



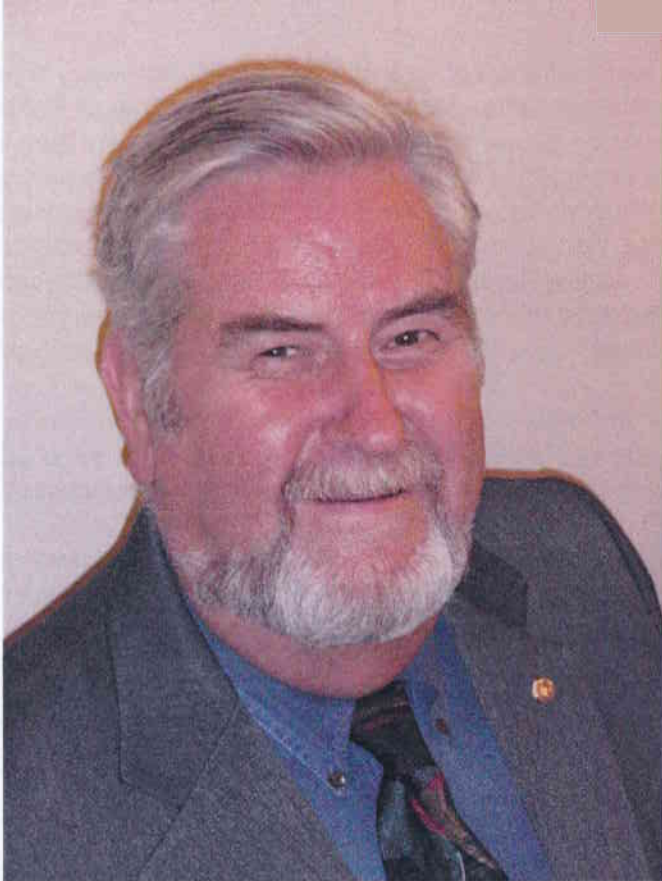
Annual Report ***2008 -2009***



THE ROTARY CLUB OF
NORTH BALWYN

DK Lee
President
Rotary International

Jim Studebaker
Governor
Rotary District 9800



Bill Oakley, President of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn 2008 - 2009



“We know that by working together, we can achieve greater good than by working alone. We know that united in Rotary, we can MAKE DREAMS REAL for all of the world’s children by reducing the rate of child mortality.”

D.K Lee

RI President 2008-2009

President's Report

One of the features, and I think great strengths of the "Rotary way" is the regular annual renewal and replacement of most senior leader positions, including that of President. However it does mean that I write this with a growing feeling of ".....if only I knew then what I know now". I recall then, enthused by my President-Elect training, looking forward to putting my stamp on the blank sheet which was the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. What I know now is that the Rotary Club of North Balwyn was then, and is now, anything but a blank sheet. Indeed at almost thirty years old and 100 members strong the Rotary Club of North Balwyn is a very substantial enterprise, built carefully layer upon layer by previous generations, and gives every impression of being able to get along quite well without the help and guidance of a new and enthusiastic President.

But as it has done 28 times before, the club welcomed me as their new President; listened to my thoughts on steering the great ship North Balwyn; gave me sage advice when they thought I had got it wrong; and trusted, backed and supported me in everything I sought to do.

RI President DK Lee made as his theme "Make Dreams Real for the World's Children" and asked us all to focus on projects which would help to reduce the awful rate of child mortality in the World. Throughout this report you will read about the work we have been doing, and will continue to do in this area. DK Lee asked us also to focus upon the critical issue of membership in Rotary, because, without the sustaining energy of new members, our capacity to do good in the World will dwindle and eventually die. In a year when the number of new members joining us just balances the number of members who have left, the challenge of building a stronger and more vibrant membership remains.

For some years Rotary International has been urging Clubs to review their administrative structure and consider adopting changes as recommended in the Club Leadership Plan. The four stated objectives of the club leadership plan are to :-

- Sustain and increase membership
- Help implement successful projects which address the needs of local and overseas communities
- More strongly support the Rotary Foundation
- Develop leaders within our clubs capable of serving Rotary beyond the club level.

Following a review of our structure last year, we introduced changes to our board structure this year to create a Membership Director and Committee, and to create a Foundation Director and Committee.

The Membership Committee was chaired by Greg Ross. The creation of the Membership Committee has allowed us to focus on the need to sustain and build our membership. Although not showing instant results in increased membership, the committee has laid a good foundation for us to continue to work actively to recruit and retain members. I am confident that this initiative will result in increased membership in the future.

Recognising that our club has many friends who wish to maintain some association with us, but are not able to become or remain members, the club established the Friends of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn during this year. Now numbering 20, Friends are sometimes former members who can no longer retain full active membership, and are sometimes potential full members whose present circumstances do not allow them to take the step into full membership. Friends

regularly attend our dinner meetings, and are involved in most of our social and service activities. Friends is proving to be a great addition to our Rotary family which will add strength and fellowship to our club. Congratulations and thanks to Greg Ross and the membership committee for taking on these new initiatives.

The importance of the Rotary Foundation in funding so much of both the local and the international service initiatives of Rotary is driven home to us at every opportunity. The creation of a new committee and its chairing by Past President Ian Adams has given Foundation a greater prominence within our club, and has allowed us to make donations to the Foundation totalling almost \$25,000. It has done the groundwork for us to become more involved in the Foundation programmes of Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange next year, when we are not so involved with the District Conference. My thanks to Ian Adams and the Foundation Committee for driving this important initiative.

The pages of this report give details of the many and varied projects which a club of our size and experience gets involved in. Here I will highlight a few of the initiatives and new directions taken this year.

I had the opportunity to thank all the various club office bearers whose jobs contribute to the overall quality of our dinner meetings and to the club's internal communications. I have been particularly gratified to receive compliments on the quality of our dinner meetings from members and guests alike on behalf of all those office bearers who actually do the work. We set out to improve the quality of the dinner meetings, and also the efficiency of our internal communications, both crucial to the successful running of such a large and diverse club. To Ian Taylor and to the team in Club Service, thank you for the diligence you showed in maintaining such a high standard in all club support areas. To Don Taylor and the Fellowship team thank you for fun packed and diverse fellowship programme for the year.

A particular aim of mine for this year was to see our club visible and active in the local community. There were a number of significant initiatives and projects in Community Service which served to show very well our club in action locally. The Fun In Retirement Expo, run just four days into the start of this Rotary year brought over 70 exhibitors and around 3000 members of the public together for a great event. Next year the size of the display area has been doubled and we are seeking around 150 exhibitors. Over 100 members, Friends and partners were actively involved in running FIRE. Particular thanks to Terry Keyhoe whose hard work and enthusiasm drives FIRE from strength to strength.

Boroondara Cares - a joint initiative of the 8 Boroondara based clubs with the 3 Rotary clubs in Moira Shire to highlight to Melbournians the continuing devastating impact of drought in country Victoria. A large range of practical support activities have helped to ease the burden on the farmers and residents around Cobram, and have gone a long way in demonstrating that city Victorians really do care about the plight of those in the country. This project has also been a great example of how clubs can get together to work for a common goal. My particular congratulations to Bruce Timbs who has led our club's participation in this venture.

Our involvement, along with many other Melbourne clubs in the Homeless World Cup late last year was a great example of how Rotary can partner with other organisations to achieve great results in community support.

The sudden and dramatic impact of the Black Saturday Bushfires demanded the attention and support of every community organisation in our State. As a club we were involved in many immediate relief activities, and later in a major effort with the team from the Rotary Club of Port Lincoln in a major fence rebuilding project. The work of recovery and rebuilding is far from complete, and as a club we have set aside substantial funds, and plan to be involved in further major projects in this area in the future. Congratulations to Bob Adams and the team from Community Service, and the many drafted to that team, for all their great work this year, but in particular for the quick, comprehensive and compassionate response in the wake of the bushfires.

In a year in which we thought that the commitment to the District Conference might reduce our fundraising capacity, we have finished with an excellent year in which we have been able to take on bushfire commitments at short notice, and provide additional support to the Roatry Foundation when it needed it. Special thanks to John McBride for heading up our catering efforts, and to Michael Barden for producing such a wonderful result from the Grand Prix. Thanks to Elisabeth Hall and the whole fundraising team for the great job of raising the money to do all that we do!

The North Balwyn Rotaract Club is the only operating Rotaract in the District. However it goes from strength to strength, due in no small measure to enthusiasm and hard work of Matthew Pauli and the Vocational Service team. Small wonder District 9800 has appointed Matthew as the District Rotaract Chairman. Well done Matthew for a great year.

Following completion of the second Matching Grant for our work in Tulagi we took the opportunity to develop a rice growing project in Tetere on Guadalcanal, leveraging on the experience and learning gained by our Royce Abbey Agricultural Scholar Joseph Aarons. The project has helped Joseph and the team at Don Bosco Tetere to substantially increase the amount of rice grown there, at a time which rocketing rice prices around the World have led to great shortages in the Solomons. It has also taught the students at the rural training college at Tetere skills to take rice growing back with them to their home villages. Congratulations to Bob Bott for stepping into the role of International Committee Chairman this year, and for driving the rice project to such a successful result.

I thank Paul Fitz for his continuing Chairmanship of the Horizons Committee. This committee comprises the past, present and future Presidents of the club along with new and experienced club members. It serves the vital function of facilitating some continuity in the planning of the club as we transition from President to President. The committee helped the board deal with recommendations coming out of Horizons Committee work extending back two or three years. Tony Wells was able to be involved in this and is able to take the issues and recommendations of the Horizons Committee into account in his planning.

So many have come to me commenting that it must have been difficult being president in the year when we were charged with the responsibility of organising a District Conference. I can honestly say that it never felt like the District Conference was a millstone around our necks. For this I express particular thanks to District Conference Chairman Greg Matthews, first for taking responsibility for attending to the multitude of detail involved in such a complex organisation, while still keeping the run up to the conference in the background of club affairs during the first part of my term; then for staging such a fantastic conference in Launceson, leaving the club

repleat with plaudits and congratulations, and all our members rightly proud of the great effort we as a club put in.

A special time at the District Conference was when Paulina Gorka, our exchange student from Poland provided the entertainment, playing piano. Paulina has been a wonderful exchange student, participating in everything, and showing through the year how she has grown and matured. We say good bye to her at our club changeover, as she flies home the following day. Thanks to all the host families and to Bronwen Dimond for taking on the role of counsellor.

