



# ***Annual Report*** ***2012 -2013***



THE ROTARY CLUB OF  
NORTH BALWYN

***Sakuji Tanaka***  
*President*  
*Rotary International*

***Dennis Shore***  
*Governor*  
*Rotary District 9800*



**President Tony Wells and Jo**



## VALE TERRY GRETTON

Members of the Club were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of President Terry Gretton on 17 December 2012. Just days before, he had been exuberantly celebrating the outstanding result of the Christmas Raffle and had worked hard selling programs at the Annual Carols in the Park.

Terry's foreshortened term as President was marked by the tremendous personal effort he was making to further strengthen and invigorate the Club. Above all he had an enduring sense of humour. He introduced new ideas – no committees, a weekly toast to another Rotary Club proposed by a Club member, meetings chaired by the President and a different host each week to introduce the guest speaker. He also placed a strong emphasis on the local community and increasing membership. He engaged with many community groups and encouraged members to join with him thereby forging strong links with a wide range of organisations. His two favourite causes were Servants Community Housing which provides housing and support for local homeless people and he was a weekly volunteer at Fareshare which provides free, tasty and nutritious meals to the hungry using food donated by supermarkets, farms and markets.

Terry was immensely proud that as a result of the record-making profit from the Club's Annual Charity Golf Day the Club was able to make a substantial contribution to Fareshare. The returns from the Christmas raffle set another record leading to the Club readily providing additional funding towards the recent purchase of 'Gretto's bus' which was donated to Servants.

Terry's optimistic approach to everything he did certainly caught on in the Club and the Board was unanimous in deciding to commit itself to building on all that he started. He is sadly missed by all.



Terry & Jessica Gretton

## **THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN**

Meeting Time: Thursday 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.  
Meeting Place: The Kew Golf Club  
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Charter Date: 8 May 1980  
Club Number: 18337  
Sponsoring Club: Rotary Club of Balwyn  
ABN: 15 960 124 742  
Incorporation #: A0018007N

### **2012-2013 Board of Directors**

President: Terry Gretton (To December 2012)  
Tony Wells (January—June 2013)  
Vice President: Tony Wells (To December 2012)  
Peter Cleary & Peter Elliott (January to June 2013)  
President Elect: Larry Fitzpatrick  
Immediate Past President: Matthew Pauli  
Secretary: Ian Adams  
Treasurer: Gary O'Connor  
Director Club Service: Joe Butler  
Director Community Service: Rowan McClean  
Director New Generations: Chris Flavell-Smith  
Director Foundation: Findley Cornell  
Director Fundraising: Adrian Ranson  
Director International Service: Rowan McClean  
Director Membership & Retention: Bob Bromley  
Director Vocational Service: John Gartlan  
Minute Secretary: Bronwen Dimond

### **2012-2013 Office Bearers**

Almoner: John Magor  
Attendance & Data: Hugo Goetze  
On to Conference: Larry Fitzpatrick  
Fellowship Chairman: Peter Elliott  
Grapevine Editor: Peter Sutherland  
Protection Officer: John Rennie  
Sergeant: Barry Cummings  
Deputy Sergeant: Dave Curby  
Speaker Program: Maurie Walters  
Property Officer & AV: Barry Cummings  
Radio Program: Don Bowden  
Interact: Ted Wilkins  
Photography: Adrian Ranson  
Assistant Secretary: Gavan Schwartz  
Major Projects: Greg Matthews  
Webmaster: Naomi Uehara  
PR & Communications: Phil Francis,  
Police Mentor: Geoff Haddy  
Family of Rotary: David Cheney  
Banking: Marcel Muntwyler





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2012/13 was an extraordinary year for the RC North Balwyn by any measure with the untimely and devastating death of our elected President Terry Gretton on December 17th 2012. During his all too brief time in office Terry invigorated our Club through his commitment and enthusiasm for the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self and the results he achieved were outstanding. Terry outlined the achievements of the first six months of the Rotary year at our Club meeting four days before he died and in summarising the period he was President he reported:

*Tonight is our final regular meeting for the year and what a first six months it has been! It has been exciting, busy, rewarding a lot of fun and some hard work as well. Some of achievements have been, the formation of a partnership with Bendigo Community Bank Kew East, and further developing partnerships with our community including the Boroondara City Council and other Rotary Clubs in our area through Boroondara Cares, Servants Community Housing, FareShare, North Balwyn Traders Association, Schools, Disabled groups, Victoria Police, Cam-Care, Reclink.*

*In July we visited FareShare to see the wonderful work they are doing. Anna Seidenkranz, our exchange student, went back home to Germany after a great year. The Catering Corp came to the fore at the Miniatures event. The Web Site has been revamped. We had our first dinner at Servants.*

*During the year a team went to Tungamah for restoration work on flood damaged fences. Balwyn High Interact Club is active and we've committed to an Earlyact Club at the Balwyn Primary School.*

*The Gardening Project is going from strength to strength and we held the NAB Business Breakfast at Colombo's. The Golf Day at Freeway Golf Course raised substantial funds to go to Fare-Share. A great Fellowship Weekend was enjoyed by members at Swan Hill.*

*We supplied volunteer marshals at the City to Sea fun run, and the Xmas Fare provided a healthy result to be passed onto Guide Dogs Victoria. We also had several volunteers at the Variety Children's Christmas Party. The Club Xmas raffle wound up on Saturday and all tickets have been sold, raising more than \$20,000.*

*We have had some great speakers (as always) this year making our meetings interesting and informative. The AFL Grand Final night, and Melbourne Cup night saw enthusiastic attendance with great supporting speakers. We inducted a new member and we look forward to inducting many more next year. We sent two young people to RYLA. And offshore we have great work continuing in Bali and Vietnam.*

*All in all its been a great six months for our club and Jessica and I thank each and every one of you and your partners for your support, encouragement and the great work that you have done. One of my friends said 'We must not rest on our laurels in the New Year'. I can promise you that we will not do that.*

During the second half of the Rotary year the Club maintained the momentum. I was appointed to the vacant President's position by the Board and, taking into account my other Rotary Commitments as Assistant Governor for the Batman Cluster of Clubs, the Board agreed to appoint

two Vice -Presidents to share the work load. Peter Cleary and Peter Elliott willingly accepted the roles and I am indebted to them for their commitment, support and advice. The continuity we achieved in the circumstances following the loss of Terry is in no small way due to their contribution.

Club Directors will report on Club activities in more detail elsewhere in this Annual Report, but I would like to highlight several programs.

The Club provided a people mover vehicle for Servants Community Housing, largely using funds raised during the Christmas raffle. This was a dream Terry had and the vehicle, now known as Gretto's Bus, is providing a much needed resource for Servants. Our relationship with Servants continues to grow and there will be many service opportunities to assist them in the future.

Another major contribution as a result of fund raising was to make FareShare the beneficiary of our Golf tournament at Freeway Golf course in November with the proceeds earmarked for kitchen equipment. The tangible contributions to Servants and FareShare reflect our commitment to organisations providing much needed community services.

Another highlight for the year was a highly successful Multicultural Festival held in the North Balwyn village with support of the Trader's Association. The event was coordinated by Rowan McClean and established a profile for the Club in our own Community and a direct link with the shops and services in the village.

North Balwyn was the lead Club for Rotarians at Work Day in the Eastside Cluster and under Garth Symington's guidance 50 Rotarians worked at eight locations clearing up gardens for those who needed a helping hand. This was an extension of our regular gardening clean- up program supported by several schools in the municipality.

The Club sent two candidates to the Hiroshima Peace Forum, an initiative of the World Rotary President, Sakuji Tanaka. This event focussed on youth and our representatives were Naomi Uehara and an Interactor from Balwyn High, Lauren McLennan.

The Club also launched an Earlyact Club at the North Balwyn Primary School in May. This is the second Earlyact Club in D9800 and it will encourage the primary students to reflect the values of Rotary. Bronwen Dimond has enthusiastically coordinated the development of the Club and I appreciate her contribution.

The Club hosted members of the Group Study Exchange team from D1080 in the UK during the year. We have an inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student joining us for 2013/14 - Clarisse Bachut from France. The Club has also nominated an outward bound Youth Exchange Student. The Club participated in District 9800 Police Leadership Mentoring program. Geoff Haddy was mentor for Superintendent David Watt who presented as guest speaker at a Club meeting and visited on several occasions. Superintendent Watt valued his association with the Club.

The final point I would like to make is about our future. The Club is now 33 years old and it is timely to review our future directions. The Board agreed to participate in Rotary's Future Vision program and I expect this will proceed in the new Rotary year. Future Vision will provide a template for how we might operate in the years ahead. In my view it is important to think strategically how we will continue to provide service in a changing world. The Rotary Vision program is designed to help in this respect.

All that the Club has achieved in 2012/2013 would not have occurred without the tremendous support of many people for our activities, including service programs, fundraising and fellowship.

I very sincerely thank all who have contributed through the year – including a very supportive Board, as well as other members of the Club, but our wives, husbands, partners and friends, and in my case particularly through the support of Jo.

