



THE ROTARY CLUB OF
NORTH BALWYN

ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006



SERVICE Above Self

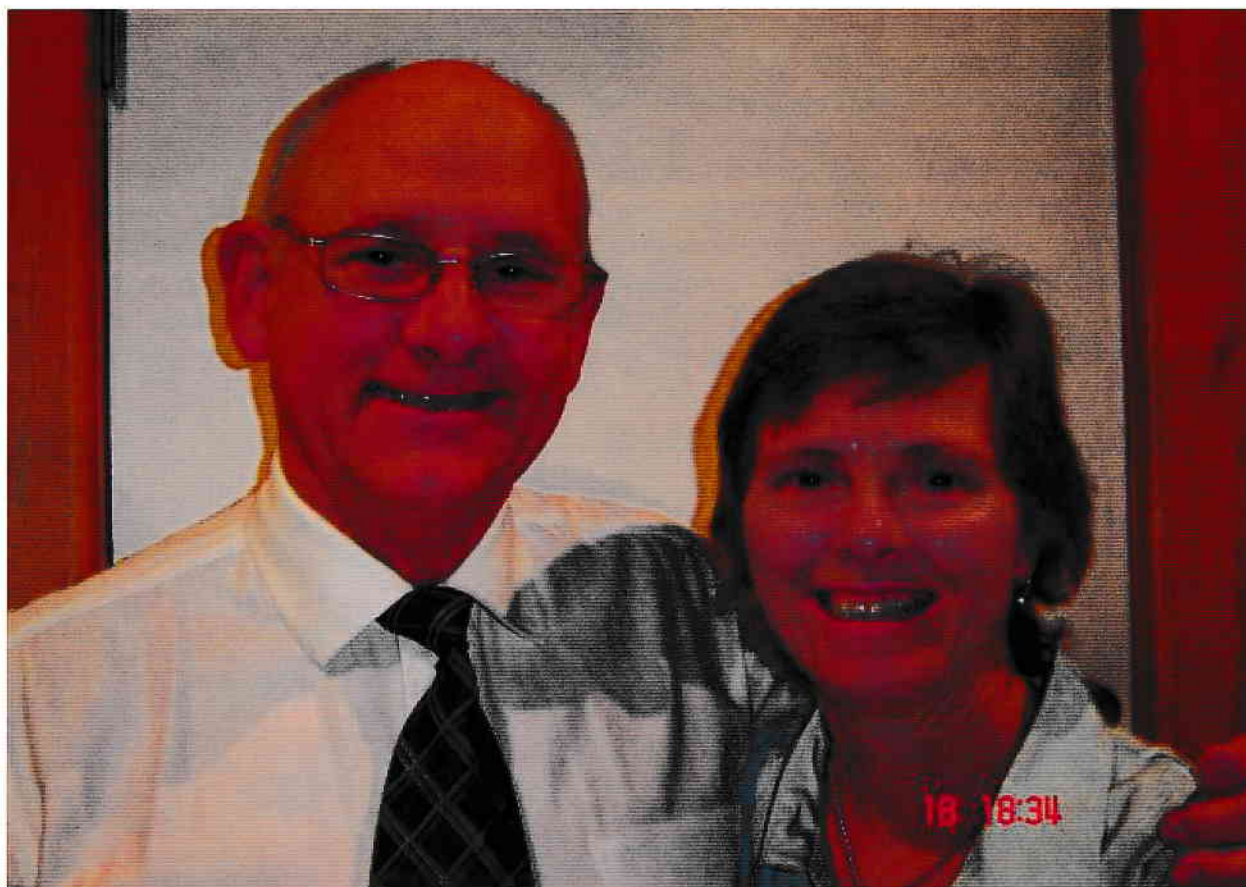
Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
President, Rotary International

John Wigley
District Governor, District 9800

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President Peter and Robyn Elliott

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Peter Elliott
Vice-President	Greg Ross
President Elect	John Magor
Immediate Past President	Jim Studebaker
Secretary	Anthony Stokes
Treasurer	Neil Ramsay
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Director Community Service	Peter Cleary
Director Fundraising	Bill Oakley
Director International Service	Duncan Ansell
Director New Generations	John Gartlan
Director Vocational Service	Delina Schembri-Hardy
Board Minute Secretary	Bronwen Dimond

2005 – 2006 Theme - SERVICE Above Self

“In our efforts to work for a better world, we need a leading star to follow, a theme that we can all fix upon. Over the years we have had many different themes: Enjoy Rotary! Be a Friend, Lend a Hand, Celebrate Rotary, just to mention a few of them. Each and every one of these themes was, or is, perfect for its time. I would like to be modern. I would like to recycle, and I also want to promote continuity. Therefore, I have chosen the best motto ever created for Rotary International, yet one that you will not find on the walls of this room: Service Above Self.”

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar 2005-06 Rotary International President



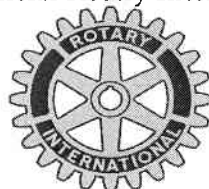
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OFFICE BEARERS

Sergeant	Elisabeth Hall
Almoner	Findley Cornell
Grapevine Editor	John McBride
Web Master	Dick Johnson
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Horizons	Geoff Steinicke
Programmes	Tony Wells & John Moyle
Membership	John Magor & Jim Studebaker
Auditor	Ron Phillips
Rotaract	Matthew Pauli
Apologies	Jane Pennington
Attendance	Hugo Goetze
Radio	Don Bowden & John Mollison
Fellowship	Barry Cumming
On to Conference	John Magor
Property Officer	John McBride
Foundation	John Reddish
Family of Rotary	Ken Maxfield & Peter Courtney
Public Communication	David Cheney
RYLA	Ros Horne & Michael Barden
Catering Chief	Bill Oakley
Club Protection	Sue McDonald

Rotary's Wheel Emblem

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement". Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association". A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the centre of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.



Presidents Report 2005 – 2006

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as your President for the last twelve months. At the start of this Rotary year, the first year of a new century for Rotary, RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar challenged us to adopt his vision, that it's the right time to go back to basics and re-visit the ideals of Rotary, the four avenues of Rotary service:-

Club Service

Vocational Service

Community Service

International Service

With this in mind he adopted the original motto, SERVICE Above Self and the Rotary Wheel as the emblem for the year.

I believe we have achieved his vision in all these four areas.

The real strength of our Club lies in the membership. Don Bowden as Chairman of Club Service has demonstrated his many talents not only as Chairman but also in his role as 'Radio Don' with his regular program on community radio supported by John Mollison.

Under his guidance, the members of his committee have kept us entertained, informed and interested. Sergeant Elisabeth Hall continually surprised us with her weekly session, some amusing observations, anecdotes and the odd joke or two while always adding dollars to the pot.

Grapevine Editor, John McBride, has taken our weekly bulletin to another level. Electronic communication has enabled us to quickly access other Rotary information, with links to the DG's weekly e-Zine, RI magazine and a number of other sites to keep us fully informed.

Findley Cornell has put a new spin on the role of Almoner. His weekly 'Sports Show' has kept us up to date on the health of our members.

Guest speakers covering a wide range of interesting topics have been organised by Tony Wells and John Moyle whilst Dick Johnson has maintained our Website and introduced some excellent innovations.

Fellowship is the backbone of our Club and Chairman Barry Cummings has excelled in this role particularly with events like the Bowls night, Progressive Dinner and the Birthday Night celebrations. The Club would not operate efficiently without the services of a Club Secretary, thanks to Anthony Stokes for fulfilling this demanding role for a second year. Likewise the position of Club Treasurer calls for a large commitment of time and expertise and Neil Ramsay has done this with distinction, also for a second year. Bronwen Dimond has accurately recorded minutes of our board meetings for the last time as she now moves to a position of Club Director. And finally, Hugo Goetze continues to maintain and record details on our database of membership and attendance.

A corner stone of Rotary is Vocational Service. This year we have been impressed with the 'what's my line' member talks and the site visit to the Melrose Health factory. Chairman Delina Schembri-Hardy can be proud of the achievements of her committee, the setting up of a member skills database and in particular the successful nomination of Dorothy Hamilton who received a Shine On Award.

It is important for us to focus on our community and remain relevant in our local area. The much-awaited Centennial Project, The Marwal Avenue Meeting Point is getting close to commencement. Don Haycraft has gently prompted us to provide goods for Camcare. The Community Service Committee has recognised the benefits of The ARHRF Indigenous Health Scholarship Program. With their recommendation, our Club has donated \$2500 towards this fund.

During the year, Phil Francis was awarded the ARHRF Medal in recognition for his tireless work over many years for the 'Toss the Coin' project and his many other commitments to Rotary, in particular, Variety the Children's Charity. Congratulations Phil, a most deserved award.

Chairman Peter Cleary organised, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Port Lincoln, a team of volunteers to participate in the Grampians Bushfire Relief Project, a most worthwhile and rewarding achievement.

The Jack Nankervis House in Hilda Street continues to be part of our commitment to the local area, and through Greg Matthews regular working bees have been organised to keep the place looking shipshape.

International service remains a top priority for our Club. Under the Chairmanship of Duncan Ansell, our 'Adopt a Community' project in the Solomon Islands has progressed to another level and is our main international project. The successful application for a matching grant from The Rotary Foundation has given us the opportunity to proceed with confidence and continue this important humanitarian project. A great deal of time and effort by Jim Studebaker went in to preparing and lodging the application. The Rotary Club of Balwyn together with the Rotary Club of Istanbul - Goksu Turkey, in District 2420 have joined us as partners in the project. With the help of Joe Butler's Transport Company and Larry Fitzpatrick's Storage facility, a shipping container filled with donated goods, supplies and equipment was transported to Tulagi ready for the visit by the next volunteer team. The committee continues to support ROMAC and Bob Adams has joined the District Committee to help promote the cause in the wider community.

