



# ***Annual Report 2009 -2010***



THE ROTARY CLUB OF  
**NORTH BALWYN**

**John Kenny**  
President  
Rotary International

**Colin Muir**  
Governor  
Rotary District 9800



Tony and Jo Wells

“We are part of an organisation with the capacity to do great deeds,  
the sense to do them wisely, and the strength of character to do  
them well.”

John Kenny  
RI President 2009-2010

## The Rotary Club of North Balwyn Inc.

Meeting Time:	Thursday, 6:00pm for 6:30 pm
Meeting Place:	The Kew Golf Club, Belford Road, East Kew 3102
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Charter Date:	8 May 1980
Club Number:	18337
Sponsoring Club:	Balwyn
ABN:	15 960 124 742
Incorporation #.:	A0018007N

### 2009 -2010 Board of Directors

President	Tony Wells
Vice – President	Peter Elliott
President Elect	Findley Cornell
Immediate Past President	Bill Oakley
Secretary	Michael McKay
Treasurer	Geoff Haddy
Director, Club Service	Terry Gretton
Director, Community Service	Bob Adams
Director, Fundraising	Don Taylor (July 2009 – Sep. 2009)
Director, Fundraising	Bill Oakley (Sep. 2009 – June 2010)
Director, Foundation	Bill Oakley (July 2009 – Sep. 2009)
Director, Foundation	Paul Fitz (Sep. 2009 – June 2010)
Director, International Service	Sue McDonald
Director, Vocation and Youth	Gavin Schwartz
Director, Membership	Ian Mollison
Minute Secretary	Jane Pennington

### Office Bearers 2009 – 2010

Almoner	David Morris
Attendance and Data	Hugo Goetze
On to Conference	Findley Cornell
Fellowship	Don Bowden
Grapevine	John Cook
Protection Officer	John Rennie
Sergeant	Mathew Pauli
Sergeant (Deputy)	Peter Sutherland
Speaker Program	Michael Barden
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

## **President's Report**

The Club's 30<sup>th</sup> year has been a year of consolidation, development and steady progress underpinned by a revised administrative structure based on Rotary's Club Leadership Plan. At the same time the Club has had an eye to the future taking into account RI World President John Kenny's theme: *"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"*.

The Board has met regularly to manage and oversight the affairs of the Club and the Directors provide detail on their areas of responsibility elsewhere in this report.

The Club remained an active partner in Rotary Community Service programs including recovery activity for areas ravaged by bushfires in February 2009. Our work has including fencing at Upper Plenty, Buxton and Kinglake and specific funds were earmarked for a major project at Marysville. Other partnership activity included support for Boroondara Cares, a program in which all the Rotary Clubs in the Boroondara have combined to support the drought affected Moira shire in Northern Victoria.

Community and fund raising activities during the year included the annual Rotary Ride for cyclists, catering for marshals and others at the Grand Prix, the Fun in Retirement Expo (FIRE), the ladies Christmas Fair and various other events including the Werribee Equestrian and Reclink (community support) programs. The financial return from FIRE was disappointing, at about break even, but the event was also designed to provide a community service for those approaching or in retirement and the concept remains open to further review.

The International Service program of recent years in the Solomon Islands moved towards maturity with funding for a rice drying and storage facility. The International Committee began work on a new community based project at Minh Hac in Vietnam.

Rotary presentations were regularly scheduled at Club meetings under the headings of Vocational Service and Rotary Knowledge. The internal Vocational program included presentations from Club members highlighting their own experience and a debate with the topic "Ethics in Business – The Responsibility Lies with Regulators, not Directors, Managers or Employees".

The Rotary Knowledge program covered a variety of areas, with focus on the Rotary Foundation and its global reach and proposed changes being piloted in the Rotary Future Vision program.

The Club participated in the Foundation's Group Study Exchange program and hosted the inbound team from Spain while Brazil was the focus of our commitment to Rotary Youth Exchange. This year's Exchange student Cecy Perez arrived to spend 12 months with us and Olivia Bassini returned home after her successful year in Brazil. Paulina Gorka returned to Poland in December. Maria Moffatt, Mary George and Bronwen Dimond have worked with commitment as Counsellors for Cecy, Olivia and Paulina respectively. The Club is indebted to them and to the host families in the 2009/2010 Rotary year, Ann Kerr and Graeme Bird, Rosemary Kelly and Michael Barden, Carol and Jim Studebaker and Judy and Geoff Steinicke.

The Club supported the RYLA camp at Wonga Park and hosted the D9800 RYPEN camp at Lancefield during the year. RCNB continued to support the North Balwyn Rotaract Club and the Balwyn High School Interact Club.

There has been a slight drop in membership for the year with the induction of five members against a loss of seven. The trend has been reviewed by the Membership Committee and innovative programs are under consideration to attract new members.

Fundraising remains a key issue with various options under review. The Club conducted extensive due diligence and the Board approved a proposal to develop and operate an Op Shop style of retail outlet to raise funds to support service programs. We were not successful in finding a suitable manager for the start-up phase and as a result the project has not been brought to fruition. However an enormous amount of information is available should an Op Shop be re-visited in future. I acknowledged Don Taylor's effort and energy in proposing and developing the case for the Op Shop. The proposal was extensively reviewed by the Major Projects Committee chaired by Garth Symington and by a Working Party appointed by the Board and lead by Jim Romanis.

Fellowship continued as a key element in Club life and this year's Committee, chaired by Don Bowden developed an excellent and varied program greatly enjoyed by our members. This extended to the annual golf and fellowship weekend, fellowship evenings, epicure dinners and an excursion to Marysville to support the town following last year's devastating fires.

At the District level, a team of 17 from the Club attended the D9800 Conference in Perth, Western Australia in March and enjoyed an excellent conference program and good fellowship.

Early in the Rotary year there was extensive discussion in the Club about honorary membership and following lengthy consideration the Board endorsed guidelines designed to assist the appointment of honorary members in future.

Looking to the future, the Horizons Committee chaired by Phil Francis, was asked to develop a strategic plan for the Board. As part of the process Rowan McClean facilitated a Club forum/ planning session and subsequently drafted a document "The Way Ahead – 2010-2012 and beyond". The document has been endorsed by the Board and will provide a planning framework for future administrations.

The Club celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with a black tie dinner in May attended by 160 at the Manningham Club. During the evening an updated Club history - *The First Thirty Years* – was launched by the Club's Charter President Stan Hibbert. This excellent document of record was compiled by an enthusiastic editorial committee chaired by David Cheney and including Paul Fitz, Brian Hurnard and Ian Adams. The featured speaker was Brian Nankervis, son of the late Jack Nankervis who was District Governor when the Club was chartered in 1980. Brian's heartfelt reminiscences about Jack's connection to the Club and his candour and humour provided an entertaining highlight at the celebration.

I have appreciated the support of an excellent Board this past year who have served the Club particularly well and I thank each one of them for their contribution and support in the management of the Club finances, programs and other issues requiring attention. I am particularly grateful to Bill Oakley and Paul Fitz who at short notice respectively took on responsibilities for Fundraising and Foundation when a vacancy on the Board occurred.

It has been a challenging year financially and the Treasurer Geoff Haddy has worked diligently to monitor and maintain the Club Administration and Service accounts effectively and efficiently. The Treasurer's report indicates the detail and the Board believes we have achieved a satisfactory outcome in the circumstances. Importantly



the Club again met its obligations to the Rotary Foundation which underpins Rotary's Global reach, including Polio Plus.

The Club's Honorary Secretary, Mike McKay has worked with great attention to detail to ensure the Board and the administration of the Club operated smoothly during the year. I have also valued the support of Vice President Peter Elliott, President Elect Findley Cornell and others on the Board including Bob Adams, Terry Gretton, Geoff Haddy, Sue McDonald, Ian Mollison and Gavan Schwartz. They have made up a great team and through their collective contribution they have served the club extremely well.

The Club has also been fortunate to have the support of the D9800 Eastside Cluster Assistant Governor, Philip Rowell whose Rotary experience, advice and counsel has been very helpful in working through a range of issues.

The Club could not have functioned without support from many working tirelessly behind the scenes. Our speaker's program has been excellent due largely to the work of Michael Barden and Joe Butler. Matthew Pauli has been an enthusiastic Sergeant at Arms overseeing Club meetings, conducting fines sessions and keeping us humoured with tales of Murphy and others.

Unheralded officers include the Board Minute Secretary Jane Pennington, Banking Marcel Muntwyler, Property Officer Barry Cummings, Database and Attendance Hugo Goetze, Protection Officer John Rennie and Radio 96.5 Inner FM Don Bowden.

Communications are significant in maintaining and developing the Club's internal and external profile and this year Phil Francis had oversight of our communications program with support from Dick Johnson our Webmaster, John Cook, editor of the Grapevine and Maurie Walters, publicity.

Beyond the Board and those already mentioned I would like to thank everyone in the Club who has supported me during 2009/2010. Your numbers are numerous and your encouragement has been helpful. I have appreciated the good will extended to me.

