



Annual Report

2010 -2011



THE ROTARY CLUB OF
NORTH BALWYN

Ray Klinginsmith
President
Rotary International

Iven Mackay
Governor
Rotary District 9800



Findley Cornell

"Yes, we have changed the world, and will continue to change it, in a positive way!
Can we do it even better in these financially troubled times? Yes, we can do it!
Yes, we will do it – together!

The formula is simple; all we need to do is to focus our best efforts on encouraging
our clubs and districts to do what Rotarians are passionate about and what
Rotarians are the best in the world at doing;

Building Communities – Bridging Continents!

Ray Klingensmith

RI President 2010 - 2011

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn Inc.

Meeting Time:	Thursday 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.
Meeting Place:	The Kew Golf Club, Belford Road, East Kew 3102
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Charter Date:	8 th May, 1980
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Sponsoring Club:	Rotary Club of Balwyn
ABN:	15 960 124 742
Incorporation #:	A0018007N

2010 – 2011 Board of Directors

President:	Findley Cornell
Vice-President:	John Magor
President Elect:	Matthew Pauli
Immediate Past President:	Tony Wells
Secretary:	Bronwen Dimond
Treasurer:	Gary O'Connor
Director – Club Service:	Terry Gretton
Director – Community Service & Youth:	Rowan McClean
Director – Foundation:	Tony Wells
Director – Fundraising:	Geoff Steinicke
Director – International Service:	Sue McDonald
Director – Membership:	Ian Mollison
Director – Vocational Service:	Michael Barden
Minute Secretary:	Jane Pennington

Office Bearers 2010 – 2011

Almoner:	David Willshire
Attendance and Data:	Hugo Goetze
On to Conference:	Matthew Pauli
Fellowship Chairman:	Larry Fitzpatrick
Grapevine Editor:	Peter Sutherland and Graeme Bird
Protection Officer:	John Rennie
Sergeant:	Michael McKay
Deputy Sergeant:	Nino Sofra
Speaker Program:	Brian Hurnard
Web Master:	Dick Johnson
Property Officer:	Barry Cummings
Radio Program:	Don Bowden
Rotaract:	Sally Blaubaum
Interact:	Findley Cornell and Ted Wilkins
Horizons:	Paul Fitz
Photography:	Adrian Ranson



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I was asked by DG Iven to list my four main objectives for the club for the year, prior to taking up the office of President. Far from some lofty ideal, my first objective was (for the club), "To enjoy all aspects of Rotary". This I believe to have happened and, if nothing else had been achieved, then the year would have been a success. But of course, much more has happened and been achieved and thus the club has had an outstanding year.

Not everything we set out to do has eventuated, but if we had achieved all, then it would indicate to me that we had set our sights too low.

I don't propose to reiterate the Directors' reports, as you can read them for yourselves. I would however, like to highlight a few of our major achievements.

My concern as I came into office was, "Where was the money coming from?" as we had dropped some of the fundraising activities from previous years and these needed to be replaced, but with what? Furthermore I decided to replace the fund raising committee with a fundraising *co-ordinating* committee. The idea was to try to get the members at large to suggest fund-raising initiatives and to run these with a small sub-committee reporting to the *co-ordinating* committee, rather than relying on the committee to find the initiatives. Whilst not the huge success I had envisaged, this idea was taken up by the ladies of the club, who ran a very successful "Royal Wedding Reception" and raised funds for the Timor Leste international project.

My concerns re funding led me to put a rein on spending by the service Directors. However, I need not have worried, as our fund-raising budget was achieved. As detailed by Geoff in his report, record amounts were raised by a number of events. I would like to specially mention the Trivia Night which was richly supported by our members and friends, both in terms of sponsorship and participation. Not being a trivia buff myself, I was surprised by my total enjoyment of the night and I'm sure that goes for all who attended.

Club meetings were up to the usual North Balwyn standard. The program of guest speakers was varied and comprehensive and of a quality to be envied. This was due to the dedicated team lead by Brian Hurnard. Thanks Brian. The audio-visual equipment performed admirably (although not without the occasional hitch), due to the efficiency of Property Officer Barry Cummings, assisted by the members of the Bruce McIver Society.

Similarly, Barry maintained our property and its storage in tip top condition, in spite of the occasional tendency of members to not return everything to its proper place after an event, whether this be the cupboard at the Kew Golf Club or the container(s) at Chris Cross, occasioning a need to reorganise.

For the first half of the year, we were blessed with the company of our exchange student Cecy Perez. Cecy became part of the club, taking part in most if not all of our activities and becoming a friend to all. Those of us who saw a maturing young lady would probably not realize how much this was due to the "behind the scenes" crew. To the host parents, a hearty thank you, but most especially my words can not do justice to the thanks due to Cecy's Counsellor, Maria Moffat.

During the year, we finalised our Working with Children policy and protocol. Much discussion went into the final document. As I said at the time, it is incumbent on all members to familiarise themselves with, and to abide by, the protocols.

I have been privileged to serve with the other Presidents of the Eastside cluster and with two assistant governors, Marc Fookes until his illness and latterly Chris Don. As a group, we discussed a number of cluster projects and settled upon supporting the Kokoda Challenge, or to give it its correct title, "Kokoda Trek for Troubled Teens", a District community service project. Discussions led us to organise a cluster dinner in February, with the profits of the night going to the project. Each club took on a particular aspect of the night and I volunteered our catering group to cater - for two hundred people, as it turned out. Our catering group, lead by John McBride did a sterling job on the night, ably assisted by a number of our wives who did the serving. The positive comments by my fellow Presidents and many of the attendees, both on the night and subsequently, brought much credit to the club. Thanks John and all.

The club was involved in a number of service projects both locally and internationally. Again we supported the Foundation for its humanitarian work with a total donation of \$15,000. Added to this were individual donations from three Paul Harris Society members, together with a number of new and continuing EREY members as detailed in Tony's report. It is pleasing to note the support of *Our* charity and to remember that all money donated can come back to us to spend on our own humanitarian programs. As your Foundation chairman for next year, I look forward to continuing and further support from my fellow members.

A visit to Minh Hac by Rowan McClean and Imre Lele identified some potential projects for the future and our funds enabled the building and furnishing of a community centre. Our own Sue McDonald has been invited to join a District international project to Timor Leste. Although this is a District project we have, as a club, donated along with some other District clubs, funds to the initiative. As well, as detailed earlier, the profits from the Royal Wedding Reception go directly to Sue for her particular area. Added to these will be the profits from the Christmas Fare run by the ladies of the club. Many thanks to Jo Wells and her team of helpers, for a very successful "Fare".

On the local front, I would like to highlight just a couple of projects in the Community and Youth area. A complete description of the various initiatives is included in Rowan's report.

The Rotary Gardens Project brings together Rotarians and school children to fulfil a need in the community, that of helping "needy" persons to maintain their precious gardens. This is a project that incorporates the areas of Community and New Generations service. It has been a pilot project of our club and in my opinion, highly successful. It looks as if it should continue and is being picked up by other clubs in our district. Well done Rowan, Tony and the "green fingered" Rotarians.

The other is our community project to re-seal the floor at the Marysville Central, Marysville being a victim of the bushfires and being close to our hearts, after our visit there in 2008. It was one of those "North Balwyn" projects which combined service with fellowship, surely the backbone of Rotarian life. The project received special recognition from Mev Connell, chairman of the combined districts bushfire committee.

Our membership remained static during the year at 84 and finished on the same number, there being four departures and four inductions. The passing of former member John Moyle and Charter member John Robson were losses that hit the club members very hard. Both were tireless workers for the club over many years and will be sorely missed.

Again this year, the club supported District Governor Iven at his conference in Adelaide, with some sixteen members and ten wives or partners attending. We were both entertained and educated by a variety of Rotarian and non-Rotarian speakers. If I am allowed to make personal observation, I should like to see the conference extended another day to allow more interaction with other district clubs and their projects. As usual, the fellowship was excellent and those that hadn't enough of it in Adelaide, continued the festivities at Victor Harbour.