Terry Gretton's death was a devastating occurrence to deal with, but working together we continued to do what we do well and to seek to achieve *Peace Through Service*. The result has been another wonderful year for the Rotary Club of North Balwyn.

Tony Wells



## SPONSORS

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

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(Ian Mollison)



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## **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 2011/12 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.

It is anticipated our ADMINISTRATION account will end the year with a small deficit due in part to a modest shortfall in our anticipated income and in part to increased expenditure, particularly, on the (overdue) updating of our website. The anticipated deficit will be covered by the reserve funds we have in the account.

Looking forward we must expect continuing pressure on the ADMINISTRATION account. Members will be aware that the major items of expense in the account are the payments to District and Rotary International. The District levy is to increase by \$15 per member next year and the cost of the semi-annual payments to RI will increase if the recent fall in the value of our currency against that of the USA proves to be a permanent change..

Our SERVICE fund raising exceeded all expectations, a tribute to the dedication of the Fundraising Coordinators and to the generous support of members for all our varied fundraising activities. Given our history of successful fund raising and the accumulated reserves in the SERVICE account, the Club can confidently look forward to supporting both existing and new service projects in the coming year.

The following were among our SERVICE activities in the year to date:

1. Total payments of \$20,000 to the Rotary Foundation ( \$15,000 allocated to this year and \$5,000 to the 2011/12 year) together with a further \$1,195 to the Royce & Jean Abbey Endowment Fund.
2. The acquisition of "Gretto's" bus for Servants Community Housing ,funded mainly by the Christmas Raffle , supplemented by donations from members and others.
3. A donation of \$18,000 to FareShare from the proceeds of the Golf Day.
4. A payment of \$ 4,032 towards the running costs of the inaugural Multicultural Fair in the North Balwyn Village. The \$1,035 proceeds of the day's sausage sizzle were donated to the Royal Children's Hospital.
5. \$6,604 to Don Bosco Tetere to buy timber for student bunks , funded as to \$2000 by the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise.
6. The payment of \$4736 from the Timor Leste Medical Aid Fund , leaving a balance of \$ 863 for future aid.
7. An initial payment of \$3600 for our ongoing Bali Schools project. We received a donation of \$2500 from the Manningham Rotary Club for this project.
8. The establishment of the Tetere ( Expansion Project ) Fund. The expansion project budget is \$24,000 .The Board has agreed to contribute \$ 8000 upon the project proceeding . \$ 6500 has been donated to date by other Rotary clubs.

A donation of \$ 2700 to Guide Dogs Victoria from the Christmas Fare takings

This is my last year as Club treasurer .The Club's ongoing financial affairs will be in the very capable hands of David de Garis . I wish to express my thanks to my fellow board members and to all others who helped me , especially Marcel Muntwyler for attending to the weekly banking throughout.

Gary O'Connor



## BALANCE SHEETS AT 31 May 2013

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT			SERVICE ACCOUNT		
ASSETS			ASSETS		
Cash at Bank			Cash at Bank		
Cheque Account		6,758	Cheque Account	4,731	
			Investment Account	23,395	
Term Deposit		15,000	Term Deposit	<u>70,000</u>	98,126
Investment Account					
Total Assets		21,758	Total Assets		98,126
LESS			LESS		
LIABILITIES			LIABILITIES		
			Sundry Creditors		342
GST		(\$106)	GST		(35)
EQUALS			EQUALS		
NETASSETS		\$21,864 25,146 \$25,146	NET ASSETS		\$97,819
These Net Assets are recorded as:			These Net Assets are recorded as:		
Committed Funds			Committed Funds		
Special Assistance Fund		\$1,100	Disaster (Future Projects) Fund	27,000	
			Vietnam Education fund	2,000	
			International Projects Fund	2,400	
			Tetere Fund	14,500	
			Pres.'s (Future Projects) Fund	20,000	
			Timor Leste Medical Equipment Fund	<u>863</u>	66,763
Uncommitted Funds	\$	20,764	Uncommitted Funds		31,056
TOTAL		\$21,864	TOTAL		\$97,819



## ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS TO 31 May 2013

<b>NET ASSETS AT START OF YEAR</b>		<b>\$24,291</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>INCOME FROM JULY TO MAY</b>	
	<b>Subscriptions</b>	
	Members	20,715
	Friends	<u>0</u> 20,715
	<b>Internal fundraising</b>	
	Donations	10
	Fines	<u>1,255</u> 1,265
	<b>Meals</b>	
	Meal payments received	79,151
	Meal reimbursements received	775
	Meal costs paid	<u>(77,551)</u> 2,375
	<b>Sale of Club Items</b>	100
	<b>Interest</b>	746
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$25,201</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE FROM JULY TO MAY</b>	
	<b>Administration costs</b>	
	Annual return fee	44
	Donations, Gifts & Flowers	279
	Club items (clothing, badges)	2,347
	Family of Rotary	1,245
	Rotary Training	486
	Grapevine	109
	Hospitality	1,535
	Postage & PO Box	426
	President's Allowance	2,000
	Printing & Stationery	1,478
	Speakers' Gifts	420
	Website	2,370
	Other admin. & sundry expenses	<u>32</u> 12,771
	<b>Membership project</b>	800
	<b>Rotary subscriptions &amp; dues</b>	
	Rotary Down Under	2,715
	RI – per capita fees	3,810
	District levy	6,149
	District Insurance	<u>1,751</u> 14,425
	<b>Club and Fellowship functions</b>	(368)
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$27,628</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF MAY</b>		<b>\$21,864</b>

## SERVICE ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS TO 31 May

<b>NET ASSETS AT START OF YEAR</b>		<b>\$105,514</b>
	<b>INCOME FROM JULY TO MAY</b>	
	<b>Fundraising &amp; Community Projects</b>	
	<b>Catering Events</b>	
		12004
	<b>Golf Day</b>	23029
	<b>Grand Prix</b>	11,702
	<b>Christmas Fare</b>	2,624
	<b>Safety Alarms</b>	938
	<b>Xmas Raffle</b>	18198
	<b>Bill's Jams</b>	700
	<b>Food &amp; Wine Sales</b>	1313
	<b>Business Breakfast</b>	467
	<b>Other fundraising</b>	<u>2011</u>
		72986
	<b>Donations received</b>	
	<b>From Members</b>	1335
	<b>SilverpotCollection</b>	1110
	<b>Tetere Projects</b>	8,500
	<b>Bali Projects</b>	2500
	<b>Other Donations</b>	<u>1660</u>
		15105
	<b>Other income</b>	
	<b>Interest</b>	4451
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$92,542</b>

## SERVICE ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS TO 31 May 2013 (Cont.)

	EXPENDITURE FROM JULY TO MAY		
	Operating Expenses		
	Bank Charges	47	
	Spiral Wishing Well	1244	
	Sundry	1107	2398
	Service Projects		
	<u>Community Service</u>		
	Servants Community Housing	23788	
	Fare Share	18000	
	NB Village Multicultural Fair	4032	
	Disaster Relief	1433	
	Carols In The Park	1000	
	Camcare Community Garden	600	
	International Women's Day	450	
	Other Community Service	1115	50418
	<u>International Service</u>		
	Bali Schools Project	3600	
	Timor Leste Medical Aid	4736	
	Tetere – Timber for Bunks	6605	
	Vietnam Education	1000	
	Other International Service	150	16091
	<u>Youth &amp; Vocational Services</u>		
	Youth Exchange Student	45	
	Rotary Peace Conference	2684	
	Attendees meal subsidy	155	
	RYLA	1420	
	RYPEN	572	4876
	<u>Foundation Services</u>		
	GST Team	1396	
	Rotary Foundation	20000	
	Royce & Jean Abbey Fund	1195	
	Other	28	
	<u>Donations Made</u>		22618
	Guide Dogs Victoria	2700	
	Royal Childrens Hospital	1035	
	Other donations	100	
			3835
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>\$100,237</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END MAY</b>			<b>\$97,819</b>



## **CLUB SERVICE & COMMUNICATIONS**

After two very enjoyable years as Club Service Director it is time for me to step down and allow another member to fulfil this role. For the first six months of the past year I had the privilege of working with our late President Terry Gretton, who instilled his enthusiasm and dedication to the Club, myself and all in Club Service.

Tony Wells stepped into the role as President and it was a pleasure working with such a capable, dedicated, and enthusiastic Rotarian.

To all in Club Service thank you for your dedication and service above self over the past year.

**Ian Adams**                      **Secretary**

Ian has contributed significantly to the smooth operation of the Board and the administration of the Club ably supported by Gavan Schwartz in his role as Assistant Secretary.

**Barry Cummings**              **Sergeant**

In his role of Sergeant, Barry has shown his enthusiasm in the management of meetings and maintaining the Duty Roster both of which are demanding tasks. Barry is also Property Manager, keeping the container and Kew cupboard in a neat and orderly condition. Barry's wife, Kristine, has provided significant support to him throughout the year and we thank her. Thanks to Dave Curby also for assisting Barry.