To Jim Studebaker, congratulations on a stellar year as District Governor. District 9800 is regarded as one of the best in the Rotary World, which your leadership this year thoroughly enriched. It was crowned by visits by the RI President at the start of the year and by Immediate Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson as the RI President's representative at our District Conference. In a District of 70 clubs it's a remarkable effort for one club to have had three District Governors in its less than 30 year history.

To Peter Courtney, my Vice President, thank you for your wise advice on many occasions, tempering my natural tendency to excess; and thank you for your constant support and for taking the reins at those meetings at which I was not able to be present.

It is unusual for a President not to have a partner to support him or her during the term. I want to say thank you to all the ladies, female members and partners, who have gently guided this mere male in the way so many of you with partners are used to being guided! Special thanks to Alison Adams for taking on the organisation of a number of functions for the partners during the year, and to Elisabeth Hall for making her home available to host a number of functions to save you all the long trip to Blackburn.

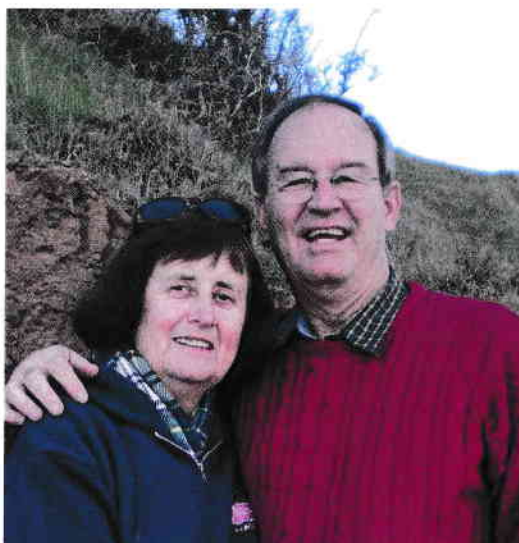
To Tony Wells and the team for 2009/10 I wish you every success in the coming year. Tony, I hope you get as much joy and satisfaction out of the experience of being President of this club as I have!

Vale - Ron Carnell

The club was saddened by the news of the Death of Ron Carnell in August last year after a long illness. A Charter member of this club, Ron became club secretary in our third year, and held this post for an amazing ten years. He remained an active member of the club until 2003 when poor health forced him to retire. He pioneered the Rotary radio programme which still continues to this day. Then it was known as Radio Ron.

As a mark of the esteem in which Ron was held by his fellow North Balwyn Rotarians, the club's Presidents Award has been named the Ron Carnell trophy. The club extended its sympathy to Betty, Ron's wife, and to Ron's family. The club regards Betty as part of our Family of Rotary, and acknowledges the tremendous support she gave to Ron in all his Rotary work. She will always be welcome at our Club.

Bill Oakley



Jim & Carol Studebaker, District Governor and First Lady of District 9800 for 2008-9

A little over three years ago my club, the Rotary Club of North Balwyn, nominated me to stand for the office of District Governor in the Rotary Year 2008-2009. That was in February 2006 and the District nominating committee made their selection in April of the same year. Life for Carol and me hasn't quite been the same since. As one would expect, a lot of preparation and planning must be undertaken in the years and months leading up to taking office as Governor. A key element in the success of any District Governor is the support given by his/her Rotary club. Having a serving District Governor as a member of your Rotary club places added responsibilities and workload on the members.

I am indebted to fellow member Brian Hurnard for his tireless work and great contribution to me and our District in his role as District Secretary and member of the D9800 Executive for the past two years. His continuing support has been invaluable. One of the important duties of every District Governor is to conduct a District Conference during their term of office. The guidelines for the conduct of a District Conference are clearly set down by Rotary International. The Conference should showcase Rotary programs, highlight the achievements of the Clubs within the District and inspire Rotarians to commit to the service of Rotary and its ideals. The District Conference is an event which brings all the essential elements of Rotary together.

Whilst all District Conferences will have some similar elements, each is unique and reflect the personality of the conference host club and the District Governor. This was certainly the case for our 77th D9800 Conference. Our club had already hosted two District Conferences previously in our relatively short 28 year history. The lessons learnt from previously hosted conferences, combined with a vast amount of experience from our membership which regularly attends District Conferences laid a very firm foundation on which the 77th D9800 Conference was built.

To my mind this year's conference was a carefully crafted event, organised by extremely competent, experienced and knowledgeable Rotarians who brought all the critical elements together to present a District conference of the highest possible standard. This conference had it all. It informed – it inspired – it entertained and it had delegates wanting more.

My heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation goes to Conference Chairman Greg Matthews and his magnificent management team for all the planning and preparation over many months leading up to the conference. The program, the location, the venues, the caterers, the speakers, the entertainers, the organisation and management of this conference was recognised by high praise from the Rotary

International President's Personal Representative, IPRIP Wilf Wilkinson when he said – "this is the most outstanding conference we have attended".

My fellow members of our Rotary Club of North Balwyn, you have every reason to be proud of your efforts. This conference was truly a team effort, and it showed. I can't thank you enough.

But there is one person who has walked beside me, beginning with the first tentative step, for the full length of the journey. Carol has served selflessly as my Rotary partner, my mentor, my guide, my harshest critic and my strongest supporter. In every sense, I couldn't have done the job without her. Words can't express my appreciation.

To the members and partners of our wonderful Rotary club – thank you. Your support will never be forgotten.

Jim Studebaker
Governor 2008-2009



Jim & Greg bringing the District 9800 Conference to its close in Launceston Tas.

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn Inc.

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| Meeting Time: | Thursday, 6:00pm for 6:30 pm |
| Meeting Place: | The Kew Golf Club, Belford Road, East Kew 3102 |
| Postal Address: | PO Box 135, North Balwyn, VIC 3104 |
| Email Address: | northbalwyn@rotaryd9800.org |
| Charter Date: | 8 May 1980 |
| Club Number: | 18337 |
| Sponsoring Club: | Balwyn |
| ABN: | 15 960 124 742 |
| Incorporation #.: | A0018007N |

2008 -2009 Board of Directors

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| President | Bill Oakley |
| Vice – President | Peter Courtney |
| President Elect | Tony Wells |
| Immediate Past President | Ian Adams |
| Secretary | Michael McKay |
| Treasurer | Geoff Haddy |
| Director, Club Service | Ian Taylor |
| Director, Community Service | Bob Adams |
| Director, Fundraising | Elisabeth Hall |
| Director, International Service | Bob Bott |
| Director, New Generations | Gavin Schwartz |
| Director, Vocational Service | Mathew Pauli |
| Director, Membership | Greg Ross |
| Minute Secretary | Terry Gretton |

Office Bearers 2008 – 2009

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| Almoner | Maria Gouvoussi |
| Attendance and Data | Hugo Goetze |
| District Conference 2009 | Greg Matthews |
| On to Conference | John Magor |
| Fellowship | Don Taylor |
| Family of Rotary | Peter Courtney |
| Grapevine | Graeme Bird |
| Protection Officer | John Rennie |
| Sergeant | Findley Cornell |
| Sergeant (Deputy) | Peter Sutherland |
| Speaker Program | John Gartlan |
| Web Master | Dick Johnson |
| Web Master (Deputy) | David Curby |
| Property Officer | Barry Cummings |
| Radio Program | Don Bowden |
| Rotoract | Mathew Pauli |
| Horizons | Paul Fitz |
| Photography | John Cook |
| Interact Liaison | Bronwen Dimond |



CLUB ADMINISTRATION and SERVICE

Director: Ian Taylor

Activity in the last year concentrated on the consolidation of improvements made in 2007/8. Our **Secretary** Mike McKay and **Treasurer** Geoff Haddy continue to provide excellent services to members.

Fellowship: Don Taylor's report shows fellowship remains active and healthy. Don and his committee deserve our congratulations. (See their report)

Communications, P.R. and Website: Don Bowden ensured the club continued to develop the relationship it has with the local "Leader" newspaper group through it's Editor and received worthwhile exposure for several club activities, especially the Rotary River Ride and the FIRE Expo. We were successful in widening our exposure to the edition that covers the Manningham area. Bob Bott secured excellent coverage in Rotary Down Under for our Tulagi rice growing and sewing machine projects. Participation in the Rotary Hour continued on 96.5FM on the first Tuesday of every month with disc jockeys Don Bowden and Tony Wells. Graeme Bird, our **Grapevine** Editor, continues to enhance the presentation and content of our newsletter. It provides an excellent source of information to Rotarians, past and present, and to Friends of Rotary. Well done Graeme. **Website:** (Dick Johnson, David Curby). I am sure many Rotarians don't appreciate Dick Johnson's work as our Webmaster. He operates Club Website, Rotary River Ride, Radio Don and Fun in Retirement Exposition websites. All have links to each other within the site; all subsidiary pages have links to the home page. Club website has security links to Membership details, Joining Form, Annual Financial report and AGM agenda pages. Members can apologise or advise of partner and guest attendance at dinner meetings on line. The Grapevine is put on the web for downloading. Subsidiary pages are occasionally included for Fishing weekends, Salvos appeal etc. Thank you Dick and David.

Programs/Speakers: Speaker details are listed later in this report. Thanks to John Gartlan and Bronwen Dimond we have enjoyed excellent speakers on a wide variety of subjects. Club member autobiographies have been outstanding.

Attendance and Kew Golf Club: I am sure Hugo enjoys the challenge of estimating attendance numbers, a task he does very well. We express our appreciation to Kew Golf Club House Manager, Peter Lamborne, Adam, and staff for their co-operation, fine food and good service. Findley Cornell, our **Sergeant**, has managed our meetings very well and filled the "fines box" with consistency. He would like to thank all those who carried out their rostered duties in a timely and efficient manner and Rotarians for "graciously" paying fines.

Almoner Maria Gouvoussi has kept the club informed of members "ills" when appropriate. John Rennie as **Club Protection Officer** makes sure we are appropriately authorized. Barry Cummings, our **Property Officer**, does a great job. This year we have acquired a new marquee, which is available for limited hire. We have on permanent loan a Laptop Computer, with inbuilt DVD player, which in conjunction with connections to our amplifier system will allow improved presentations to Club dinners.