The Board met regularly on eleven occasions during the year, augmented by the occasional impromptu meeting to discuss an urgent item of business. I am indebted to the Board members for their frank and at times, vigorous discussion of items on the agenda and for their support in the running of your club. With Past President Tony, I would especially like to express my thanks to those Directors who have completed their tenure on the Board. To Secretary Bronwen, a reluctant volunteer, my heartfelt thanks for a job well done. Minute Secretary Jane was most efficient in her recording of the Board's proceedings and she achieved accurate notes in spite of all my efforts to race ahead with, or deviate from, the agenda. A hard act to follow and again, my thanks and those of the Board. Gary O'Connor has ably handled all aspects of our club's finances and I sincerely thank him for his efforts. To those other Board members continuing on, and to incoming President Matthew, my thanks for your support and my best wishes in your endeavours to steer the North Balwyn ship.

Finally to my two mentors, PP Tony and VP John, I couldn't have done it without you. Tony was a regular confidante and I could feel his hand on my shoulder during the year, encouraging, occasionally prodding, but generally providing sage advice. John mentioned occasionally during the year that he hadn't done much. John, that is so far from the truth. Your voice of experience from the past and your ability to remind me of things I needed to do was invaluable, and together with an occasional calming word or enquiry, was appreciated.

One of the problems of thanking people individually is that one leaves out others who are deserving of thanks. We are lucky in this club to have a number of "silent" workers and also members who will jump in, roll up their sleeves and get the job done, often at short notice. I have endeavoured to thank you at the time, but I would like to use this report to again thank you all. Without you, North Balwyn would not be North Balwyn.

Last but not least, my thanks to Sergeant Mike who has been a mate and a steadying hand at meetings. Mike was a colleague before he joined Rotary, but rapidly became a friend. Furthermore, he will be remembered for bringing a touch of class to the Sergeant's sessions, with his poetry readings. Unfortunately Mike is resigning to move down to Somers, a little too far to commute regularly to club meetings. Thanks Mike, for your seven years of Rotary service. Bruce Timbs is also leaving us after five years of service to our club and many more to Rotary, prior to joining us. Thanks Bruce, especially for your years of service to Moira Cares.

To all my fellow club members, it has been an honour and privilege to serve as your President. May the Rotary Club of North Balwyn continue the tradition of service for many years to come.

Findley Cornell

Sponsors

President Findley and the Club gratefully acknowledge the sponsorship of all those who have assisted us during the year.





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 30th June, replacing the 2009/10 accounts currently there.

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. Our obligations to Rotary International were helped by the continuing favourable exchange rate. During the year, we moved \$10,000 from the administration investment account to a newly established term deposit.

Our **SERVICE** fundraising exceeded budget, a tribute to the dedication of the Fundraising Committee and the generous support of members, for all our varied fundraising activities. The Christmas Raffle, the Grand Prix and the Trivia Night were all record results. A special vote of thanks is due to our catering coordinators for their work on so many of our projects.

During the year, we moved \$70,000 from the service investment account to a newly established term deposit. We also cancelled the credit card facility, because of the heavy annual bank charges. In future, if we see a benefit for a fundraising activity in having a credit card facility, we will hire the facility for the limited time we require it.

Highlights from our **SERVICE** activities include:

- \$5000 donated by members to Shelterbox Australia (\$4000 by individual members and \$1000 by the Club)
- \$1000 donated by the Balwyn High School Interactors for Haiti Relief
- \$14,500 donated to Camp Getaway for its kitchen refurbishment project
- \$2,000 to Fareshare for the purchase of equipment at four of its client organisations
- Continuing funding for RYLA, RYPEN and MUNA .
- Continued support for the Youth Exchange program
- District Grant of \$2070 towards the cost of the visit to Minh Hac by Rowan McClean and Imre Lele.
- The support of the Timor Leste Medical Equipment Fund by the donation of the funds raised at the Christmas Fare, the Royal Wedding Night fundraiser and by donations from individual members
- \$12,000 for the Rotary Foundation and \$3,000 for Polio Plus.
- \$500 Grant from the Bendigo Community Bank East Kew towards our Gardens Project.

Gary O'Connor - Treasurer

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS TO 31 May 2011

NET ASSETS AT START OF YEAR		\$16,671
Income	INCOME FROM JULY TO MAY	
	Subscriptions	
	Members	\$23,789
	Friends	<u>\$454</u>
		\$24,243
	Internal fundraising	
	Donations	\$96
	Fines	<u>\$1,702</u>
		\$1,798
	Meals	
	Meal payments received	\$73,337
	Meal reimbursements received	<u>\$1,650</u>
	Meal costs paid	<u>(\$70,445)</u>
		\$4,542
	Sale of Club Items	\$224
	Other income	\$500
	Interest	\$480
	TOTAL INCOME	\$31,787
	EXPENDITURE FROM JULY TO MAY	
Expenditure	Administration costs	
	Annual return fee	\$41
	Bank charges	\$29
	Club items (clothing, badges)	\$1,075
	Family of Rotary	\$422
	Furniture & equipment (expns'd)	\$31
	Grapevine	\$191
	Hospitality	\$1,527
	Postage & PO box	\$297
	President's allowance	\$1,000
	Printing & stationery	\$676
	Speakers' gifts	\$274
	Website maintenance	\$257
	Other admin. & sundry expenses	<u>\$870</u>
		\$6,690
	Membership project	\$210
	Rotary subscriptions & dues	
	Rotary Down Under	\$2,890
	RI – Council of Legislation	\$85
	RI – per capita fees	\$4,533
	District levy	\$6,108
	District Insurance	<u>\$1,997</u>
		\$15,613
	Club and Fellowship functions	\$2,190
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$24,703
NET ASSETS AT END OF MAY		\$23,755

SERVICE ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS TO 31 May 2011

NET ASSETS AT START OF YEAR

\$87,640

Fundraising & Community Projects

INCOME FROM JULY TO MAY

Fundraising projects

Catering events	\$5,507	
Equestrian	\$3,200	
Grand Prix	\$11,418	
Trivia Night	\$12,423	
Royal Wedding Night	\$1,392	
Xmas raffle	\$11,949	
Bill's jams	\$600	
Christmas Fair	\$2,324	
Other fundraising	<u>\$1,330</u>	\$50,143

Community projects

Rotary Ride	<u>\$4,970</u>	\$4,970
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Donations received

From Members	\$2,331	
Silverpot collections	\$1,249	
Shelterbox donations	\$4,000	
Other donations	<u>\$1,600</u>	\$9,080

Other income

District Simplified Grant		\$2,070
Interest		\$2,398

TOTAL INCOME

\$68,520

SERVICE ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS TO 31 May 2011 (continued)

EXPENDITURE FROM JULY TO MAY			
Operating expenses			
	Bank charges	\$654	
	Misc. fundraising expenses	\$150	
	Depreciation expense	<u>\$2,163</u>	\$2,967
Service Projects			
Community Service			
	Boroondara Cares	\$980	
	Camp Getaway	\$14,718	
	Disaster Relief	\$174	
	Camcare	\$124	
	Fairshare Projects	\$2,000	
	Carols in the Park	\$1,000	
	Other Community Service	<u>\$599</u>	\$19,595
International Service			
	Vietnam Minh Hac project	\$4,140	
	Other International Service	<u>\$2,500</u>	\$6,640
Youth & Vocational Services			
	Vocational Awards	\$209	
	MUNA	1,040	
	Attendees meal subsidy	\$1,470	
	RYLA	\$1,380	
	RYPEN	\$847	
	Other Youth Services	\$200	
	Youth Exchange student	<u>\$1,242</u>	\$7,121
Foundation Services			
	Polio Plus	\$3,000	
	Rotary Foundation	\$13,350	
	Royce & Jean Abbey Fund	<u>\$1,195</u>	\$17,565
Donations made			
	Shelterbox	\$5,000	
	Australian Rotary Health	\$2,300	
	Other Donations	<u>\$1,210</u>	\$8,510
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			\$63,358
NET ASSETS AT END MAY			\$93,802