Foundation is the centerpiece of Rotary project funding. Our club has donated over \$12,000 this year, before any other donations from individual members, which puts us in a strong position to apply for funding for future projects. During the year our club has named six Paul Harris Fellows. On the evening of our 26th Birthday meeting we named Rotarians Brian Hurnard, Jim Studebaker and partner Anthea Mollison Paul Harris Fellows for their outstanding contribution to Rotary and our Club over many years. For exemplary service and outstanding commitment as a RYLA Facilitator and Director, we have named Lucy Mayes a Paul Harris Fellow. This was presented to her by District Governor, John Wigley at the District Assembly in May. Tonight we name two more members Paul Harris Fellows for their contributions.

In my changeover address last year I emphasised how important I believe the Youth Exchange program is. We have been very fortunate to have Livia Popp on exchange from Switzerland during this year and as every host family will attest, she has exemplified the role. This alone should give us encouragement and confidence to continue with the program. New Generations Committee Chairman, John Gartlan has engaged his committee in many facets of new generations programs including RYPEN, MUNA and National Youth Science Forum as well as encouraging and supporting our Rotaract and Interact Clubs.

None of the projects we undertake would be possible without money. Fundraising Chairman, Bill Oakley has had his work cut out this year as our programs require a constant stream of cash. Through the efforts of all members contributing and in most cases with the help of our partners, we are able to successfully run, on an annual basis, a number of regular fundraising activities. Grand Prix Breakfasts, Rotary River Ride, Christmas Raffle, Golf Day and other catering events finance our projects. These events don't just happen, they are a result of many hours of work and planning by the members of the committee, and I would like to mention the considerable effort put in by Geoff Haddy and Don Taylor in planning the Rotary River Ride this year. Our proposed major fundraiser 'Jazz at the Farm', although a great success in terms of achieving a spectacular event, failed to achieve the financial result we expected. However, full credit must be given to John Mollison and his hard working committee for organising the event from which we have gained valuable experience and knowledge.

Geoff Steinicke has chaired our horizons committee for the last two years and we thank him for his valuable contribution.

In closing I would like to thank my Vice President Greg Ross for his great support and counsel over the year. To Immediate Past President Jim Studebaker, firstly congratulations to you and Carol for being selected for the important role of District Governor for year 2008 - 2009. And secondly, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you for your total support, encouraging words and pertinent advice. To President John Magor and Elaine, I have pleasure in handing over to you a great club and I can assure you of my total support and together with the support of all the members you are assured of having a fulfilling and successful year.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wife Robyn for her patience, encouragement, advice and unqualified willingness to participate in Club activities during the year.

Peter Elliott

President 2005-2006

ADMINISTRATION

Secretary	Anthony Stokes
Deputy Secretary	Geoff Perdriau
Treasurer	Neil Ramsay
Minute Secretary	Bronwen Dimond
Attendance Officer	Hugo Goetze

Board Meetings

Regular monthly meetings were held throughout the year, with the exception of January. These meetings were held at the Electoral Office of Richard Dalla-Riva for which we thank Richard. Special short meetings were occasionally held after regular meetings to enable decisions to be made and implemented between regular meetings.

Board Elections

The Nominating Committee comprised two elected members, plus President Peter Elliott, President Elect John Magor and Immediate Past President Jim Studebaker. Resulting from the call for nominations for the 2006-07 committee, the following were received:

President Elect	Ian Adams and Ros Horne
Vice President	Phil Francis
Secretary	Brian Hurnard
Treasurer	Neil Ramsay
Directors	Garth Symington
	Bronwen Dimond
	Ken Maxfield
	Ralph Lee

There being two candidates for President-Elect, a ballot was held at the Annual General Meeting. Ian Adams was duly elected as President Elect 2006-07. There being only one candidate for each of the other position, the candidates were declared duly elected.

Attendance, Minutes, Annual Report

My thanks to Bronwen Dimond for taking the Board Minutes.

Thanks to Hugo Goetze for recording our attendance statistics and reporting to District. Hugo has also arranged name badges for new members - often at short notice.

I would like to thank Geoff Perdriau for ensuring speakers had the *Speakers* badge and for being my back-up.

Thanks to Jim Studebaker for assembling this Annual Report.

My best wishes to Brian Hurnard for his time as Secretary.

Anthony Stokes

CLUB SERVICE

Director

Don Bowden.

The smooth running of our Club is the result of the efforts of many people, and once again we have been fortunate in having talented, keen and enthusiastic people involved in the various Committees that make up the elements of Club Service. They have been led by Chairmen that have fulfilled their duties in an extremely capable manner.

Special thanks must again go to the Kew Golf Club. They have attended to all our needs in a very professional way, and we have built on an already excellent relationship that existed with their Executive Manager.

The Club continues to build its success on a strong platform of Fellowship activities, and a separate report from Chairman Barry Cummings highlights the excellent work done by his Committee. His leadership during the year enabled a program of activity that was varied, certainly interesting for new members and with an element of 'fun'.

The Club's membership activity in the capable hands of John Magor and Jim Studebaker ensured that our numbers continued to rank high in District 9800. A separate report provides the details.

My special thanks go to everyone mentioned in the following summary. They have made the position of Club Service Director a very fulfilling role.

Sergeant

Elisabeth Hall

It is rare that you see someone approach this role in the way Elisabeth did during the year. Full of fun, hair-raising at times, and quick off the mark replies to back chat were real highlights. Her fine raising sessions were entertaining not only for our members but guests too, who at times must have wondered what it was all about. Elisabeth – a terrific job well done.

Grapevine

John McBride

John certainly knows his way around a Computer and we appreciated the new look he introduced to our Grapevine with the many innovations that made the publication more interesting for members. It's a weekly job that requires attention to detail and a dedication to getting it done. John we appreciate your efforts during the year. Many thanks. And thanks also to Thelma Wright who once again provided photographic support with a 'trigger finger' at most of our meetings and functions.

Almoner

Findley Cornell

This role can be most difficult but Findley introduced a new 'twist' that made his sessions at our meetings that much easier for him and us. With Cricket, Football themes etc he kept us informed about those who had medical and health problems. And his regular contact conveying the Club's thoughts and best wishes we know were appreciated.

Program

**Tony Wells
John Moyle**

To maintain a weekly program of speakers of a high calibre needs a lot of planning, and once again we had two very committed people in Tony and John handling this. Tony is a new Rotarian and 'warmed' to the job very quickly. The result was excellent. The program was varied and interesting and as usual included some of our own members with 'personal profiles' that continue to be of interest to everyone, especially new members.

RI Information / Club Protection Sue McDonald

Another very busy new committed member to Rotary that showed immense interest in her portfolio. Sue reminded everyone of their responsibilities to Rotary in view of our involvement especially with young people. A delicate but most important subject, and members were advised of the potential need for Police Checks for members and new members that get involved at the youth level. Club Protection and Risk elements presented no problems during the year.

Web Master Dick Johnson

Another Computer Whiz that keeps our Website functioning and relevant to what is happening in the Club. A wealth of information is continually updated and added to and we certainly appreciate the dedication shown. The forwarding of regular communications to members on urgent items of interest, follow-up etc are also part of the function. During the year Dick worked out a way of including our Club's 96.5FM edition of the Rotary Hour on the Website. An innovation that has worked really well and enables everyone to tune in even when they cannot listen at 4.00p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month.

Property Officer John McBride

For the second year running John has continued to work tirelessly as our property officer. With many functions held, and being in charge of our 'Container' that has a significant number of items required for our catering and events, John has provided a level of support second to none. During the year many items had to be replaced due to age and this was done with a minimum of fuss. John, the Club appreciates your commitment to getting the job done.

Attendance Hugo Goetze
Geoff Perdriau

Attendance records require accurate recording and reporting each week not only to pay Meal accounts but for District records. Hugo was involved for the second year and we could rely on very prompt data being processed after the conclusion of each meeting. Geoff Perdriau once again provided excellent backup as required. Special mention and thanks should go to Jane Pennington who again provided the contact point for accepting apologies and attendance for our meetings.

Radio Program 96.5FM Don Bowden
John Mollison

Don and John have anchored once again the Rotary Hour for North Balwyn on the first Tuesday of every month at 4.00p.m. Don provides the 'disc jockey' element and John goes to great lengths in finding suitable guests to interview to make the one hour program more interesting. Tony Wells has now become involved and will be an excellent standby to step in as required. He handled two programs towards the end of the year in a very professional manner.

Public Communications David Cheney

Getting publicity for organisations like Rotary is not easy. During the year we were fortunate in getting excellent exposure for many of our activities and projects, especially 'Jazz at the Farm' and our involvement with the Port Lincoln Club on Bushfire relief in South Australia. David rose to the occasion every time with many time consuming contacts with Local Press, Radio, the Rotary Downunder Magazine and numerous other organizations. His personal effort in getting Christmas decorations etc donated for people involved with the Bushfires in South Australia was certainly appreciated. Well done David.

Don Bowden

FELLOWSHIP

Chairman: Barry Cummings

Committee:	Ted Angleton	Geoff Dwyer	Rob Head
	Ros Horne	Terry Keyhoe	Ian Mollison
	Sue McDonald	Jim Romanis	Jim Studebaker
	David Willshire		

Fellowship activities were constant throughout the year and a brief summary follows:

Grand Final Night kicked off with opening entertainment by The Clare Castle Jazz Band. Guest Speaker was "Sam" Cornell a.k.a. Findley, presenting a "street talk" interview with the North Balwyn "Lions Club".