**Maurie Walters**              **Program/Speaker**

Maurie has continued to engage a variety of outstanding speakers for our meetings. Thank you Maurie, for providing us with these entertaining and informative speakers, many of whom are specialists in their fields.

**Peter Elliott**                      **Fellowship**

Peter's long Rotary experience and enthusiasm made it a pleasure to work with him on a number of Fellowship activities. Peter, with Peter Cleary accepted the role of Vice-President to assist Tony Wells after the sudden passing of Terry Gretton. Please refer to his Fellowship Report for all the year's Fellowship activities. Peter has agreed to continue Fellowship for the next year.

**Peter Sutherland**              **Grapevine**

It was great to have Peter in the role of editor of the Grapevine. The Grapevine is a very important communication and source of information for the Club and other interested parties. John McBride was a valuable assistant to Peter in this role.

**Hugo Goetze**                      **Attendance**

Hugo is meticulous in handling the demands of this role. The Board and District appreciate the accuracy of the attendance reports provided by Hugo. Thanks to Gavan Schwartz for assisting Hugo when needed.

**John Magor**                      **Almoner**

John has fulfilled his role as Almoner in a sincere and caring way. The Club greatly appreciates the understanding way in which John has carried out this task.

**David Cheney**              **Family of Rotary**

Special thanks to the Family of Rotary which, under David's guidance, gave great support to Jessica Gretton and her family after Terry's sudden death. Assistance is always available through the Family of Rotary.



**Don Bowden**

**Rotary Radio**

Don again this year presented the Rotary hour on 96.5FM. Every month Don conducts the programme with fellow Rotarians providing information about benefits and service provided by Rotary within the community.

**Bronwen Dimond**

**Minute Secretary**

In Bronwen's capable hands, accurate minutes of Board meetings were taken and clearly presented. This is a very exacting and time-consuming job that Bronwen has taken on in addition to various other roles within the Club.

**John Rennie**

**Protection Officer**

John worked co-operatively with Bob Bromley to make sure all members and Friends of Rotary have a current 'Working with Children Check'.

**Adrian Ranson**

**Photography**

Fund Raising Director Adrian finds time to be our official photographer, and he has produced some great photos for the Grapevine and as a record of Club events.

**Gavan Schwartz**

**Assistant Secretary**

Gavan has been a great assistant to Ian Adams this year. The last three months in particular have been demanding due to Ian's illness and Gavan gave wonderful support to Ian and Tony.

**Marcel Muntwyler**

**Banking**

'Funny' money in the form of foreign coinage seems to appear at almost every meeting, much to the delight of Marcel. Every meeting Marcel had the responsibility of collecting and banking all monies collected..

**Naomi Uehara**

**Website**

Many changes have appeared on our website due to Naomi's fresh approach and the able assistance of Phil Francis. The Club's website now contains all relevant information necessary to communicate with members and other interested parties. Phil also continued in the important role of Communication and Public Relations.

In closing my term as Club Service Director, I wish to thank Peter Lamborne, Alisha Eyres and Adam Harris from Kew Golf Club for their support over the past two years.

I also express my thanks again to all in Club Service for their part in making our Club so successful.

Joe Butler



# **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

## **Introduction**

This has been a busy year for the Community portfolio, and we have continued with those activities that have proven to be successful year-to-year and set out to find other ways to raise our profile in the community.

## **Objectives**

We planned to be visible in the community, to develop some new partnerships, to seek new members from the community and to strengthen our image as a group that is active and making valuable contributions to the residents of Boroondara.

## **Structure**

There were no formal committees in 2012-2013, but the Board approved the appointment of a support person for each portfolio when it became apparent that help was needed. Garth Symington agreed to support the Director, and has been very active with FareShare, weekly gardening sessions, managing the gardening program for several months, organising the Rotarians at Work Day and helping other community projects.

For our new activity, the North Balwyn Multicultural Festival, there was excellent support from a great many club members for the months leading up to the event and on the day. Without singling anyone out, it was a great club effort of which we can be proud.

## **Activities and Achievements**

The Rotary Gardens Project has grown from strength to strength. We currently have eight schools, 40 Rotarians and 34 active properties. We continue to get glowing feedback from residents.

The North Balwyn Multicultural Festival was a resounding success and we have built a strong relationship with the North Balwyn Village Traders Association who want to run a similar Festival next year.

Thanks to good preparatory work by Bernie Smith and some other members, RCNB is in a strong position to be the lead partner in a Men's Shed project for the north east of Boroondara. A potential site at North Balwyn Village appears to be unsuitable for the activity because of the cost of establishing it and tenancy uncertainty. The Balwyn Community Centre on Whitehorse Road is being redeveloped and Council is planning to locate the Men's Shed there. We have had a good presence in the Council-run Community Partnerships Forums, at Boroondara Cares, at the Variety Christmas function, and at Camp Getaway. We helped with the Uniting Church Christmas lunch and have had good local media coverage for the Rotary Gardens Project, the North Balwyn Multicultural Festival, and our support for Servants and FareShare. The Christmas raffle, Grand Prix and other catering events, blood pressure monitoring during National Stroke Week the Christmas cake stall and Carols in the Park have been highly visible public activities for the Club. Our 'brand' on the new Servants bus will be another message to convey the Club's contributions to our community.

Tak Yukawa's personal alarms initiative, ably supported by Bob Bromley and others, is gaining momentum and is a useful tool for vulnerable members of the community.

A proposal is being developed to hold a monthly RCNB stall at North Balwyn, which would highlight further our role in the community and enable us to sell alarms, Bill Oakley's jams, sausages and handcrafts from Rotary projects overseas.

## **Conclusion**

It has been a satisfying year and we have certainly developed new relationships and been seen as active by the public. The stronger ties established in our own North Balwyn area is a particularly gratifying outcome from the year. Attracting members is difficult, but I hope that an active public face will help.

Community activities rely on the ongoing support and involvement of our club members, and I would like to record my thanks to all members who have contributed to our efforts this year.

Rowan McClean



## **NEW GENERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Youth Exchange**

After saying goodbye to Anna Seidenkranz, a decision was made to have a break from an inbound student this year; however due to unforeseen circumstances, a change of President was required due to the death of Terry Gretton with Tony Wells accepting the position for the remainder of the Rotary year. Tony wished a change of direction so we have accepted an inbound student, Clarisse Bachut, from France arriving at the beginning of the New Rotary year. Club members opened their hearts and homes again to provide accommodation for her visit. Bronwen Dimond is to be her counsellor and we look forward to Clarisse's arrival.

The new Rotary year will also see the nomination of an outbound student, Eloise, yet to be considered in late May by District and we wish her well.

### **North Balwyn Interact Club**

This year our Interact Club boasts a much bigger membership than in past years. About 20 members attend each weekly lunchtime meeting. President Kithmin Ranamukhaarachchi and Vice President Harrison Kehne jointly chair meetings. This year, two students have attended the Rypen weekend at Lancefield and one student has attended the Hiroshima Peace Conference with our Naomi Uehara. The students concerned have been enthusiastic about the on-going benefits they expect to derive from these programs.

In 2013 the fund-raising activities have included a lunchtime pizza sale, a fairy floss sale and hair spraying at the school's athletics day, and a free dress day for all students.

The very popular 'It Takes 2' and 'Strictly Balwyn' concerts will again be held in the second half of 2013. It is also intended to hold another pizza sale in October or November. At least six of our Rotary members will assist on this day.

This year the Interact Club will be supporting the Club's Minh Hac project.

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

This year two students from the Interact Club at Balwyn High school were chosen by our club to be part of the RYPEN camp at Camp Weekaway in Lancefield from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> March. The two students were Sion Hau and Eva Wu, both returned greatly enriched and felt the camp was most enjoyable and informative.

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

This year we were not able to source two students ourselves but were able to sponsor Johnson Ja and Dylan Mavros who were in the running with the Rotary Club of Melbourne. The camp at Camp Oasis was held from 2-8 December 8 2012. Johnson is a second year Medical student at Monash University and he is very active in his local community having been on the Stonnington Youth Council. He is a volunteer with St John Ambulance, and has been selected as part of a group involved in fundraising vaccinations for overseas communities. Dylan is currently studying Social Science / Psychology through VTAC after realising the course in advertising at RMIT was not the career he wished to follow. Dylan coaches under 16 basketball and works casually as an usher for a local council theatre.

Dylan and Johnson spoke to our Club about the various challenges that the group faced and resolutions achieved when working with a group of like-minded individuals. Both reiterated the strong bonds of friendship forged whilst at the camp, and thanked our Club for the opportunity to gain insight into so many new concepts and the way to problem solve the outcomes.

### **ROTARACT**

As with last year The Rotaract Club of North Balwyn was not able to sustain itself and ideas were floated about joining forces with a Guide, Scout / Rovers group to dual badge. While this has not come about, there is still the possibility it might as Jane Pennington and Bill Oakley work behind the scenes. We also have a new Rotarian in Greg Dimopoulos who was the president of the Rotaract Club a year before its folding.