BALANCE SHEETS AT 31 May 2011

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT			
ASSETS			
Cash at Bank			
Cheque Account		\$5,119	
Investment Account		\$9,310	
Term Deposit	<u>\$10,000</u>	\$24,429	
Other current assets			
Deposits & pre-	\$2,114		
		\$2,114	
Total Assets		\$26,543	
LESS			
LIABILITIES			
Creditors			
Sundry Creditors.	<u>\$3,048</u>	\$3,048	
GST		(\$259)	
Total Liabilities		\$2,787	
EQUALS			
NET ASSETS		\$23,756	
These Net Assets are recorded as:			
Committed Funds			
Special Assistance Fund		\$1,100	
Uncommitted Funds		\$22,656	
TOTAL		\$23,756	

SERVICE ACCOUNT			
ASSETS			
Cash at Bank			
Cheque Account		\$5,612	
Investment Account		<u>\$16,997</u>	
Term Deposit	<u>\$70,000</u>	\$92,609	
Other current assets			
Sundry Debtors			\$5,000
Property & equipment			
At cost		\$6,613	
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(\$6613)</u>	
Total Assets		\$97,609	
LESS			
LIABILITIES			
Creditors			
Sundry Creditors	<u>\$3,846</u>	\$3,846	
GST		(\$1)	
Total Liabilities		\$3,845	
EQUALS			
NET ASSETS		\$93,764	
These Net Assets are recorded as:			
Committed Funds			
Disaster (future projects)		\$30,000	
International Projects		\$6,500	
Pres.'s (future projects) Fund		\$20,000	
Timor Leste Medical		<u>\$4,609</u>	\$60,596
Uncommitted Funds		\$30,168	
TOTAL		\$93,764	



CLUB SERVICE & COMMUNICATIONS

Director: Terry Gretton

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

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

Speaker Program Brian Hurnard and Joe Butler.

What a fantastic job these chaps have done. We have had many and varied speakers over the past year. The quality of speakers that we have, week after week, never ceases to amaze me. Thank you both, for the great job that you have done.



Chairman Bernie Smith
with the very entertaining
Malcolm Speed who asked
us, "Cricket, where to from
here?"

Sergeant Mike McKay

Our resident bard, Mike has done a very professional job as Sergeant. He always came up with a piece of poetry or some words of wisdom, appropriate for the occasion. Sadly, Mike has moved on to a sea change and he will be greatly missed in the Club. Mike had a good back up in Nino Sofra.

Minute Secretary Jane Pennington

Another year nearly gone and 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.

Banking Marcel Muntwyler

Always on the money. Marcel is quick to bring us to task about the "funny money" 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

"Barry will know where it is." A dedicated watcher of all things Rotary. A great job done looking after our assets and also on Thursday nights, as part of the "Bruce McIvor Society."

Data Base & Attendance Hugo Goetze

The stats man. He keeps us on the edge of our seats every Friday morning with attendances at meetings etc. Lightning with new badges. A great all-rounder.

Communications Phil Francis

The "go to" man. Phil worked tirelessly all year helping out with Grapevine, I.T support and the list goes on. A great job well done, Phil. Your support over the last two years has been greatly appreciated.

Grapevine Pete Sutherland

Pete did a fantastic job delivering the Grapevine, until he became ill. He was always ready to admit any possible bloopers he may have made, with a great big smile on his face - and he threw in the odd chocolate, to boot. Come back soon Southo. We are missing you. As is the usual form in our great Club, many others have stood up to the plate to continue the good delivery of the Grapevine.

Webmaster Dick Johnson

The engine room man. Dick always rolls up his sleeves and makes sure our site is up to date for us. There have been some excellent changes to our site this year. He has worked closely with Phil Francis and our website gets better all the time.

Photography Adrian Ranson

The smiling camera man. Adrian was ever present when the photo shoot presented itself. Some great shots over the year, to look back on in later years. When he was absent, Adrian was ably assisted by many other willing hands,

Club Secretary Bronwen Dimond

A living treasure. Nothing is a problem for our unflappable Club Secretary. Bronwen combines a very busy full time job with her Rotary duties. A great job well done. We will miss you at the Board meetings.

Treasurer Gary O'Connor

Gary is a relatively new member of our Rotary Club. He has taken to the job of Treasurer like a duck to water. He keeps the accounts immaculately and knows the answers to all matters treasury, in the blink of an eye. Keep up the good work, Gary.

These last two years in Club Service & Communication have been a great couple of years for me. I now hand over to Joe Butler, who I know will do a great job. Thanks to everyone in the various areas who have helped me. I have learned a lot more about the workings of Rotary and in particular, our Club.

Terry Gretton



COMMUNITY SERVICE and YOUTH

The Community and Youth Committees were combined into one portfolio this year.

The current Strategic Plan of the Club introduced several major areas of emphasis of special relevance to the Committee, namely, partnerships with non-Rotary organisations, improvements to the image of our Club, better use of technology and the identification of unmet needs in key community segments.

A workshop was held at the beginning of the Rotary year where members of the combined committees met and identified and discussed possible priorities for the year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The projects adopted for the year and the activities related to them are summarised below:

Boroondara Cares

This project has been an excellent joint project by Rotary Clubs and Council to support the people of Moira Shire following the devastation of the Victorian drought. Our club has had a high profile in this valuable project thanks to the dedication of Bruce Timbs over the entire year. It is considered that this group has achieved its aims, and the program will not be continued in 2011/2012.



Aged Care

The Club has supported the Eva Tilley facility in the past few years, and it was decided to continue that support as required and also to extend our assistance to a broader audience.

A confusing situation faces people wanting to help elderly relatives or friends with Aged Care support. We developed a simple one-page guide, called the Aged Care Roadmap, to help people understand the options available to them and steps to take to provide the specific assistance needed by older individuals. The Roadmap was added to the Club website.

Adult Health

If the aged care area is confusing, the Health landscape is more so. Organisations dealing with particular health issues, such as heart, stroke, diabetes, asthma, and cancer have a great deal of information about their disease but, to obtain a simple overview of health management essentials is really very difficult.

RCNB consulted various medical practitioners and organisations and designed a graphic showing the major diseases with an appeal to anyone over 40 years of age to visit their General Practitioner for a total review of their health. The idea is to check everything once, eliminate those areas unimportant to the individual and then to develop a Personal Health Plan to manage those issues that are identified as important to them.

The diagram included key websites for each disease, so that people could obtain further information if they wanted it. We also scripted and had produced a two-minute video, featuring a medical doctor, to support this campaign. The graphic and video were added to our website and cluster Clubs and the District Governor were made aware of them so that we might achieve wider distribution.

Camcare

Camcare is the primary welfare agency in our municipality, with employed staff and a very large group of volunteers. It deals with a wide range of social issues and provides specialist counselling and support to residents of Boroondara in need. It was decided to develop a formal relationship with the organisation and offer Club support in addition to the regular donations of food and beverages made by the Club. The CEO, Jane Broadhead, spoke at a Club meeting, and we are offering assistance with the development of the environs at their new premises in Camberwell.

Rotary Gardens Project

An unmet community need was discovered in the form of poor, elderly and disabled people in our community, who cannot properly maintain their own gardens or afford to pay for commercial services.

We decided to pilot a service to help them clean up, and then maintain, their domestic gardens using Rotarians as team leaders with groups of secondary school students who need to perform community service as part of educational programs.

We currently have 15 properties referred to us, eight team leaders from within the club and students from five schools participating in the pilot. East Kew Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank donated funds to help us purchase some equipment. Club members, Trinity Grammar and others have also donated tools and equipment.

Leader Newspapers published an item publicising this program in April, 2011. Feedback from the program has been excellent and it is hoped that other Rotary Clubs in the Boroondara municipality will be encouraged to provide this service in 2011/2012.

Bushfire Relief

Under the leadership of Greg Matthews a group of 10 members attended a working bee at Marysville to resurface the floor of the shopping centre.