We are to take delivery of an additional container for storage of club property; this will allow the housing of our trailer at the Chris Cross site. Finally thanks to Don Bowden and Mike McKay who have undertaken my role over these last months and to others not specifically mentioned in this report who have contributed to a successful year for Club Admin/Service,

Ian Taylor



FELLOWSHIP

Director: Don Taylor

Committee: Ron Phillips, George Selkrig, Kinga Paulheim, John Magor, Bob Bromley, Dave Morris, Tony Hart, Geoff Steinicke and Lindsay Pegg.

It is with pleasure that I report that the Fellowship Committee was very active during the year. The committee continued the random table seat allocation for fellowship events held at Kew Golf Club. The practice seems well accepted by the members. A summary of the year's activities is outlined below.

AFL GRAND FINAL NIGHT – 25TH SEPTEMBER:

Thorold Merritt, who played in the 1958 Collingwood premiership team was the guest speaker. A tipping contest was held and the total proceeds of \$425 was paid out as prizes.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – 4TH OCTOBER:

It was the first progressive dinner held for 3 years. The night turned out to be a great success. The evening commenced with pre-dinner drinks and nibbles at 'Sackville Grange'. The club is indebted to June and Ron Phillips who obtained the use of the excellent facilities at 'Sackville Grange'. Dress for the evening was half formal / half casual and Jo Wells and Nino Sofra were judged the best dressed.

65 persons attended the function and thanks go out to the 9 hosts, Michael Barden & Rosemary Kelly, Don & Brenda Bowden, Elisabeth Hall, Terry & Maree Keyhoe, John & Jill McBride, Sue McDonald, John & Elaine Magor, Matthew & Jane Pauli & Ala Taylor, for providing the meals and their home.

Judging by the emails received after the night, the evening was seen as a great success, for which we must give credit to Bob Bromley. Thanks Bob.

MELBOURNE CUP NIGHT – 30TH OCTOBER:

An address by David Rush, part owner of champion race horse Weekend Hussler, was well received along with judging of fashion on the fields. The judges from 2 of our major sponsors Helen Leris and Angie Devine from Air Pacific and Island Escapes selected Pat Taylor and Ian Mollison as the winners of fashions on the fields. The winners from the sweep / horse auction received \$360 and in addition \$175 was given to Camcare.

EMIRATES STAKES DAY – 10TH NOVEMBER:

27 Members and guests had an enjoyable day in a super site in the Domain area at the Flemington Race Course. The finger food and drinks were well received by those attending and some members came home with a little more in their pockets than they had on arrival. The public transport provided excellent transport for the journey home.

CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT – 10TH DECEMBER:

Over 120 attended. A choir of club members, wives and partners entertained those attending and Paulina Gorga, the exchange student from Poland, played the piano. At the end of the evening all members and guests joined in singing Christmas carols.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST – 18TH DECEMBER:

For the second time, the breakfast was held at the North Balwyn Cricket Club rooms, which is a very appropriate facility. 66 members attended and the serving of breakfast went smoothly, which allowed those going to work to leave on time. Thanks to the very reliable usual members for cooking the meal. Good fellowship existed throughout the breakfast.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST / BRUNCH – 18TH JANUARY:

48 club members / partners attended Boathouse Park, Kew for the second breakfast / brunch held by the club. Those attending had a healthy meal and a leisurely 2 hours of fun and fellowship. It was an excellent event to commence the new Rotary year.

LAWN BOWLS NIGHT – 26TH FEBRUARY:

Thanks is expressed to Ian Mollison and North Balwyn Bowling Club for organizing the night, the use of their club rooms, the meal provided and the bowling instructions given on the evening. It was a partner's night with a total of 63 attending, which resulted in a profit of \$350 being made on the night.

FISHING & GOLF WEEKEND – 13TH TO 15TH FEBRUARY:

35 Members enjoyed the usual pleasant barbecue dinner at Blairgowrie Yacht Club on Friday evening. On Saturday 15 played either 9 holes or 18 holes of golf at the Dunes golf course, 5 fished and 3 visited a winery for a long lunch. On Saturday evening 32 attended the fish and chips dinner at Margo & Dave Morris's home. On Sunday golf was played by 26 at Rosebud Country Club and afterwards a barbecue was provided at Heather & Greg Matthew's home. A very special thanks to Ian Taylor for organizing the weekend.

CLUB BIRTHDAY NIGHT – 7TH MAY:

113 members and friends celebrated the club's 29th birthday in a true fellowship atmosphere at the Kew Golf Club. Nibbles and drinks were served before the meal. Those present enjoyed first class entertainment from 3 of our own members and the wife of one of our members'. A very special thanks to the four, namely Greg Ross, Kerrie Romanis, Teresa Schipano and Rowan McClean. Tony Wells, as Chairman and Master of Ceremonies, gave his usual excellent performance. Another highlight of the evening was the showing of a DVD of our exchange student, Paulina Gorka performing at the District Conference and the presentation of the DVD to Paulina to take home and show her parents and friends. The birthday cake made by Areta Hurnard, also added to the true birthday spirit for RCNB.

Thanks to Ron Phillips for the effort in organizing a first class night at no cost to the club.

It has been a rewarding and successful year and for this I thank all members of the Fellowship Committee for their support and contributions in planning, organizing and running the social events throughout the year.

Don Taylor

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| Director - | Bob Bott | | |
| Committee - | Garth Symington | Duncan Ansell | Robert Ebihara |
| | Rowan McClean | Imre Lele | Sue McDonald |
| | Ann Kerr | Terry Gretton | Tony Wells |

The year has been busy and, thanks to the support of all the committee members, much has been achieved.

The "Adopt a Community" programme has been completed with a special note of appreciation for the support received from the Rotary Club of Werribee, and the Rotary Club of Port Lincoln (S.A.). A final report for the second Matching Grant (No.65280 – Solomon Islands) was forwarded to Rotary Foundation Evanston USA on the 6th May 2009. The closing paragraph of this report read:- "We have completed this project with a surplus of US\$5,468.00 due in the main to negotiating a better price for the generator and freight saving charges". A difficult project, but the impossible was achieved through the efforts of DG Wayne Morris (Honiara) and Garth Symington. Continuing with our "Community work" at Tulagi, with a mix of club and Rotary International funds, we purchased two bread making machines, together with utensils, trays etc. and baking ingredients. This will support two local villagers to commence their own business. The Community Support Centre at Tulagi, run by the Melanesian Church is responsible for the loans that have been made available. The following repayment plan was a condition of the funds being made available.

1. No Interest to be charged
2. Repayments are to be in equal monthly instalments over a 3 year period.
3. All funds received are to be deposited in a trust account at the Community Centre and used to assist other members of the Tulagi Community in approved business developments.

It is equally pleasing to record that three (3) new Janome Sewing machines have been received at the Community Support Centre – Tulagi for the use of the local community to be trained in the skill of dressmaking/sewing. A teacher from the Don Bosco Technical School at Henderson (located on the main island of Guadalcanal) will travel to Tulagi at agreed times to conduct dressmaking and sewing classes.

Don Bosco Rural Farm - Tetere (North Guadalcanal)

We are happy to report that Joseph Aaron and his students continue to develop the old abandoned rice fields at Tetere with great results from the introduction of improved planting methods.

Season 2008 : 10 Hectares of land was prepared, weeded and cultivated to produce a 'bountiful' rice harvest – refer to photograph.

Season 2009: A further 10 hectares has been cleared and prepared for the first planting of 'paddy rice'. Unfortunately due to abnormal heavy rain the rice planting is 4 – 5 weeks behind schedule.

The planting of paddy rice has been made possible this year due to the drilling of three (3) new water wells, plus the installation of irrigation pipes. The cost for this additional infrastructure was paid from Club funds held at Honiara. Resulting from the above new irrigation system, the students have been able to grow additional vegetable crops i.e. mag beans, sweet potato, tapioca, corn, peanuts etc. These vegetables are for the consumption of the students and their families, plus the patients of the Mission Hospital.

An email received last Christmas from Father Dominic Katchira (the principal of the Mission) reads as follows: *"Thank you Rotary for all you have done. This year's rice harvest is nothing short of a miracle for our local community, who will have food on their table for Christmas. This wonderful*

harvest has occurred at a time of grave concern due to a growing food shortage for the local Solomon's people. Rice is 60% of their daily dietary intake and local people cannot afford the cost of imported rice"

The next important project to complete at Tetere is to build rice storage & drying shed. The club has offered to meet the cost of materials, with the actual building of the shed to be completed by the students from the Don Bosco Technical School at Henderson, and the Don Bosco Rural Farm. Construction will be under the supervision of the building teacher from the Technical School. Thanks to the work Mev Connell from the Rotary Club of Melbourne, a plan has been drawn up, plus notes of what is required for the 'risk management' procedure involving storage and the drying of rice.

Donations in Kind.

Thanks to the generous support of 'Janome Australia' and Toyota, thirteen (13) new electric sewing machines have been received, assisting the Club in our ongoing education programmes in the Solomon Islands. (to the value of \$6000)

7 Sewing machines - Don Bosco Technical School – Henderson. (60+ students now attend dressmaking/sewing classes)

3 sewing machines - Don Bosco Rural Farm (10 students are now attending dressmaking/sewing classes).

3 sewing machines - Melanesian Church (Community Support Centre) Tulagi; enable dressmaking/sewing classes to be conducted for the local community.

Particular thanks are recorded for the work of Robert Ebihara in obtaining the above donations and to Brother Michael Lynch of Bon Bosco Melbourne who arranged and met all costs for the sewing machines to be exported to the Solomon Islands

Future Projects in Planning.

1. As the rice fields at Tetere are expanded from 20 hectares to (say) 30 – 50 hectares, the question of the need to purchase a rice harvesting and threshing machine has been discussed. Information has been gathered regarding the equipment available and associated costs.
2. Kai-Kokorako project (the development of a chicken hatchery at Don Bosco Rural Farm-Tetere). This project has been put on hold pending the next club visit to the Solomon Islands and discussions to be held with Father Dominic Katchira.

On behalf of the International Service Committee a special thanks to everyone for the encouragement and support provided for our many projects. In closing it would be remiss of me not to express a note of appreciation to the North Balwyn Rotoract and Interact clubs for their interest and valuable support provided over the past year

Bob Bott



The successful Rice harvest at the Don Bosco Rural college in the Solomon Islands



Membership Report

Director: Greg Ross

Committee: Ian Mollison, Anne Kerr, Graeme Bird, Ralph Lee, Maurie Walters,
Bill Thackray.