### **EARLYACT**

Our Club has recently chartered the second Earlyact Club in our District. In partnership with Balwyn North Primary School, this new group was launched on 20 May at a ceremony attended by District Governor Dennis Shore and

Lynda, President Tony Wells and Jo and several members and wives from our Club. Earlyact is designed to promote goodwill, understanding and peace through the active participation of its student members, so that with committed citizenship and effective leadership, they may improve the quality of life of their school, local and global communities.

Earlyact is a Service Club with membership open to all students in Years 5 and 6. Our Club has started with 49 members, 14 of whom are office bearers. DG Dennis Shore presented badges to all members, who were then invited to join the visiting Rotarians for a celebratory afternoon tea. President, Vanessa Han and Vice President, Rishov Doloi will work together to promote the activities of the Club to the wider school community, with assistance from School Advisor Jan Rowe and Rotary Advisor Bronwen Dimond. Several projects have already been identified and work on these will begin immediately. The Earlyact Community team will collect food for the Wesley Central Mission's Winter Meals Appeal. The School team will start working on the stall which they will run at the school's Fun Fair, in November, and the International team will form friendships with, and provide assistance to, schools in Vietnam and Bali.

Chris Flavelle-Smith

## CAMP GETAWAY

The Club continues to support Camp Getaway near Bendigo under the leadership of Ken Maxfield. Members have contributed by working at a number of working bees on construction and landscaping activities. With the Club's donation of \$14,500 towards the rebuilding of the kitchen a few years ago, we gained sponsorship 'credits' and these have allowed us to sponsor several camps for children with disabilities from Belmore and Glenallen schools.

Members have assisted greatly at these camps by looking after the catering. Recent developments at the camp have been the construction of a wheel chair friendly mini golf course, a games room and the erection of two second-hand buildings for storage and administration use.



## **PARTNERSHIP WITH 1ST NORTH BALWYN SCOUT TROOP**

During 2012, in conjunction with a number of other clubs in District 9800 (in particular, Rotary Club of Canterbury) we began to explore whether there would be value in our developing partnerships with other like-minded community organisations, and, in particular, Scouts and Guides. Guides are exploring a partnership between District 9800 and the Guides Victoria.

We have chosen to try the model of a partnership between our Club and an individual Scout Group, and have commenced to develop a partnership with the 1st North Balwyn Scout Group. The Group meets at the Scout Hall located in McCleay Park, just behind Balwyn High School. Many of the youth members of 1st North Balwyn are students at North Balwyn Primary School and Balwyn High School, so this is a good fit with our other youth activities of Interact and Earlyact.

1st North Balwyn Group operates all Scout sections from Joeys (age 6/7) to Rovers (age 18/26), and offers us another source of youth and energy to participate in our projects, and to whom we can provide assistance and support.

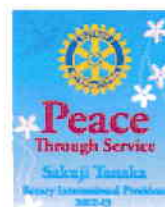
The Group Leader of 1st North Balwyn Group is Richard DeVere. Richard has become a Friend of RCNB and has visited our Club. His wife Bernadette, who is also the Venturer Leader (15/18 year olds) has been a guest speaker. Late President Terry Gretton attended 1st North Balwyn's annual meeting in 2012, and Richard and Terry met at sponsorship forums organised by Bendigo Bank.

We believe that the best way to build a partnership is simply to start working together when we have the opportunity. 1st North Balwyn participated with us in the North Balwyn Multicultural festival and has explored becoming involved both with the Grand Prix and with the Garden Project. We have provided help to the Venturers by acting as employers in some role playing interview activities for the venturers. We are exploring the possibility of using some youthful energy and muscle in some of our overseas projects.

We hope to strengthen and grow the partnership as we each explore and find ways in which we can participate and support the program and activities of the other. Richard will talk to a future meeting of our Club to explain a little of how his Group operates, and it is hoped that members of RCNB can visit various meetings of the Scout Group.

If you are interested in supporting this partnership, or want to explore ways in which Scouts could become involved in your Rotary project, contact Bill Oakley in the first instance. He will act as liaison, or arrange the necessary introductions to enable you to work together directly.

Bill Oakley



## FELLOWSHIP

As always, fellowship formed an important part of club activities during the year. Our regular Partners' Nights have been well supported and included the following:

- Grand Final Night, September 27: Guest speaker Barry Richardson entertaining us with the story of his life in football.
- Melbourne Cup Night, November 1: Pat Hyland gave us a wonderful insight into the life of a jockey and a Melbourne Cup winner.
- Christmas Night, December 13: Another popular night entertaining ourselves and singing Christmas carols.
- Club Birthday Night, May 9: A thoroughly enjoyable evening with guest pianist Alan Kogosowski and singer Katrina Soultanos. Our own Greg Ross was also enticed to sing.

Activities outside of Club meetings have also proved to be very popular, in particular:

- Golf and Fellowship Weekend, November 16 – 18: This was held at Murray Downs and the members, wives and partners who made the trip to Swan Hill had an enjoyable weekend of golf, sight seeing and fine dining.
- The Boathouse breakfast in January: This activity attracted about fifty members, wives and partners. A delightful setting and perfect weather got the New Year off to a good start.
- The Peninsula weekend, February 8-10: Although down in numbers from previous years, a successful weekend with great stories of "the one that got away" and "what a great drive... pity about the next shot". The weekend would not be such a success without the generous offer from the members who willingly host us at their Peninsula homes and Ted Angleton who organized and hosted the Saturday night fish and chips meal. Thanks also to Greg Matthews who hosted the Friday night and Sunday bar-beques.
- Bowls night at the North Balwyn Bowls Club on February 28: This was another great event organized by Ian Mollison. The usual competitive nature of some of our members was displayed even with the wrong bias.
- The Progressive Dinner was revived with great success, on April 20, after missing a couple of years,: About fifty members, wives and partners enjoyed the evening which commenced with pre-dinner drinks and nibbles at 'Sackville Grange' and then proceeded to the nominated hosts' homes for the remainder of the evening. From all reports a wonderful night of food and fellowship ensued. Many thanks to all the hosts, especially Ron and June Phillips who organized the pre dinner venue and refreshments.

Finally I would like to thank all those who helped with the fellowship program during the year: John Magor, Greg Matthews, Ken Maxfield, Ted Angleton, Joe Butler, Ian Mollison and David Cheney.

Peter Elliott



## FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation is our charity and it is up to us to support it financially as well as its programs. When, and not if, polio is eradicated from the world we will be able to feel justifiably proud of our small part in it. However this is only one part (albeit a large part) of the many humanitarian programs of the Foundation.

This is how I finished my report last year and I thought it appropriate to begin this year's report.

The Club's "All-Time Giving" stands at \$280,849.97.

Funds may be donated to the Foundation in the form of Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognitions where the Club donates \$1000 on an individual's behalf or an individual may do the same. Members may become "Every Rotarian Every Year" (EREY) members (previously known as Centurions) by donating \$100 per year. Currently we have 36 "paid up members". By an annual contribution of \$1000 one can become a member of the Paul Harris Society. Currently we have three members.

We slowly add to these numbers each year but unfortunately we have some members who lapse due to non-payment of their annual contribution. I posed the challenge in my report last year for future Foundation directors to substantially increase the percentage of our members who are EREYs or PHS members. That challenge still stands.

This, year, as in previous years, the Club made a donation of \$15,000 to the Foundation which allows us to make those PHF awards previously mentioned.

The Foundation's funds are available to clubs and districts for eligible projects. This year we have in motion an application to fund a windmill in the Solomons adding to our ongoing involvement in this part of the world. Whilst this application is proceeding in this Rotary year we are hopeful it will come to fruition early in the next.

Other Foundation activities include the Club being well represented at the annual Paul Harris breakfast where again we filled a table.

We hosted another GSE team, this time from D1080 in the UK. It is unusual to host in consecutive years, however due to favourable comments by last year's team we were invited to host when another club pulled out. The visit was co-ordinated by Russell Cooper who upheld the North Balwyn tradition of hosting. Thanks to Russell and to the host families. A varied program was arranged and the team addressed the Club at our weekly meeting. A number of us also attended their welcome held at a venue in Brighton.

Findley Cornell



## FUNDRAISING

As indicated in my address to the members at the beginning of the year, fundraising is not only about raising funds, it's also about members working together, enjoying fellowship, understanding and contributing to the needs of the community both locally and overseas.

Thank you to all members, Friends of Rotary and in many cases partners for their wonderful support and contribution to this year's fundraising activities. I hope that I have been able to contribute in some small way to helping make this a successful year for the Club and its members with regard to all of the other abovementioned points. I have very much enjoyed the year in my role as Director of Fundraising. Yes, at times stressful and frustrating but overall a very satisfying year. It was rewarding for a number of reasons, in particular because fundraising requires commitment and involvement from the majority of our members throughout the entire year. So you get to work, argue and laugh with, receive criticism, and of course, lots of advice from most, if not all members. More importantly you get to share and experience firsthand the appreciation shown by the recipients of the funds raised from the various projects.