Carols in the Park

The Club was one of several sponsors who again contributed funds to local churches to enable this important community event take place at Christmas. This is considered to be a commitment worth continuing.

Camp Getaway

The club supported Camp Getaway through a working bee which 10 members attended from April 15th to 17th. Ken Maxfield is a strong advocate for the camp and is actively involved in the ongoing management and development of the camp.



Indigenous Projects

An Aboriginal Health Scholarship was reviewed and supported for our involvement, however Rotary Health have not been able to provide a suitable candidate to date, so it is not proposed to proceed at the moment. Ron Phillips is currently reviewing our participation in an Indigenous Literacy Project and Books for Remote Schools project.

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)

Peter Cleary has been appointed to the District Committee for this project, which was successfully launched this year. It was arguably a better fit with Youth, but was left with Community for the formation and early development stage. We are planning the introduction of this program to Balwyn High School.

Uniting Church Kew, Christmas Lunch

Club members helped organise and serve Christmas lunch to needy people identified by the Church.

Street Violence

In association with Carolyn Pethick and Brett Phillips of Victoria Police Boroondara, the provision of a video for distribution to schools was arranged by the Club. The video will be made and funded by the Department of Justice, and we have offered to help with distribution to Boroondara schools through our Club and sister Clubs. This project has the potential to be expanded State-wide.

Variety Club

RCNB supported the Variety Club and its work with disabled children as it has done each year, through involvement in their special annual fund-raising day.

Buddy Walk and Family Day

We supported people with Down Syndrome by supplying and erecting a marquee for the Buddy Walk at Princes Park and the Family Day held at Montpellier school.

Know Your Numbers

The Club conducted an awareness campaign for National Stroke Week in May 2011, during which participants from the public received blood pressure monitoring by Club members.

Boroondara Community Forum

Several meetings were attended by the Director in order to establish contact with other community organisations and seek ongoing partnership opportunities. As a result of this participation, our new relationships within Council (especially with Youth and Aged Care staff) were developed and a new partnership was commenced with East Kew Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank.

YOUTH (Emerging Generations)

Youth projects this year included:

Working With Children Protocol

After a lengthy process the club has finally adopted a Working With Children protocol to inform all members of their obligations in regard to working in programs involving young or vulnerable people.

The Board accepted the protocol in March of 2011 as the basis for the management of the Working With Children Act implications within Club projects

This protocol also emphasises the responsibility each member has in maintaining their registration status and gives clear guidelines for the Club Protection Officer in overseeing the workings of the club in projects involving young or vulnerable people.

The adoption of this protocol is seen by the Youth Committee to be of significant importance in the club maintaining its compliance with such a significant piece of legislation.

Youth Exchange (Inbound)

The exchange of Cecy Perez do Nascimento commenced early in 2010 and continued for 12 months, thus impacting on two Rotary years. The project was very successful and Cecy returned to Brazil at the end of January.

The club was fortunate to have her accepted and well looked after by Canterbury Girls' Secondary College for her schooling and the Committee offers thanks to the Club's hosts (the Studebaker, Steinicke and Barden/Kelly families), together with non-club hosts (the Bassani and Herrod families). John McBride's assistance during the holiday period is also gratefully acknowledged.



The success of this exchange was assured by the commitment and diligence of Maria Moffat, who took on the challenge of supporting Cecy, as her Counsellor/Guardian. Her valuable end of activity report complements an evaluation conducted by the Director of Community and Youth, Rowan McClean, which together make significant recommendations to the Club and District Committee, on the conduct of exchanges.



Due to the initial difficulties in identifying hosts, the committee recommends that no further incoming exchanges be considered, unless host families can be identified well in advance of a commitment being made. Graeme Bird represented our club as District Chair of the Youth Exchange Program.

Youth Exchange (Outbound)

The club agreed to sponsor an outgoing student on request by the District Committee with the proviso that a volunteer to act as Counsellor could be found. This offer was not taken up by the District Committee.

ASTHMA SUPPORT: “ Making Children Safe”

This program was aimed at supporting an education program for parents, carers and educators on the best way to support young pre-school children suffering the effects of Asthma.

The project proposed two fundraising activities to support the education program, The first, “Hitting the High Notes”, in conjunction with LePine Funeral Services, was an event featuring two leading opera singers. Participants were invited to ‘buy air’ in a fun-based auction activity that was proposed to go to the Rotary Clubs’ eastern cluster for consideration.

The advertising process and notifications was unable to attract satisfactory support from the club and, after the first event, the program was terminated. This was a disappointment to the Youth Committee, and a review is underway to assess how the prospects for success of this type of activity can be enhanced.

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

This event was delayed from the 2009/2010 year and two MUNA events fell in the current Rotary year. Balwyn High School presented no nominees for the first event, so an approach was made to Trinity Grammar School who readily nominated two boys, Tim Ringwood and Ben Ditchfield. These boys, who subsequently won Victorian State selection, spoke to the Club. They will compete in the national event in August 2011.

Trinity again nominated two boys for the event held in June 2011, Dhanika Karunasena and Tim Yang.

This project is considered to be worthwhile for continuation by the Club in future.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

The club sponsored two participants in the November RYLA activity, with both participants reporting to the club in February.

The two representatives, Kathryn St. John and Katie Chin from our Rotaract Club, both indicated the benefits of their participation and thanked the club for sponsorship.

The Youth Committee has requested an evaluation of the program from the District Committee for quality assurance and continuous improvement purposes. A discussion will be held with our Club representative on the District Committee, Rob Head to resolve this matter.

From the positive responses received from the participants, the Committee recommends continuing support for this program next year.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

Our club has sponsored three students to this District program this Rotary year. Sharyn Lee attended in late 2010 and Selim Ramadan and Bridget Andrews in 2011. Sharyn reported back to the club in March indicating an enthusiastic response to the program and thanking the club for its sponsorship.



Our Club has been represented by Sally Blaubaum and Anthony Stokes, on the RYPEN District Committee. We have not sighted a formal evaluation of the program, and Anthony and Sally will be approached concerning it. The committee recommends continued support for this program in 2011/12.

The Exemplary Science Scholar Support Program (ES3P)

This initiative, carried over from the previous year, is to support the extension of science based studies by students residing in Boroondara through a small grants program. No applications were received in the 2010/11 Rotary year.

This year, we set up a website <rotaryclubofnorthbalwyn-es3p.yolasite.com> which outlines the program, selection criteria and application procedures.

Letters were sent to schools in 2010 informing them of the availability of this program to fund extension learning opportunities for science students, but the mail-out produced a disappointing response.

A publicity photo shoot was arranged at Trinity Grammar School and published in the Progress Leader on May 10th. We have received some enquiries from schools already, in response to the publicity. The program might also be made known to universities to try and expand the take-up rate. It is recommended that a budget allocation be requested to maintain this program into the future.

Rotaract

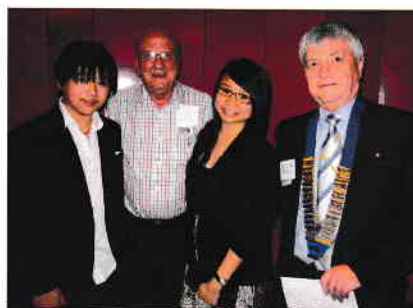
Concern is expressed at the low levels of activity and membership of our Rotaract Club. The club has, through attrition, reduced to three members and is not meeting on a regular basis. Offers of assistance from RCNB have not been taken up, and a discussion has been initiated by the Youth Committee through Jane Pennington on meeting, participating in projects and finding new members or handing back the charter. Several alternative models for Rotaract to continue have been discussed in an effort to maintain it and to attract younger members or affiliates into RCNB.

The Committee recommends working to maintain the Rotaract club in some form either as a stand-alone entity or as an adjunct to RCNB. The committee is aware of young people seeking to participate in projects, but without the expectations of participation as Rotarians. It would be a shame not to take advantage of these potential resources.

It is also possible that the Rotary Gardens Project might interest school students in other Rotary projects now and when they leave school, so that they could be attracted to future membership of Rotary.

