offered and to hear from the Hospital chief executive on the developments of the Hospital over an excellent dinner provided by the Hospital kitchen.
7. JUNE: A careers' seminar was organised for Greythorn High School. Under the leadership of Ron Phillips, five members spoke to students about their careers.

During the year one member of the Committee, David Wornell, wrote a book entitled "Towards a Fulfilling Career". Its objective is to give guidance to young people seeking careers. More work and evaluation is necessary before the Club takes distribution action.

Don Haycraft
Director

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Committee Members were Ron Arthur, Peter Cleary, David Doyle, Robert Head, Marcel Muntwyler, Don Pilgrim, Ken Proposch and David Stockman.

In preparing the objectives for the Rotary year, the International Services Committee saw their role to promote Rotary International matters and to arrange speakers on various aspects of this area of service.

Firstly, during Rotary Foundation Month in November, we arranged for Duncan Grace to speak at a Club Meeting. Duncan came from Ontario on a Rotary Foundation Graduate Scholarship to study International Law at Melbourne University. He spoke about his association with Rotary and the two way benefits gained from his scholarship.

Then, during World Understanding Month in February we arranged two speakers to address the club about a couple of Asian countries. Mr. Rupert Balfe, Q.C. passed on some of his great knowledge of Pakistan, acquired from several visits since 1979. Dr. Peter Dransfield gave an interesting talk of his experiences on a recent trip to China.

The Club was represented by President Paul Fitz and Ron Arthur at District 980 International Dinner and forum at International House where excellent presentations were made about Special Grants, I.P.A.C., F.A.I.M., Interplast and International House.

We undertook a detailed study of the various Rotary Projects undertaken under I.P.A.C. but did not find one to which we considered the Club could relate. We are currently evaluating a project presented by our Youth Exchange student to provide a classroom in Zululand, South Africa.

We decided to further promote F.A.I.M. and Interplast in the Club. We arranged for Mr. Terry Mulqueen to address the Club regarding F.A.I.M. projects and took on the challenge to update our membership in F.A.I.M.

We also arranged for Mrs. Rosie Ravech, the social worker with Interplast responsible for local domestic social work to speak to the Club about Interplast projects and her special aspects.

Your International Services Committee was given the responsibility for organising the Model Aircraft Spectacular at Bulleen Park in conjunction with the Doncaster Aeromodellers Club. The day was quite successful, the weather was fine though not hot, and we raised \$3,000 for Rotary projects and enjoyed a great day of fellowship with members and wives.

We received one applicant to outgoing Rotary Foundation Scholarships, and conducted the appropriate interviews. We invited the applicant to consider applying again after he had graduated and had more definite plans regarding further study and specialisation.

We were able to have further contact with the Aldershot Rotary Club with a visit by Dr. John Reddish while on holiday in the United Kingdom.

We wrote to the Rotary Club of Rondebosch in Cape Town, South Africa and were pleased to receive a visit from one of their members, Mr. Peter Lamond and his wife while they were in Melbourne.

Contact was made with many other overseas Clubs by our members while travelling overseas on business and holiday. This is an aspect of service which could be developed in future years.

Ron Arthur
Director

FELLOWSHIP

It is with great pleasure that I report, on behalf of our committee, the activities undertaken by that committee during the past year.

Our functions included the following:

<u>July:</u>	Casino Night at the Hunters'	(39 attended)
<u>August:</u>	Trivial Pursuit at the Cheney's	(38 attended)
<u>September:</u>	Fashion Parade at Marwall Ave.	(180 attended)
<u>October:</u>	Rich River Weekend at Moama	(26 attended)
<u>November:</u>	Crazy Whist at the Lucas'	(36 attended)
	Yum Char Sunday Lunch	(85 attended)
<u>December:</u>	Family Picnic - Banksia Park	(25 attended)
	New Year's Eve Party at the Reddish's	(79 attended)
<u>February:</u>	Pool Party - Spit Roast at Rubenstein's	(74 attended)
	Cricket Match vs Gisborne Rotary	(42 attended)
<u>April:</u>	District Convention - Canberra	(29 attended)
<u>May:</u>	Safari Dinner - 20 homes	(76 attended)
<u>June:</u>	Change Over Dinner	

In addition, we held two new members (and wives) fireside meetings, and two "after meeting" fellowship get-togethers. With the exception of the last mentioned function, the response to the programme was positive, and we believe that the nature of the functions held provided the vehicle for members and their ladies to become better acquainted, especially the newer members.

Functions were largely low cost affairs, with BYO suppers and drinks. The exceptions were the Fashion and Safari Dinner which resulted in profits of \$1400 and \$1000 respectively.

To each member of my committee goes my thanks for enthusiastically jumping in to assist where necessary. Each one made a real contribution to the organising of the programme.

A special and sincere thank you is due to our ladies, without whose involvement, none of the functions could have been contemplated, let alone staged successfully. To my wife Jan, thanks for putting up with my last minute jitters.

To my successor, Marcel - Good Luck, old son! I am confident that the next year's fellowship responsibilities are in excellent hands.

To all our club, my thanks for responding to our programme in a manner that made it a most satisfying portfolio to chair.

David Cheney
Director

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee: Geoff Steinicke, John Etkins

This year the Conference was held at Canberra from April 17th to 20th.

One of the problems for North Balwyn at past Conferences has been the poor standard of accommodation allocated to us. I was very grateful to Ron and Betty Carnell who visited Canberra in November, especially to seek the type of accommodation suitable to our requirements. As a result, we selected the City Gate Motel, which we found ideal.

North Balwyn were represented by 12 members and wives. We also enjoyed the company of our Exchange Student, Vanessa Lowe and an Exchange Student with the Gisborne Club, Ashley Taylor. Both Vanessa and Ashley are South Africans.

The Conference was opened by the Governor, Sir Ninian Stephen who had done his homework on Rotary and District 980 very well.

Unfortunately, the plenary sessions were not up to the expected standard on the first day of the Conference, but were to improve considerably on the Saturday. A session chaired by Nan Peatt with four members' wives (to be known as "Ladies of Rotary") was novel, informative to new members and entertaining.

The Club Dinner with Hawthorn, Bacchus Marsh, Ashburton, Camberwell was held at the Ainslie Football and Social Club. A great night of Rotary Fellowship.

Judy and I were privileged to be included in a group to hear and see the operation of the Life Education Caravan. For us, this was a highlight of the Conference as we appreciated the need to educate children about their bodies and how drugs affect their well-being.

Geoff Steinicke
President-Elect and On-To-Conference Chairman