It has been, in my opinion, an exceptional year in terms of member's commitment and involvement and I attribute that almost entirely to the enthusiasm and passion expressed by our past president Terry. His genuine concern for the less fortunate members of the local community and his willingness to roll up his sleeves and be in everything right from the start contributed significantly to the great results achieved, not only in terms of member participation but also to the significant increase in the amount of funds raised. Working with Terry was like going to a party every day, nothing was too much trouble and everything was fun. Fundraising was given a clear focus from the start, by Terry and subsequently supported by Tony, with recipients for major fundraising projects being identified prior to commencing each project.

Selling the projects to sponsors and major donors became that much easier and resulted in great outcomes, in particular for the golf day and for the record raffle ticket sales.

### **Funds raised at a glance**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Golf day	23,029	
Christmas raffle	18,197	15,277
Grand prix	11,701	12,114
Catering	12,004	7,302
Trivia night		8,555
Christmas stall	2,624	2,407
Equestrian event		2,200
Miscellaneous	<u>4,964</u>	<u>4,881</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 72,519</b>	<b>\$ 52,736</b>

**Golf Day** Our golf day was held at the Freeway Golf Course with funds being raised for FareShare. Both Rotary members and staff from FareShare contributed to the running of the day. Great weather, an abundance of activities as well as food and drink, were available to complement the golf and resulted in a most successful and enjoyable day. Funds raised from sponsors, many of whom were friends and old acquaintances of Terry's, also made it a great financial success



**Christmas Raffle** Following on from the great work done in the previous year the number of tickets printed was raised from 9,000 to 10,000. All were sold, thanks to the many members who gave up their valuable time to partake in an event that isn't the most enjoyable for some. However most would agree that it does provide a great opportunity for fellowship, interaction with the local community and Club promotion. Servants Community Housing Inc was chosen as the recipient of the funds and through our Club contacts we were able to purchase a twelve-seater bus and have its exterior suitably decorated, which should provide great community awareness for the organisation.



**Grand Prix** This event just continues to be run better every year with the organising group now well experienced and up to the challenge. Always a popular fundraiser, and this year was no exception with an abundance of volunteers offering to help.

**Catering** New members get to know early just how big a part catering plays in our activities when they find a RCNB apron included in the goodies bag they receive upon joining. Indeed catering contributes significantly to our fund-raising efforts through direct and indirect projects. Catering has again this year provided significant funds from its various activities, including among others the Grand Prix, Golf Day, Reclink, craft, miniature and exquisite eggs exhibitions.



**Christmas stall** Held in the North Balwyn Village, was again an outstanding success with a great variety and quantity of goodies being donated. All were sold either on the day or raffled at the following Club meeting. Funds raised were donated to Guide Dogs Victoria.



**Miscellaneous** Once again activities initiated by various members of the Club made valuable contributions to the funds raised for the year. These included Bill's Jams, five-cent pieces collection, Spiral wishing well, personal safety alarms and member donations.



Adrian Ranson



## INTERNATIONAL

### **Introduction**

There have been three International projects this year, and another possible project has been identified. In 2010 Imre Lele accompanied Rowan McClean on a visit to Minh Hac and, in 2011, Russell Cooper joined him. Because of difficulties encountered with the Vietnamese authorities by virtue of Rotary International not yet having a presence in the country, there was no visit in 2012. The next visit is planned just after the end of this financial year under the banner of a newly registered non-government organisation. A visit to Balinese schools was made in July/August 2012 to coincide with Rowan McClean's annual leave.

Bob Bott and Bill Oakley visited Tetere to continue the Club's long-running relationship with the Solomon Islands.

### **Objectives and Strategy**

#### ***Minh Hac***

Overseas Kids Foundation began supporting the education of the most needy children in the community as identified by the People's Committee. The Club has joined OKF as the project has expanded. More than a dozen of our members now support a needy student to enable them to attend school. The second phase of the Minh Hac project was to help with infrastructure and community projects. This is a Club project, and members have provided continuing support for the Kindergarten, the Primary School, and the Health Clinic. The first commercial venture, a pig-raising project, commenced this year and is intended to help the people break out of their subsistence cycle.



There are serious public health problems, and analysis has been commissioned to assess river and well-water quality and ascertain if that might be a contributing factor.

#### ***Bali***

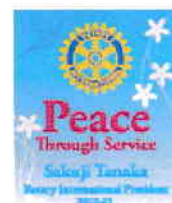
We have sourced external funding to supply furniture to a primary school and are currently conducting a computer hub trial in another primary school. Depending on the results of the trial, we have already arranged funding for trials in two other schools.

#### ***Tetere***

We have arranged for the supply of sewing machines to the women of the community and the Board has approved a grant to contribute to a windmill installation to provide cost-efficient water for the rejuvenated rice-growing project.



Harvesting the first crop of rice in 10 years on the abandoned rice field at Tetere



## Structure

President Terry Gretton decide not to have committees in 2012-2013, the approach being that the Director responsible would seek help from members as and when required. This was reviewed at the end of the first quarter and it was decided to approach an individual to support the Director and, in the case of International Imre Lele, who has visited the Solomons and Minh Hac and is one of the Club's sponsors of the Vietnamese project, agreed to assist. Bob Bott, Bill Oakley, Geoff Steineke and Robert Ebihara came together as a separate work group to continue support to the Solomon Islands.

For all three projects, a key success factor is that we have groups of committed, trustworthy and reliable people on the ground. In Vietnam, DTT are our counterpart group and there are some people from Minh Hac now living in Hanoi and community leaders in Minh Hac that constitute this group. In Bali we have established relationships with the RC of Bali Ubud Sunset and the Rotaract Club of Ubud to oversee our projects. In Tetere, the Don Bosco Mission is our partner on the ground.

## Conclusion

We have achieved excellent results in all three communities. Our first two secondary school graduates from Minh Hac, both of whom had insufficient food each day when we met them, have won places in university and should go on to become valuable members of their society. Two dozen poor students (many of them orphans) are attending school every day. The Community Centre we funded with the help of Interact at Balwyn High School is an active Centre catering for the social needs of people of various ages. Our provision of refrigeration at the Health Clinic enables staff to go to remote locations and inoculate babies against disease. We are supplementing kindergarten meals for 100 young children with nourishing food. Six classrooms and the staff room at Keliki III Primary School now have good quality cupboards for their books and supplies. Children are being introduced to computers at Puhu IV Primary School, and students from neighbouring schools are also attending instruction. Rice growing has been reintroduced to the Solomon Islands, and women have equipment to help them make and repair clothing and other cloth items. The Club can be proud of its international achievements, and is really making a difference to people's lives.

Rowan McClean



Ted Wilkins, Naomi Uehara and Lauren McLennan



## THE GLOBAL PEACE FORUM—HIROSHIMA, MAY 2013

The project to send a Rotarian and Interactor to the Global Peace Forum in Hiroshima was an initiative of our late President Terry Gretton. It was proposed as a way of investing in New Generations who are already involved in Rotary. I was honoured to be selected to attend the Forum together with Lauren McLennan, a member of Interact from Balwyn High School



The Rotary Global Peace Forums were a special project of the 2012/2013 Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka. There were three forums held throughout the world; the first took place in Berlin and had the theme "Peace without borders". The second had the theme "The green path to peace" and was held in Honolulu. The theme for the final forum in Hiroshima was "Peace begins with you" and was focused on how young people could work towards peace through their everyday lives.



There were many amazing experiences during our time in Japan, however here are some of the highlights:

- Visiting Osaka: We went to several museums including Osaka Castle and the Museum of Housing and Living where we were able to dress in traditional clothing and explore a traditional Japanese village complete with houses and shops giving an historical account of life in Japan.
- Attending a meeting with the Rotary Club of Osaka Next: Although the meeting was conducted in Japanese, it was interesting to see a club specifically for younger members and the difference in the way the meeting was structured. The members were very welcoming and spending time with them was a great insight into modern Japanese culture.
- Enjoying local cuisine: including ramen, takoyaki, tempura, gyoza and okonomiyaki.
- The Friendship Party: This took place in the evening of the first day of the forum and was an opportunity to get to know Interactors, Rotaractors, Peace Scholars and Rotarians from around the world.
- The Forum: This was held within Peace Park and next to the Peace Memorial Museum. It was a constant and sobering reminder of the damage caused by war but also provided a vivid message of hope and the opportunities that come with peace.
- The World Friendship Centre: One of the Rotaractors who we met during the forum, invited us to meet the people he was staying with in Hiroshima. They run an information centre/bed and breakfast dedicated to the *hibakusha* (the survivors of the atomic bomb). This was an amazing chance to hear more about the aftermath of the bombing of Hiroshima and to hear about the continuing impact on the residents of the city and its surrounds.
- Visiting Miyajima (Itsukushima): This is considered to be one of the "3 views of Japan". It was a wonderful cultural experience with many shrines and temples to visit as well as the famous torii gate.



Overall, the trip was an amazing success, surpassing our expectations and giving us many opportunities for learning and development. In addition to learning more about peace and how we are able to build peace into our own lives through the forum, we gained valuable insights into a very different culture and made many new friends that mirror not only our dedication to Rotary but our commitment to building a better world.