Interact

Our Interact Club at Balwyn High School has continued to prosper under the guidance of President Findley and Ted Wilkins. The group has more than 30 members who have been very active with fund raising and community projects. "Strictly Ballwyn" was very successful and "It Takes Two" commanded a full house for both performances. Money was raised for our Minh Hac project, in Vietnam, and a cheque was presented to President Findley, at a dinner meeting.



Cyber-Bullying

Cyber-bullying is a critical challenge for modern societies. It has resulted in high levels of stress in some students, and has led to suicides. A study earlier this year suggested that one in every eight students in Victoria is being personally affected.

The Club project has been slow to evolve, but has gathered momentum recently. The involvement of Dr. Charlynn Miller from the University of Ballarat has added significant credibility to what might be achieved here. Ethical considerations from the University have slowed the availability of information coming to the committee for inclusion: this has now received clearance so that information can flow unhindered.

Data available to date is primarily from overseas sources, which might have limitations in an Australian context. The Youth committee has sought to assist Dr. Miller in surveying local school children on the use of social media and its effects, to create an Australian database on which to construct educational programs to counter cyber-bullying and other negative aspects of new communications technology.

A forum involving secondary schools in Boroondara is proposed for the end of June 2011, at which the causes and nature of cyber-bullying and the activities of each school in combating it, will be explored. These results will hopefully complement Dr Miller's pilot survey. The committee recommends that this program be continued and developed, as it has significant potential value on a national scale.

Final Remarks

As Director, I would personally like to thank each and every member of the Community and Youth Committees. Some people have considerable business demands and some have major commitments outside Rotary, but an excellent team effort has ensured that we have made a valuable contribution collectively and have had an enjoyable year.

The Community Committee consisted of:

David Cheney, Peter Cleary, Peter Elliott, Tony Hart (Chair), Rob Head, Greg Matthews, Ron Phillips, Rob Stewart, and Bruce Timbs.

Youth Committee members were:

Ian Adams, Sally Blaubaum, David De Garis, Maria Moffat, Anthony Overmars, Lindsay Pegg, Jane Pennington, Gavan Schwartz (Chair) and George Swanson.

We have introduced some new initiatives to address 'gaps' in services to our community whilst continuing with sound activities commenced in previous years. We have made better use of the website and created a separate site for the Science project.

Most importantly, we have forged some new partnerships with Council, schools, local banks, community groups and other Rotary clubs and have enhanced the reputation of our Club in the community: these achievements will undoubtedly reap benefits for RCNB in the future.

I would especially like to thank Tony Hart and Gavan Schwartz, who have been active and committed Chairmen of the two portfolios and who have worked effectively this year, to assure sound achievements of value to our community.

Rowan McClean



FELLOWSHIP

Chairman: Larry Fitzpatrick

Committee: Jim Studebaker, Bronwen Dimond, Ted Angleton, Robert Ebihara, Mary George, Elisabeth Hall, Chris Flavelle Smith and Greg Ross.

Once again, Fellowship was certainly a great part of our Club. There were many and varied events and lots of opportunities to attend functions at different venues.

Progressive Dinner

This was a great night to get to know some of your fellow Rotarians over dinner. Pre-dinner drinks and nibbles were at the Romanis residence and then it was on to various hosts. Thanks to the pre dinner hosts and also to the dinner hosts. From all reports, a great night.

Grand Final Night

"The night" to don your favourite AFL team club colours. The Kew Golf Club was a sea of colour and everyone joined in the spirit of all things football. It made the tipping competitions very interesting, as you will remember the game was a draw and had to be played all over again the next week.

Melbourne Cup Night

..... and they're racing! Another gala night with plenty of dress ups and lots of glitter and colour. Prizes were handed out for best hats etc. and the competition was as fierce as always. I hope you noticed who was in the jockey outfit!!!!!!



Christmas Party Night

We had Ron Phillips as Choir Master and David Cheney on the organ. What more is there to be said? This talented pair led us merrily through lots of Christmas carols. We had a new twist this year with a rendition of Santa in his Holden ute. That really got everyone involved in the Christmas spirit. With our usual North Balwyn Rotary giving spirit, lots of presents were put under the tree to go to needy kids.

Sunday Breakfast/Brunch

An ideal start to the new year. The boathouse at Studley Park was the venue. There is always a good roll up and this time was no exception. A good chance to catch up with others to regale them with all your Christmas stories and holiday capers.

Christmas Breakup Breakfast

We went outside the square this year. The event was held at the home of the Fitzpatrick's. A great way to finish up a Rotary year, on a casual note. An early start ensures that the workers amongst us can have some bacon & eggs, before heading off to work.



The Peninsula Weekend

This is the time of the year when the members who have houses down at the peninsula open up their homes to fellow members. A good number turned out for this great weekend of festivities. Friday night saw us at the Rye Hotel for dinner. On Saturday some played golf, some went fishing and some - well I guess they just relaxed. Saturday night saw us at Ted Angleton's for our fish & chip dinner. Sunday was our golf day. We played at Eagle Ridge. After golf, it was back to the Matthews' for a BBQ lunch and then home. A very big "thank you" to the hosts.

Bowls Night at North Balwyn Bowls Club

Always a good night at this venue. It give the once a year bowlers a chance to test their skills on the rink (or even on the next rink, alongside the one on which you are playing). Great fun and fellowship at this very popular annual event. Thanks to Ian Mollison for arranging this night.

Anzac Evening

I think this was one of the most moving meetings that our club has had in many a long time. Everyone who was there enjoyed the night immensely. Greg Ross and his son did a splendid job. The singing and interaction was great. Greg & son led us through many wars from the First World War through to the war in Malaya. It is my sincere hope that this can become an annual event.



Club Birthday

We held this event at The Manningham Club. The venue was great, the food was great and the entertainment was great. In fact, we had a 17-piece band to dance to and didn't some of our members trip the light fantastic! It was good to see so many people up on the floor.

The Royal Wedding

Sue McDonald and some of the lady Rotarians organised this gala event. Ohhhhh, what a night!!!!!! I have never seen so many great/unusual/bizarre costumes in the one place at the one time. There was a bride, a sheik, a chap formally dressed to the waist and then shorts, sandals and socks. Why, there was even a cross-dresser who shall go nameless. (You don't think that confused the young Pauli boys????!!!!) You will have all seen the photos by now, so what else can I say. It was also a good fundraiser for the Timor Leste project. Thanks ladies, for a splendid night.



This has been another very successful Fellowship year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each individual member of this great committee for all your help and great efforts in making things happen so successfully this year. You made my job very enjoyable and, once again, I thank you all sincerely.

Larry Fitzpatrick





FOUNDATION

Chairman: Tony Wells

Members: Paul Fitz and Ralph Lee

D9800 is participating in RI's Future Vision pilot and President Findley Cornell and President Elect Matthew Pauli signed a Memorandum of Understanding committing the Rotary Club of North Balwyn to the process.

The Foundation Committee supported RCNB in seeking a District Grant through the Future Vision pilot program for the Minh Hac community project, in Vietnam. The Grant provided funding allowing Rowan McClean and Imre Lele to visit Vietnam to review potential Club programs to assist the community in Minh Hac. This Grant was among the first allocated in D9800 and reflects RCNB's commitment to the Future Vision program.

RCNB also has a direct link with a District 9800 program through the Future Vision Pilot, which is funding a medical program in Timor-Leste with focus on training midwives to help reduce the mortality rate of mothers and infants during childbirth. Sue McDonald has been invited to participate in this program. She is likely to visit East Timor on several occasions in the next couple of years. The Club has raised funds to support this project.

Also on the international front, D9800's Group Study Exchange this year has been with D5840 in Texas. RCNB was not directly connected with the D5840 team's visit to Melbourne this year, but DG Iven Mackay initiated a program to link Clubs in the two participating Districts. As a result RCNB liaised at an informal level with RC Alamo Heights in San Antonio. Contact was established with their President and we exchanged information through an exchange of our respective bulletins. The aspirations and interests of both Clubs are similar.