Melbourne Cup Night - Graham Duff, Chairman of Racing Victoria, spoke of the Melbourne Cup from its early days.

Christmas Night saw the return of the Paynesville Five, accompanied by Don Bowden on piano. Christmas presents donated by members were delivered to The Salvation Army in Box Hill for families in need within the Community.

Christmas Breakfast at the McBrides - thanks to Jill and John for their continued support.

The **Family Christmas Picnic** saw the initiation of a new Santa, Bob Adams, arriving by convertible to entertain the children and distribute gifts, for a perfect day with many members and their families in attendance.

Our first January meeting was a **BBQ at Kew Golf Club** with 137 members and guests of the Burke Cluster.

The **February Fishing/Golf Weekend** organised by Ted Angleton and Greg Matthews was again an excellent weekend of fellowship.

March saw a repeat of last years **Lawn Bowls Night** at the North Balwyn Bowls Club - thanks again to Ian Mollison for organising a pleasant evening for members and partners.

Our **pre-Easter Dinner** at Yiannis Greek Restaurant was well attended and enjoyed by all.

After a lapse of some years we again held a **Progressive Dinner** which was most successful, with thanks to Kerrie and Jim Romanis and all the dinner hosts.

The year finished with a most entertaining **Birthday Night** with various Committees presenting their version of a fairy tale.

My special thanks to the Committee members whose support throughout the year ensured the success of our various activities.

Barry Cummings

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The incoming Rotary International President, Bill Boyd, has set a target of at least one net new member for each Rotary Club next year. At the same time, our District Membership Committee has emphasised that clubs that have limited their numbers in the past, or failed to continually invite new members into their club, have declined and, in some instances, closed completely.

Whilst we are delighted to report five new members have joined our Club during the year, we lament the loss of three of our members, all due to moving interstate and/or increased levels of work commitment.

We welcomed:

Peter Sutherland
Bert Montauban
Bruce Timbs
Joseph Ebbage
Chris Flavelle-Smith

We farewelled

David deGaris
Brad Mills
Meg Morris

After 22 years of service to Rotary and our Club, PP John Thwaites resigned as an Active Member and subsequently accepted our Club's invitation to become an Honorary Member.

Because of increasing difficulties in supporting our Club and its activities, the Board accepted with regret, the resignations from Honorary Members David Goldsmith and John Etkins. Both served our Club with distinction.

Of great loss to our Club was the passing of Honorary Member, Keith Glover. Keith was a regular contributor to the Club, attending many of our functions throughout many years and assisting with special projects as our Master of Ceremonies on many occasions.

We have continued the practice of holding a small social function after the Club meeting to help the new inductees and their partners. It cannot be emphasised enough that to retain new members it is very important that partners are made to feel welcome and encouraged to join in the Club fellowship functions.

At year end our active Club has 96 Active and four Honorary members, giving the Club the opportunity to serve Rotary across a wide range of local and international community endeavours.

John Magor & Jim Studebaker



Peter Sutherland is welcomed into the Club by Larry Fitzpatrick



Newer members Don Taylor & Joe Butler with Matthew Pauli

Community Service Committee

Committee Membership: Peter Cleary (Director), Peter Baird, P P David Cheney, David de Garis, Phil Francis, Don Haycraft, Brad Mills, Meg Morris, Ian Richardson, P P Bill Thackray, Ted Wilkins. During the year David de Garis, Brad Mills and Meg Morris resigned from the Club and were replaced on the Committee by Bert Montauban and Bruce Timbs.

Projects undertaken during the year were varied and included Further discussions with Boroondara Council to bring to conclusion the Centenary of Rotary Project as part of the \$160000 Marwall Avenue Pedestrian Plaza development to be undertaken in the latter part of 2006. Participation in the annual Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, the ABC Christmas Giving Tree Project with proceeds to Camcare, the Variety Club 3AW Bicycle Radiothon, the Variety Club Children's Christmas Party, the monthly food collection for Camcare, the distribution of Ambulance Victoria Health Record Booklets and Red Cross Blood Donor Program.

The Club provided both physical and financial support to the North Balwyn Inter Church Leigh Park Community Christmas Carols Project.

Eight cartons of Christmas decorations were supplied through the generosity of the proprietor of Santa's Place in Moorooduc to residents of the Lower Eyre Peninsula S A following the bushfires in that area.

Ambulance Victoria's 4 Steps to Life Program was presented to the Club Members with DVDs available for educational purposes.

Educational material was distributed to schools in the Bulleen and North Balwyn areas on behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation.

Two Cluster projects involving Health Awareness and financing of the Royal Children's Hospital Neurological Surgical Department's Rotary Ward 8 were supported

Assistance was provided to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund by promoting the 25th Anniversary Friend of the Fund Project amongst members and by supporting the Indigenous Health Scholarship Fund with a donation of \$2500 which will be matched by the Commonwealth Government.



Grampians Bushfire Relief organisers 'KB' of RC Pt Lincoln and Peter Cleary with Mike McKay and John Mollison clearing farming land devastated by fire at the beginning of the year

A joint project to assist the victims of the Grampians Bushfires was undertaken in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Pt Lincoln S A whereby 20 Club members undertook bushfire relief work assisting the Grampians Communities to clean up and rebuild fences in the area.

In conclusion I wish to personally thank all members of the Committee and all Club members who assisted in ensuring that the projects undertaken were completed satisfactorily in the true Rotary Spirit of "Service Above Self"

Peter Cleary
Director Community Service

NEW GENERATIONS

Committee: John Gartlan, Director

Michael Barden
Bronwen Dimond
Michael Farkas
Brian Hurnard
Ralph Lee
Mike McKay
Maria Moffat
Matthew Pauli
Geoff Perdriau
Thelma Wright

The New Generations Committee did its best to put into practice the belief of World President, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, that an investment in our youth is an investment in our future.

New Programs:

Initiatives this year were:

- Assisting the District RYLA Committee to continue its program towards establishing RYLA in East Timor by bringing three young East Timorese to Melbourne to participate in the December 2005 RYLA camp at Wonga Park. Our Club's aid was partly financial (a gift of \$2,000) and partly in kind (assisting in billeting the visitors with Michael Barden and Rosemary Kelly being particularly helpful). By happy coincidence, all this was at a time when Ros Horne is providing exceptional leadership of RYLA at District level.
- Involvement in Why Try, which is an educational pilot program being run in certain schools with the aim of motivating the most poorly-performing pupils to become better students and better future citizens. Our initial contribution of \$2,300 assisted Balwyn High, which is so enthusiastic about the program that it has taken the program well beyond the extent of our assistance by applying it to all Year 9 students, good and bad, in the hope that the good get even better and the bad make significant improvement. Our Club was fully briefed on the program during New Generations month when the Balwyn High chaplain, Jim Vaughn, addressed our meeting on 29th September.

New Generations also continued its involvement in the following youth programs, with which members will be familiar:

Youth Exchange:

The highlight of the year was the presence of our Swiss exchange student, Livia Popp. Livia won us all over with her charm, her obvious interest in her host country and her clear desire to use her year abroad for its purpose of fostering international goodwill and advancing personal growth. She is a girl who ranks second to none among our incoming exchange students.

Special thanks are due to Livia's host families, Rosemary Kelly and Michael Barden, Carol and Jim Studebaker, Erin and Peter Courtney, Ann Kerr and Graham Bird, and Robyn and Peter Elliott. Our Club is also extremely grateful to Genazzano for having so readily accepted Livia for the year and to Sue McDonald for acting as Livia's counsellor.

At the time of going to press, the Committee, through Mike McKay, was working through the process of seeking a suitable candidate to be an outgoing youth exchange student for 2007.

Rotaract:

Unfortunately, a non-highlight this year was the fact that our Rotaract Club has struggled to survive. Our Rotaract Liaison Officer, Matthew Pauli, assisted by Brian Hurnard and Mike McKay, has put in countless hours of assistance and encouragement well beyond his duty. However, Rotaract's future will ultimately depend on whether it is successful in attracting new members fairly quickly and building from there. Without new members, the Rotaract Club does not have the numbers to run events or functions. Without events or functions, the Club cannot gain or retain members.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN):

Our Club sponsored four students to RYPEN on the weekend of 21st-23rd April, 2006. They were Chandni Harinhai, Jae Min Shin, Helen Vlachos and Anthony Kyrkou whose cosmopolitan ancestry shows how ill-informed are those people who refer to North Balwyn as North Boring. Brian Hurnard, with much assistance from Geoff Perdriau, ensured that the RYPEN experience was beneficial to the students and he arranged for us to receive feed-back on their experience at our meeting on May 18th, which was also attended by the students' Year 11 co-ordinator, Karen Harris.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA):

This camp, already referred to above in connection with our East Timor visitors, was run very successfully by District. Our Club sponsored two candidates, Matt Jorner (24) and Nick Sutherland (21). Matt, who came from an unhappy background, was recommended to us by The Lighthouse Foundation, which helps youth at risk and which has helped Matt to greatly improve his life from its darkest days. His week at RYLA continued to assist that improvement. Nick, from a very different background, stable and loving, addressed our Club on March 16th to convey his enthusiasm for the experience. Great credit is due to Michael Barden and Thelma Wright for their part in ensuring our Club's successful participation.