Thank you for giving us this incredible opportunity.

Naomi Uehara and Lauren McLennan



## VOCATIONAL SERVICE

### Site Visits

The year began with a site visit to FareShare at Abbotsford, where we learnt something of the selfless work of the dedicated volunteers who help feed Melbourne's needy. Our late President, Terry Gretton, was one of those dedicated volunteers. Terry's enthusiasm at FareShare was, no doubt, as inspiring as his enthusiasm at Rotary.

A second site visit, also at Abbotsford, was to the C.U.B. Brewery where our members not only saw something of the beer bottling process and production lines but were also permitted sample tastings (in moderation).



### Police Mentoring Scheme

This year's mentoree in this excellent scheme was Superintendent David Watt. David joined us at Club meetings on many occasions under the conscientious supervision of his mentor, Geoff Haddy. Moreover, as our guest speaker at one meeting, David gave a rare insider's account of the Police Special Operations Group. Shortly after we go to press David will, at a meeting in June, let us have his comments and reflections on the mentoring scheme. Our Club will continue to participate next year.



### Vocational Month

October was Vocational Month, during which District Vocational Chairman, Mike McFarlane, addressed us as guest speaker. Mike is very articulate in clarifying the often intangible concept of vocational service into tangible and workable ideas.

### Student Careers' Day

Plans are afoot with the Careers Counsellor at Balwyn High for a Careers' Day to assist Year 11 Students. This now appears likely to be delayed until July. Our members will provide the benefit of their vocational experience through talks, interview advice and the answering of questions to give students more insight into possible career paths. Depending on its success, it is hoped to extend the same project to Kew High.

### Mentoring Assistance For Refugees

Your Vocational Service Director continues to explore the possibility of the extensive vocational experience of our members being utilised to assist refugees or other new arrivals who are lacking in basic language skills or who need help adjusting to Australian social customs and day-to-day practicalities. If even partly successful, this would be a most worthy provision of service to others.

John Gartlan



## MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION

Objectives: MAKE OUR CLUB TRULY MULTI-CULTURAL.

- Increase membership by at least 10%.
- Promote membership Diversity
- Increase female representation
- Seek to obtain new members from various ethnic groups
- Widen spread of member classifications
- Increase the number of Friends of Rotary
- Retain existing membership.

August each year is Membership month. We were delighted to have a visit to our Club on 30 August 2012 by Murray Verso, District Director of Membership. Murray addressed members of the Club and gave some valuable hints on ways to attract new members to Rotary.

Membership of our Club as at 30 June 2012 stood at 78.

We have been delighted to induct the following new members since 1 July 2012:

Greg DIMOPOULOS  
Bob HALL  
Estelle KELLY  
Brian Lacy  
Samantha MAINARDI  
Matthew PAULI  
Eileen TOO HILL

Sponsored by:  
Bronwen Dimond  
Marcel Muntwyler  
Eileen Toohill  
Brian Hurnard  
Bob Bromley  
Jim Studebaker  
Bob Bromley



Late President Terry Gretton, Bob Bromley and Eileen Toohill Eileen's induction on 30/08/12.

Romeo's Coffee Shop, Rudi's Painting Service, Solomon's Flooring, Amcal Chemist Balwyn, Her-





President Tony Wells inducting Greg Dimopoulos and Samantha Mainardi on 7/3/13.



Bob Hall and President Tony Wells – Bob's induction on 11 April 2013.



Past President Matthew Pauli being inducted by President Tony Wells on 2 May 2013.





Estelle Kelly being inducted at our Birthday Dinner on 9 May 2013.

During the year resignations were received from Graeme Bird, Dick Johnson, Ann Kerr, Matthew Pauli, Barbara Penson and Errol Talbot. Each of these members performed vital roles in the Club, some over a great number of years.

On 17 December 2012 our esteemed Club President Terry Gretton tragically died. Terry was a wonderful caring Rotarian who had achieved immense success in his role as President. He is sadly missed.

FRIENDS of the ROTARY CLUB of NORTH BALWYN – as at 30 June 2012 we had 31 Friends.

Graeme BIRD  
Peter CAIRNS  
Greg CRIBBES  
Richard De VERE  
Dick JOHNSON

Ann KERR  
Kathy LANG  
Matt MAUDLIN  
Barbara PENSON  
Norman YOUNG

On 7 February 2012 Past President Tom WING YOUNG, one of our Charter Club Members and later an Honorary Friend of Rotary sadly died. Tom gave exceptional service to our Club over the life of the Club. We did not see a lot of Tom at the Club in recent years due to his failing health, however several of our members regularly met with him for an enjoyable Chinese meal. He was always interested in hearing of the Club's activities – he is missed by all who knew him.

Our current number of Friends stands at 40. We have 4 promising prospects for Club membership – all are being regularly contacted – and we have several other “contacts” to keep in touch with.

The Club has enjoyed the support of several local businesses during the year.

David Bygate of Magic Hand Carwash has continued to display our large poster in his front window and has a supply of Club brochures on the counter. Rotarian Ian Mollison of Jetset Travel provides similar support.

U3A Deepdene , Bouchiers Butchers of Balwyn, Moka Pot Cafe , Colombo's Family Restaurant and Top Digital Colour Copy Centre all have a supply of Club brochures on display.



berts Pie Shop Greythorn and Balwyn Library all have our Club poster on display. Lucy Liu has kindly arranged for several Club articles to be published in The Epoch Times, throughout the year.

The Club is grateful to each of these businesses for their support.

On 16 October 2012 we staged a Business Breakfast at Colombo's Family Restaurant.

President Tony Wells interviewed Local Federal Member Josh Frydenberg and our own member and NAB Banker, David De Garis, before each member of the group took questions from members of the audience. Approximately 90 people attended the breakfast and our Club received excellent feedback on the quality of the presentation. I am indebted to all those members who helped make this event a success and in particular wish to acknowledge the excellent work done by Geoff Haddy.

Naomi Uehara, David De Garis, Bob Bromley and Ester Gretton at Rotary Business Breakfast on 16 October 2012 – held at Colombo's Family Restaurant Balwyn.



Jane Pennington, Bob Bromley and Bill Oakley promoting Rotary membership and helping to feed runners/walkers in the Walk for Cancer Day held 8 September 2012.



On 23 February 2013 Naomi Uehara willingly stepped in to help organise the Multi-Cultural Festival and promote membership of our Club, during my absence Interstate. I appreciate Naomi's help and the help of those other members who assisted her on the membership stand. Thanks also to the North Balwyn Traders members who displayed our Club Poster and Brochures in their outlets during the lead up to and for some time after the Festival.

Thank you to all members of the Club for your support, with particular acknowledgement to John Gartlan, for all his assistance throughout the Year.

Incoming Director of Membership and Retention will be Naomi Uehara – I know Naomi will bring fresh ideas to the role and I wish her every success in her endeavours.

Bob Bromley

## **TOM WING YOUNG**

Passed away 7 February 2013

Tom joined the Club in 1980 as a Charter member and remained an enthusiastic, popular and very involved member until his retirement in 1999.

He was President in 1989-1990, a Paul Harris recipient and was granted Honorary membership on his retirement.

Tom faced massive health problems for many years and the way he coped with, and regularly overcame, his many bouts of serious ill health became legendary.

He was an ABC (Australian born Chinese), born in very humble circumstances. His father, who had received no formal education, struggled to ensure that "Number One Son" received a good education, resulting in Tom attending Scotch College.

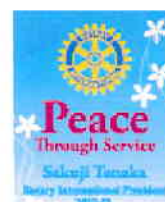
He spent his life in the Chinese food catering and restaurant industries, and was, with his father, responsible for the invention of the dim sim.

Tom's Rotary history is notable for arranging our first golf/fellowship weekend in October 1985 at Rich River which set the pattern for many such weekends ever since. He was in charge of our Club's first foray into food catering to the public when he was responsible for the catering at the Aero modellers Display in March 1984. He was also in charge, from 1987 onwards, of the "Tom's Café d' Wheels" food caravan at the "Hole in One" golf competition.

On the personal side, Tom had four loves:

- **Norma** to whom he was married for 62 years and their five children;
- **Food** (as president, business would be suspended the moment his meal arrived);
- **Golf** (he was a member of Metropolitan Golf Club, but was unfairly accused of believing that women should never have been allowed on a golf course);
- **and the Collingwood Football Club** (with a life-time supply of the oft-played videos of the 1953, 1958 and 1990 Grand Finals).

Tom will long be remembered by his large number of friends as a thoroughly loveable person, and a committed, hard-working member of Rotary.







## SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

### **Flood Relief Work at Tungamah :- 9– 18 October 2012.**

We were very fortunate to have 23 members/ Friends of Rotary able to participate in the Flood Relief work. Great big thanks must go to our chefs, Bev Sofra who was at base and cooked many great meals for the whole time. Also to Bill Oakley who pre-prepared dishes which we had during the nine-day period. Bill had to leave early to go overseas.