- To make it easier for RCNB members, nomination forms for Members and Friends have now been added to the members section of the club website. To access, use your surname and the password: *kew*
- Teresa Schipano, Tony Hart and Anthony Overmars inducted as members.
- Peter Baird, Mark Edwards, Kitch Wendt and Joseph Ebbage resigned as members.
- Friends of the RCNB established. Inaugural Friends presented with badges in August 2008. Alan Elliott the latest Friend of RCNB, in May 2009.
- All Friends receiving weekly club bulletins.
- Club directory has been printed, including Members, Friends and Rotaractors.
- Nomination forms for prospective Members and Friends are now available on the club website. This will make the nomination process more convenient for our members.
- The lack of conversion into membership of FIRE participants, despite several 'very interested' responses, will be a challenge for us in the next Rotary year.

The Membership program this year has included the establishment of the Friends of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. The Friends' program provides an avenue of participation to people who, while not Rotarians at this time wish to serve the community and have an affinity with our club.

The inaugural meeting welcoming Friends took place on 28th August, 2008. There are some 18 Friends, of whom five Past Honorary Members have accepted the invitation to be Honorary Friends: Tom Wing Young, Roger Benallack, Tony McLean, John Thwaites and Geoff Perdriau. The number of Honorary Members was cut to three, namely PP Ron Carnell (who passed away in August, aged 87), PDG John Reddish and our Charter President, Stan Hibbert.

The involvement of our Friends has been welcome in a number of our club activities, including helping in the recent post-bushfire fencing. Now that Friends has been established, we encourage their participation on a regular basis, at meetings and on projects.

When RI literature states that only 18% of Rotarians ever propose someone else for membership, that is a challenge for us individually and as a club. The Committee encourages everyone to try and target younger members as future RCNB Rotarians, to increase our number of female and non Australian born members, and to broaden the number of classifications.

My thanks to President Bill and to the Membership Committee this year for their support, and to Bert Montauban and Almoner Maria Gouvoussi when they were able to join us.

Gregory Ross



ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE –LAUNCESTON - 2009
March 12th to 14th 2009
“Building a Better Future”

Our Rotary Club can feel very proud in presenting a Conference in Launceston during a very difficult economic period and still achieving an attendance of nearly 800 Rotarians and their partners.

The Plenary sessions were held in the gracious Princess Theatre and morning and afternoon teas at the Grand Chancellor Hotel. Lunches were provided in the picturesque City Park behind the historic Albert Hall.

The variation in our program was one of the highlights of the conference and the committee chaired by P.P. Paul Fitz worked tirelessly to obtain a range of first class speakers, thanks to P.P. John Robson and to Phil Francis for obtaining entertainers of world class who kept the theatre full during all plenary sessions. Our new approach to Cluster presentations organized by Michael Barden has set a new standard for District Conferences. The work done by the group to overcome the sudden death of our Stage Manager Paul Streefkerk was just outstanding; thanks go to Phil Francis and Tony Wells.

Our M.C. Tony Wells was outstanding. Together with the help of Phil Francis and our Stage Manager Penny McDonald, he put on a masterly on-stage performance. Tony also assisted P.P. John Mollison with the production of the Program Booklet.

P.P. John Mollison was responsible for the Promotion and advertising of the Conference and his team did a great job in publicizing our Program prior to attendees prior to and during the Conference.

Catering for the morning and afternoon teas and lunch was as usual handled very capably by our President Bill Oakley.

P.P. Peter Elliott and Geoff Haddy took on the job of Manpower and Logistics and set an unbelievable high standard of detail that I am sure will not be surpassed. Their organization from Airport pick ups to Street marshals was outstanding.

Our committee for Outfits and Decorations throughout the entire Conference was once again chaired by Anthea Mollison PHF. The wives did a wonderful job in making the ties and scarves and saved the Conference an enormous amount of money. The outfits will be spoken about for a long time to come.

The Gala Dinner on Saturday night at the historic Clarendon House was as expected an absolutely "knockout" affair. P.P. Garth Symington did an outstanding job dealing with our Caterer, the band and the entertainers who were the "The Three Waiters". The tropical downpour did not dampen the night and everyone will remember our Gala Dinner for the venue, entertainers, rain and the impromptu appearance of the Swedish GSE Team, DG Jim and Carol on stage.

Our Administration was handled by P.P. David Cheney who assisted the Chairman in by taking on the responsibility of e-mailing the District Clubs, on-to conference chairmen, and approximately 1500 individual Rotarians in the District. In this way we could keep the district advised of our program, a huge task. Another major function that David took on was obtaining funding from various Government and semi Government Authorities. The running of the "Nerve Centre" in Launceston was also a very important function where our daily news updates were produced as well as the table seating for the Gala Dinner. One of the most important roles in running the Conference is the role of Treasurer and Lindsay Pegg PHF did an exceptional job and his team was also responsible for our Web Site and Registrations. His updates on the Budget were made more difficult with having to liaise with seven chairmen all doing their own thing regarding expenses. The Web site was run by David Curby and our thanks go to him for his support before and during the Conference period.

Registration is one area where we were very fortunate to have two excellent members P.P. Barry Cummings and Kristine McDonell PHF, who kept tabs on every transaction and made Lindsay's and my job a great deal easier. Special thanks to Barry and Kristine. Accommodation was handled by Groups Tasmania under the control of David Luttrell who gave us tremendous support before and during the Conference.

To P.P. Ron Phillips thank you for agreeing to audit our accounts.

I would like to thank Terry Gretton who chaired the Sponsorship committee, and Don Taylor, for their outstanding work on the A.P.T. and Wine raffles. To raise the amount of \$90k in cash and kind was just an enormous effort. Also my thanks go to Ian Mollison for his work in obtaining the trip that was the major prize.

P.P. John Magor who was deputy chairman also took on the role of On to Conference chairman , and organized our R&R after the Conference thanks for your support during the last 2 ½ years .

I must thank the whole club for getting right behind DG Jim and Carol and for the 112 members and partners who attended. Please accept my thanks for your help in making it the "best conference ever held". We ended the Conference with a small profit of \$1250.

Without the support of Heather and the chairmen of the various committees that had met for 2 ½ years, chairing this Conference would not have been possible and I thank you all for your work and support during this period.

May I say a special "thank you" to DG Jim and Carol for giving me the privilege of chairing this Conference Committee.

Greg Matthews



Community Service Committee

Director: Bob Adams

Committee: Barry Cummings, John Mollison, Michael Barden,
Nino Sofra, Peter Sutherland, Max Hunter, Terry Keyhoe, Joseph Ebbage

Projects undertaken included:

- Collection and delivery of foodstuffs for Boroondara Council's Camcare family support network.
- Ongoing support for the Eva Tilley Memorial Home.
- Carols by Candlelight - Continuing support for the local churches Carols by Candlelight with funding and physical assistance, however this did not proceed due to weather conditions.
- Red Shield Appeal - The participation in the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal did not occur this year due to the Salvation Army's new policy on selection of the collectors for our allocated area.
- Christmas - Assistance with the Variety Club children's Christmas party.
- Sale of Christmas cards to members and families.
- Jack Nankervis House - Jack Nankervis House -we continue to support Anglicare and the residents and attend to minor maintenance when required.
- Boroondara Cares - This is a joint venture between Boroondara Rotary clubs, the City Council and Moira Shire Rotary clubs to provide assistance to the Moira Shire farming families who have been badly affected by the drought. Special thanks to Bruce Timbs who took on the responsibility for this project. He organized 6 members from North Balwyn Rotary to attend a Rotary sponsored trots day at Cobram. North Balwyn Rotary billeted 4 children from the Moira Shire to undertake work experience for a week. Special thanks to Sally and Peter Sutherland and Jill and John McBride for billeting the children.
- Health Projects - National Stroke Foundation -blood pressure testing for riders in the Rotary River Ride who chose to be tested and also assisted the North Balwyn chemist with their blood pressure testing program. Blood Bank -advising club members where and when they are able to donate blood.
- Camp Getaway - Ongoing support for Rotary Camp Getaway
- Homeless World Cup - This project promoted the awareness of world homelessness to the community. North Balwyn supported the the district project by adopting the Polish team. Matches were attended by a number of members.
- Black Saturday - Members from North Balwyn traveled to Alexandra and Kinglake to assist with the packing of clothing parcels, and assisted with fencing in effected areas.

- Fun in Retirement Expo - This first time Expo was held over 3 days and was strongly supported by local businesses and organizations. This was a successful community project which was very well attended and offered awareness of local support, products and projects in the area.

My thanks to each committee member for their contribution to a very successful year in Community Service.

Bob Adams



FUNDRAISING

Director: Elisabeth Hall

Committee: Bob Bromley, Peter Elliott, Larry Fitzpatrick, JohnCook,
Ian Richardson, John Robson, Jim Romanis, Anthony Stokes

In the midst of an extremely demanding year for the Club, members continued to support fund raising activities. Sincere thanks to all who contributed; particularly partners, whose ongoing assistance is greatly appreciated.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS

Catering Events

Thanks to John Mc Bride for undertaking the enormous workload that responsibility for catering incurs. Functions have included Exquisite Eggs, Miniatures, Defence Forces Welfare, and St Kilda Community Day. Funds raised are in excess of \$4,100.

The Community Cafe is now an important part of fundraising. The Club is indebted to Terry Keyhoe for his initiation of this project and his ongoing commitment. Funds raised this year are \$4,121.

Equestrian Events

Ian Richardson has again organised members and partners into supporting this consistent fundraiser. Although the equine flu affected income from this area, in excess of \$3,000 will have been raised.

Golf Day

This was organised for the first time by Larry Fitzpatrick, with assistance from Bob Bromley. Again it was a very successful day with considerable participation from Club members as both participants and helpers. Congratulations to all on raising \$9,127.

Grand Prix

Once again Michael Barden, with assistance from Bob Bromley, coordinated a successful Grand Prix effort. The addition of a coffee machine, manned most professionally by barista Terry Keyhoe, was a boost to profits. In all, \$11,994 was raised, with \$1,000 going to the Rotaracters and \$700 to the Rotary Club of Port Melbourne; a net profit of \$10,294. Considering that this event was immediately following District Conference, it was a mighty effort by all.

Christmas Raffle

The decline in support for this fund raiser was reflected in the money raised. Ian Richardson worked tirelessly in coordinating ticket sellers and setting up sites for sales. Jim Romanis also ably assisted. A total of \$5,797 was raised.