Siemens Science Experience:

Geoff Perdriau and Maria Moffat put in much effort to ensure that we were able to sponsor two students to attend the Siemens Science Experience at Melbourne University in January 2006. Jennifer Commons and Gracia Anggraini were the students selected to attend, both of whom told us in a subsequent visit to the Club on March 9th how much they had appreciated the opportunity.

Interact:

Our Interact Club, based at Balwyn High, continues under the excellent guidance of Bronwen Dimond and under the leadership of the same student team who have carried on from last year. The unusually short first term in 2006 disrupted the Club's momentum somewhat but that was only temporary and now our MUNA candidates have been put forward with the Club's blessing.

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA):

We have two students attending MUNA, hosted this year by the Rotary Club of Melton Valley at Myrniong on the weekend of 17th and 18th June. Our two students attending are Ci Yun Ho and Anna Kapnoulas. At the time of writing this report, it was not known which country they would be representing. Many thanks to Ralph Lee and Bronwen Dimond for their attention to detail in ensuring our Club's successful participation in MUNA.

selection level, was busy putting in much time to obtain others.

In conclusion, allow me to compliment the members of this committee. In fourteen years in Rotary I have never experienced a committee whose personnel were so imbued with the right attitude and who were so diligent and competent. It was a privilege to have been their chairman.

JOHN GARTLAN



Our Interactors band present President Peter with a generous donation toward the Club's Adopt a Community project in Tulagi Solomon Islands



Rotaract liaison member Matthew Pauli with members of the North Balwyn Rotaract Club

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Director	Delina Schembri-Hardy	
Committee	Ian Adams	Marcel Muntwyler
	Jo Butler	Lindsay Pegg
	Geoff Griffiths	John Rennie
	Max Hunter	George Selkrig
	Ann Kerr	Nino Sofra
	Lew Lustig	Kitch Wendt

Member Skills Database - Lindsay Pegg

This year, the Vocational Committee embarked on an initiative to set up a database to record the broad range of individual skills our members have acquired through work, hobbies, etc. This information would supplement the brief qualification and vocational data already held by the Club.

The thrust of the project was threefold, that is, to have available information that would help identify members who may be able to:

- Assist with mentoring programs undertaken by the Club from time to time.
- Provide assistance to other Club members in relation to a particular skill.
- Help the Club when embarking on specialised projects.

Data collection commenced during March 2006, however, as many members have yet to respond, the project will be passed to the incoming Vocational Committee to progress further during 2006/07.

Sounding Board (Executive Bank) – Kitch Wendt

Sometime ago the club established a business mentoring service to offer local people in the business community free business advice or opinion from the wealth of knowledge and a bank of skill and experience available through members of the club. There were a couple of cases in the pipeline this year that were followed up as a result of approaches made to us, but no new clients were obtained.

The committee considered additional advertising for this mentoring service through local newspapers, shopping centre owners and local councils to ascertain any further interest. However given the difficulties in “marrying” up potential businesses with our current skills listing and the perceived problems in following through with arrangements, it has been decided to defer any further action in this current year.

We consider that Sounding Board is a worthwhile project and should be continued but on the basis that the clubs’ skills data base is updated and fully completed prior to any further advertising.

Mentoring Guidelines – Ian Adams

The committee undertook to develop guidelines and tips for mentors of new members.

The objectives were:

- To help new members settle more readily into our club culture and gain a better understanding of how Rotary works
- To give guidance on how they may contribute to the life of the club.

The committee took into consideration:

- Who the mentors should be, e.g. How much Rotary experience needed
- Regular ongoing contact with the new member
- Partner participation
- Participation in club activities, e.g. Fundraising, fellowship, service
- Fireside chats
- Appropriate documentation for new members

A dossier of useful material s is being collated for use by Mentors.

VOCATIONAL VISIT - Nino Sofra & George Selkrig

Our vocational visit this year was to Melrose Health Supplies which is part of the complementary healthcare industry and brain child of one of our own members, Geoff Steinicke and his partner Judy. The company was founded 27 years ago and has traded profitably every year since. It has grown to achieve annual sales in the vicinity of \$12 million. This is due in no small part to the hard work of its two Founders and their principles of growth through excellence and using only the very best ingredients, formulations, and techniques available.

Our hosts for the evening Geoff and Judy and their very helpful team took a group of about 80 Rotarians and partners on an informative tour of their facility, outlining and demonstrating their manufacturing, packaging and distribution centre. Geoff also regaled us with some of the personal trials, tribulations and successes of pioneering a new industry. All of which was very much appreciated and enjoyed by our members.

Once we had concluded our tour of Melrose, we adjourned to "What's a Name" restaurant where our host Steven ensured that we were provided with a wonderful meal. The general consensus was that the food was excellent, the wine drinkable and the fellowship top notch.

A visit to The Alfred Hospital has been arranged for July, 2006. The Alfred Foundation has planned for a talk on the aspects of 'Asthma in the ageing population', a huge area of unmet need and an area of active research at The Alfred.

JOB INTERVIEWS FOR STUDENTS - Ian Adams/Marcel Muntwyler

A number of Club members undertook "mock" job interviews at Camberwell Grammar School in October 2005. Students were not successfully coordinated by the school and it was felt that October was too near to school exams. This was a disappointed exercise for club members. We believe the concept is excellent but there needs to be a champion within the school community before this can be undertaken again.

Shine On Award - Lew Lustig

We had a successful outcome at the Shine On Awards, which were held at Maryborough on the 7th May. Dorothy Hamilton, our nominee, was selected from a large field of very worthwhile nominees in being selected for a major award. Whilst Dorothy did not attend the awards, we had the opportunity to present it to her at the Club meeting on Thursday 18th of May.

Shine On Awards serve to inspire all who are associated with them and we encourage our Club's continued participation in this project.

Life Education Victoria - Marcel Muntwyler

This wonderful organisation is providing school children of all ages with basic information on maintaining a healthy body and mind and an insight of the adverse effects created by excessive use of alcohol and drugs works on the premise that - Prevention is better than cure.

Following on from our Club's previous involvement with this organisation, we made a request to the Club's Board for a contribution and this was accepted. A cheque of \$ 2,000 was presented to Life Education Victoria in January 2006.

We recommend that our Club continue to be involved and give support to Life Education on a regular basis, through our Community Services group.

Computer Training - Ann Kerr

A number of our members have a great deal of experience with regard to working with computers, on the other hand, we have members who have no experience whatsoever perhaps because they have worked with staff who took care of all correspondence etc. for them.

Computer training matches the experienced with the inexperienced and on a one to one basis training was provided on a casual basis as required. The most common need was for email training and those who have been assisted have appreciated the help and are now able to communicate via email with confidence - if they run into problems they have someone at the end of the phone to help them out.

Computer training has been a valuable resource since being introduced some time ago but we expect that the need for this project will decrease.

Work Experience for Country Kids – Jo Butler

Each year Rotary is asked by Rochester Secondary College to help place students in jobs that will provide country kids with work experience. We have seven job placements with members of our Rotary club this year. The experience the students gain is not only in work, but on exploring their way around the city and suburbs of Melbourne, getting to and from their accommodation and work locations. Real life experiences for many coming from a regional area.

What's My Line – John Rennie

New member's biographies are always the best evenings we have in Rotary because we learn more about each other.

It has been disappointing that the What's My Line presentations have not been given with the same degree of enthusiasm by our long-term members this year. There is no better place for new members to learn more about how our senior members contribute; some to outside organisations, some with passion for their hobbies. This is your opportunity to stand in the spot light for 10 minutes and tell us what you are passionate about. We sincerely hope this continues to be a part of Rotary evenings in the future.

Delina Schembri-Hardy

INTERNATIONAL

Director	Duncan Ansell		
Committee	Garth Symington	John Reddish	Tony McLean
	Bob Bott	Bob Adams	Ian Taylor
	Jane Pennington	Gavan Schwartz	John Robson
	Robert Ebihara		

The main thrust of our International program was our Adopted Community of Tulagi, Solomon Islands. The five members who visited Tulagi remained on the International Committee this year.

Adopt a Community

We have been liaising with Rotarian Linda McMillan of the Rotary Club of Honiara, Solomon Islands to obtain quotes for key projects to improve services and facilities at the Tulagi school and hospital. Things do not happen quickly on Tulagi, but there are two major projects which have commenced and should be completed in the next couple of months.

Matching Grant

With Jim Studebaker and John Reddish preparing the application for a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation, together with the financial support from the Rotary Clubs of Balwyn and Istanbul-Goksu, Turkey as well as District Designated Funds from Districts 9800 and 2420 our Matching Grant application was approved by the Rotary Foundation in Evanston, IL, USA.

The Rotary Clubs of Balwyn and North Balwyn each contributed \$8,542 US and our committee appreciates their financial support for this project.

This is a magnificent effort and I would like to thank all the people who put a huge amount of time and skill in to getting this Grant being approved.

Details of the Grant:

Total value: \$ 46,257 US dollars

Items to be purchased and installed:

Installation and connection of new septic tank.

3 x 1000 gallon rainwater tanks plus spouting, guttering and piping to interconnect.

Supply and installation of two toilets, all plumbing requisites and connection to septic tank.

Two hundred (2 seat) student desks – to be manufactured in Tulagi.

Supply and installation of school lighting – 54 two-tube fluorescent lighting banks.

Supply and installation of 28 ceiling fans.

Donations in Kind – 20 ft Container

For the past nine months many members have been donating and sourcing items to fill a container of new and second hand goods which arrived in Honiara late April. As you read this report, the team of Duncan Ansell, Tony Wells, and Don Taylor will be in Tulagi distributing the contents to ensure they get safely to the intended recipients at the school and hospital.