As Foundation Director, I attended a District Foundation seminar on August 15th which provided an overview of the Foundation, with focus on the Future Vision program and the impact for D9800 and Rotary clubs, including RCNB. The seminar reinforced the significance of the Rotary Foundation and its work as a cornerstone of Rotary activity and the need for all Clubs to continue their commitment to the Foundation and its programs.

It is pleasing to note RCNB has continued its tradition of support for the Rotary Foundation's Program Fund with a donation of \$10,000 announced at the District Conference in Adelaide, a further \$3,000 for Polio Plus and another \$2,000 to be contributed, by the end of the Rotary year.

The Club arranged a table of ten at this year's Paul Harris Breakfast on 17th November (Rotary's Foundation Month) organised by the Rotary Club of Melbourne Central Sunrise. As part of Rotary's Foundation month program, I reported on Foundation activities at a Club meeting in November, with particular emphasis on the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) program. It is pleasing to note 12 members of RCNB have joined EREY this Rotary year, which means we currently have 37 members in the program. The increase this year in percentage terms is about 46%. The total contribution to Foundation funds from RCNB members participating in the EREY program now adds up to more than \$4,000 per annum, and this is in addition to the funds for Foundation and Polio Plus, set aside by the Club (see above). It is an excellent result for our Club.

Tony Wells



FUNDRAISING

Director: Geoff Steinicke

Committee: Geoff Haddy, Bill Oakley, Ian Richardson, Jim Romanis, Colin Sharp and Ted Wilkins.

President Findley's directive was to use the fundraising committee as a management team that selected a member to organise his/her own team to run a fundraising event. The agenda of fundraising events would be arranged so that events did not clash. The Event committees would be supported by the Fundraising committee.

The goal for this year was to raise \$50,000.

Fundraising followed the usual established patterns of previous years with the additional aim of introducing something new*.

Funds raised - at a glance:

Rotary Fun Bike Ride	\$ 4,970
Equestrian Events	\$ 3,200
Ladies Christmas Fare Stall	\$ 2,324
Christmas Raffle	\$11,949
Christmas Hams *	\$ 450
Catering for Cluster Meeting	\$ 2,110
Trivia Night	\$12,533
Ford Performance Vehicle *	\$ 440
Grand Prix	\$11,700
Reclink Event Christmas	\$ 495 + Reclink 3RRR Football match in June
Catering Decoupage	\$ 330
Bills Jams	\$ 600
The Royal Wedding	<u>\$ 1,237</u>
Total	\$52,338

Rotary Fun Ride

This event contributes more than just fundraising. It is an event involving community families. The riders show obvious pleasure in participating in this event as do the Club members acting as Marshalls. Our thanks to Geoff Haddy and Michael Barden for again organising the bike ride, now in its eighth year. Unfortunately, the promise of support from Bicycle Victoria did not eventuate. With falling participant numbers over the past three years, Geoff and Michael agreed that this will be their last family fun bike ride. Next year's committee will see if another format can be found that has merit.

Sponsor acknowledgement: Top Gear Doncaster, Rod Savage and the Scout Band.

Equestrian Events

Ian Richardson co-ordinated the staffing of two Equestrian events, at the National Equestrian Centre in Werribee. Anyone interested in warm-blooded horses (ponies) should not miss seeing world champions participating in the International Dressage event at Werribee, in March. Our task was to be gatekeepers inside the arena. Ian is hoping the organisers of the three-day Queen's Birthday event will call us and contribute another \$2,000. Congratulations Ian, for running this profitable contribution to Club funds.

Ladies' Christmas Fare Stall

Jo Wells successfully organised a group of ladies to supply and sell Christmas cakes and other goodies. The proceeds were donated to the Timor Leste fund through Sue McDonald. Sue will soon be travelling to Timor with a medical team sponsored by Rotary.

Christmas Raffle



Adrian Ranson once again successfully organised the Christmas Raffle. For the first time, we sold the maximum 7,000 tickets and raised the record amount of \$11,949. Adrian was ably assisted by Nadia's accurate accounting of tickets and money.



Multiple selling at the previous years' best sites, plus some new ones, enabled the whole program to be completed in four weeks – one week ahead of schedule. Congratulations to Adrian and to all Rotarians who manned the sites.

Sponsor Acknowledgement:

Allan Fabry who provided an outdoor furniture setting prize.

Catering

John McBride, ably assisted by Larry and Karen Fitzpatrick and members, catered for more than 500 Reclink patrons at their annual Christmas Party. In February, John and his team catered for 200+ Rotarians at the Marwall Avenue Cluster meeting.

Decoupage Expo.

Bill Oakley and Jane Pennington catered for the annual Decoupage expo. Our thanks to Bill and Jane.

Reclink

We have agreed to cater for the annual football match between 3RRR and the Elsternwick Hotel, on Sunday 26 June.

Christmas Hams

This was a new project for this year. Thanks to Ted Wilkins for contacting the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, who supplied the hams, and for masterminding the sales program. The hams were top quality and with 60% profit on sale, we raised \$450. Next year, with more people purchasing through us, we would expect to make at least \$1,000.

Ford Performance Vehicles

This day was very well organised by Greg Matthews and his team and well supported by Club members. Unfortunately, the day did not produce the crowd that had been expected. It was believed that these bi-annual events draw between 10,000 – 15,000 at Ford, but there were only 4,000. These events are hard to assess, and require further evaluation.



Trivia Night

This event, held in late February, was rated as one of our best Trivia nights. The committee, chaired by Jim Romanis was well supported by members and raised a record amount of over \$12,533. This has set up the possibility of having another successful Trivia night early next year. **Sponsor Acknowledgement:** Bucatini Restaurant Nunawading

Grand Prix

Michael Barden and his committee are to be congratulated on raising the record amount of \$11,700. This year, the Grand Prix management decided to site the Marshalls meeting area in the vicinity of the Stuart King Pavilion. This decision worked to our benefit as we were saved the task of erecting marquees. The pavilion also provided room for storage and access to light and power.

This year, the number of non-Rotarian volunteers increased considerably. This was indeed fortunate as many of our members were either on a pre Conference bike ride or had volunteered to assist at the Equestrian event at Werribee. The volunteers obviously enjoyed working alongside our members.

The only downside was that there were too few to pack up and transport the barbeques and other gear back to the container storage. This will need to be addressed next year.

Sponsor Acknowledgement: "Baker Street", Hamilton St, Mont Albert; "Romeos Coffee", Greythorn; "Meat in a Box", North Balwyn Village; "Chris Cross", Burke Rd North (storage of our equipment container).

Geoff Steinicke



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

In the 2009-10 International Committee report, I was pleased to announce receipt of funding to assist in the construction of a community centre in Minh Hac, our adopted community in Vietnam.

I am delighted to report the work was swiftly completed with the assistance of workers in Minh Hac. Two of our Rotarians, Imre Lele and Rowan McClean, received a District Grant that enabled them to visit Minh Hac and they were very impressed with the construction and the industrious enthusiasm within the community. While there, they met with a number of local groups to try and best assess how we can provide maximum support. Two projects were subsequently agreed by the International committee, as projects that we could progress and would be of great benefit to the Minh Hac community.



The provision of water tanks. Access to a clean water source made possible by collecting the run off from the large surface of the roof of the community centre. Guttering and down pipes were incorporated in the design and will provide not only a central collection point but a meeting place for members of the community.

A School Twinning project. Our Balwyn High School Interact group raised a magnificent sum of over \$1500 towards international projects and we have set money aside to provide books for a library in the community centre. It also seems fitting that the students should have the opportunity to get to learn more about the children in Minh Hac, who will benefit from their generosity and at the same time share information and experiences of each other's cultures. As with any international project we must be mindful of any particular protocols and cultural sensitivities. We are currently awaiting permission from the local authorities to progress the projects.

Nino and Bev Sofra have undertaken to establish a register of Exchange students who the club has sponsored over the years and had great success in tracking down many, thanks to social networks such as Facebook. It is planned to provide information in the Grapevine on what they are doing now, as it comes to hand.