Christmas Cakes

A change from the traditional sale of Rotary cakes and puddings to the sale of cakes only was highly successful and resulted in \$360 being donated to Polio Plus on behalf of the Club.

OTHER FUNDRAISING

Wine Raffle

Thanks to the efforts of Don Taylor \$14,894 was raised

Bill's Jams

To date, the sale of Bill's jams and pickles has raised \$1,400 - a sterling effort.

Ladies Card Luncheon

Although yet to occur, mention should be made of the wonderful work of Anthea Mollison and other members and partners in their fund raising through craft and the ladies card luncheon.

Retail Therapy

Alison Adams has again worked to raise money for the Eva Tilley Residential Home. Thanks go to her and those partners who supported this project.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Rotary River Ride

Michael Bardon again capably coordinated this valuable community event with the assistance of Geoff Haddy, Don Taylor, John Cook and many others. Funds raised were \$8,743.

Fun in Retirement

The drive and energy of President Bill and Terry Keyhoe ensured the success of this valuable community project. Funds raised were \$8,727.

The Fund Raising Committee has worked extremely hard over the past year and I am indebted to all members for their enthusiasm and commitment. Two projects initiated this year may yet see fruition. John Robson has been diligently working on a possible Dancing with the Stars evening, and John Cook has been investigating opening an Opportunity Shop. I thank all those who participated in the Fund Raising Committee and who supported its work.

Elisabeth Hall



Vocational Committee

Director: Matthew Pauli
Committee: David Curby, Ken Maxfield, Joe Butler, Chris Favelle-Smith, Errol Talbot, Teresa Schipano, and retired Members – Lew Lustig, Peter Baird, & Kitch Wendt.

The year started off extremely well in the Vocational Committee, as I had a firm grasp on the role of the Vocational committee chairperson in my second year. Again I was very fortunate that the President allocated a fun and enthusiastic team to the Committee. I have to be honest and admit I looked forward to our monthly meetings, not only were our meetings productive the social and fellowship aspect of our meetings were a lot of fun.

The nibbles and fine wine were an important ingredient to our meetings, and I will probably be never forgiven when asked if I wanted a glass of sauvignon blanc, which I replied “no thanks – I don’t want any salad dressing” I then reached for a fantastic bottle of Pinot gris. Hay – life’s too short to drink vinegar.

Our meetings were not all about the wine and nibbles; we were rather productive and very enthusiastic. We did try to introduce two new projects to the committee which I thought was rather exciting as well as trying to revamp existing projects. The lists of projects are listed below.

Prisoner Mentoring Program – This was a fantastic project in that it helped prison fellowship train prisoners, with basic qualifications from obtaining a licence to drive a fork lift to gaining jobs in the hospitality industry. Rotary was expected to help mentor the trainers, and unfortunately this project was placed on hold till July 09

Shine on Awards – Project manager Ken Maxfield. Ken undertook this project with a lot of enthusiasm seeking suitable candidates from a large source of contacts. Unfortunately the candidates that were suggested to Ken – didn’t have a disability.

Vocational Excellence Awards – This was a joint project from all members of the committee and due to the number of similar projects in the Boroondara the two suitable candidates we had chosen were also selected by other organisations. As the Chairperson I decided that we would put this project on hold till next year.

Vocational Visits – Project managers - Chris Favelle-Smith and Peter Baird. Again Chris and Peter were hard at work, trying to organise that Old Melbourne Goal as a suitable venue. The fact that Peter resigned from the club, Chris had fallen ill and it would have been difficult for the club to ask the Kew Golf Club for another Thursday night off – it was all getting a bit difficult. We decided that it would be best to leave the visit to October 2009.

What’s my line – Project manager – Matthew Pauli. This was a much better event compared to last year. We heard from Bronwyn Dimond, Ann Kerr, Jane Pennington and Peter Sutherland, although they sessions are short they are an excellent way of getting to know a little more about fellow members.

Work Experience – Project manager – Joe Butler. Unfortunately the teacher from Rochester Secondary College wasn’t as enthusiastic as the previous teacher and unfortunately the communication back to Joe wasn’t the most promising. We were hoping to work with the Boroondara Cares group and run a similar project with the Moira Shire; we are still waiting to hear back from them.

Computers for Kids – Project manager – Matthew Pauli. Again a big thank you to Diane Goetze for helping organise Swinburne University to donate monitors to this project, to date they have donated over 300 monitors and are about to start donating complete computers. I was hoping to organise a working bee to help download software and prepare the computers for delivery. Unfortunately due to the overwhelming response it has been difficult to set a date.

Rotaract – North Balwyn Club – Well – What can I say about North Balwyn Rotaract ? – I had no idea that it would be as strong as it is four years ago when I got involved. It is growing in strength and is getting more and more popular with each meeting. Big congratulations to Amelia as she has brought a lot of spunk and energy to the club, I look forward to the next year and maybe a new venue if they continue to grow.

Yelp – Young employer’s leadership program – Project manager - Matthew Pauli. Although I have placed this project on the back burner for the time being, I hope to get involved again with it in the next few months. The response I got from the major projects committee was promising and

the advice I received was positive. I am looking forward to spending more time with project and I hope I can get it up to a test pilot – I believe it is what Rotary. It has been a privilege to lead a group of wonderful Rotarians this past year that regularly attended the Committee meetings with enthusiasm and willingly undertook the tasks listed above.

Mathew Pauli



FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Director: Ian Adams

Committee: Paul Fitz

Geoff Steinicke

George Swanson

The vision of The Rotary Foundation is *to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty*. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of Rotary.

Our club contributes approximately \$100 per member each year while members are encouraged to contribute directly on an individual basis.

The Centurion Program which was established to encourage Rotarians to contribute a minimum of \$100 annually continues to be well supported by members, resulting in 26 members as Centurions this year. Several members and Friends of Rotary support Foundation through the Benefactor Recognition Program whereby they have formally advised Foundation that they have made provision in their will, naming the Foundation Permanent Fund as a beneficiary. The club has also supported Foundation through its recognition of a number of Paul Harris Fellows during the year.

Each committee member has given a brief talk to the club on a Foundation topic to increase members' knowledge of Foundation. The topics included: Ambassadorial Scholars, Foundation Grants and Contributions.

Early this year the club was represented by 10 members and partners who enjoyed an excellent evening of entertainment provided by students from International House at the University Of Melbourne at the annual Cafe International.

For the first time in some years the committee nominated a candidate for an overseas Group Study Team and, despite being unsuccessful, it was a useful process to go through. During Foundation week in November the committee arranged for a Foundation-funded Rotary Peace Scholar as guest speaker at a dinner meeting.

In summary the club has been able to donate a total of \$23,910 to the Foundation: Polio Plus (\$6,000), Rotary Foundation, including per capita club contribution (\$16,750), \$1,160 to Essendon Rotary Club towards the Royce and Jean Abbey Agricultural Scholarship and sundry smaller allocations (\$240). In addition individual members have also contributed generously.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for their ready support and hospitality at committee meetings throughout the year.

Ian Adams



DISTRICT 9800 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, LAUNCESTON, TAS.





NEW GENERATIONS

Director: Gavan Schwartz

Committee: Bronwen Dimond, Jane Pennington, Mary George, Maria Moffat, Brice Timbs, Adrian Ranson, Mark Edwards, Peter Cleary
During the year Mark Edwards moved to South Australia and we welcomed Anthony Overmars to the committee.

Club Representation on District New Generations Committees

Michael Barden - RYLA District Chairman

Rob Head - RYLA

Anthony Stokes - RYPEN

Bronwen Dimond – Youth Exchange

New Generations has achieved a significant amount during the year due in part to the preparation and work of the previous committee and the efforts of the current committee. Member movement and other projects meant only a small number of active people available to maintain the projects undertaken.

A review of projects has meant changes within some and the deletion of others to bring the control of our committed funds back to our club, to ensure the young people we are seeking to assist receive fair treatment and to promote our club in the local area as one working with and for our local Youth.

A considerable amount of time and effort was committed to seeking a way for our club to assist the people of the Moira Shire through the drought relief programs under the umbrella organisation of Boroondara Cares. Our club sought to establish a School to School Project that would support the teachers and staff of the schools in the Moira Shire as they dealt with the effects of drought and social change on their community.

Project Reports:

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Our club nominated Hendi Soemawinata and Greg Dimopoulos to the December camp and supported them with an enthusiastic group of club members attending the RYLA Dinner. Greg and Hendi spoke confidently to the club in reporting the benefits of their participation which was rather evident to those who saw them performing on the night of the Dinner. The club was also supporting Michael Barden in his role as District Chairman of RYLA and Rob Head, a member of the District Committee. The continuing success of RYLA is in good hands!

Thanks were expressed to Tony Wells for his efforts in extricating our nominees from the camp!

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

Our club attempted to support Boroondara R.C. by sponsoring members of their newly formed Interact Club to the RYPEN camp in April thus expending the budget established for this activity. Unfortunately the arrangements did not come to fruition at that time but arrangements have been put in place to again sponsor two nominees for R.C. Boroondara to the October camp and to have two nominations from our club at the next April(2010) camp.

Our club will be actively supporting the coming April camp by coordinating the catering arrangements.

Thanks to Anthony Stokes for his work on the District Committee and for maintaining a watch on our financial transactions with District to provide us with a credit place for the next camp.

Siemens Science Experience

Two year nine students from Balwyn High School, Ella Trang and Stephen How attended this program . Ella at RMIT and Stephen at Melbourne University.

Ella and Stephen reported back to the club on their experiences which were obviously very exciting and supportive of their continuing studies. Thanks to Peter Cleary for his work in arranging our two nominees .

The committee has recommended that this program be incorporated into a new program for next year.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Having selected and nominated two very competitive students, Stephanie McMahon (Melbourne Girls Grammar School) and Trent Van Zanten (Balwyn High School) to the District selection process for this program and having neither of them progress the committee undertook a review of the selection process for NYSF. The committee also became aware of information from students that our club was not seen as “lucky” in gaining nominations to the program and as such the committee felt that the reputation of our club was being affected in the local area.

The outcome of the review is a recommendation that NYSF be replaced with a new program that will enable the club to maintain control of the selection and funding arrangements, to support local students and to build the reputation of our club locally.

To this end the committee recommended that a new program Exemplary Youth Science Promotion be established.

The first recipient of funding under this program will be Fiona Kan of North Balwyn who is currently studying engineering at Monash University. Fiona has been supported in her attendance at the International Scholar Laureate Program in China.