I am also extremely grateful for the support of our wives, husbands and partners who have willingly participated in a range of activities. Specifically I mention my wife Jo, who has been not only an enthusiastic contributor, but a constructive critic when appropriate! Her support has been unwavering and she has my heartfelt thanks for that.

The Club now moves into its fourth decade of Service and I wish Findley Cornell and his team good fortune for the Club in its 31<sup>st</sup> year.

*"May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back."*

Tony Wells

## **CLUB FINANCES**

The following accounts relate to the first eleven months of the year. Our full year accounts, including prior year comparisons, will be published on the Club website as soon as practicable after 30<sup>th</sup> June, replacing the 2008/09 accounts currently on the website.

The Club maintains two sets of accounting records:

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.

SERVICE accounts for transactions relating to our fundraising, community projects, service activities and donations for the benefit of our local and international communities. This includes our contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Although there is one month of expenses to come, our ADMINISTRATION accounts should end the year in satisfactory shape. Thanks to generous support from Jetset North Balwyn and Publication Perspectives, the cost to the Club for publication of our updated history was held at \$4,006 which was the amount put aside from prior years for this purpose. Our obligations to Rotary International were helped by favourable exchange rate movements.

Despite a hiccup with FIRE and no golf or trivia events this year, two key initiatives added to our SERVICE fundraising efforts: the very successful Christmas Fair raising funds for the Eva Tilley Memorial Home, and the sale of Relish Recipe books. The Christmas raffle exceeded the previous year's result by over \$1,600 and, although we no longer had revenue from the Macleay Park Community Café, our catering teams did a superb job to raise \$8,345 with more in the pipeline from events being held in June. Members and partners have continued to be generous not only with their time but with donations including the week-by-week 'spare cash in the silverpot' enabling a donation to Australian Rotary Health of around \$1,200. We also received \$1,750 from the Interactors to support our international activities, in particular the Vietnam Minh Hac project.

Other highlights from our SERVICE activities include:

- Our final instalment to help finance the special needs of Brigette Stark, a young girl who touched our hearts with her courage.
- Continued support for Boroondara cares and for Carols in the Park.
- Bushfire relief expenditure related to our fencing projects and the equipping of a BBQ trailer. Further expenditure is expected once a decision is reached on a suitable major project.
- \$2,000 put aside for an Odyssey House project, and \$2,000 put aside for the initial awards in the new (ES3P) Exemplary Science Scholar Support Program.
- In addition to our usual RYLA support, special help was given to Greg Dimopoulos to attend RYLA International.
- Continued support for the Exchange Student program
- Transfer of funds (including \$5,000 District Simplified Grant) to build up a trust fund in Honiara to the equivalent of A\$15,000 to help finance a rice drying/storage shed at Tetere in the Solomons.
- Transfer of A\$7,000 for our initial project in Vietnam at Minh Hac.
- \$16,500 for the Rotary Foundation, including \$3,000 for Polio Plus and \$1,000 for the Royce and Jean Abbey Endowment Fund.
- Donations of \$3,500 to the Asthma Foundation of Vic. from proceeds of the Rotary Ride, and \$6,909 to the Eva Tilley Memorial Home with more to come from the Ladies Card Luncheon in June.

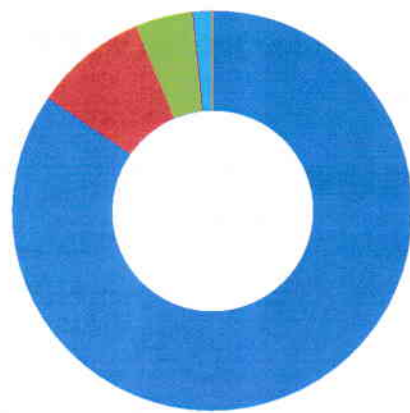
Expenditure for the Rotary Centenary Project (Marwal Ave development) did not proceed, so those 'committed funds' were written back for use elsewhere.

**Geoff Haddy**  
**Treasurer**

**NET ASSETS AT START OF YEAR**

**\$16,707**

**Income**



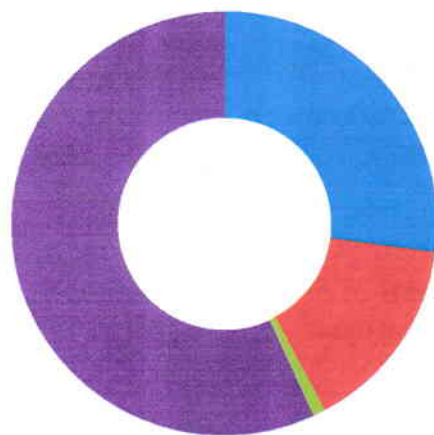
■ Subscriptions    ■ Internal fundraising  
■ Net meals    ■ Sale of Club items  
■ Interest    ■ Other

**INCOME FROM JULY TO MAY**

<b>Subscriptions</b>			
	Members	\$22,625	
	Friends	<u>\$545</u>	\$23,170
<b>Internal fundraising</b>			
	Donations	\$158	
	Fines	<u>\$2,121</u>	
	Raffles and other fundraising	<u>\$213</u>	\$2,492
<b>Meals</b>			
	Meal payments received	\$74,289	
	Meal reimbursements received	<u>\$1,755</u>	
	Meal costs paid	<u>(\$74,799)</u>	\$1,245
<b>Sale of Club Items</b>			
			\$82
<b>Other income</b>			
			\$42
<b>Interest</b>			
			\$413

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$27,444**

**Expenditure**



■ Administration costs    ■ Club history update  
■ Membership project    ■ Rotary subs & dues

**EXPENDITURE FROM JULY TO MAY**

<b>Administration costs</b>			
	Annual return fee	\$41	
	Bank charges	\$5	
	Club items (clothing, badges)	\$783	
	Donations, gifts and flowers	\$441	
	Family of Rotary	\$1,034	
	Furniture & equipment (expns'd)	\$72	
	Grapevine	\$300	
	Hospitality	<u>\$1,491</u>	
	Postage & PO box	\$72	
	President's allowance	\$1,000	
	President's expenses	\$103	
	Printing & stationery	\$162	
	Rotary Trng – incl D. Assembly	\$831	
	Speakers' gifts	\$327	
	Website maintenance	<u>\$342</u>	
	Other admin. & sundry expenses	<u>\$281</u>	\$7,285
<b>Club history update</b>			
			\$4,006
<b>Membership project</b>			
			\$240
<b>Rotary subscriptions &amp; dues</b>			
	Rotary Down Under	\$2,992	
	RI – Council of Legislation	\$111	
	RI – per capita fees	\$5,015	
	District levy	\$5,299	
	District Insurance	<u>\$1,778</u>	\$15,194
<b>Club and Fellowship functions</b>			
			(\$1,283)

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE** **\$25,442**

**NET ASSETS AT END OF MAY**

**\$18,709**



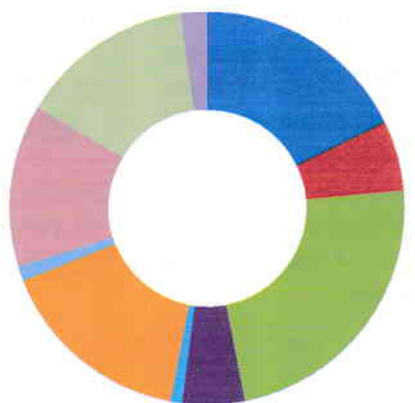
# SERVICE ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS TO 31 May 2010

NET ASSETS AT START OF YEAR

**\$95,019**

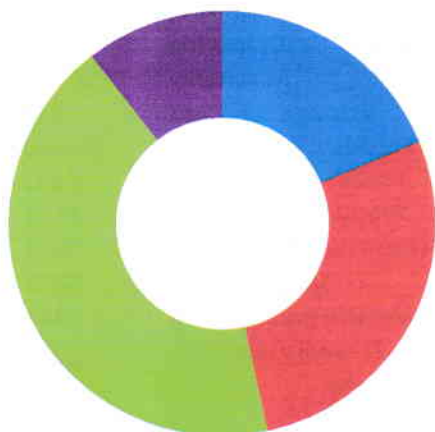
Fundraising & Community Projects

INCOME FROM JULY TO MAY



■ Catering      ■ Equestrian  
 ■ Grand Prix    ■ Relish recipe bks.  
 ■ Wine          ■ Xmas raffle  
 ■ Bill's jams    ■ Christmas Fair  
 ■ Rotary Ride   ■ Other

Donations received



■ From members   ■ Silverpot  
 ■ For international ■ Other

## Fundraising projects

Catering events	\$8,345	
Equestrian	\$2,700	
Grand Prix	\$10,913	
Relish recipe books	\$2,390	
Wine sales	\$460	
Xmas raffle	\$7,472	
Bill's jams	\$600	
Christmas Fair	\$6,227	
Other fundraising	<u>\$1,014</u>	\$40,121