In concluding our project in the Solomon Islands, we are pleased to report that the concrete slab for rice drying was completed and is being well utilised. Bob Bott and Robert Ebihara were instrumental in organising the donation of ten sewing machines and the connection of electricity which has created a great deal of excitement, while providing a very valuable resource for young women in the community to improve their skills and financial earning capacity.

In a separate international project in District 9800, The Rotary Foundation (Chaired by Jim Studebaker) approved funding for a major maternal health project in Timor Leste. This grant is the largest grant awarded thus far for such a project. It aims to provide 6 training visits to Timor Leste by a group of maternity health professionals, led by Professor Jeremy Oats (Rotary Club of Melbourne) and I am extremely honoured to be a member of that group. Our Club has very much taken this project to their hearts and we have raised an additional sum of approximately \$4,000 to buy much needed equipment to help the health care providers in Timor Leste achieve better outcomes for mothers and babies.

I am greatly indebted to our amazing women partners in the Club who so generously donated \$2,300 to the project, which was the proceeds of the Christmas Fair. In a glorious night of fun and glamour, further monies were raised at our "Outrageous Wedding Party", which coincided with the very Royal Wedding of William and Kate.

Most of all I would like to thank each and every member of the committee for their contributions in 2010-11. My very special thanks to Nino Sofra, for covering my many absences during the past 12 months, due to work and personal commitments.

I wish Rowan and the in-coming committee every success in the 2011-12 year and have no doubt the committee will develop the initial work of the Minh Hac project and all other projects under its remit.

Sue McDonald



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Director: Michael Barden

Committee: Bob Bott, John Gartlan, Marcel Muntwyler, Bernie Smith, Errol Talbot, Don Taylor, Bill Thackray, Ben Robinson (joined during the year), Shalimar Robinson (joined during the year)

Activities during the year:

Vocation Awards

On the recommendation of this committee, the Club awarded Community Achievement awards to Dr Lim and Jeff Hooper. Dr Lim received his award for his commitment to local charities and causes. Jeff Hooper received his award for his commitment to junior sport, in particular presidency at Kew Rovers Football Club.

Shine on Awards

Early in our term, Bob Bott made contact with David Williams from Boroondara Council to ascertain if they could help with any nominations for the Shine On awards. We were very fortunate that David suggested Rosalie Turnbull, who is a very engaging woman who became a paraplegic due to an accident 15 years ago. The Club nominated Rosalie for a Shine On award and, at the ceremony in May, she received a citation which was a great achievement, particularly considering the high quality of other nominees.

Computers for Kids

Marcel Muntwyler, with the help of other club members, arranged and then delivered 14 computers to Wunghna Primary School, in February. The computers were very well received and gained some local publicity.

Vocation Month

October is Vocation month and the committee decided to show a DVD presented by Cliff Dochterman PWP, on the history of Vocation in Rotary.

Job Talks

In October Don Taylor gave a very entertaining talk on the development of his new business venture.

Michael Barden



MEMBERSHIP and RETENTION

The 2010 -2011 Rotary year saw the sad passing of Charter Member, John Robson.

John Cook's resignation was received and, after Changeover, Bruce Timbs is relocating to Canberra and Mike McKay will be making a Somers sea change.

The contributions of all of these club members will be sadly missed.

On the bright side of the ledger, we were fortunate to induct four new members.

Naomi Uehara has aided the gender balance and reduced the average age of the Club. Colin Sharp has embraced Rotary in his short time with us and we were also delighted to welcome our visitors from the USA, Ben and Shalimar Robinson, into the membership of North Balwyn.



Although new members have been low in numbers in the past year it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown by all recent additions.

The first of the new year inductions will take place early in the 2011-12 year and will hopefully be the catalyst for many more.

My best wishes to the new Membership and Retention committee.



Ian Mollison - Director

JOHN ROBSON

Passed away on 25th February 2011

Aged 77

John was one of 30 Charter Members who were inducted into our Club on the 8th May, 1980 and, being the only one to have previous Rotary experience, brought a great deal of knowledge which helped significantly in the early days. He was our Charter Treasurer.

Over the years John served in most of the Club's executive positions. He was President in 1987/88 and was made a Paul Harris Fellow for services to the Club. During his year as President he introduced the President's Award, the winner of which was to be the Rotarian who, in the President's opinion, made an outstanding contribution to the Club during that year. It was not surprising that the first winner was the late Ron Carnell.

John will be remembered for two particular projects which, almost single-handed, he developed and delivered. The first, in 1993, was the purchase and delivery of a tractor to a farmer in Russia. It became known as the "Oleg and his Tractor" project. At the time, Past Rotary International President Royce Abbey wrote to the Club stating, "This is an excellent example of what world community service is all about, recognizing a need, marshalling resources and providing a practical answer to the problem. In addition, through this generous response, it has produced a great deal of goodwill internationally, for Rotary and Australia".

The second was the purchase and delivery of an incubator to Iraq, following the overthrow of the regime there. He gained financial support from District and the other clubs in our cluster, to fund the incubator at a time when this type of medical equipment was almost non-existent in this war-torn country. The incubator was dedicated to an Australian ABC cameraman and journalist, Paul Moran, who was the first Australian to lose his life in Iraq.

John introduced some excellent members to the Club, including Don Bowden and the late Ian Taylor and John Moyle who, along with John, have left their mark forever on the Club.

John Robson was a wonderful Rotarian who epitomized the true spirit of Rotary, its avenues of service and its personal challenge of putting "Service above Self". Not known to be backward in voicing his opinion where he thought it necessary, he certainly generated heated debate within the Club from time to time. However, this only exemplified his great love for the Club, its members and Rotary in general.

Both John and his wife, Chresley, actively supported all aspects of the Club's service and fellowship activities. He was a loyal member, a true character, who will be sadly missed.

Paul Fitz

JOHN MOYLE

Passed away 20th July 2010

Aged 83

A great family man — a business achiever — and a fine Rotarian.

John was a wonderful Rotarian and friend to us all. It was typical of John that, as he felt he could no longer fulfill his obligations as a Rotarian, he resigned from the Club, but wished to retain his contact by becoming a Friend of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn.

John leaves behind his wife Carmel, three daughters, two stepdaughters and eleven grandchildren.

John was born in Moonee Ponds, and his father, a bank manager, moved the family around to Tasmania, Maitland and finally Kyogle in Queensland, where John finished his schooling. At age 16 he went to Newcastle and joined BHP, learning metallurgy. John transferred to Melbourne Head Office in 1972 and then relocated to the UK in 1978, only to return to Head Office again, in 1982. When John retired from BHP he had 43 years of service.

John was a committed Rotarian and a member of our club for 22 years. He was heavily involved in the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self". An active participant on many committees, he was Sergeant on two occasions and went to the Solomon Islands in 1993 with others from our club, on an International Project.

John assisted the start up of our involvement with the Grand Prix and drove the bus for several years. Being a golfer, John made a great contribution to Fund Raising in the early years of our "Hole in One" golf day. John's efforts were rewarded with a President's Award in 1999/2000 and he was a recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Award.

John was a great worker for the club, often behind the scenes, and everyone knew John Moyle could be relied upon to get things done.

We will all remember him dearly - especially the golfers - as he coined a phrase that those who hit the little ball around the course often heard; "The harder you hit it, the further it will go". By the way, he was a very competent golfer and obviously believed in those words.

John died peacefully with Carmel and Elizabeth at his bedside.