Contents of the Container

7 hospital beds and railings, 5 hospital hi/lo beds, 7 hospital mattresses, 4 new hospital mattress covers, 10 boxes of new children's clothing, 1 new junior size soccer goal and net set donated by Tony McLean and Duncan Ansell, This is being set up and installed by us using the 24 bags of quick set cement obtained by Terry Keyhoe. 4 new portable netball stands donated by John Reddish, 7 new boxes of surgeons and examination gloves donated from Ansell Ltd, 3 boxes texta and marker pens, 1 portable as new defibrillator donated by Elisabeth Hall, 1 photocopier, 10 computers (H/D) Keyboards, etc) 1 Hospital examination couch, desk, 1 small table, 8 trapezium tables, 54 new florescent light fittings and tubes, 13 office chairs, 1 bag of assorted emergency lights, 2 whiteboards, 28 new ceiling fans, 85 boxes of new and second hand (general reading and educational). Kitchner Wendt also donated 40 cartons of new books. Garth Symington also obtained donations of computers and printers from various sources. Seven of our partners spent a morning repacking and marking 17 cartons of Christmas toys for the McMahon School children, which we appreciate and would like to thank them.

All the mechanical goods donated were in good working order.

As can be seen this is a team effort and I would like to thank all the people listed above for their generous donations or contacts to make this container such a success.

Last but not least, what would we have done without Larry Fitzpatrick and the use of his storage facilities and his truck. He gave us the use of his facilities for many months and once all the goods were at his CSSS a team led by Larry filled the container to the gunnels.

Many thanks Larry.

JOBS COMPLETED IN TULAGI

The school toilets were fully refurbished but unfortunately cannot be used because the septic tank did not have enough capacity to handle the volume of the school. A new one is required and is being built under the Matching Grant.

50 new two-seater desks were supplied to the school, built locally. These were funded at a cost of \$2750Aus by donations from club members. When the 200 are supplied from the Matching Grant, the school will be fully supplied with new desks.

FUTURE PROJECTS IN TULAGI

Hospital Fence

The 2 quotes are being evaluated on the 3metre high cyclone and barbed wire fence to cover the one-acre site. The Don Bosco Technical Institute in Honiara will be quoting as well, as they have the skills but would be much cheaper than building companies due to low overheads and not looking for big profits.

Generator for the Hospital

We have quotes but we are currently evaluating their electricity usage so that we buy a generator that is the correct capacity.

Hospital Extensions to expand the hospital to 50-60 beds and a new kitchen for the hospital. This is currently being investigated during the visit by D.Ansell, Tony Wells and Don Taylor.

New Water Tanks, Stands and Guttering for the Hospital

Painting and General Maintenance of the School and Hospital

Currently being investigated but there are two options,

- a. RAWCS team
- b. Don Bosco Technical Institute, or perhaps combine the two as a single project.

TEAM VISITS

Bob Bott and Bill Oakley visited Honiara and Tulagi, from May 23rd to June 3rd. They reviewed and reported on numerous ongoing and proposed projects. Duncan Ansell, Tony Wells and Don Taylor are currently away and will be likewise reporting back on specific projects, which will be evaluated by the new International Committee and Board and actioned where they feel necessary.

TWIN ROTARY PROGRAM WITH URAWA SOUTH

They donated \$935 to our Club to be spent at our discretion, which of course was used for Tulagi.

There have been no team visits this year but Robert Ebihara visits their Club during his business trips.

RAWCS \$2 STICKERS

59 were sold and a cheque for \$118 was sent off to District 9800

ROMAC-DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Bob Adams joined the District ROMAC Committee early in the year and is enjoying the role, which he is carrying out with much enthusiasm and has been visiting many clubs in the district to raise funds for this project.

Our Club has donated \$1,000 towards this worthwhile cause.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS

At the request of Ambassadorial scholar Michael Morris, the Club donated \$250 towards the cost of a generator at St Judes School in Africa.

NORTH BALWYN INTERACT CLUB

Our Intertact Club generously donated \$1,700 from their fundraising function to be used on projects in Tulagi. Thank you Interact.

DONATION TO DON BOSCO/SALESIANS

Bob Bott has given money out of the Bott Foundation to cover the purchase of 500 mosquito nets. These will be distributed through the Salesians of Don Bosco in the Solomons and this will further strengthen ties to Rotary and our project in Tulagi.

Well done Bob and we thank you very much for your donation, which will help reduce malaria dramatically.

DONATION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Our Club has approved the donation of \$12,462 to the Foundation, the highest amount ever given by our Club to Foundation.

As this is my last year in this role, I would like to thank everyone on my committee who have given me full support during this period, in particular Garth Symington, who very capably filled my shoes during my short absence when the DIK container was packed and shipped to the Solomon Islands.

Duncan Ansell

HORIZONS

Chairman Geoff Steinicke

Peter Elliott, John Magor, Jim Studebaker, Bronwen Dimond, Findley Cornell

The committee met three times during the year. The Horizons Committee's charter is to suggest future directions for the club; it is not meant to be a committee of review. However, a review of established activities will often present an opportunity for future direction. Several projects were discussed with the following results:

- **Catering** in partnership with Sodexo at the **Commonwealth Games**
Discussion: Project lapsed because Sodexo could not win a contract.
- **Club Survey of members - a SWOT analysis**
Discussion: Decided that the club does not see value in having a member survey.
- **Opportunity Shop**
Discussion: On hold, unless one or more members want to set it up.
- **Fund Raising on a larger scale**, for example, a golf day to raise \$100,000.
Discussion: On hold.
- **Club Membership** – the stated aim: “membership should be a reflection of our community achieved by increasing female membership and seek members in the under 50 age bracket.”
Discussion: No female members were inducted this year and half the male inductees were under 50 years of age. We question the weighting of the under 50 aim.
Our female members should be encouraged to seek other female members.
- **Tulagi “Adopt a Community” is a major project of RCNB**
Discussion: The lack of spontaneous response to requests for volunteers to go on assignment to Tulagi will need to be addressed. One obstacle to participation is the air fare. Perhaps a subscribing fund needs to be established to pay half the travel costs of volunteers.
- **Fully Funded Training of nurses from Tulagi**
Discussion: Current investigation into funding nurses from Tulagi to receive several months tuition in Melbourne, is proceeding.
- **Camp Getaway, Lancefield**
Discussion: There are no immediate projects, but a project for RCNB is expected at some future time.
- **Janet Hawkins property at Woodend**
Discussion: This has the possibility of a community project for Very Special Kids (VSK). Legal issues are currently being drafted in regard to the future changes required to meet the needs of VSK. A definite project for RCNB with District involvement – proceeding.
- **Scholarships for Aboriginal Children**
Discussion: Scholarships for aboriginal children in the Shepparton area is being met by one of the Clubs in Shepparton. Suggested we look at the south western region of Victoria, eg., Portland area. Investigation is continuing.
- **Local Swap Meet or a Show – horticultural / food festival / craft.**
Discussion: Not much support for a one-day activity, but the success of the Boroondara market run by RC Glenferrie and farmer's markets generally, could be a possibility. Needs further research.

Geoff Steinicke

Fundraising Committee

Committee: Bill Oakley, Director

Graeme Bird, Tom Christensen, Peter Courtney, Paul Fitz, Maria Gouvoussi, Terry Gretton, Geoff Haddy, Imre Lele, Ron Liner, Dave Morris, John Robson, Don Taylor, Maurie Walters.

As our Club gets larger, so the number of members in each committee also grows, and there is the potential for committees to become unwieldy. Despite its size, the Fundraising Committee worked with remarkable cohesion to achieve a considerable amount of work and to enjoy good fellowship in the process.

Fundraising Activities

This year the Fundraising Committee raised approximately \$48,000 for the Club (including the recovery of some \$4,000 in GST payments). It is not possible to be precise as some fundraising activities were not complete for the year at the time of writing.

Principal contributors were:

1. *Rotary River Ride - \$4,431*

Michael Barden headed the standing committee which organised and ran this year's event. Geoff Haddy and Don Taylor also contributed hugely to the success of this event. Most of the problems experienced in the previous year's event were overcome with participant numbers up about 20 and proceeds almost doubling. The Austin Hospital - Olivia Newton-John Cancer Ward continues to be a major beneficiary of this event. Besides being a worthy charity, we believe that many riders are persuaded to participate because of our support of cancer research. It is expected that next year we will be able to build on the solid foundations laid this year to again substantially increase participation and profit.

2. *Catering Functions - \$3,138*

We made use of our catering expertise to support a number of different events including two craft displays at the Mt Waverly Community Centre and a "Life Be In It" day for IBM staff at Albert Park. As well as generating funds these events proved to be good fellowship activities. Particular thanks to Peter Courtney, Terry Gretton and Maurie Walters who stepped in to look after the coordination of some of these events when Bill Oakley, wearing his caterer's hat, was not available.

3. *Christmas Raffle - \$10,719*

Particular congratulations must go to Maurie Walters and Imre Lele who took on the organising for the first time for a very good result. It was only a few hundred down on the previous year's record result, and made all the more creditable when taking into account the fact that Jazz at the Farm took place in the middle of the selling period. Particular thanks to Jim and Kerrie Romanis for again providing accommodation at Noosa, the major part of our first prize.

4. *Golf Day - \$11,824*

Terry Gretton took on the daunting task of filling the very large shoes of Ted Wilkins as organiser of this day. The spectacular result is testament to the huge amount of work Terry put into this event. Although Terry is moving on to bigger things in next year's Club administration, he has indicated a keenness to keep involved with the Golf Day and build on this year's efforts. Sponsors, and especially our major sponsor, Ian Mollison and Jetset Travel North Balwyn, contribute greatly to the financial success of this day. (Refer to the section on Sponsors below).