## Community projects

Fun in Retirement	(\$260)	
Rotary Ride	<u>\$6,653</u>	\$6,393

## Donations received

From members	\$765	
Silverpot collections	\$1,139	
International donations rec'd	\$1,750	
Other donations	<u>\$430</u>	\$4,084

## Other income

District Simplified Grant		\$5,000
Interest		\$2,398

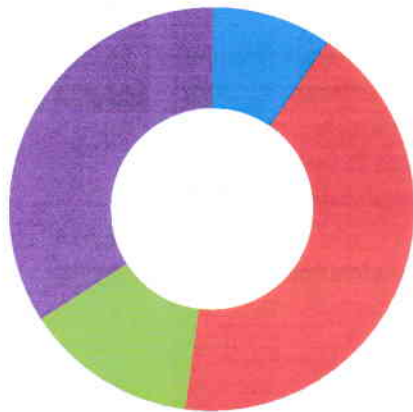
**TOTAL INCOME**

**\$57,996**

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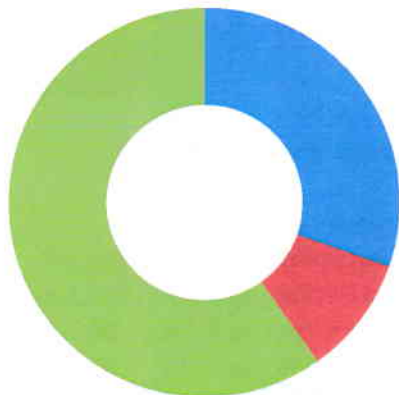
# SERVICE ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS TO 31 May 2010 (Cont.)

## Service Projects



■ Community
 ■ International  
■ Youth & Vocational
 ■ Foundation

## Donations made



■ Asthma Foundation
 ■ Aust. Rotary Health  
■ Eva Tilley

## EXPENDITURE FROM JULY TO MAY

### Operating expenses

Bank charges	\$1,119	
Sponsors' night	\$240	
Misc. fundraising expenses	\$821	
Depreciation expense	<u>\$2,225</u>	\$4,405

### Service Projects

#### Community Service

Boroondara cares	\$1,500	
Brigitte Stark assistance	\$1,150	
Bushfire relief	\$902	
Camcare	\$200	
Carols in the Park	\$1,000	
Jack Nankervis house	<u>\$15</u>	\$4,767

#### International Service

Tulagi/ Solomons projects	\$11,500	
Vietnam Minh Hac project	\$7,000	
Other International Service	<u>\$2,600</u>	\$21,100

#### Youth & Vocational Services

Attendees meal subsidy	\$1,095	
RYLA	\$2,549	
RYPEN	\$15	
Youth Exchange student	<u>\$3,195</u>	\$6,854

#### Foundation Services

GSE team	\$267	
Polio Plus	\$3,000	
Rotary Foundation	\$12,500	
Royce & Jean Abbey Fund	<u>\$1,195</u>	\$16,962

### Donations made

Asthma Foundation of Vic.	\$3,500	
Australian Rotary Health	\$1,139	
Eva Tilley	<u>\$6,909</u>	\$11,548

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE** **\$65,636**

**NET ASSETS AT END MAY**

**\$87,379**

# BALANCE SHEETS AT 31 May 2010

## ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

### ASSETS

#### Cash at Bank

Cheque Account	\$4,103	
Investment Account	<u>\$14,008</u>	\$18,111

#### Other current assets

Deposits & pre-payments	\$909	
Sundry debtors	<u>\$1,591</u>	\$2,500

**Total Assets** **\$20,611**

### LESS

### LIABILITIES

#### Creditors

Advances – Club Ch Over	\$955	
Advances – Nov. Fellowship	<u>\$1,318</u>	\$2,273

GST (\$371)

**Total Liabilities** **\$1,902**

### EQUALS

**NET ASSETS** **\$18,709**

These Net Assets are recorded as:

#### Committed Funds

Special Assistance Fund	\$1,100
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Uncommitted Funds \$17,609

**TOTAL** **\$18,709**

## SERVICE ACCOUNT

### ASSETS

#### Cash at Bank

Cheque Account	\$4,251	
Investment Account	<u>\$82,429</u>	\$86,680

#### Other current assets

Deposits & pre-payments \$500

#### Property & equipment

At cost	\$6,613	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(\$4,450)</u>	\$2,163

**Total Assets** **\$89,343**

### LESS

### LIABILITIES

#### Creditors

Aust Rotary Health	\$1,139	
Other	<u>\$880</u>	\$2,019

GST (\$55)

**Total Liabilities** **\$1,964**

### EQUALS

**NET ASSETS** **\$87,379**

These Net Assets are recorded as:

#### Committed Funds

Bushfires (future projects) Fund	\$30,000	
Camp Getaway Kitchen	\$14,500	
International Projects Fund	\$6,500	
Odyssey House Fund	\$2,000	
Pres.'s (future projects) Fund	\$20,000	
School Science Awards Fund	<u>\$2,000</u>	\$75,000

Uncommitted Funds \$12,379

**TOTAL** **\$87,379**





## **CLUB SERVICE & COMMUNICATIONS**

**Director:** Terry Gretton

The smooth running of our great club is the result of the efforts of many people. And as usual we have been fortunate in having very capable people involved in the various committees that make up the elements of Club Service & Communications.

Special thanks must go to the Kew Golf Club. We have an excellent partnership with them and Peter Lamborne, Adam Harris and their people are very professional in their dealings with us. The meals are of a high standard and we look forward to many years at this great venue.

**Speaker Program:** Michael Barden & Joe Butler.

What a fantastic jobs these chaps have done. We have had many and varied speakers over the past year. We have laughed, cried and have been entertained thoroughly. One of my favourite parts of this program is listening to our own member's autobiographies. You learn a lot about your fellow members on these evenings.

**Sergeant:** Matt Pauli.

Matt has been a revelation. Our Irish/Middle Eastern accented Sergeant was able to switch between accents during any of his jokes. I think our new name for him will be Murphy. I am sure he filled the coffers each week with his sometime left field fines. What a year!

**Minutes Secretary:** Jane Pennington

Jane and her trusty computer did a great job taking the board minutes. Reports were always out promptly after each meeting. A great job Jane.

**Media:** Maurie Walters

Maurie was involved with the GSE team this year, RDU, The Networker and also organised ads for FIRE. Thanks for your input Maurie.

**Banking:** Marcel Muntwyler

Marcel has been the money man. He has always been quick to take us to task about the "funny money" that regularly appears in the fines boxes. Thursday night would not be the same without a comment and a fine for this particular practice.

**Property Officer:** Barry Cummings

A dedicated watcher of all things Rotary, Barry has done a great job of looking after our assets and also his efforts on Thursday nights as part of the "Bruce McIvor Society", dedicated to ensuring that the technology meets our guest speakers requirements.

**Attendance:** Hugo Goetze

Hugo must be the most experienced attendance officer in the district. He also maintains the database on which the executive of the club relies for statistical information. His comprehensive reports to the board and district are an essential component of the clubs administration.

**Communications:** Phil Francis

This aspect of Club service is vital to the successful operation of a club our size. Ensuring that the information gets to members in a comprehensible and timely manner, Phil worked tirelessly all year to keep the various channels of communication open. The Grapevine, I.T support and all points bulletins, all got his personal attention. I am very pleased to have Phil in this position again in the new Rotary year ahead.



**Grapevine:** John Cook

Captain Cook worked feverishly at this task all year. It is a difficult job that has to be repeated every week of the Rotary year. It is also the front window of the Club and every member has an opinion. John hung in there through computer failure, internet line failure and a relocation designed to cause difficulties. Well done John! John also had assistance from Phil Francis, John McBride and Mike McKay. A great team effort chaps, well done.

**Webmaster:** Dick Johnson

Dick has been our webmaster for a number of years and has been co-opted into subsidiary websites including for example, for the Rotary ride. It is an essential task that is very much in the background until something fails, then every member becomes an expert on how it could have been better. Well done Dick, major upgrades to the site this year has improved and revived our net portal.

**Photography:** John Cook  
Adrian Ranson

Always in the midst of it all you will find the Captain snapping away. John has taken some great photos to look back on and to maintain a record of this 09-10 year. He was ably assisted by Adrian Ranson and Geoff Steinicke who stepped in whenever there was a need. I still have the picture that he took in Tassie at the conference with a huge plate of food in front of me.

**Club History:** David Cheney

David and his team turned out a very professional and interesting 30 years of club history. The time effort and work that went into this was truly amazing. A very dedicated effort. A hard act to follow for the next person charged with the responsibility of doing the next thirty years.

**Club Secretary:** Mike McKay

Mike has done a very good job as secretary of our club. There are some big shoes to fill there.

**Treasurer:** Geoff Haddy

The treasurer's Treasurer. Geoff has given the club 3 years of excellent service in the demanding job of Treasurer. He has introduced a very high standard to keeping the club's accounts. It has been a pleasure working with you Geoff.