Prior to Fiona being supported, program credibility was established, nominating procedures were evaluated (Faculty nomination of top 5% achievement levels) and a report back mechanism was agreed to.

The Committee recommends that the previous funding for Siemens Science Experience and NYSF be combined to form the budget for this activity.

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

Mary George has successfully arranged for Rachel Bailes and Stephen Mallis from Balwyn High school to represent our club at this year's program to be conducted on the weekend of 13/14 June. Our students will be representing the United Kingdom in the Assembly deliberations.

Thanks to Mary and Jane Pennington for arranging transport to and from Myrning for our participants.

Storm The Stage.

Mark Edwards made many contacts with schools early in the Rotary year in regard to this program but with no commitment given and Mark transferring to SA, no nomination was forthcoming for this year.

The committee was also informed that the dates proposed for this program conflicted with exam times for senior students in our schools.

The committee has recommended that this program be reviewed early in the new Rotary year.

Youth Exchange (Inbound)

Paulina Gorka, a young lady from a small town in Poland, arrived in Australia on 8 August with a smattering of English and a huge smile. She has been very fortunate in having Bronwen Dimond as her counsellor, Ala and Don Taylor, Peter and Erin Courtney, Michael Barden and Rosemary Kelly and Ann Kerr and Graeme Bird as her host parents. Our sincere thanks to them all and to the other members who have contributed to Paulina's experience with us.

Paulina has grown as a person and learned much in her time with us. Her participation in the District Conference will be a lifetime memory for her. We must recognise the arrangements that

Bronwen was able to put in place for Paulina to attend school at Genazzano and for the piano lessons to support her preparation for the Conference performance.

A recommendation to the club for us to accept a southern hemisphere student (possibly from Brazil) has been forwarded to District with an anticipated arrival date in January '10.

Bronwen, having such first hand experiences of the Exchange Program as counsellor and host parent, has accepted an invitation to participate on the District Committee. We appreciate Bronwen's efforts in her wonderful support for this program.

Youth Exchange (Outbound)

Olivia Bassani is in Brazil as a result of our club's participation in this aspect of the program.

Mary George as her counsellor here has been maintaining a strong interest in Olivia's activities and has brought several issues to the District Committee as we have found the Brazilian way of conducting the exchange program differs significantly from our expectations. Olivia was originally hoping to go to Europe but was selected for Brazil, much to her family's dismay. Mary took on the responsibility of providing the family with the information and support that saw Olivia leave on the 8th July to return on 10 June 2010. Mary will remain as Olivia's counsellor until her return even though she will no longer be on the New Generations committee.

Should the club wish to sponsor another outgoing exchange there will need to be some prompt work in finding a suitable nominee for participation in the next round.

Boroondara Cares.

This activity, operated under the auspices of the Rotary Clubs in the City of Boroondara as a combined group, set out to assist the community in the Shire of Moira in northern Victoria who were struggling under the challenges of severe drought and significant social change in the shire.

Each Rotary Club involved took on one aspect of the support program with our club requested to establish a School to School initiative. Much time and effort was expended in attempting to establish a program that would support the staffs of the schools in the Shire to assist those people at the forefront of dealing with the effects of drought and change being demonstrated in the behaviours of the students. This program was not picked up by the Moira schools and to date only one activity has been established at a pupil to pupil level. A disappointing outcome.

Bruce Timbs, our club contact on the Boroondara Cares committee, has worked endlessly to have our club involved in the other activities within the program. Our club has supported the provision of food rice through the Moira Food Share activity, supplied Christmas cakes and puddings, funded student participation in a Portsea camp, billeted work experience students and had club representatives attend "An Evening With The Stars" at Katunga in January and the special Harness Racing event to support the program at Cobram.

This program will continue next year attached to the Community Service Committee.

We recognise the ongoing efforts of Bruce in keeping this activity in our club's conscience.

INTERACT:

The Interact Club at Balwyn High School continues to function effectively with a current membership of approximately 40. The club, lead by Co-Presidents Breanna Hassall and Wesley Loo is working towards the next production of "Strictly Balwyn" on July 25th as a major fund raiser. With a completely new membership at the beginning of 2009 it is encouraging to see this club continue to build under the guidance of Bronwen Dimond. Our recognition of Bronwen's work in this regard is essential – our sincere thanks to her.

The Interact Club has also sought to assist in the local Carols by Candlelight activity and planning was underway for a future "It Takes Two" challenge. A cheque for \$4000 was presented to our Club by the Interactors to support the Tulagi project. This money was raised from the previous "Strictly Balwyn", "It Takes Two" and a face painting day at the School swimming sports.

The Interactors also combined with the Rotaract club in a trivia night resulting in a cheque for \$1500 to support our club activities.

A very successful year!

Our Committee will be working differently next year as the combination of Vocational and Youth Services work together in an exciting new challenge.

My thanks to all the members who have contributed so generously in enabling our New Gen. committee of 08/09 to achieve what it has. There has been significant review of programs and new challenges have been identified to maintain the support of the youth in our community into the future

Gavin Schwartz





It was a great year!

CLUB FINANCES

The finances of the Club reflect careful stewardship by the Board and by members in the conduct of all Club activities in the past year. The statements which follow are for the first eleven months of 2008-09. Final (12 month) statements will be prepared after 30th June for presentation at our annual meeting.

The Club operates two main sets of accounts:

ADMINISTRATION accounts for transactions relating to the day-to-day operations of the Club including our financial obligations to Rotary International and to District 9800. We have two ADMIN bank accounts: a cheque account and an investment account.

SERVICE accounts contain all transactions relating to our fundraising and other monies received to carry out our services, projects and donations for the benefit of our local and international communities, including our contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Again, there are two bank accounts: a cheque account and an investment account.

There have been two particularly significant matters affecting this year's accounts. The Victorian Bushfires saw tremendous generosity by members both in money and time. In accordance with member wishes, some monies were passed to external bushfire recovery funds, whilst other funds have been used in supporting affected areas and in hands-on help such as fence building.

The second item was the decision to create a *Bushfire (future projects) Fund* from proceeds of our fundraising through the Kellys Promise raffle, the APT European Tour raffle (after allocations to the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, and to RoCan), and from the return by the District Conference of the Club's week-to-week contribution of seeding finance over the past 2½ years.

Other significant financial events:

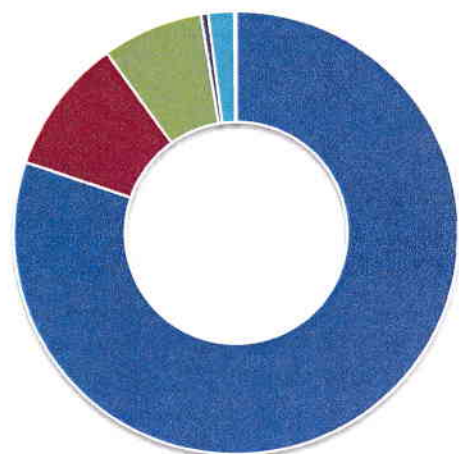
- The loan of \$5,000 made from the ADMIN account to the District Conference to assist cashflow, has been repaid.
- Our first FIRE community project made a surplus of \$8,727
- Nearly \$24,000 has been donated to the Rotary Foundation of which \$6,000 has been for Polio Plus.
- A new container has been purchased to store the many 'tools of trade' needed for our SERVICE activities. The capital cost has been charged to the SERVICE account, to be amortised over a relatively short period.
- The bank account opened to handle transactions relating to the APT European Tour raffle is in the process of being finalized and closed.

Geoff Haddy
Treasurer

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS TO 31 May 2009

NET ASSETS AT START OF YEAR

\$13,331



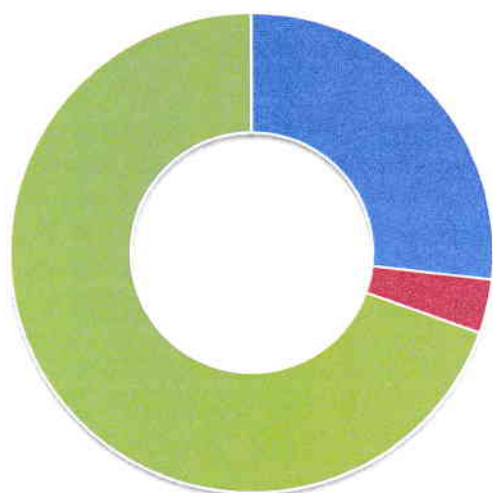
■ Subscriptions ■ Internal fundraising
■ Net meals ■ Sale of Club items
■ Interest ■ Other

INCOME FROM JULY TO MAY

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| Subscriptions | | | |
| | Members | \$23,225 | |
| | Friends | <u>\$545</u> | \$23,770 |
| Internal fundraising | | | |
| | Donations | \$653 | |
| | Fines | \$1,657 | |
| | Raffles and other fundraising | <u>\$626</u> | \$2,936 |
| Meals | | | |
| | Meal payments received | \$83,126 | |
| | Meal reimbursements received | \$4,195 | |
| | Meal costs paid | (\$82,932) | |
| | Meal surcharge (D. Conf.) | <u>(\$2,219)</u> | \$2,170 |
| Sale of Club Items | | | |
| | | | \$155 |
| Other income | | | |
| | | | \$41 |
| Interest | | | |
| | | | \$579 |

TOTAL INCOME

\$29,651



■ Administration costs ■ Membership project
■ Rotary subs & dues

EXPENDITURE FROM JULY TO MAY

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| Administration costs | | | |
| | Annual return fee | \$40 | |
| | Bank charges | \$11 | |
| | Club items | \$665 | |
| | Club directory | \$247 | |
| | Donations & gifts | \$216 | |
| | Family of Rotary | \$487 | |
| | Furniture & equipment (expns'd) | \$225 | |
| | Grapevine | \$191 | |
| | Postage & PO box | \$92 | |
| | President's expenses | \$1,174 | |
| | Printing & stationery | \$291 | |
| | Rotary Trng – incl D. Assembly | \$1,495 | |
| | Speakers' gifts | \$609 | |
| | Website maintenance | \$302 | |
| | Other admin. & sundry expenses | <u>\$101</u> | \$6,146 |
| Membership project incl Friends | | | |
| | | | \$832 |
| Rotary subscriptions & dues | | | |
| | Rotary Down Under | \$3,156 | |
| | RI – Council of Legislation | \$95 | |
| | RI – per capita fees | \$5,467 | |
| | District levy | \$5,370 | |
| | District Insurance | <u>\$1,823</u> | \$15,911 |
| Club and Fellowship functions | | | |
| | | | (\$819) |