5. *Cabaret Night - \$402*

A great night of entertainment was had at the Manningham Club by about 130 members and friends. Poor numbers kept profits from this event modest. Thanks to Ron Liner for the great effort he put into the organising over a considerable time. His efforts were somewhat frustrated by his going to hospital for a hip operation shortly after the night.

6. Grand Prix - \$7,282

After almost ten year's involvement with The Formula One Grand Prix, organisation of this event is a well oiled machine – kept that way by Michael Barden who heads the permanent coordinating committee. Although the work hours are dreadful (start at 5.00am at Marwell Ave!) there seems to be no shortage of 'petrol heads' who want to be involved, even though the change of date because of the Commonwealth Games forced a clash with the District Conference at Geelong. The Grand Prix also provides a fundraising opportunity for Rotaract who provide a team to wash some of the official on-course cars.

7. Wine Sales - \$1,500+

Thanks to Don Taylor we have been able to secure a supply of excellent labelled red and white wine which we sell at a good profit, at prices still well below bottle shop prices. At the time of writing this project has only been launched, and promises to generate good funds for us next year as well.

8. Equestrian Event - \$2,000

Again this Queen's Birthday Weekend we plan to provide a team to help at the Three Day Equestrian event at Werribee Park. We earn good money for a most enjoyable day watching the horses! Thanks to Ian Richardson for acting as "guest coordinator" for this event.

9. Bill's Jams

It looks like jam sales will generate over \$1,000 for the Club funds for the first time this year.

10. Other Fundraising

Thanks to Maria Gouvoussi for a great effort with the Xmas cake and pudding sales which netted \$487 this year, about \$50 more than last year. Market research raised \$340 this year. We offered the sale of the entertainment books to the Rotaract Club as a fundraiser for them. Sale of Rotary Centenary coins from the Perth Mint raised \$165.

Sponsors

The success of most of our major fundraising activities is heavily reliant upon the support of sponsors, many of whom are not directly related to the Club. Sponsorship involves not only cash and material donations, but such things as performing at some of our events, or erecting real estate type signs to assist our promotion. The list following may not be exhaustive, and many sponsors could be listed under several events. However the list may give our members and friends some idea of the breadth of support we enjoy, and may encourage them to support those who support us.

A number of our sponsors attended a Club meeting as our guests to receive certificates of appreciation for their support, and to enable them to gain some understanding of how we use the proceeds of their help.

Our 2005-2006 Sponsors and Supporters**Rotary River Ride**

Bike Life -Auburn

Phillip Webb - Ringwood

Victorian Branch Scout Band

Hocking Stuart - Ivanhoe

Morrison Kleeman - Eltham

Bettiol Property Group -

Templestowe

Paul Walker First National

Landfield Real Estate

Barry Plant Doherty

Miles Real Estate

Hudson Bond

Dingle Partners

Christmas Raffle

Jim & Kerrie Romanis

Harvey Phillips Retravisio - Kew

Jazz at the Farm

Sam Meerkin

Wesley College Band

Bell Potter Securities

Channel 31

Top Digital Colour Copy Centre

Victoria Jazz Club

Balwyn High School Band

Manny's Music

ABC FM 105.9 Radio

Boccaccio Cellars

National Foods - Mulgrave

Clare Castle Jazz Band

PBS-106.7 FM Radio

Magic 693 Radio

Cabaret Night

David East – Doncaster
Taste D’Vine Wine Merchants

Timeless Ties

Rudi’s Painting Service

Italy One Restaurant
Gunn and McConville
Pharmacy – North Balwyn
Tisher, Liner & Company

Julian Smith
Savouring Italy – North Balwyn

Chez Tina for Hair – North
Balwyn

Charity Golf Day

Jetset Travel – North Balwyn
McDonalds Family Restaurants
– Hawthorn & Kew

Kew Golf Club

Drummond Golf – Kew

Fletchers Real Estate – North
Balwyn

Snowgum – Hawthorn and
Malvern

Total Super Solutions Pty Ltd
WHK Greenwood

Zig Inge Enterprises – Balwyn

Maher & Meads Pty Ltd –
Doncaster

Greenacres Golf Club

Mellowcroft Butchers Balwyn

Bendigo Community Bank –
Doncaster

Melrose Health Supplies Pty Ltd

Ricoh Business Centre

Consumer Insights – Kew

Stambo’s Food Services –
Thomastown

ANZ Bank – Doncaster

Solver Paints

Di Palma’s Restaurant – East
Kew

W Carew Hardham & Gartlan

Stokes & Bell Pty Ltd

Grand Prix Catering

Australian Grand Prix Corp

Scouts – Clifford Park

Major Fundraising Activity

For some time we have, as a Club, been trying to increase our overall level of fundraising in an endeavour to support the growing number and range of community service activities in which our large and active Club becomes involved. In particular, as we attempt more ambitious projects, like the Adopt a Community project in the Solomon Islands, we need more funds. The strategy has been to try and identify and develop one or two major fundraising activities which can be added to our fundraising programme. A number of possibilities were investigated during the 2004/05 Rotary Year, and two were tries during this year – Jazz at the Farm, and the Cabaret Night.

These initial efforts weren’t exactly crowned with success! However the need remains as strong as ever for the Club to strengthen its fundraising base. Some of our existing activities, like the Grand Prix, have a finite life. Others, like the Christmas Raffle, are mature and have little potential to significantly increase their earning potential. There is perhaps some potential to increase the result from the Golf day, but this is limited by the overall number of players we can accommodate.

Of our existing activities, the Rotary River Ride has the best potential to be developed further. The two events we tried this year with such limited success – Jazz at the Farm and the Cabaret Night – are both still under active consideration to see if a successful formula can be developed. The key to success of all of these activities will be to attract substantial numbers of the public to participate.

During the coming year the Fundraising Committee will continue to actively seek new ways of fundraising for the Club, and to extract the best possible result from our existing fundraising activities.

Appreciation

To the members of the Fundraising Committee who have supported me so wholeheartedly in all our fundraising efforts, and have taken responsibility for organising and running many different events, mine and the Club’s thanks. I especially thank those who opened their homes to host what were memorable and productive committee meetings – and great fun and fellowship activities too!

Thank you also to the Chairmen and members of the ongoing sub-committees which organise and run some of our major fundraising events – The Rotary River Ride, Jazz at the Farm and the Grand Prix

catering, in particular John Mollison and Michael Barden. Work in running these events for their committees is often over and above regular Rotary committee obligations, but the continuity ensures the continuing success of these major events

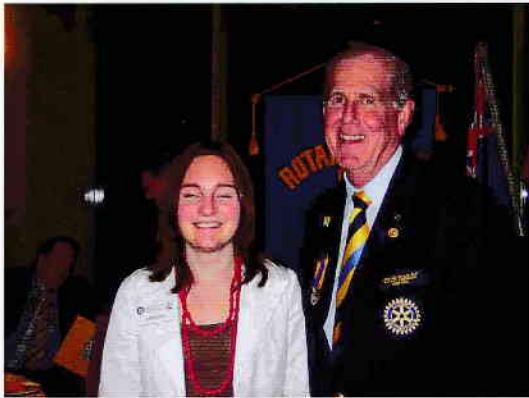
To Jane Pennington and Nino Sofra, thank you for taking on the additional role of catering assistants during the year. Your support considerably eased my burden with catering activities, and made a major contribution to the many fundraising activities which rely on catering. To Ted Wilkins, Ian Richardson, Ian Taylor and others who continued to support the fundraising activities they were involved with from the previous year to help the new team and smooth the transition, many thanks.

Our fundraising relies on the support of the whole Club. To all members, partners and friends who willingly gave of their time, energy and talent for fundraising, you are the strength and success of the Club. I continue in the role of Fundraising Director for the coming year, and look forward to another productive and rewarding year

Bill Oakley



Our Youth Exchange Student Livia Popp (Switzerland)



Livia with DG John Wigley



Livia meeting her first Host parents, the Bardens at Melbourne Airport



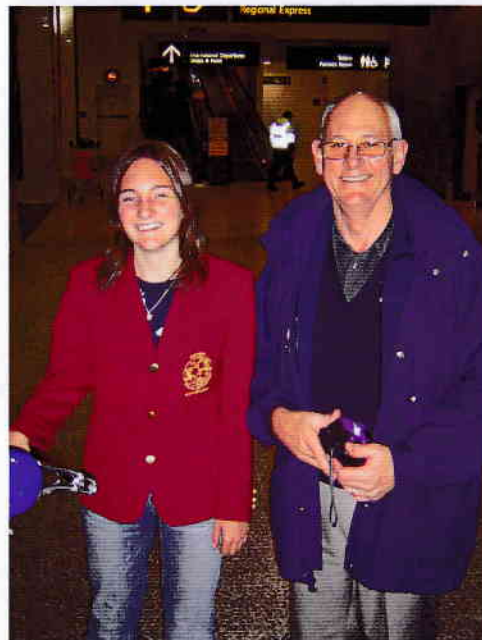
Livia with a Commonwealth Games Gold Medal