On a personal note, I have learned a lot more about the working of Rotary and in particular our club from the members who have made up the Club Service team. It has been a very rewarding year for me and it has been great working with each and everyone of you.

Terry Gretton

## **FELLOWSHIP**

**Director:** Don Bowden

**Committee:** Joe Butler, Jim Romanis, Robert Ebiara, John Rennie, David Willshire, Larry Fitzpatrick, Maria Gouvoussi, Marcel Muntwyler, John Moyle and Bronwen Dimond our excellent Minute Secretary.

Fellowship certainly is a strength at North Balwyn and once again we had a great year. I am pleased to report that our initial objective of providing several different events that would not necessarily appeal to all members provided a variety of functions that everyone could choose from.

Here is a summary of the year's activities.

### **Fellowship Nights:**

Reintroduced this year these events proved to be very popular.

Limited to twenty people, 7.30 for a 9.30 finish.

Hosts were Don & Brenda Bowden on August 28, Elisabeth Hall October 16 and Bill Oakley on February 19.

**Progressive Dinner:** Saturday November 14.

Thanks to Jim Romanis for pre-dinner drinks etc and to our hosts, Bob & Carol Adams, Elisabeth Hall, Sue McDonald, Geoff and Judy Steinicke and Terry and Jessica Gretton. 39 people had a super time.

### **Epicure Nights:**

A new initiative that we thought would appeal to some of our members.

Robert Ebiara and Larry Fitzpatrick organised the first night on Wednesday October 14 at the Teppanyaki Restaurant in the city. 17 people attended and voted the evening a great success. Our second Epicure night was organised by Larry Fitzpatrick at the Barkers Wine and Bistro on Tuesday March 22. 18 people attended and reported it was a super evening. Our third night was on Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at Triceangle a Japanese Café in Hawthorn that could only handle a maximum of 20 people. Thanks to Robert and Larry for all their organising.

**Melbourne Cup Night:** Thursday October 29.

85 members, partners and guests entered into the spirit of the evening, dressing up, wearing hats and participating in Sweeps. The latter was a change from the Calcutta events of previous years and proved popular.

Prizes as usual were presented to the best dressed Man and Lady by our guest speaker, a well known Melbourne Milliner. Special thanks to Bronwen for organizing a great night.

**Grand Final Night:** Thursday September 24.

This is always a popular night and once again very successful. Special thanks to John and Carmel Moyle and our committee for organising all the decorations and some special twists that made the night even more interesting. The footy tipping competition attracted 65 entries totaling \$500 and there were some very lucky winners.

**Christmas Party Night:** Thursday December 10.

A near record number of 129 people attended what was a delightful evening. Ron Phillips our Choir Master conducted a Choir of members and partners in two brackets of Carols.

Everyone joined in especially with the now mandatory, '12 days of Christmas'. Special thanks to David Cheney our organist and Rowan McLean our soloist with Guitar, a real nice touch.

**Christmas Breakup Breakfast:** Thursday December 17

For the third time our Breakfast was held at the North Balwyn Cricket Club rooms at Macleay Park courtesy of their President Matthew Keyhoe, son of our member Terry. 45 people attended and thanks go to Terry Keyhoe for manning the tea and coffee machine and Marcel and Robert that did a great job on the BBQ as well as other members that helped to make the morning an excellent finish to the year. Good fellowship and those going to work were able to leave on time.

**Sunday/Breakfast Brunch:** January 17

Possibly the biggest turnout yet for this popular Rotary Fellowship function, to start the year off. 62 people arrived to enjoy Breakfast/Brunch at the Studley Park Boathouse on the Yarra. Good fun and fellowship and thanks to Maria Gouvoussi for making all the arrangements.

**Golf & Fishing Weekend:** February 12/13/14

Once again an event that is popular with members. 35 joined in Fellowship and Dinner at the Blairgowrie Yacht Club on Friday night. 7 went fishing on Saturday including our new Exchange Student Cecy, and 4 went golfing at Eagle Ridge. 37 attended the Fish Dinner at Ted Angleton's on Saturday night and a special thanks to Ted for making his home available. 23 played Golf on Sunday at Rosebud and most players enjoyed the after BBQ at the Matthews home. Special thanks to all our home hosts and everyone that helped make the weekend such a success.

**Bowls night at North Balwyn Bowling Club:**

A delightful evening on March 31 made a very pleasant night for 57 members and their partners at our traditional Bowls night. Special thanks to Ian Mollison and his team at the Club for arranging a beaut 'spit roast' meal, which was different to previous years, and for their assistance on the rinks when so many inexperienced bowlers tried their hand at what is not an easy game. A great night was had by all.

**Back to Marysville:** Sunday April 11.

Club members remembered the wonderful weekend we had at Marysville at our Golf and Fellowship event organised by President Tony Wells. We like everyone else were shattered with the devastation of Black Saturday and a 'Back to Marysville' event proved popular with Members, Partners and Friends. 42 attended the Drive/Quiz fun event and lunch was enjoyed by all at the Marysville Bakery.

And for what has been a most successful Fellowship year in the Club I thank all members of the Committee for their support and contributions in planning, organising and running our many functions throughout the year.

Don Bowden.

## VOCATIONAL & YOUTH COMMITTEE

**Director:** Gavan Schwartz.

The coupling of these two committees for the 09/10 Rotary year presented some initial concerns that were quickly dispelled by the enthusiasm of the committee members in pursuing all the challenges that were presented during this year.

The committee was well served by - Jim Studebaker, Ron Phillips, Rob Head, Anthony Stokes, Imre Lele, Jane Pennington, Maria Moffatt, Barry Cummings, George Selkrig, John Gartlan and Anthony Overmaars. We welcomed Sally Blaubaum to the committee on her induction into our club in April 2010.

Anthony Stokes represented the club on the District RYPEN committee and Rob Head was active with District on the RYLA committee – we thank both members for this extended participation

Graeme Bird continues to represent the club on the District International Youth Exchange Committee.

With the “double interest” of the committee Jim and Jane were co-opted to assist in the coordination of the Vocational and Youth Projects respectively.

My sincere thanks to the both of them for their excellent support and to all the other members who contributed so effectively throughout the year.

Meetings of the committee were generally in two parts with a combined opening to deal with correspondence and to discuss major policy directions before splitting into the two aspects of the program for more administrative considerations and implementation plans. This arrangement, with an expectations statement established prior to each meeting, appeared to work well with the committee achieving its aims throughout the year.

The Vocational program was built around the idea of providing more information to the club on skills held by individual members and the wide variety of Rotary processes surrounding Foundation. Ethics in Business was also an aspect the committee wished to highlight.

The Youth component was represented by traditional District related projects and an exploration of possible local involvement through the Boroondara City Council.

Two significant recommendations were sent to the Board during the year.

- The first relates to the International Youth Exchange program as a result of a club survey on attitudes to that program. The issue of finding host families has presented significant difficulties to the Youth Committee so the survey was conducted, with greater than 80% response rate from the club. The outstanding and conflicting responses indicated that the majority of the club strongly supported the exchange program but only 2% were able to offer to host an incoming student. The following recommendation was therefore made to the Board:

*“That the club takes no further active participation in incoming International Youth Exchange Program activities ( following the conclusion of the current inbound activity due to conclude in January 2011) until the membership can ensure the availability of host families prior to any incoming student acceptance”.*

- The second recommendation was to bring the issue of club member acceptance of the need to acquire Working with Children Cards (WWC's) to a higher awareness. Currently 25% of club members do not hold WWCs- with some actively antagonistic to them. The role of the Protection Officer was chosen by the Youth Committee as a means of increasing the awareness and hopefully compliance with this legislation. The following recommendation was therefore presented to the Board:

*"That the Club review the role statement for the Club Protection Officer in the light of recent compliance of members participating in some service activities".*

The Board has moved to include the District role statement for the Club Protection Officer in the Club Bylaws – this remains a continuing concern as the club is held accountable if a member should participate in an organised event with children when not in possession of a current WWC.

#### **PROJECT REPORTS:**

##### **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**

Our club nominated Amy Wappler from the Rotaract Club and accepted a District nominee in Sukrit Sabhlok to the December 2009 camp. Both of these young leaders responded well to the challenges presented and expressed their thanks and development opportunities to the club after their participation. Six members of the club represented at the RYLA Dinner in support of our nominees and of Rob Head who continues on the District committee.

The club is excited to have Greg Dimopoulos accepted as a delegate to the International RYLA Assembly in Montreal later in the year. Greg has received club financial support for this exciting leadership development activity.

It is also exciting to report that Greg has been nominated as the incoming RYPEN Camp Coordinator for the next Rotary year. Our congratulations to Greg on these recognitions of his contribution and abilities.

##### **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)**

Poppi Owen from Canterbury Girls Secondary College was our club nominee to the April camp with the second nominee unable to attend. The club had responsibility for the catering for this camp so our sincere thanks to the "cooks": Bill Oakley, Jane Pennington, Mike McKay and John McBride. Thanks also to Barbara Stokes, Jo Wells, Findlay Cornell and Gavan Schwartz for their assistance in serving the Dinner hosted by our President Tony Wells on the Saturday evening.