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

\$22,070

NET ASSETS AT END OF MAY

\$20,912

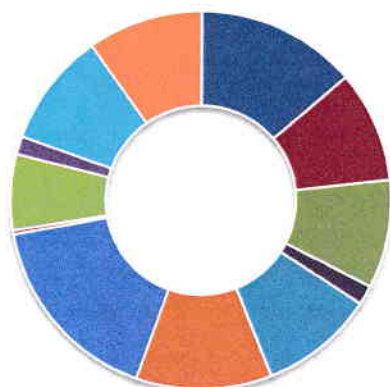
SERVICE ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS TO 31 May 2009

NET ASSETS AT START OF YEAR

\$49,935

Fundraising & Community Projects

INCOME FROM JULY TO MAY



- APT raffle
- Catering
- Golf
- Kellys Promise
- Xmas raffle
- FIRE
- Conf back-up
- Equestrian
- Grand Prix
- Wine
- Bill's jams
- Rotary River Ride

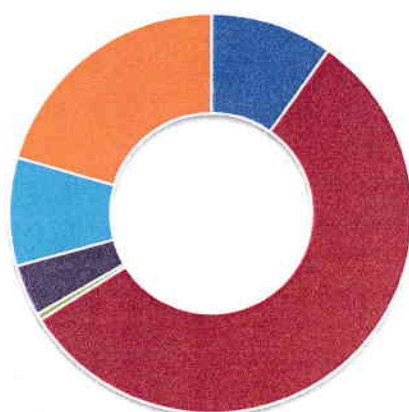
Fundraising projects

| | | |
|--|----------------|----------|
| APT raffle (net of \$12.5K donated to Alannah & Madeline Foundation & \$3.0K to RoCan) | \$12,230 | |
| Conference back-up fundraising now available for bushfire support | \$8,579 | |
| Catering events | \$8,267 | |
| Equestrian | \$1,500 | |
| Golf | \$8,727 | |
| Grand Prix | \$10,294 | |
| Kellys Promise raffle | \$14,894 | |
| Wine sales | \$313 | |
| Xmas raffle | \$5,798 | |
| Bill's jams | <u>\$1,400</u> | \$72,002 |

Community projects

| | | |
|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Fun in Retirement | \$8,728 | |
| Rotary River Ride | <u>\$8,743</u> | \$17,471 |

Donations received



- From members
- Market research
- For Solomons
- For bushfire funds
- Silverpot
- Other

Donations received

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| From members | \$2,934 | |
| For Dist. & Mayors Bushfire Funds | \$16,820 | |
| Market research fees | \$150 | |
| Silverpot collections | \$1,260 | |
| Solomons | \$2,620 | |
| Other donations | <u>\$6,136</u> | \$29,920 |

Other income

| | | |
|----------|--|---------|
| Interest | | \$2,554 |
|----------|--|---------|

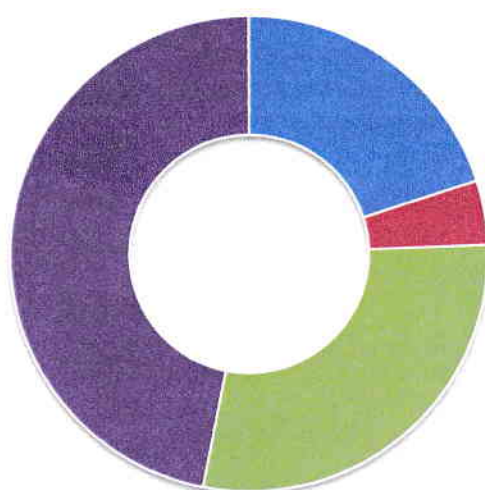
TOTAL INCOME

\$121,947

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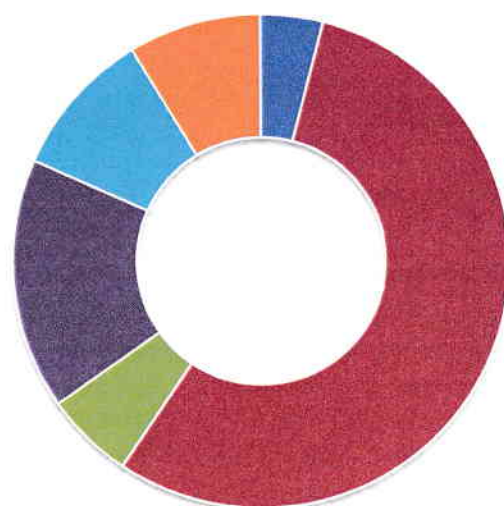
SERVICE ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS TO 31 May 2009 (Cont.)

Service Projects



Community International
New Generations Foundation

Donations made



Aust Rotary Health Bushfire funds
Eva Tilley Olivia N-J Cancer Centre
Shelter boxes Other

EXPENDITURE FROM JULY TO MAY

Operating expenses

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Bank charges | \$509 | |
| Sponsors' night | \$613 | |
| Misc. fundraising expenses | \$484 | |
| Depreciation expense | <u>\$2,005</u> | \$3,611 |

Service Projects

Community Service

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Bushfire relief | \$5,654 | |
| Brigitte Stark assistance | \$1,115 | |
| Camcare | \$1,001 | |
| Camp Getaway | \$200 | |
| Carols by Candlelight | \$1,000 | |
| Homeless World Games | \$32 | |
| Other Community Service | <u>\$1,250</u> | \$10,252 |

International Service

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------|
| ROMAC | | |
| Tulagi/Solomons project | \$1,480 | |
| Other International Service | <u>\$741</u> | \$2,221 |

New Generations

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Attendees meal subsidy | \$2,715 | |
| Boroondara cares | \$2,300 | |
| Interact Club of NB | \$136 | |
| RYLA | \$1,320 | |
| Siemens Science Experience | \$191 | |
| Youth Exchange Student | \$6,963 | |
| Other New Generations | <u>\$1,000</u> | \$14,625 |

Foundation Services

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Polio Plus | \$6,000 | |
| Rotary Foundation | \$16,750 | |
| Royce & Jean Abbey Fund | <u>\$1,160</u> | \$23,910 |

Donations made

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Australian Rotary Health | \$1,233 | |
| District & Mayors Bushfire Funds | \$16,820 | |
| Eva Tilley | \$1,750 | |
| Olivia Newton-John Cancer Cntr. | \$5,000 | |
| Shelter boxes | \$2,931 | |
| Other donations | <u>\$2,615</u> | \$30,349 |

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **\$84,968**

NET ASSETS AT END MAY

\$86,914

BALANCE SHEETS AT 31 May 2009

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

ASSETS

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Cash at Bank | | |
| Cheque Account | \$5,399 | |
| Investment Account | <u>\$17,589</u> | \$22,988 |

Total Assets **\$22,988**

LESS

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Creditors | | |
| Advances – Club Ch Over | \$1,045 | |
| Advances – Dist Ch Over | <u>\$1,050</u> | \$2,095 |

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|
| GST | | (\$19) |
| Total Liabilities | | \$2,076 |

EQUALS

NET ASSETS **\$20,912**

These Net Assets are recorded as:

Committed Funds

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------|
| History Project Fund | \$4,000 | |
| Special Assistance Fund | <u>\$1,100</u> | \$5,100 |

Uncommitted Funds \$15,811

TOTAL **\$20,912**

SERVICE ACCOUNT

ASSETS

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------|----------|
| Cash at Bank | | |
| Cheque Account | 4,121 | |
| Investment Account | <u>76,920</u> | \$81,041 |

Other current assets

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Wine stock | \$950 | |
| Deposits & pre-payments | \$169 | |
| FIRE 09 pre-paid costs | <u>\$1,260</u> | \$2379 |

Property & equipment

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------|
| At cost | \$6,013 | |
| Accumulated depreciation | <u>(\$2,005)</u> | \$4,008 |

Total Assets **\$87,428**

LESS

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|-----------|--|---------|
| Creditors | | \$1,233 |
|-----------|--|---------|

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|--------------|
| GST | | (\$719) |
| Total Liabilities | | \$514 |

EQUALS

NET ASSETS **\$86,914**

These Net Assets are recorded as:

Committed Funds

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Brigitte Stark Fund | \$1,265 | |
| Bushfires (future projects) Fund | \$30,000 | |
| Camp Getaway Kitchen | \$14,500 | |
| Pres.'s (future projects) Fund | \$15,500 | |
| Rotary Centenary Fund | \$2,000 | |
| Tulagi/ Solomons Fund | <u>\$13,000</u> | \$76,265 |

Uncommitted Funds \$10,649

TOTAL **\$86,914**

CLUB MEMBERSHIP AS AT 30 June 2009

| CM – Charter Member PP – Past President PHF – Paul Harris Fellow PHF + Paul Harris Fellow with Sapphire/s RAF – Royce Abbey Fellowship | | | | Years of Service in North Balwyn |
|---|-----------|----------------------|-----|---|
| Adams | Bob | | | 11 |
| Adams | Ian | PP, PHF | | 12 |
| Angleton | Ted | PP | | 20 |
| Ansell | Duncan | | | 8 |
| Baird | Peter | | | Resigned 31/12/08 |
| Barden | Michael | PHF | | 8 |
| Bird | Graeme | PP | | 9 |
| Bott | Bob | PP, PHF | | 7 |
| Bowden | Don | PP, PHF+1 | | 7 |
| Bromley | Bob | | | 1 |
| Butler | Joe | | | 5 |
| Carnell | Ron | CM, PHF | | Deceased 8/08 |
| Cheney | David | PP, PHF+2 | | 27 |
| | | CM, PP, PHF | | |
| Cleary | Peter | | | 29 |
| Cook | John | PP, PHF | New | 2 |
| Cornell | Findley | PHF | | 14 |
| Courtney | Peter | PP, PHF | | 20 |
| Cummings | Barry | PP, PHF+1 | | 11 |
| Curby | David | | | 1 |
| Dimond | Bronwen | PHF | | 7 |
| Dwyer | Geoff | | | 19 |
| Ebbage | Joseph | | | Resigned 4.6.09 |
| Ebihara | Robert | | | 6 |
| Elliott | Peter | PP, PHF | | 17 |
| | | CM, PP, PHF+1 | | |
| Fitz | Paul | | | 28 |
| Fitzpatrick | Larry | PP | | 7 |
| Flavelle-Smith | Chris | | | 3 |
| Francis | Phil | PHF +1 | | 15 |
| Gartlan | John | PHF | | 17 |
| George | Mary | RAF | | 2 |
| Goetze | Hugo | PHF | | 17 |
| Gouvoussi | Maria | | | 6 |
| Gretton | Terry | RAF | | 5 |
| Haddy | Geoff | | | 5 |
| Hall | Elisabeth | | | 6 |
| Hart | Tony | | | <1 |