Livia with her Grandfather, Parents and Sister during their visit to Australia



Livia and all her Parents, brother and sisters



Livia meets President Peter for first time

Fellowship at North Balwyn



Christman Breakfast



Christmas Breakfast



The Boys at District Conference- Geelong



The Ladies at District Conference - Geelong



Fellowship at the Fishing Weekend



Fellowship at the Fishing Weekend



Club Birthday Antics

Rotary Club of North Balwyn

Grand Final Frivolity

Program 2005/06: Speakers and Chairpersons

*** denotes meeting held away from The Kew Golf Club**

Thursday 7 July	Autobiographies <i>Tom Christensen & Peter Elliott</i>	Ian Mollison
Thursday 14 July	Club Forum	Peter Elliott
Thursday 21 July	Robert Caulfield <i>Houses from Hell!</i>	Phil Francis
Thursday 28 July	Garth Symington <i>Issues of Oil Pricing</i>	Hugo Goetze
Thursday 4 August	Imre Lele <i>Portuguese Housing Project</i>	Ian Richardson
Thursday 11 August	Mike Lally <i>Risk Management & Investment</i>	John Magor
Thursday 18 August	Alan Howell <i>Melbourne Commonwealth Games</i>	Ted Wilkins
Thursday 25 August	Autobiographies <i>Joe Butler & Don Taylor</i>	Mathew Pauli
Thursday 1 September	Pam Young <i>Community Radio 96.5 FM</i>	John Mollison
Thursday 8 September	Ian Robson <i>AFL 2005 - the State of Play</i>	John Moyle
Thursday 15 September	John Haigh <i>Caddying on the Pro Golf Circuit</i>	Paul Fitz
Thursday 22 September	Grand Final Night <i>Club participation</i>	Fellowship C'tee
Thursday 29 September	The Rev Jim Vaughn <i>Oz Try - Program for Kids at Risk</i>	Mike McKay
Thursday 6 October	Douglas Wood <i>Experiences of a Hostage in Iraq</i>	John Robson
Thursday 13 October	DG John Wigley <i>District Governor's address</i>	Peter Elliott
Thursday 20 October	John D'Arcy <i>Media Mayhem</i>	Tony McLean
Thursday 27 October	Graham Duff (Melb. Cup night)	Bob Bott
Chair Racing Victoria		
Thursday 3 November	Tania Miletic <i>Rotary World Peace Fellowship</i>	Sue McDonald
Thursday 10 November	Autobographies <i>Bob Adams & Peter Sutherland</i>	Terry Gretton
Thursday 17 November	Sam Meerkin & Das Funk Balwyn High School Band <i>All That Jazz - ahead of Jazz at the Farm</i>	Tony Wells
Thursday 24 November	Annual General Meeting	Peter Elliott
Thursday 1 December	Mike Janes <i>Services for Vision Impaired</i>	Lew Lustig
Thursday 8 December	Dr N Tonti Filipini <i>Medical Ethics</i>	John Reddish
Thursday 15 December	Christmas night	Fellowship C'ttee
Thursday 22 December	Breakfast at the McBrides	Fellowship C'ttee
Thursday 29 December	No meeting	
Thursday 5 January	No meeting	
Thursday 12 January	Burke Cluster meeting <i>At Kew Golf Club</i>	Peter Elliott

Thursday 19 January	Det Ins Kim West <i>Life Education Victoria</i>	Marcel Muntwyler
Thursday 26 January	No Meeting <i>Australia Day</i>	
Thursday 2 February	Club Forum <i>To discuss Jazz at the Farm project</i>	Peter Elliott
*Thursday 9 February	Melissa Langton & Mark Jones <i>Cabaret Night, Manningham Club</i>	Fellowship C'ttee
Thursday 16 February	Dr Georgina Philllips <i>Emergency Medical Services</i>	Ann Kerr
Thursday 23 February	4 Steps to Life <i>Managing with Cardiac Arrest</i>	David Cheney
*Thursday 2 March	Bowls Night <i>Balwyn Bowls Club</i>	Ian Mollison host
Thursday 9 March	Keith Wise <i>Facilitating Support for the Disabled</i>	Garth Symington
Thursday 16 March	Livia Popp <i>Rotary Exchange Student Report</i>	Michael Barden
Thursday 23 March	David Plunkett <i>Services at Box Hill Hospital</i>	Peter Baird
*Tuesday 28 March	Gemma Sisia – Burke Cluster <i>School of St Jude, Tanzania</i>	Royal South Yarra
Thursday 6 April	Peter Moran <i>Red Cross & Disaster Relief</i>	Ken Maxfield
*Wednesday 12 April	Yiannis Restaurant <i>Pre Easter dinner</i>	Fellowship C'ttee
Thursday 20 April	Bob Bott (& Sponsor's night) <i>Chernobyl – 20 years later</i>	Ron Phillips
*Thursday 27 April	Melrose Health site visit <i>Geoff Steinicke - host</i>	Vocational C'ttee
Thursday 4 May	Jock McGregor <i>Doing Business in China</i>	Geoff Dwyer
Thursday 11 May	Club Birthday Celebration	Fellowship C'ttee
Thursday 18 May	Dr Michael Liffman <i>The Role of Philanthropy</i>	Dave Morris
Thursday 25 May	Peter Dawson <i>Awareness Through Movement - An Improved Golf Swing Too</i>	Maria Gouvoussi
Thursday 1 June	Dr Peter Holsman <i>How to Live to 100 – And Love It!</i>	Ros Horne
Thursday 8 June	Dennis Liner <i>Mediation in Practice</i>	Ron Liner
Thursday 15 June	Christina Adams <i>Directions in Comedy</i>	Gavan Schwartz
*Saturday 24 June	Club Changeover at Kew GC	The Two Presidents
Thursday 29 June	Carrie Bethan <i>Friedricks Ataxia</i>	Gavin Schwartz

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS - Named by the Rotary Club of North Balwyn
(Other than current members of the Club)**

Ron Arthur

Geoff Clark

Sue Fitz

Jack Harris

Chris Howell

Kel McMillan

June Phillips

Elizabeth Roy

Norma Wing Young

Pauline Benallack

John Etkins

David Goldsmith

Enid Healey

Areta Hurnard

Anthea Mollison

Judy Reddish

Bev Sofra

Betty Carnell

Ethne (Johnnie) Etkins

Koicji Hara

Anne-Marie Heath

Bruce McIver

Keith Mutimer

Carole Ross

David Stockman



Hugo Goetze is named a Paul Harris Fellow



Jane Pennington is named a Paul Harris Fellow



President Peter and his 2005-2006 Board

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.
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BALANCE SHEETS
AS AT 31st MAY 2006

	31st May 2006 (Unaudited)			30th June 2005 (Audited)		
FUNDS						
Administration Account						
Balance at Beginning of Year		19,825			17,991	
(Deficiency) / Surplus for period		7,050			1,834	
			26,875			19,825
Special Assistance Fund		1,100			1,100	
Creditors & Accrued Expenses		659			2,435	
			1,759			3,535
Service Account						
Balance at Beginning of Year	43,729			23,810		
Past year commitments completed	-			-		
	43,729			23,810		
(Deficiency) / Surplus for period	(20,953)			19,919		
		22,776			43,729	
Deposits held		-			3,000	
Creditors and Accrued Expenses		164			1,135	
		22,940			47,864	
Represented by:						
Cash at Bank - Service Account						
- Committed - Desks for Tulagi	-			2,750		
- Committed - Ovcare (Ladies Card Day)	-			3,443		
- Sparkling Caberet - sponsorship received	-			250		
- Committed - Tulagi ablution block	-			5,000		
- Uncommitted	1,065			9,607		
Cash on Deposit - Service Account						
- Committed - Tulagi Project	14,076			-		
- Presidents Fund	2,000			9,000		
- Rotary Centenary Project	15,000			15,000		
- Uncommitted	-			512		
		32,141			45,562	
Deposits Paid - Jazz at the Farm		-			1,127	
Debtors & Prepayments		4,449			1,175	
		36,590			47,864	
FUNDS AVAILABLE TO CLUB			28,635			23,360
Represented by:						
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash at Bank - Administration Account		3,704			(5,654)	
Cash on Deposit - Administration Account						
- Committed - Asset Replacement		6,000			6,000	
- Uncommitted		14,000			17,000	
Debtors & Prepayments		2,240			4,261	
Stock/Inventories - at cost		1,753			1,753	
			27,697			23,360
OTHER ASSETS						
Club Equipment etc		10,427			9,489	
Depreciation		(9,489)			(9,489)	
			938			-
NET ASSETS			28,635			23,360

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ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR 11 MONTHS ENDED 31st MAY 2005

Category	31st May 2006 (Unaudited)	30th June 2005 (Audited)
INCOME		
Donations Received	-	76
Fines	1,437	1,471
Interest Received	39	66
Meals & Functions (Net)	4,292	2,418
Members Subscriptions	21,210	20,823
Silverpot Collections	1,026	890
Sundry Income	30	15
	28,035	25,759
EXPENDITURE		
Administration Costs	2,184	5,183
Bank Charges & Taxes	63	134
Club Birthday Night	-	2,595
Club Clothing - Aprons, Caps & Shirts	-	-
Cluster Group Activities	-	-
District 9800 Levy	4,876	4,112
District Assembly	445	159
Donations Paid	-	250
Family in Rotary	-	79
General Expenses	975	483
Gifts	665	-
Grapevine Costs	273	455
Insurance	2,555	2,549
Interact Club of North Balwyn	-	-
Rotary Down Under	3,267	3,116
Rotary International - Council of Legislation	92	130
Rotary International - Per Capita Fees	5,589	4,680
Depreciation - Club Equipment	-	-
	20,984	23,925
NET (DEFICIENCY) / Surplus	7,050	1,834

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SERVICE ACCOUNT

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR 11 MONTHS ENDED 31st MAY 2005**