In an article published in the school newsletter Poppi later wrote *"What I loved most about RYPEN were the amazing people I met. It gave me the opportunity to meet people from all over Victoria and by the end of the camp, (as corny as it sounds) we were like a great big family. Before I went to RYPEN I thought Rotary was just for "old people" but now I know that there are so many other programs and opportunities for younger people to get involved in. I had such a great time during my time at the RYPEN camp and if anyone gets the chance to go on it next year I would definitely recommend it"*. Poppi is to be asked to present a report on her experience to the club. The availability of students to participate in such activities as RYPEN appears to be declining.

##### **ES3P ( Exemplary Science Student Support Program)**

Having trialed this new program in 08/09 a name change and clear documentation of the administrative functions and application processes was undertaken.

This has now been established within a discrete website attached to the club website that will form the basis for the distribution of information into educational establishments in June 2010.

This program is designed to replace previous District science support programs the club felt were no longer providing the outcomes sought.

A budget of \$2000 has been retained to support this program into the future.

The trialing of the processes envisaged in the last Rotary year has assisted us in refining the program documentation and expectations. We look forward to receiving responses to the information to be circulated in the near future.

##### **MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)**

This program was originally planned to run in Bendigo at Camp Getaway in June 2010 but was rescheduled for August 20 – 23 due to a lack of participants.



Our club sought participants from Canterbury Girls Secondary College, through the Interact Club at Balwyn High school and has secured two candidates from Trinity Grammar School. The club supports this activity and will continue to budget and seek participants for it. Transport to and from the Assembly will be provided by club members. The issue of students being available to participate in these programs continues to concern the committee. There may be a need to explore a different methodology in circulating information to organisations from which we draw participants for such programs: a recommendation that the Cluster consider this situation will be discussed at the next Youth Committee meeting.

#### **Youth Exchange (Inbound)**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 23.05 Cecy Perez de Nascimento arrived from Brazil to begin her 12 months with RCNB. Cecy was met at the airport by her Counselor- Maria Moffatt, her first host family- Carol and Jim Studebaker, our returned Exchange student from Brazil – Olivia Bassani, Youth Director- Gavan Schwartz and President Tony Wells and Jo. So began our continuing support for this program with Cecy being the fourth inbound student in the club without a break.

Contact with Cecy's father was established by the Studebakers and President Tony prior to her arrival – a worthwhile extension of our club's influence.

Cecy was enrolled at Canterbury Girls Secondary College – the school that Olivia attends – in year 11. CGSC has been given first option in having participants in all appropriate youth programs

Carol Studebaker worked with the committee to establish a body of knowledge to support host families. This is being used to support Geoff and Judy Steinicke, Rosemary Kelly and Michael Barden and hopefully the Bassani family ( Olivia's family) who will host Cecy as her fourth host family.

Special mention must be made of the diligence of Cecy's Counselor – Maria: Her attention to detail in making sure Cecy has a great time in Melbourne has been exemplary.

At the time of reporting on this program Cecy was registering to participate in competitive Australian Rules Football competitions (mainly as a result of her introduction to the game from the Barden family!)

Cecy has participated enthusiastically in all activities available to her. Thanks are expressed to all club members who have involved her in outings and visits during her time with us.

#### **Youth Exchange (Outbound)**

Following the club survey results and the resultant recommendation to the Board no active participation has been undertaken to identify a future outgoing student

#### **Interact:**

The Interact Club at North Balwyn has continued to function well with support from George Selkrig.

The club, led by Mei Jin Tee and Nick Lui meets regularly every fortnight with a Board meeting in the intervening weeks. Membership has been consistent with up to 20 members attending most meetings.

As a result of fund raising activities in 2009 a cheque for \$1750 was presented to RCNB to assist in the Vietnam project to purchase books for the students at Min Hac. President Tony attended a meeting at Balwyn High School to explain the processes involved in getting the contribution to its intended outcome.

The Interact club has planned and conducted several fundraising activities for this year including face painting at a sports day, "It Takes Two" talent quest and another edition of "Strictly Balwyn" is scheduled for 21 August 2010.

As George is stepping down from his role as coordinator there will be an immediate need to find a RCNB member who can attend the Tuesday meetings of our Interact Club to ensure its ongoing success.

**Rotaract:**

As Mathew Pauli has had such a leadership role with the Rotaractors this committee has stepped back from the support role for it. The committee recognises that this responsibility will rest with the committee when needed.

**Local Youth Projects**

A gathering of cluster New Generation coordinators with officers from Boroondara City Council has been exploring projects directed at youth within the municipality.

The recommendation from the current committee for the incoming committee is to seek projects of a needs base sourced from Camcare or similar welfare agencies that would benefit from hands on support to projects in the local area. The recommendation would extend to the idea of the club focusing on coordinating services from funded organisations to support disadvantaged youth.

**Vocational and Rotary Talks**

The idea of the club being aware of its members skills, capabilities and passions was the underpinning of a series of talks by club members entitled "What's My Line," with emphasis on the influence of the "Four Way Test" and its impact and effects in the member's business outcomes. The ten minute talks were presented on a monthly basis with any new member being invited to present an autobiography shortly after their induction as an adjunct to the arranged program. In this way the club has had approximately 12 presentations of skills and competency capabilities of its members during the year. Rob head was most effective in having these presentations take place throughout the Rotary year.

Monthly talks by experienced Rotarians on specific aspects of Rotary programs operated concurrently with the skills presentations. Members from other clubs assisted here also. PDG Jim called in a few favours to ensure the best knowledge on the particular topics was shared with the club.

A presentation at District Assembly on the Vocational program of the club was made.

**Vocational Theme Month Presentation:**

A debate entitled "Ethics in Business – The responsibility Lies With regulators and not the Directors, Managers and Employees of Businesses" formed the program for one meeting in October 2009.

Imre Lele arranged the two teams of three all of whom put in some time in preparation for the event.

An independent adjudicator was invited to participate which added to the impact of this attempt to raise the profile of ethics in business.

This activity was considered a good vehicle to re-emphasise the ethics aspect of Rotary.

**Shine On Awards:**

This program was again supported by our club but no suitable candidates were identified to submit for the selection process.

**Police Mentoring Program:**

Ron Phillips represented our Club in working with Inspector Michael Glinski in this program. Michael has attended several club meetings and addressed the club on the program and his role. Rob Head has also assisted Ron in the mentoring processes. This effective program is scheduled to continue into 2011.

This committee has participated in some far reaching considerations this year as it evaluated the programs running and the impacts of changes in the club on them.

Gavan Schwartz

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Director:**      **Bob Adams**

**Committee:**   Ian Adams, Ted Angleton, Bob Bromley, Chris Flavelle-Smith, Terry Keyhoe, Bruce Timbs, Bill Thackray, Greg Mathews, Ian Richardson

**Projects undertaken included:**

- The collection and delivery of foodstuffs in support of the Boroondara Municipal Camcare family network. This has been a worthwhile and continuing effort by the committee for several years.
- On going support of the Eva Tilley Memorial home in Nicholson Street, Balwyn North.
- Carols by Candlelight: supporting the efforts of the local church's in our community with funding and physical support at the event in Leigh Park.
- Variety Club Children's Party: held in the Exhibition centre, the club provides WWCC cleared volunteers to assist in a variety of roles on the day.
- Jack Nankervis House: the club remains committed to the upkeep and maintenance of this facility which is run by Anglicare.
- Boroondara Cares: This joint venture between the Rotary Club's of Boroondara, the Boroondara Municipal Council and the Moira Shire Rotary clubs, provides assistance to the Moira Shire farming families who have been adversely affected by the long drought. Again a special vote of thanks is due to Bruce Timbs who has taken the lead in this matter for the past two years. Bruce organised 7 members from North Balwyn Rotary to attend a Rotary sponsored day at the Cobram Trotting meeting. The Club also billeted 4 children from the Moira Shire to undertake work experience for a week. Special thanks to Gary and Mary O'Connor and Bruce and Lia Timbs for billeting the children and taking excellent care of them.
- Camp Getaway: Development work continues at Camp Getaway at Axedale and the club currently has funds set aside to support the project.
- Bushfire Recovery: Members of the club have travelled to Kinglake, Upper Plenty, Buxton and Marysville in support of the numerous needs of communities affected by last years disastrous fires. Fencing and wood clearance are part of these needs.
- Last Christmas a number of volunteers served Christmas lunch to homeless people in the community of Kew. They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to serve directly, people who had very little and appreciated a shoulder on which to vent some of their concerns.

I extend my thanks to the members of the Community Service committee.

Bob Adams

## MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION

During the 2009-10 Rotary year, North Balwyn saw the sad passing of two of our members, Ian Taylor and Max Hunter. We also received the resignations, for a variety of reasons, of Peter Courtney, Geoff Dwyer, Bert Montauban, Bob Adams, David Curby, George Selkrig and John Moyle.

All will be missed for their valuable contributions to our club.