Don Bowden

CLUB MEMBERSHIP AS AT 30th JUNE 2011

CM Charter Member	PP Past President	RAF Royce Abbey Fellowship
Hon. Honorary	PHF Paul Harris Fellow	PHF + Paul Harris Fellow with Sapphire(s)

				Years of Service with RCNB
Adams	Ian	PP, PHF		14
Angleton	Ted	PP		22
Ansell	Duncan			10
Barden	Michael	PHF		10
Bird	Graeme	PP		11
Blaubaum	Sally			2
Bott	Bob	PP, PHF+2		9
Bowden	Don	PP, PHF+1		9
Bromley	Bob	RAF		3
Butler	Joe			7
Cheney	David	PP, PHF+2		29
Cleary	Peter	CM, PP, PHF		31
Cook	John	PP, PHF		Resigned 28/10/2010
Cooper	Russell			1
Cornell	Findley	PHF		16
Cummings	Barry	PP, PHF+1		13
de Garis	David			2
Dimond	Bronwen	PHF		9
Ebihara	Robert	PHF		8
Elliott	Peter	PP, PHF		19
Fitz	Paul	CM, PP, PHF+1		31
Fitzpatrick	Larry	PP, PHF		9
Flavelle-Smith	Chris			5
Francis	Phil	PHF+1		17
Gartlan	John	PHF		19
Gretton	Terry	RAF		7
Haddy	Geoff	PHF		7
Hall	Elisabeth			8
Hart	Tony			3
Head	Rob	PHF		25
Hibbert	Stan	CM, PP, PHF+1	Hon.	31
Hurnard	Brian	PP, PHF		21
Johnson	Dick	PHF		19
Kerr	Ann	PP, PHF		11
Keyhoe	Terry	PP, PHF		24
Lee	Ralph	CM, PP, PHF		31
Lele	Imre	PHF		24
McBride	John	PHF+1		14
McClean	Rowan			3
McDonald	Sue			8
McKay	Michael	PHF		7
Magor	John	PP, PHF		24
Matthews	Gregor	PP, PHF+2		25
Maxfield	Ken	PP, PHF		18
Moffat	Maria	PHF+1		15
Mollison	Ian	PHF		14

				Years of Service with RCNB
Mollison	John	PP, PHF		15
Morris	Dave			22
Munwyler	Marcel	CM, PHF+1		31
Oakley	Bill	PP, PHF		15
O'Connor	Gary			3
Overmars	Anthony			3
Paulheim	Kinga			3
Pauli	Matthew	RAF		7
Pegg	Linsay	PHF		12
Pennington	Jane	PHF		14
Phillips	Ron	PP, PHF+1		26
Ranson	Adrian	RAF		3
Reddish	John	PDG, PP, PHF+8	Hon.	30
Rennie	John	PHF		23
Richardson	Ian	PHF		22
Robinson	Ben			<1
Robinson	Shalimar			<1
Robson	John	CM, PP, PHF		Deceased 25.2.2011
Romanis	Jim	PHF		16
Ross	Greg	PDG, PP, PHF+1		25
Schwartz	Gavan	PHF		10
Sharp	Colin			<1
Smith	Bernie	CM, PP, PHF		31
Sofra	Nino	PHF		18
Steinicke	Geoff	CM, PP, PHF		31
Stewart	Rob	PP, PHF		2
Stokes	Anthony			22
Studebaker	Jim	PDG, PP, PHF+4		20
Sutherland	Peter			5
Swanson	George	PP, PHF		18
Symington	Garth	PP, PHF+1		8
Talbot	Errol			3
Taylor	Don			7
Thackray	Bill	PP		22
Timbs	Bruce	PP, PHF+1		5
Uehara	Naomi			<1
Walters	Maurie	PHF		8
Wells	Tony	PP, PHF		7
Wilkins	Ted			11
Willshire	David	CM, PHF		31

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS named by the Rotary Club of North Balwyn
(other than current Club members)

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

SPEAKER PROGRAM 2010

2010	Speaker	Topic	Chairman
July 1	Ian Curry	National Shareholders' Association	Bob Bott
July 8	Jane Broadbent	Camcare	Greg Ross
July 15		Club Forum Night	Findley Cornell
July 22	Sue Ebery	Weary Dunlop	Rowan McClean
July 29	Marika Mulqueen	Marika's Tour de France	Peter Elliott
Aug 5	Greg Miller	"Building the Desalination Plant"	Brian Hurnard
Aug 12	Dina Bowman	Brotherhood of St Lawrence & Social Inclusion	Ted Wilkins
Aug 19	Matthew Naughton	CPAP Sleep Apnea	Joe Butler
Aug 26	Matthew van Besien	"Classical Music – Dead or Alive?"	Hugo Goetze
Sept 2	Tara Jervis	Boroondara Youth Services	Graeme Bird
Sept 9	Rob Stewart and Russell Cooper	Autobiographies	John Mollison
Sept 16	Tony Keenan	The Changing Face of Homelessness	Gary O'Connor
Sept 23	Chloe Kurdas	"Kick Like a Girl"	Elisabeth Hall
Sept 30	D.G. Iven Mackay	District Governor's Visit	Findley Cornell
Oct 7	Vocational DVD	& Vocational Talk from Don Taylor	Michael Barden
Oct 14	Monique Conheady	"Zoom Zoom Flexicar"	Sally Blaubaum
Oct 21	Lady Teviot	"One Day I Will" Tracing your Family Tree	John Gartlan
Oct 28	Bernard Saundry	"A Nagging Matter"	Bob Bott
Nov 4	Dr David Olive	"An Anaesthetic Journey"	Michael McKay
Nov 11	Marcus Godinho	Fareshare – "One Million Meals"	Lindsay Pegg
Nov 18	Bernie Geary	The Role of the Child Safety Commissioner	Gavan Schwartz
Nov 23		Annual General Meeting	Findley Cornell
Nov 30	Imre Lele and Rowan McClean	Vietnam Project in Minh Hac	Dick Johnson
Dec 9	Cecy Perez	Cecy's Farewell Speech	Jim Studebaker
Dec 16		Christmas Party Night	
Dec 23		Christmas Breakfast at the Fitzpatricks	

SPEAKER PROGRAM 2011

2011	Speaker	Topic	Chairman
Jan 13	The Monash Research Team	"Aspirin the Wonder Drug"	Rob Stewart
Jan 20	Ken Maxfield	Camp Getaway	Tony Hart
Jan 27	Noel Tennison	"My Spin in P.R."	Bob Bromley
Feb 3	Alan Patching	Gliding & the Australian Gliding Museum	George Swanson
Feb 10		Cluster Meeting	
Feb 17		Lawn Bowls Night	Ian Mollison
Feb 24	Malcolm Speed	"Cricket – Where to from Here?"	Bernie Smith
Mar 3	Anne Baron	Edmund Barton, Our First Prime Minister	Sue McDonald
Mar 10	Richard Buxton	"If Matthew Flinders had Wings"	John Mollison
Mar 17	Dawn O'Neil	Beyond Blue	Chris Flavelle-Smith
Mar 24	Dr Roger Lough	Defence Technology	David de Garis
Mar 31	Bill O. & Larry F.	Vocational Talks	Mary George
Apr 7	Rob Regato	North Pole Expedition	Ian Mollison
Apr 14	Sian Hughes	The Sri Lankan Tsunami	Duncan Ansell
Apr 20	Greg and Simon Ross	Kiss Me Goodnight, Sergeant Major	Greg Ross
Apr 29		"Royal Wedding" Fundraising Night	Sue McDonald
May 5		Club Birthday	Findley Cornell
May 12	Cathy McAlpine	"Achieving Ordinary Lives"	Ralph Lee
May 19	Luke Ablett	AFL Code of Respect and Responsibility	Ron Phillips
May 26	Jessica Butcher	Journey to the Rotary Peace Foundation	Paul Fitz
June 2	Brent Addison	Police Policy Advisor	George Swanson
June 9	Kristin Gill	Imagine a World Without Books or Reading	Imre Lele
June 16	Prof. Richard Dowell	"Have Cochlear Implants Cured Deafness?"	Ian Adams
June 25		Club Changeover	
June 30	Jenni Heenan	Disaster Aid Australia	Peter Cleary



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	Greg 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	Greg 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 / Lindsay 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	Matthew Pauli	John Cook	Phil Francis
2010-2011	Findley Cornell	John Magor	Bronwen Dimond	Gary O'Connor	Michael McKay	Peter Sutherland	Michael Barden