Category	31st May 2006 (Unaudited)	30th June 2005 (Audited)
INCOME		
Bike Ride (Net)	4,431	4,910
Bill's Jams/Chutney	805	900
Christmas Cakes & Puddings (Net)	487	435
Christmas Raffle (Net)	10,719	11,486
Donation Received Note 3	2,735	422
Decoupase & Futurity	2,938	-
Entertainment Books (Net)	153	611
Equestrian Event (Net)	2,000	2,000
Footy Tipping Competition (Net)	124	391
Golf Day (Net)	12,174	13,320
Grand Prix (Net) Note 4	8,692	7,737
Interest Received	2,306	2,075
Jazz at the Farm	(18,609)	-
Ladies Card Day (Net)	(3,068)	3,443
Long Island Youth Orchestra (Net)	-	(1,585)
Market Research	340	540
Other Income Amb bk's, Perth Mint, Cabaret	567	(217)
Wine Bottling (Net)	1,287	4,469
	28,081	50,935
EXPENDITURE		
Donations Paid	5,268	5,576
Fundraising Expenses	337	-
Sundry Expenses	698	545
Community Service Note 7	7,500	8,518
Foundation "	12,462	11,000
International Service "	13,786	525
New Generations "	10,050	4,630
Vocational Service "	2,000	222
	52,102	31,016
NET (DEFICIENCY) / SURPLUS	(24,021)	19,919
Transfers to Cash on Deposit for following commitments		
Ladies Card Day	(3,068)	3,443
Presidents Fund	-	3,000
	(3,068)	6,443
NET (DEFICIENCY) / SURPLUS AFTER TRANSFERS	(20,953)	13,476

PAST OFFICE BEARERS

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Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Sergeant	Grapevine Editor	President's Award
1980 - 1981	Stan Hibbert		Bill Kneale	John Robson	Paul Fitz	Rob Essery	
1981 - 1982	Geoff Clark		Kevin Maunder	Arthur Dawson	Mervyn Lewis	Ken Proposch	
1982 - 1983	John Etkins		Ron Carnell	Arthur Dawson	Bernie Smith	John Etkins	
1983 - 1984	Kevin Maunder	Paul Fitz	Ron Carnell	Arthur Dawson	John Robson	Paul Fitz	
1984 - 1985	John Reddish	Stan Hibbert	Ron Carnell	Geoff Perdriau	Marcel Muntwyler	John Etkins	
1985 - 1986	Paul Fitz	David Goldsmith	Ron Carnell	Geoff Perdriau	Ralph Lee	Peter Kagan	
1986 - 1987	Geoff Steinicke	Geoff Clark	Ron Carnell	Geoff Perdriau	Ian Collins	Ron Phillips	
1987 - 1988	John Robson	John Reddish	Ron Carnell	Alan Anderson	Roger Benallack	Stan Hibbert	Ron Carnell
1988 - 1989	David Cheney	Geoff Steinicke	Ron Carnell	David Stockman	Gregory Ross	John Thwaites	John Thwaites
1989 - 1990	Tom Wing Young	John Robson	Ron Carnell	David Stockman	Terry Keyhoe Glen Walmsley	Geoff Perdriau	Glen Walmsley
1990 - 1991	Ralph Lee	Ian Lucas	Ron Carnell	David Stockman	Tony McLean	Peter Cairns	John McBride
1991 - 1992	Ron Phillips	Ian Collins	Ron Carnell	Ron Arthur	Brian Hurnard	Ray Zuccala	Gregor Matthews
1992 - 1993	Tony McLean	Ralph Lee	John Thwaites	Ron Arthur	Jim Studebaker	Bill Kneale	Ron Arthur
1993 - 1994	Roger Bennallack	Ron Phillips	John Thwaites	Ron Arthur	John Mollison	John Reddish	John Thwaites
1994 - 1995	Peter Cleary	David Cheney	John Thwaites	Geoff Dwyer	Peter Elliott	Dick Johnson	John McBride
1995 - 1996	Bernie Smith	Tony McLean	John Rennie	Geoff Dwyer	Ron Arthur	Geoff Steinicke	Phil Francis/ Terry Keyhoe
1996 - 1997	Clive Hughes	Ron Carnell	John Rennie	Geoff Dwyer	Greg Matthews John Magor	Anthony Stokes	Anthony Stokes/ John Rennie
1997 - 1998	John Thwaites	David Goldsmith	John Rennie	Geoff Dwyer	Geoff Griffiths	Brian Hurnard	Ian Taylor
1998 - 1999	Bruce McIver	Bernie Smith	John Rennie	Bob Woolgar Lindsay Pegg	John Gartlan	Findley Cornell	Brian Hurnard/ Ian Taylor
1999 - 2000	Greg Matthews	David Cheney	John Rennie	Bob Woolgar	John Moyle	Peter Elliott	John Moyle
2000 - 2001	John Mollison	Ron Phillips	John Rennie	Bob Woolgar	Dick Johnson	John Gartlan	David Goldsmith
2001 - 2002	Terry Keyhoe	John Thwaites	John Rennie	Lindsay Pegg	John Moyle	Geoff Steinicke	Jane Pennington
2002 - 2003	Peter Courtney	Paul Fitz	Jane Pennington	Lindsay Pegg	David Cheney	Delina Schembri-Hardy	David Cheney
2003 - 2004	Brian Hurnard	Barry Cummings	Jane Pennington	Lindsay Pegg	Ian Mollison	John Rennie	Lindsay Pegg
2004 - 2005	Jim Studebaker	Greg Matthews	Anthony Stokes	Neil Ramsay	Ian Adams	John Rennie	Peter Cleary
2005 - 2006	Peter Elliott	Greg Ross	Anthony Stokes	Neil Ramsay	Elisabeth Hall	John McBride	Matthew Pauli

CLUB MEMBERSHIP as at 30th June 2006				Years of Service in North Balwyn
Adams	Bob			8
Adams	Ian			9
Angleton	Ted	PP		17
Ansell	Duncan			5
Baird	Peter			7
Barden	Michael			5
Benallack	Roger	PP,PHF	Honorary	13
Bird	Graeme	PP		6
Bott	Bob	PHF		4
Bowden	Don	PP		4
Butler	Joe			2
Carnell	Ron	CM,PHF		26
Cheney	David	PP,PHF		24
Christensen	Tom			2
Cleary	Peter	CM,PP,PHF		26
Cornell	Findley	PHF		11
Courtney	Peter	PP,PHF		17
Cummings	Barry	PP,PHF		8
Dalla-Riva	Richard			7
Dimond	Bronwen			4
Dwyer	Geoff			16
Ebbage	Joseph		New	< 1
Ebihara	Robert			3
Elliott	Peter	President		14
Farkas	Michael			4
Fitz	Paul	CM,PP,PHF		26
Fitzpatrick	Larry	PP		4
Flavelle-Smith	Chris			<1
Francis	Phil	PHF		12
Gartlan	John	PHF		14
Goetze	Hugo	PHF		14
Gouvoussi	Maria			3
Gretton	Terry			2
Griffiths	Geoff			14
Haddy	Geoff			2
Hall	Elisabeth			3
Haycraft	Don	PHF		25
Head	Rob			20
Hibbert	Stan	Charter Pres., PHF	Honorary	26
Horne	Ros			5

CM - Charter Member, PP - Past President, PHF - Paul Harris Fellow

Hunter	Max	PHF		22
Hurnard	Brian	PP,PHF		12
Johnson	Dick	PHF		14
Kerr	Ann	PP,PHF		6
Keyhoe	Terry	PP,PHF		19
Lee	Ralph	CM,PP,PHF		26
Lele	Imre			19
Liner	Ron	CM,PHF		26
Lustig	Lew	PHF		22
McBride	John	PHF		19
McDonald	Sue			3
McKay	Mike			3
McLean	Tony	PP,PHF		21
Magor	John	Pres Elect, PHF		19
Matthews	Greg	PP,PHF		21
Maxfield	Ken	PP,PHF		13
Moffat	Maria	PHF		10
Mollison	Ian	PHF		9
Mollison	John	PP,PHF		20
Montauban	Bert		New	<1
Morris	Dave			17
Moyle	John	PHF		18
Muntwyler	Marcel	CM,PHF		26
Oakley	Bill	PHF		10
Pauli	Matthew			2
Pegg	Lindsay			7
Pennington	Jane	PHF		9
Perdriau	Geoff	PHF		24
Phillips	Ron	PP,PHF		21
Ramsay	Neil			4
Reddish	John	PDG,PP,PHF		26
Rennie	John	PHF		18
Richardson	Ian			17
Robson	John	CM,PP,PHF		26
Romanis	Jim			11
Ross	Greg	PDG,PP,PHF		20
Schembri-Hardy	Delina			5
Schwartz	Gavan			5
Selkrig	George			17
Smith	Bernie	CM,PP,PHF		26
Sofra	Nino	PHF		13
Steinicke	Geoff	CM,PP,PHF		26
Stokes	Anthony			17

CM - Charter Member, PP - Past President, PHF - Paul Harris Fellow

Studebaker	Jim	PP,PHF		15
Sutherland	Peter		New	<1
Swanson	George	PP,PHF		13
Symington	Garth			3
Taylor	Don			2
Taylor	Ian	PHF		11
Thackray	Bill			17
Thwaites	John	PP,PHF	Honorary	23
Timbs	Bruce	PP,PHF	New	<1
Walters	Maurie			3
Wells	Tony			2
Wendt	Kitch			2
Wilkins	Ted			6
Willshire	David	CM,PHF		26
Wing Young	Tom	CM,PP,PHF	Honorary	26
Wright	Thelma			4