On the positive side we were fortunate to have inducted the following 5 new members.

- Garry O'Connor joined us early in the year and has already taken on the role of Treasurer for the new Rotary year.
- Sally Blaubaum through her employment with Lexus of Blackburn, a major sponsor of the club's Launceston District Conference, and our youngest member.
- Long time member of Glenferrie, and frequent visitor to North Balwyn, Rob Stewart transferred to us.
- Previous member David de Garis has made a very welcome return to the club.
- Our newest member Russell Cooper has joined us after involvement with the Shepparton Club during his employment in the region.

We welcome all our new members and look forward to their fellowship and contribution in years to come.

The overall result for the year leaves us with a nett loss of 4.

We will continue to face the challenges of membership and retention in the coming year and we intend to focus on ways to grow through a concentration on vocation, particularly with local businesses, and the local community.

A stronger link with local schools and their parent bodies will hopefully lead to an increased awareness of the great work of Rotary and to activities which will assist their communities as well.

Ian Mollison

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## FUNDRAISING

Director: **Bill Oakley**

Committee: Duncan Ansell, Mary George, Adrian Ranson, John Robson, Peter Sutherland, Errol Talbot, Don Taylor, Ted Wilkins

Catering Committee: John McBride, Jane Pennington

This proved a fairly difficult year for fundraising, but one in which we succeeded in raising the funds needed by the club to complete its projects. My thanks to Don Taylor who commenced as the Fundraising Director, but found it necessary to step down when work and business commitments overtook him. Thanks Don for your initial guidance, and for continuing to support the committee. Fundraising is something which involves the whole club, and I thank all members for the support they gave to fundraising efforts during the year.

## **Fundraising Projects**

### **Fun In Retirement Expo:**

Although organised outside the Fundraising Committee, FIRE was expected to contribute significantly to our fundraising. Unfortunately poor community support on the days meant that FIRE barely broke even. However thanks to Terry Keyhoe and the FIRE Committee for the tremendous effort they put in. It is a shame their effort weren't crowned with better success.

### **Christmas Raffle:**

Thanks and congratulations to Adrian Ranson for coordinating this event. At over \$10,500 this year's raffle produced the best result we have had for many years.

### **Catering Events:**

A particular thanks and congratulations must go to John McBride for organising most of these events. The two main areas were catering for Reclink, a charity which looks after Melbourne's street people. While raising funds, our involvement with Reclink provides a great community service by Rotary which is widely recognised and acknowledged. The other major set of catering events were for the Department of Planning which ran a number of events to explain Melbourne's new planning scheme, we provided afternoon teas in places as far afield as Melton and Cranbourne. Overall catering events have raised around \$15,000 this year.

### **Equestrian Events:**

Thanks to Ian Richardson who continues to look after these events at Werribee even though he is no longer on the Fundraising Committee. We raised somewhere near \$2000.

### **Grand Prix:**

Again, another record year produced by our work with the Grand Prix, and thanks to Michael Barden who continues to coordinate and organise this activity. This year produced almost \$11,000 for the club.

### **Rotary Ride:**

This event contributes so much more than just fundraising, but thanks and congratulations to Geoff Haddy for his continuing work in organising this event which is a great community activity which also produces around \$7500 for our funds.

### **Relish Books:**

Organised by the Rotary Club of St Kilda these recipe books are a great fundraiser. Thanks to Duncan Ansell and Mary George. At the time of writing we have sold over 400 and generated near \$3000 profit. If we can sell the last 80 or so our profit will be around \$4000

### **Christmas Fair and Card Luncheon:**

The ladies Christmas Fair and Card luncheon produced almost \$10,000 for the Eva Tilley Memorial home, part of which was used to buy a piano and furnishing a respite room. Well done to all the ladies on the team.

Raffles, Bills jams, and some retail therapy events also made contributions this year.

Much time and effort was spent during the year in attempting to come up with some new ideas to freshen up and revive our fundraising. Major amongst these was the effort to develop and establish a Rotary Op Shop. Whilst all the work was done to persuade the board to support the project, we haven't at this stage found someone willing and able to take on the initial management role. Also a new format for our Golf Day was established, and although some 12 fours were found we didn't secure the necessary 18 fours to get underway. This is a possibility for a future fundraising committee to consider



All in all, a year in which over \$50,000 was raised to service our many and varied projects. My thanks to the members of the Fundraising Committee who contributed during the year, and my thanks to all those from outside the Fundraising Committee who continue to support and organise so many of our fundraising events

Bill Oakley

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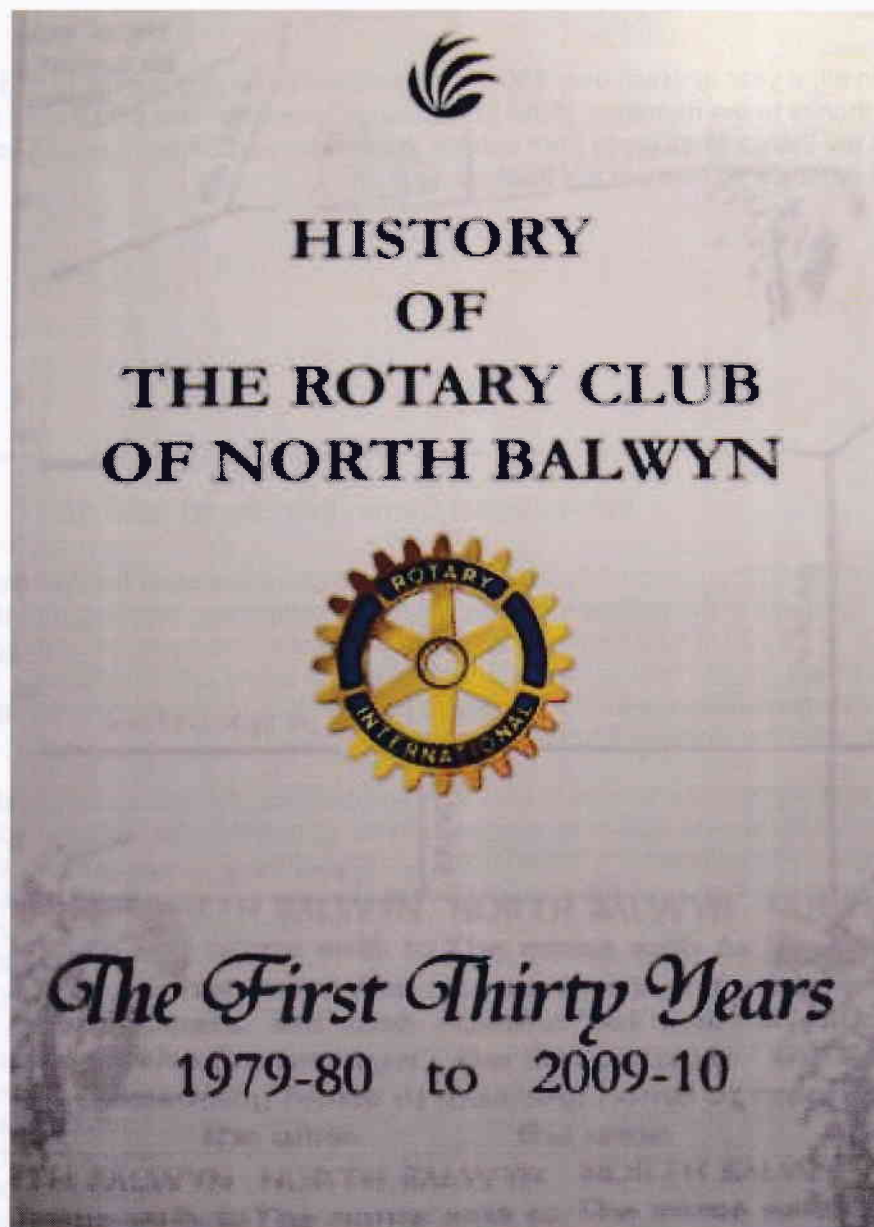
### **International Committee Report 2009-10**

The 2009-10 International Committee's work program has seen the completion of our major commitments in the Solomon Islands. The Club sought and received a District Simplified Grant of \$5,000 to help funding for the first stage of a rice drying and storage facility at the Don Bosco Rural Training Centre at Tetere on the island of Guadalcanal. In total \$15,000 has been committed to the project which fulfils a need for the community at Tetere and its effort to further develop a renewed rice growing industry.

We also express our sincere thanks to Aisin (Australia) for their generous donation of 10 new electric sewing machines which are being used within the technical school and community to enhance the financial self empowerment of the Solomon Island people. This year has also seen the implementation of a new challenge in Vietnam. We have recently received approval to assist in funding the construction of a community centre in Minh Hac, based some four hours from Hanoi. The presence of a community centre in the village will provide a vital focal point where education, health and social engagement can assist the wellbeing of the community in general. The building construction is under way with visits by club members planned in the new Rotary year. There are many further potential projects that can be linked into this one once we have an established presence in Vietnam including water and health education. The project has recently been registered as a RAWCS project which will enhance our ability to work in collaboration with other clubs particularly within our cluster that may be interested in joint projects that will increase our capacity to maximise our efforts in providing better outcomes for international communities. The RAWCS status also confers immediate benefits for members in terms of it tax deductibility when undertaking travel to Vietnam to assist with projects.