The team cleared 2.3 kms of old fencing valued at \$12,000.

We also erected approximately 8 kms of new fencing and, at today's rate of \$9 per metre, is valued at \$72,000.

At this point I would like to thank all members of the team for the superb effort that they put in.

Last but not least I would like to thank Peter Elliott for being a great 2IC.

We were entertained by the Lions club of Tungamah on the Wednesday night and this turned out to be a very long night. Many of the farmers who we had helped attended this function and showed their appreciation.

Also the help that we received from the local Lions Club made our job that much easier. They loaned us their pneumatic post-driving machine.

The following paragraph appeared in The Moira Shire newsletter.

*The Moira Shire Flood Recovery Office continues to receive offers of assistance from outside the municipality in response to the March flood. These offers include assistance in the repair of fencing, painting and other clean up tasks. One example of this generosity is the support extended by the Rotary Club of North Balwyn, which recently assisted ten rural properties within the Moira Shire to clear fence lines of debris, re-stand existing fences and in many cases, complete fence renewal. While the task is enormous for one farmer, a large group can achieve results swiftly.*



### **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

In another successful event RC North Balwyn managed this year's District Assembly attended by about 450 Rotarians at a venue in Tarneit. As coordinator, I feel that the Club can be very proud of the effort. Special thanks must go to Phil Francis, Peter Elliott, Geoff Haddy, Bill Oakley, Colin Sharp, Jim Studebaker and John McBride for their planning and commitment over a period of ten weeks. I also thank the rest of the North Balwyn team for helping to show the District we have not lost our touch in running large catering events. Carol Studebaker and Nadia Ranson helped during the day. It is important that I acknowledge Friend of Rotary, Reg Parsons who stepped in for Bill Oakley and ordered the food and helped with its preparation while Bill Oakley was away.

Also it was great to have a new Friend of Rotary Eileen Toohill on the team who has since become an enthusiastic new Club member. . It was another great team effort

Greg Matthews



## CLUB MEMBERSHIP AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

**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		16
Angleton	Ted	PP, PHF		24
Ansell	Duncan			12
Bott	Bob	PP, PHF+4		11
Bowden	Don	PP, PHF+2		11
Bromley	Bob	RAF, PHF		5
Burley	John			1
Butler	Joe			9
Cheney	David	PP, PHF+3		31
Cleary	Peter	CM, PP, PHF		33
Cooper	Russell			3
Cornell	Findley	PHF		18
Cummings	Barry	PP, PHF+1		15
Curby	Dave			4
de Garis	David			4
Dimond	Bronwen	PHF		11
Dimopoulos	Greg			>1
Ebihara	Robert	PHF		10
Elliott	Peter	PP, PHF+1		21
Fitz	Paul	CM, PP, PHF+2		33
Fitzpatrick	Larry	PP, PHF		11
Flavelle-Smith	Chris			7
Francis	Phil	PHF+1		19
Gartlan	John	PHF		21
Goetze	Hugo	PHF+1		21
Haddy	Geoff	PHF		9
Hall	Bob			>1
Hart	Tony			5
Head	Rob	PHF		27
Hibbert	Stan	CM, PP, PHF+1	Hon.	33
Hurnard	Brian	PP, PHF		23
Kelly	Estelle			>1
Lacy	Brian			>1
Lele	Imre	PHF		26
Liao	Jack			1
McBride	John	PHF+1		16
McCLean	Rowan	PHF		5
McDonald	Sue	PHF+1		10
Liu	Lucy			1

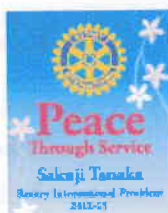
				Years of Service with RCNB
Magor	John	PP, PHF		26
Mainardi	Samantha			>1
Matthews	Gregor	PP, PHF+2		27
Maxfield	Ken	PP, PHF+1		20
Mollison	Ian	PHF		16
Morris	Dave			24
Muntwyler	Marcel	CM, PHF+1		33
Oakley	Bill	PP, PHF		17
O'Connor	Gary			5
Overmars	Anthony			5
Paulheim	Kinga			5
Pauli	Matthew	PP, RAF		8
Pegg	Lindsay	PHF		14
Pennington	Jane	PHF+2		16
Phillips	Ron	PP, PHF+2		28
Ranson	Adrian	RAF		5
Rennie	John	PHF		25
Richardson	Ian	PHF		24
Romanis	Jim	PHF		18
Ross	Greg	PDG, PP, PHF+2		27
Schwartz	Gavan	PHF		12
Sharp	Colin			3
Smith	Bernie	CM, PP, PHF		33
Sofra	Nino	PHF		20
Steinicke	Geoff	CM, PP, PHF+1		33
Stewart	Rob	PP, PHF		4
Stokes	Anthony	PHF		24
Studebaker	Jim	PDG, PP, PHF+8		22
Sutherland	Peter			7
Swanson	George	PP, PHF+1		20
Symington	Garth	PP, PHF+1		10
Taylor	Don			9
Thackray	Bill	PP, PHF		24
Toohill	Eileen			>1
Uehara	Naomi			3
Walters	Maurie	PHF		10
Wells	Tony	PP, PHF		9
Wilkins	Ted			13
Willshire	David	CM, PHF		33
Yukawa	Takao			1



## **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

**Named by the Rotary Club of North Balwyn other than current Club members**

Ron Arthur	Elisabeth Hall	Lew Lustig	John Reddish
Michael Barden	Koicji Hara	Kristine McDonell	Judy Reddish
Pauline Benallack	Jack Harris	Mike McKay	John Robson
Roger Benallack	Don Haycraft	Duncan McKenzie	Carol Ross
Graeme Bird	Enid Healey	Bruce McIver	Elizabeth Roy
Carmel Bott	Anne-Marie Heath	Tony McLean	George Selkrig
Ron Carnell	Andrew Heggie	Kel McMillan	Bev Sofra
Betty Carnell	Stan Hibbert	Heather Matthews	Judy Steinicke
Jan Cheney	Chris Howell	Lucy Mayes	Donald Stewart
Geoff Clark	Max Hunter	Maria Moffatt	David Stockman
Pat Cleary	Areta Hurnard	Anthea Mollison	Carol Studebaker
Peter Courtney	Dick Johnson	John Mollison	Anita Swanson
Ethne (Johnnie) Etkins	Richard Johns	John Moyle	Ian Taylor
John Etkins	Terry Keyhoe	Keith Mutimer	John Thwaites
Sue Fitz	Ralph Lee	Marj Nankervis	Jo Wells
David Goldsmith	Frank Libman	Geoff Perdriau	Norma Wing young
Terry Gretton	Ron Liner	June Phillips	Tom Wing Young



## SPEAKER PROGRAM 2012—2013

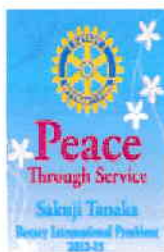
Thursday, 5 July 2012	Nanci Thurston	The Symptoms of a Heart Attack	Ian Mollison
Thursday, 12 July 2012	P Rosemary Kelly	Vocational visit to Fare Share	
Thursday, 19 July 2012	Dr Lukar Thornton	Living in the Right Suburb ?	Bob Bromley Anthony Overmars
Thursday, 26 July 2012	Greg Wasmund	VATMI - A Disability Enterprise	Terry Gretton
Thursday, 2 August 2012	Dennis Shore	District Governor's Address	John Burley
Thursday, 9 August 2012	Peter Johnstone	Yooralla and a Perspective on Disability	Greg Matthews
Thursday, 16 August 2012	Dr Laurence Sparke OAM	Future Vehicles	Terry Gretton
Thursday, 23 August 2012	Club Forum		Naomi Uehara
	Damian Heywood		Bob Bromley
Thursday, 30 August 2012	Murray Verso	Growing Rotary Membership	Greg Ross
Thursday, 6 September 2012	Jacinta Lean and Adam McKie	Group Study Exchange Experience	Rowan McClean Gavan Schwartz
Wednesday, 12 September 2012	Strictly Ballwyn		Ted Wilkins
Thursday, 13 September 2012	Rod Albury	The Community Bank Story	David Cheney
Thursday, 20 September 2012	Robin de Crespigny	The People Smuggler	
Thursday, 27 September 2012	P Barry Richardson	My Life in Football	
Thursday, 4 October 2012	Mary de Angelis	Lifetime Planning and Aged Care	
Sunday, 7 October 2012	Health and Lifestyle Expo		
Wednesday, 10 October 2012	Flood Relief 10 - 18 October		
Thursday, 11 October 2012	Stephen Gough CEO MCC	MCC & MCG a Global Perspective	Chris Flav-elle-Smith
Tuesday, 16 October 2012	Josh Frydenberg/David De Garis		
Thursday, 18 October 2012	Bill Ellerton	Neuro What??	Ron Phillips
Friday, 19 October 2012	RCNB Bendigo Bank Charity Golf Day		
Thursday, 25 October 2012	Mike McFarlane	Vocational Service	John Gartlan
Thursday, 1 November 2012	P Pat Hyland	Riding and Training	Bob Bott Russell Cooper
Thursday, 8 November 2012	David Heeps	The Role of the Essential Services Commission in Controlling Utility Prices	Jim Studebaker
Thursday, 15 November 2012	Ruth Carlos Martinez	Linking Foundation to Service Projects	
Friday, 16 November 2012	Annual Fellowship Weekend 16-18 Nov 12 - Murray Downs		
Thursday, 22 November 2012	James Pullar RC Melbourne & Emma O'Halloran Mktg Mgr The Big Issue	Giving Homeless Women a Brighter Future	Eileen Too-hill Larry Fitzpatrick
Thursday, 29 November 2012	Damien Heywood	Rotary Gen Y and the Future	
	Pres. RC Melbourne Park	& Sponsors Night	
Thursday, 6 December 2012	Hugh Dolan	Gallipoli	Hugo Goetze
Friday, 7 December 2012	Christmas Fare		
Thursday, 13 December 2012	Party	Variety Childrens Christmas	
Thursday, 13 December 2012	P	Club Christmas Night	TBA
Thursday, 20 December 2012	Christmas Breakfast Meeting		
Tuesday, 25 December 2012	Christmas Day		