| | | | | |
|------------|---------|-------------------|----------|----|
| Head | Rob | | | 23 |
| Hibbert | Stan | CMPP, PHF +1 | Honorary | 28 |
| Hunter | Max | PHF | | 25 |
| Hurnard | Brian | PP, PHF | | 19 |
| Johnson | Dick | PHF | | 17 |
| Kerr | Ann | PP, PHF | | 9 |
| Keyhoe | Terry | PP, PHF | | 22 |
| Lee | Ralph | CM, PP, PHF | | 29 |
| Lele | Imre | | | 22 |
| McBride | John | PHF+1 | | 22 |
| McClean | Rowan | | | 1 |
| McDonald | Sue | | | 6 |
| McKay | Mike | | | 6 |
| Magor | John | PP, PHF | | 22 |
| Matthews | Greg | PP, PHF+2 | | 23 |
| Maxfield | Ken | PP, PHF | | 16 |
| Moffat | Maria | PHF | | 13 |
| Mollison | Ian | PHF | | 12 |
| Mollison | John | PP, PHF | | 23 |
| Montauban | Bert | | | 3 |
| Morris | Dave | | | 20 |
| Moyle | John | PHF | | 20 |
| Muntwyler | Marcel | CM, PHF+1 | | 29 |
| Oakley | Bill | PP, PHF | | 13 |
| O'Connor | Gary | | | <1 |
| Overmars | Anthony | | | <1 |
| Paulheim | Kinga | | | 1 |
| Pauli | Matthew | RAF | | 5 |
| Pegg | Lindsay | PHF | | 10 |
| Pennington | Jane | PHF | | 12 |
| Phillips | Ron | PP, PHF+1 | | 24 |
| Reddish | John | PDG, PP, PHF+8 | Honorary | 28 |
| Rennie | John | PHF | | 21 |
| Richardson | Ian | PHF | | 20 |
| Robson | John | CM, PP, PHF | | 29 |
| Romanis | Jim | | | 14 |
| Ross | Greg | PDG, PP, PHF+1 | | 23 |
| Schipano | Therese | | | 1 |
| Schwartz | Gavan | | | 8 |
| Selkrig | George | PHF | | 20 |
| Smith | Bernie | CM, PP, PHF | | 29 |

| | | | | |
|------------|---------|----------------------|--|---------------------|
| Sofra | Nino | PHF | | 16 |
| Steinicke | Geoff | CM, PP, PHF | | 29 |
| Stokes | Anthony | | | 20 |
| Studebaker | Jim | DG, PP, PHF+4 | | 18 |
| Sutherland | Peter | | | 3 |
| Swanson | George | PP, PHF | | 16 |
| Symington | Garth | PP, PHF | | 6 |
| Talbot | Errol | | | 1 |
| Taylor | Don | | | 5 |
| Taylor | Ian | PHF+1 | | 14 |
| Thackray | Bill | | | 20 |
| Timbs | Bruce | PP, PHF+1, | | 3 |
| Walters | Maurie | | | 6 |
| Wells | Tony | | | 5 |
| Wendt | Kitch | | | Resigned 31/1/09 |
| Wilkins | Ted | | | 9 |
| Willshire | David | CM, PHF | | 29 |

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

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Ron Arthur | Pauline Benallack | Carmel Bott |
| Betty Carnell | Jan Cheney | Geoff Clark |
| John Etkins | Ethne (Johnnie) Etkins | Sue Fitz |
| David Goldsmith | Koicji Hara | Jack Harris |
| Enid Healey | Anne-Marie Heath | Andrew Heggie |
| Areta Hurnard | Chris Howell | Kristine McDonell |
| Bruce McIver | Kel McMillan | Anthea Mollison |
| Keith Mutimer | June Phillips | Judy Reddish |
| Carol Ross | Elizabeth Roy | Bev Sofra |
| David Stockman | Norma Wing Young | |

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS; 2008-2009

| 2008 | SPEAKER | TOPIC | CHAIRMAN |
|--------|---|---|------------------|
| Jul 3 | Garth Symington | The Kokoda Track | Ian Richardson |
| Jul 10 | Club Forum | | Bill Oakley |
| Jul 17 | Chris Flavell-Smith Lew Lustig | Autobiographies, it was Lew's farewell! | Hugo Goetze |
| Jul 24 | Kirsten Radka | Ambassadorial Scholar - "My Year in Australia" | Peter Cleary |
| Jul 31 | Beth Bailey (Chair of the Victorian Peak Body For Mental Illness Carers | A Welcome Challenge – Voluntary Mental Health Work at State and National Levels | Ian Richardson |
| Aug 7 | Jim Studebaker | District Governors address | Bill Oakley |
| Aug 14 | Asst. Commissioner Ken Lay | Crackdown on "Hoon Drivers" | Ralph Lee |
| Aug 21 | Marie Treloar (Midwife & Nurse) | Women's and Children's Health in The Highlands of PNG | Ann Kerr |
| Aug 28 | Michael Crennan | Hearing loss as we age | Ted Wilkins |
| Sep 4 | Marianne Crennan | Clinical Trials in Cancer Research | Sue McDonald |
| Sep 11 | Brian Dixon | International Australian Football | Peter Elliott |
| Sep 18 | Jim Watterson | The Challenge of Modern Education | Gavin Schwartz |
| Sep 25 | Thorold Merrett | Football Past and Present | Bernie Smith |
| Oct 2 | Dr. Phillip Freier, Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne | Christian insight on Indigenous Reconciliation | Phil Francis |
| Oct 9 | Richard Alston | Reflections of our High Commissioner To London | Tony Wells |
| Oct 16 | Denis Napthine | The Racing Game | Elisabeth Hall |
| Oct 21 | Cluster Meeting | Boroondara Cares | Camberwell RC |
| Oct 30 | David Rush | Weekends with The Hussler | Imre Lele |
| Nov 6 | Tony Kelly | Melbourne's Future Water Supply | Brian Hurnard |
| Nov 13 | Susan Carew | Real Hope Anti-Bullying Program | George Swanson |
| Nov 20 | Bob Bromley and Errol Talbot | AGM and Autobiographies | Bill Oakley |
| Nov 27 | Mike McColl-Jones | Graham Kennedy Treasures | John Mollison |
| Dec 4 | Various | Homeless World Cup | Bob Adams |
| Dec 11 | Christmas Meeting | | Ron Phillips |
| Dec 18 | BBQ Breakfast | | Fellowship Cttee |

| 2009 | SPEAKER | TOPIC | CHAIRMAN |
|--------|--|--|-----------------|
| Jan 1 | No Meeting | | |
| Jan 8 | Cluster Meeting | Boroondara Cares | Canterbury RC |
| Jan 15 | Barrie Dunstan | The Global Financial Crisis | Bob Bromley |
| Jan 22 | Robert Ebihara and Rowan McClean | Autobiographies | Maria Moffat |
| Jan 29 | Nick Andrzejewski | No to Violence | Mary George |
| Feb 5 | Superintendent Graeme Arthur | Victoria Police in the Solomons | Duncan Ansell |
| Feb 12 | Nola Sharp | Inner Wheel Alignment | Jim Romanis |
| Feb 19 | Bowls Night | | Ian Mollison |
| Feb 26 | Launceston Conference Committee | Conference Briefing | Greg Matthews |
| Mar 5 | Michael Thurston (US Consul General) | My Year in Iraq (2008) | John McBride |
| Mar 12 | | Launceston District 9800 Conference | |
| Mar 19 | Jenny Gray | Lessons from the Zoo | Garth Symington |
| Mar 26 | Jason Thomas | The Power of Unreasonable People | Joseph Ebbage |
| Apr 2 | Simone Brock | Men's Health Problems | Graeme Bird |
| Apr 9 | Easter Breakfast Meeting | | Bill Oakley |
| Apr 16 | John Beveridge | Global Financial Crisis: Where Are We Now | Rowan McClean |
| Apr 23 | Brian Tee, MLC | Current Issues, including bushfire aftermath | Nino Sofra |
| Apr 30 | Kinga Paulheim and Teresa Schipano | Autobiographies | George Selkrig |
| May 7 | Club Birthday Night | | George Selkrig |
| May 14 | Enso Neghad | From Refugee to Resident | Michael Barden |
| May 21 | Gemma Sisia | The School of St Jude | Barry Cummings |
| May 28 | Dr Alison Morgan | Hamlin Fistula Hospital | Sue McDonald |
| Jun 4 | Paulina Gorka | My Year in Australia | David Morris |
| Jun 11 | Bernadette Steele | VCAT: What the Media does not tell you | John Magor |
| Jun 19 | Club Trivia Night At Hawthorn Town Hall | | |
| Jun 28 | Club Changeover Luncheon at Box Hill Golf Club | | |

PAST OFFICE BEARERS

| Year | President | Vice President | Secretary | Treasurer | Sergeant | Grapevine Editor | The Ron Carnell 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 Perdiau | Marcel Muntwyler | John Etkins | |
| 1985 - 1986 | Paul Fitz | David Goldsmith | Ron Carnell | Geoff Perdiau | Ralph Lee | Peter Kagan | |
| 1986 - 1987 | Geoff Steinicke | Geoff Clark | Ron Carnell | Geoff Perdiau | 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 Perdiau | 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 | 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 /L Pegg | 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 |
| 2006 - 2007 | John Magor | Phil Francis | Brian Hurnard | Neil Ramsay | Terry Gretton | John McBride | Ron Phillips |
| 2007 - 2008 | Ian Adams | Ann Kerr | Brian Hurnard | Geoff Haddy | Ted Wilkins | Graeme Bird | Geoff Haddy |
| 2008 - 2009 | Bill Oakley | Peter Courtney | Michael McKay | Geoff Haddy | Findley Cornell | Graeme Bird | Terry Keyhoe |