The committee has also undertaken to reconnect with as many of our past International exchange students as possible and this has so far been quite successful. My heartfelt thanks to all members ( Nino Sofra, John Magor, Bob Bott, Peter Cleary , Gary O'Connor, Kinga Paulheim and Bernie Smith) of the committee who have been a fantastic support and contributed so willingly and with such a dedication to the purpose of the committee. I hope those moving on from the committee will continue to give us the benefit of their expertise and watch with interest the growth and development of a major project they have initiated. A special note of thanks to Nino for so seamlessly stepping into the Director role during my recent need for extended leave.

Sue McDonald



*"The First Thirty Years"*

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I report on the production of the updated version of the Club History. In May 2009, the History Committee was formed, comprising Past Presidents Paul Fitz, Ian Adams and Brian Hurnard.

As editor and committee chair, I was keen to preserve almost the entire contents of the 21<sup>st</sup> Year History, edited by PP David Goldsmith, and add the most significant activities and events occurring during the last nine years. I think this has been achieved, with a very satisfactory outcome.

With the enormous assistance from Paul, Ian and Brian, plus the input from over thirty current and past members, and the constant encouragement from President Tony, the book was completed, ready to be handed out to members at the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday dinner held at the Manningham Club on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The layout of the book was upgraded by the addition of chapters, numbered pages and tables of contents to make it easier to use as a reference tool.

Additionally, and through the generosity of Ian Mollison and Jetset North Balwyn, we were able to publish all 120 newly added photographs in full, living colour.

The History was produced by Publications Perspectives of Mulgrave, and I owe a debt of gratitude to its owner, Phil Van Dijk for the personal interest he took in putting the book together.

Finally, may I thank President Tony for giving me the opportunity of being involved with this project; I have had very few more rewarding roles in the Club.

On the behalf of the 30<sup>th</sup> Year History Committee.

David Cheney.

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### **North Balwyn Rotary Club 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

#### **The History**

Thirty years ago our Club was chartered by the Balwyn Rotary Club. The District Governor at that time was Jack Nankervis and the Club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Balwyn.

#### **The Venue**

On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010, the Club held a formal dinner at the Manningham Club in Bulleen. Jo Wells and Jessica Gretton, in conjunction with The Manningham Club staff, arranged the room and decorated the tables superbly. There was a two course dinner followed by the traditional birthday cake, again this year, made by Areta Hurnard. The meals were excellent; the Manningham staff was very professional; and the birthday cake, baked and decorated and representing an open book was very professionally presented.

#### **The people**

One hundred and sixty of us sat down to dinner. Greg Ross was our MC and it goes without saying that he did a fantastic job. DG Colin Muir and his wife, Pauline, attended along with our charter president, Stan Hibbert and Bev. DG Elect Iven Mackay and wife Marilyn, also attended, as did DG Nominee Keith Ryall. Nine Members of our sponsor Club, Balwyn also joined us. Additionally, we had nine of our charter members present. Sadly, Marg Nankervis was unable to join us. However, her two sons, Brian and Ross, represented the Nankervis family. Rob Head and Imre Lele were inducted as Paul Harris Fellows, and Marj Nankervis was given a Paul Harris sapphire, with Tony Wells presenting that to her later the following day. A major highlight was the launching of the Club's History - entitled "The First Thirty Years".

#### **The Entertainment**

Jack Nankervis' son, Brian, entertained us in fine style. He had us laughing; he had us almost in tears; and he had the audience reciting some very funny poems. He told us many stories about his late and great father. We also found out on the night that he and President Tony are both Bob Dylan "tragics".

#### **The Verdict**

Overall, it was considered to have been a truly great night all round, with wonderful company, a great venue, good food, superb entertainment and wonderful fellowship shared by all.

Terry Gretton.

## **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

**Director:** Paul Fitz  
**Committee:** Brian Hurnard  
Ralph Lee  
Lindsay Pegg  
Geoff Steinicke.

The Rotary Foundation is the 'engine room' which drives Rotary in all aspects of Rotary's international service. It is the 'engine room' which drives Rotary International's programs offering scholastic and humanitarian opportunities to the peoples of the world, allowing them to reach for higher personal goals and to achieve greater human dignity. It is the 'engine room' which drives Rotary to cross world borders and political boundaries to achieve Rotary International's ultimate goal of advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace.

### **Group Study Exchange**

From the 17<sup>th</sup> February to the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010, the Club was privileged to host the District 2203 Group Study Exchange (GSE) team. One of three Districts in Spain, District 2203 covers the east and south of the country together with the Balearic Islands and Ceuta and Melilla, which are two Spanish cities on the coast of Morocco.

The team consisted of Conchi Maeztu Sardina (leader), Josefa Del Valle Cabrera, Mercedes Ruiz Gonzalez, Carolina Gomez Guerrero, Elena Castro Hinojosa and Angela Ruso Diez and they live and work in the cities of Murcia, Alicante, Malaga and Ceuta. Their vocations included Neurophysiology, Architecture, Banking, Teaching, Communications and Industrial Engineering.

The team members were hosted in the homes of Michael & Rosemary Barden, Peter & Pat Cleary, Paul & Sue Fitz, Imre & Tricia Lele and Garth & Carol Symington. These families also organised the team's cultural visits to the MCG/MCC/ Sports Museum, the NGV Ian Potter Australian Art Gallery at Federation Square and the Melbourne Park Tennis Complex and the individual vocational visits to the Austin Hospital Sleep Study Centre, Compumedics, Goodlife Fitness Centre, El Patio Spanish Language School, the NAB, Healthscope, Paul Delaney Architects, SBS TV and Channel 7.

One highlight of the visit was the team's presentation to the Club at a Partners' night on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February. With the aid of a Power Point presentation the team members told us of the cities in which they live, their homes, families and interests, their vocations and the impact the GSE experience was having on them. It was a delight to have the team with us and the team members mingled freely and easily with our members and partners.

### **Humanitarian Grants**

The Club did not apply for any grants during the year.

### **Ambassadorial Scholarships**

Over a two month period, the Committee promoted the Scholarship Program to the members at meetings and in the Grapevine seeking potential applicant and counsellors. Unfortunately, no names were forthcoming.

### **Speakers**

The following speakers addressed the Club during the year.

- PDG John Davis, District's Foundation Future Vision Chairman, spoke to the Club on the global pilot program that will evaluate The Rotary Foundation Trustees' futures

vision for the Foundation over the next three years. District 9800 is one of the selected districts which will participate in the program.

- PP Dennis Shore, District's Group Study Exchange Chairman, spoke on the GSE Program.
- Megan Voelkel, visiting Ambassadorial Scholar from the USA, spoke on the Program and the influence it is having on her.
- PDG Jim Studebaker spoke on The Rotary Foundation Polio Eradication Initiative.
- PP Garth Symington, District's Humanitarian Grants Deputy Chairman, spoke on the new types of grants which will form part of the Foundation Future Vision global Pilot program.
- PDG Ian Knight, District's Annual Program Giving Chairman, spoke on contributions.

### **Every Rotarian Every Year Centurion Program**

During the year this type of personal giving to The Rotary Foundation was promoted to Club members. At the end of the 2009-2010, there were 28 active Centurions in the Club, three of whom were also Paul Harris Society members.

### **Contributions**

The Club gave \$ 15,500 to The Rotary Foundation, \$3,000 of which was ear-marked for the Polio Eradication Initiative. This more than met the District's goal of contributing at least \$150 per member.

Paul Fitz



### **Max Hunter**

Max Hunter was a member of our Club for almost 25 years and was committed to the Rotary ideal of Service above Self. Max seldom sought the limelight, but his commitment was self evident.

His fellow Rotarians were aware of his contribution to the Club and its programs and activities, especially when, as a member of a three man team, he went to the Solomon Islands to help build a school and pass on skill to the locals.

Max's younger daughter, Jenny was the Club's third outbound exchange student, and Max joined the Club on Jenny's return from a year in Japan.

Max was a loyal member of the Club and was universally respected by all who had contact with him. Max was a distinguished Rotarian who was an active contributor to the Club's service and fellowship, and his work was acknowledged with a Paul Harris Recognition. PP Clive Hughes was asked to nominate a member of the Club to join the board of Eva Tilley Memorial Home, a local residential aged care facility. Clive invited Max to represent us and Max became a tireless worker for Eva Tilley where he was Honorary Treasurer for nearly fifteen years.

Max passed away on 17 July 2009 and Club members contributed to the purchase of a lasting memorial to him in the form of a painting of the foreshore of Blairgowrie that was presented to Eva Tilley in September 2009.

### **Ian Taylor**

Ian was a member of the Club for fifteen years. He demonstrated values and standards to match those of the best Rotarians around the world.