## SPEAKER PROGRAM 2012—2013 (Cont.)

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Date	Speaker	Topic	Host
Thursday, 3 January 2013	No Meeting		
Thursday, 10 January 2013	Cluster Meeting		
Sunday, 13 January 2013	Boathouse Brunch		
Thursday, 17 January 2013	Bronwyn Lewis	Literacy	Maurie Walters
Thursday, 24 January 2013	Colin Sharp/Dave Curby	What's My Line	Anthony Overmars
Thursday, 31 January 2013	Peter Cummins	Make Yourself Stroke Safe	Rob Head
Thursday, 7 February 2013	P Mike Brady	Autobiography and Songs	Lucy Liu/ Rowan McClean
Friday, 8 February 2013	Peninsula Weekend		
Thursday, 14 February 2013	Superintendent David Watt	Policing Victoria's BAD and MAD	Chris Flavell-Smith
Thursday, 21 February 2013	Jane Pennington/Greg Matthews	Autobiographies	Joe Butler
Saturday, 23 February 2013	North Balwyn Multicultural Celebration		
Thursday, 28 February 2013	P Bowls Night		Ian Mollison
Thursday, 7 March 2013	P Greg Ross	The Banjo Paterson Story	Peter Elliott
Thursday, 14 March 2013	District 9800 Conference - Albury 14-16 March		
Thursday, 14 March 2013	Roy Olliff	UNHCR-Refugee Emergencies	Eileen Toohill
Thursday, 14 March 2013	Grand Prix 14 - 17 March		
Thursday, 21 March 2013	Incoming GSE Team	GSE Presentation	Findley Cornell
Wednesday, 27 March 2013	Brian Lacy	Administering Christmas Island	Brian Hurnard
Thursday, 28 March 2013	Easter Meeting		
	No Meeting		
Thursday, 4 April 2013	Tony Jones	Nine News Anecdotes	Bill Oakley
Thursday, 11 April 2013	Sister Margaret Bentley	Making a Difference for Young Women in the Solomon Islands	Bob Bott
Thursday, 18 April 2013	Mike Rosel	Unknown Warrior -The Search for The Hawthorn Boy who became our Greatest Fighter Pilot	Jim Studebaker
Saturday, 20 April 2013	Progressive Dinner		
Wednesday, 24 April 2013	CUB Tour and Dinner	TBA	TBA
Thursday, 25 April 2013	Anzac Day		
Thursday, 2 May 2013	Beryl Jones	The Smith Family	Sue McDonald
Thursday, 9 May 2013	P Club Birthday		
Thursday, 16 May 2013	Marcus Tomassini	Chiropractor/Accupuncture	Bronwen Dimond
Thursday, 23 May 2013	Det Snr Sergeant Ron Iddles	Walk in My Shoes	Geoff Haddy
Thursday, 30 May 2013	Cary Pedicini, C.E.O.	Variety Victoria	David Cheney
Thursday, 6 June 2013	Mark Brennan	Introduction to the Office of the Australian Small Business Commission	Lucy Liu
Thursday, 13 June 2013	Bob Glindemann	What Being A Rotarian Means	Imre Lele
Thursday, 20 June 2013	Naomi Uehara and Lauren McLennan	World Peace Forum	Tak Yukawa



## PAST OFFICE BEARERS

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Sergeant	Grapevine Editor
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
1988-1989	David Cheney	Geoff Steinicke	Ron Carnell	David Stockman	Greg Ross	John Thwaites
1989-1990	Tom Wing Young	John Robson	Ron Carnell	David Stockman	Terry Keyhoe / Glen Walmsley	Geoff Perdriau
1990-1991	Ralph Lee	Ian Lucas	Ron Carnell	David Stockman	Tony McLean	Peter Cairns
1991-1992	Ron Phillips	Ian Collins	Ron Carnell	Ron Arthur	Brian Hurnard	Ray Zuccala
1992-1993	Tony McLean	Ralph Lee	John Thwaites	Ron Arthur	Jim Studebaker	Bill Kneale
1993-1994	Roger Bennallack	Ron Phillips	John Thwaites	Ron Arthur	John Mollison	John Reddish
1994-1995	Peter Cleary	David Cheney	John Thwaites	Geoff Dwyer	Peter Elliott	Dick Johnson
1995-1996	Bernie Smith	Tony McLean	John Rennie	Geoff Dwyer	Ron Arthur	Geoff Steinicke
1996-1997	Clive Hughes	Ron Carnell	John Rennie	Geoff Dwyer	Greg Matthews / John Magor	Anthony Stokes
1997-1998	John Thwaites	David Goldsmith	John Rennie	Geoff Dwyer	Geoff Griffiths	Brian Hurnard
1998-1999	Bruce McIver	Bernie Smith	John Rennie	Bob Woolgar	John Gartlan	Findley Cornell
1999-2000	Greg Matthews	David Cheney	John Rennie	Bob Woolgar	John Moyle	Peter Elliott
2000-2001	John Mollison	Ron Phillips	John Rennie	Bob Woolgar / Lindsay Pegg	Dick Johnson	John Gartlan
2001-2002	Terry Keyhoe	John Thwaites	John Rennie	Lindsay Pegg	John Moyle	Geoff Steinicke
2002-2003	Peter Courtney	Paul Fitz	Jane Pennington	Lindsay Pegg	David Cheney	Delina Schembri-Hardy
2003-2004	Brian Hurnard	Barry Cummings	Jane Pennington	Lindsay Pegg	Ian Mollison	John Rennie
2004-2005	Jim Studebaker	Greg Matthews	Anthony Stokes	Neil Ramsay	Ian Adams	John Rennie
2005-2006	Peter Elliott	Greg Ross	Anthony Stokes	Neil Ramsay	Elisabeth Hall	John McBride
2006-2007	John Magor	Phil Francis	Brian Hurnard	Neil Ramsay	Terry Gretton	John McBride
2007-2008	Ian Adams	Ann Kerr	Brian Hurnard	Geoff Haddy	Ted Wilkins	Graeme Bird
2008-2009	Bill Oakley	Peter Courtney	Michael McKay	Geoff Haddy	Findley Cornell	Graeme Bird
2009-2010	Tony Wells	Peter Elliott	Michael McKay	Geoff Haddy	Matthew Pauli	John Cook
2010-2011	Findley Cornell	John Magor	Bronwen Dimond	Gary O'Connor	Michael McKay	Peter Sutherland
2011-2012	Matthew Pauli	Jim Studebaker	Ian Adams	Gary O'Connor	Colin Sharp	Tony Wells
2012-2013	Terry Gretton/ Tony Wells	T Wells/P Cleary/ Peter Elliott	Ian Adams	Gary O'Connor	Barry Cummings	Peter Sutherland



## CLUB

## AWARDS

Year	The Ron Carnell Award	Greg Matthews Award
1987-1988	Ron Carnell	
1988-1989	John Thwaites	
1989-1990	Glen Walmsley	
1990-1991	John McBride	
1991-1992	Greg Matthews	
1992-1993	Ron Arthur	
1993-1994	John Thwaites	
1994-1995	John McBride	
1995-1996	Phil Francis / Terry Keyhoe	
1996-1997	Anthony Stokes / John Rennie	
1997-1998	Ian Taylor	
1998-1999	Brian Hurnard / Ian Taylor	
1999-2000	John Moyle	
2000-2001	David Goldsmith	
2001-2002	Jane Pennington	
2002-2003	David Cheney	
2003-2004	Lindsay Pegg	
2004-2005	Peter Cleary	
2005-2006	Matthew Pauli	
2006-2007	Ron Phillips	
2007-2008	Geoff Haddy	
2008-2009	Terry Keyhoe	
2009-2010	Phil Francis	
2010-2011	Michael Barden	
2011-2012	Bob Bromley	Greg Matthews
2012-2013	Adrian Ranson	