Ian was a great family man, a lover of golf (a sport he played extremely well) and was the quintessential Rotarian which was reflected in his commitment to the Rotary ideal of "Service before Self". His membership of service organisations began when he joined Apex in Western Victoria, working energetically for the community, displaying a propensity for fund-raising and was appointed District Governor.

Ian joined our Club in 1995 where he made an enormous contribution. Much of his work was done without fanfare as he preferred mostly to work behind the scenes.

He is remembered as a fund raiser 'extrordinaire' for his efforts in the early days of the Grand Prix marshall's breakfasts, and the Hole in One Golf that preceded the annual Charity Golf day. Ian also provided focus during development of the annual Christmas raffle, identifying and negotiating selling sites, obtaining permits, arranging rosters and selling tickets. Many thousands of the dollars raised for community projects can be directly attributed to his systematic and business-like approach to fund-raising.

Ian never showed a desire to be President: his preference was to roll up his sleeves and get on with the job at the work face. His efforts were rewarded with two well deserved Paul Harris recognitions.

Ian also enjoyed fellowship in the club and both he and Pat were active participants in the social activities. During his last two years, Ian was Director of Club Service and despite his declining health, he remained on the Board until the new Rotary year began – this was a measure of his determination to continue to serve the Club.

Ian died on 24 August 2009 following a long battle with cancer.

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP AS AT 30 June 2010

<b>CM – Charter Member PP – Past President</b> <b>PHF – Paul Harris Fellow PHF + Paul Harris Fellow with</b> <b>Sapphire/s</b> <b>RAF – Royce Abbey Fellowship</b>				<b>Years of Service in North Balwyn</b>
Adams	Ian	PP, PHF		13
Angleton	Ted	PP		21
Ansell	Duncan			9
Barden	Michael	PHF		9
Bird	Graeme	PP		10
Blaubaum	Sally			1
Bott	Bob	PP, PHF		8
Bowden	Don	PP, PHF+1		8
Bromley	Bob			2
Butler	Joe			6
Cheney	David	PP, PHF+2		28
Cleary	Peter	CM, PP, PHF		30
Russell	Cooper			0
Cook	John	PP, PHF		3
Cornell	Findley	PHF		15
Cummings	Barry	PP, PHF+1		12
deGaris	David			1
Dimond	Bronwen	PHF		8
Ebihara	Robert			7
Elliott	Peter	PP, PHF		18
Fitz	Paul	CM, PP, PHF+1		30
Fitzpatrick	Larry	PP		8
Flavelle-Smith	Chris			4
Francis	Phil	PHF +1, RAF		16
Gartlan	John	PHF		18
George	Mary	RAF		3
Goetze	Hugo	PHF		18
Gouvoussi	Maria			7
Gretton	Terry	RAF		6
Haddy	Geoff	PHF		6
Hall	Elisabeth			7
Hart	Tony			2
Head	Rob	PHF		24
Hibbert	Stan	CMPP, PHF +1	Honorary	30

Hurnard	Brian	PP, PHF		20
Johnson	Dick	PHF		18
Kerr	Ann	PP, PHF		10
Keyhoe	Terry	PP, PHF		23
Lee	Ralph	CM, PP, PHF		30
Lele	Imre	PHF		23
McBride	John	PHF+1		13
McClean	Rowan			2
McDonald	Sue			7
McKay	Mike			6
Magor	John	PP, PHF		23
Matthews	Greg	PP, PHF+2		24
Maxfield	Ken	PP, PHF		17
Moffat	Maria	PHF		14
Mollison	Ian	PHF		13
Mollison	John	PP, PHF		14
Morris	Dave			21
Muntwyler	Marcel	CM, PHF+1		30
Oakley	Bill	PP, PHF		14
O'Connor	Gary			2
Overmars	Anthony			2
Paulheim	Kinga			2
Pauli	Matthew	RAF		6
Pegg	Lindsay	PHF		11
Pennington	Jane	PHF		13
Phillips	Ron	PP, PHF+1		25
Ranson	Adrian			2
Reddish	John	PDG, PP, PHF+8	Honorary	29
Rennie	John	PHF		22
Richardson	Ian	PHF		21
Robson	John	CM, PP, PHF		30
Romanis	Jim			15
Ross	Greg	PDG, PP, PHF+1		24
Schwartz	Gavan			9
Smith	Bernie	CM, PP, PHF		30
Sofra	Nino	PHF		17
Steinicke	Geoff	CM, PP, PHF		30
Stewart	Rob	PHF PP		1
Stokes	Anthony			21
Studebaker	Jim	DG, PP, PHF+4		19



Sutherland	Peter		4
Swanson	George	PP ,PHF	17
Symington	Garth	PP, PHF+1	7
Talbot	Errol		2
Taylor	Don		6
Thackray	Bill	PP	21
Timbs	Bruce	PP, PHF+1,	4
Walters	Maurie		7
Wells	Tony		6
Wilkins	Ted		10
Willshire	David	CM, PHF	30

**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; 2009 -2010

2009	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CHAIRMAN
Jul 2	Tony Hart and Brian Hurnard	Autobiography	Don Taylor
Jul 9	Club Forum		Tony Wells
Jul 16	Debra Harman	Student Voice: Maximising Student involment.	Kinga Paulheim
Jul 23	Joanna Murray - Smith	" The Female of the Species"	John Gartlan
Jul 30	Dr Paul Mees	Transport Planning	Larry Fitzpatrick
Aug 6	Alan Simpson	"Influenza, pigs and pandemics	Ken Maxfield
Aug 13	DG Colin Muir	The Year ahead"	Tony Wells
Aug 20	Alan Attwood	Tracking the Big Issues	Errol Talbot
Aug 27	Gary Hevey	Understanding Afganistan	Rob Head
Sep 3	Zoe Warne	Understanding Social Marketing	Bill Thackray
Sep 10	Ian Riseley	Behind the scenes at Evanston	Lindsay Pegg
Sep 17	Tony Wells/ Rowan McClean	Strategy Brainstorming	Tony Wells
Sep 24	Greg Baum	Football Past and Present	Michael Barden
Oct 1	Damian Kingsbury	Conflicts in our region	Maurie Walters
Oct 8	Vocational Debate	Ethics in Business	Gavin Schwartz
Oct 15	Geoff Miles	The Melbourne Victory Story	John Rennie
Oct 22	Betty Amsden/ Joan Smith	Philanthropist – Guide Dogs	Bruce Timbs
Oct 29	Margaret Porritt	Melbourne Cup	Terry Gretton
Nov 5	AGM andForum Night		Tony Wells
Nov 12	Mater Muchar	Darfur and the Sudan	Michael McKay
Nov 19	Josh Frydenberg	Liberal Candidate for Kooyong	Chris Flavelle-Smith
Nov 26	Judith Slocombe	Alanna and Madeline Foundation	Geoff Steinicke
Dec 3	John Westland	Radio Australia	Gary O'Connor
Dec 10	Christmas Carols		
Dec 17	BBQ Breakfast		Fellowship Cttee



2010	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CHAIRMAN
Jan 14	Gary O'Connor and Rob Head	Autobiography	Marcel Muntwyler
Jan 21	Adrian Panozzo	Reclink	Bill Oakley
Jan 28	Megan Voelkel	Ambassadorial Scholar - Alabama	Anthony Stokes
Feb 4	Trudi Afford	Certified Stress relief coach	David Willshire
Feb 11	John Davis	Future Vision - RF	Garth Symington
Feb 18	GSE Team Spain		Paul Fitz
Feb 25	Lighthouse Foundation	A different approach to vulnerable youth	Ian Adams
Mar 4	Lesley MacLeaod	Dairy Innovation	Dick Johnson
Mar 11	Michael Glinski		Tony Hart
Mar 18	Des Grogan	Prostate Cancer	Peter Sutherland
Mar 25	Olivia Bossini and Esther Gretton	My Exchange Year	Jim Studebaker
Apr 1		Bowls Fellowship night	
Apr 8	Anthony Overmars and Ralph Lee	Autobiographies	Peter Cleary
Apr 15	Graham Clarke	Transport Victoria	Ken Maxfield
Apr 22	Kevin Mooney	Don Bradman and the Bradman Foundation	Anthony Overmars
Apr 28	Nicholas Voudouris	Psychology	Geoff Haddy
May 6	Club Birthday Night		Greg Ross
May 13	Lilian Grace	Author	
May 20	Cluster Meeting	Gov. of Victoria	
May 27	Dale Simpson	India; a strategy for success	John Cook
Jun 3	Jock Noble	World Vision	Don Taylor
Jun 10	Don Cullen	Tibetan Village Project	Bronwen Dimond
Jun 17	Teddy Fekady	Ethiopia	David Cheney
Jun 26	Club Changeover	Dinner at Box Hill GC	Jim Studebaker

## 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 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	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
2009 - 2010	Tony Wells	Peter Elliott	Michael McKay	Geoff Haddy	Mathew Pauli	John Cook	Bob Bromley