

# Rotary

Club of North Balwyn



## ***Annual Report 2015-2016***



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*Rotary District 9800*



President Jane



*Meeting John Germ the incoming  
Rotary International President  
along with Jim Studebaker*



*Sharing a special moment  
with District Governor  
Julie Mason*

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

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for 2015/2016, when our Rotary International President challenged us to "Be a Gift to the World".

Our Club did just that and has enjoyed a very busy but most successful year with many stimulating, exciting and challenging, activities, events, functions and meetings with the goal to give service to our local community, our wider community and our international community.

The Club members dedicated themselves to "Service above Self" and willingly gave of themselves, their time and expertise and ensured that all our activities were carried out to the highest possible standard.

Within the pages of this Annual Report are the details about all our undertakings during the year. These demonstrate the breadth of activities undertaken ranging from a community service multicultural festival to sponsoring students to attend RYLA to international projects in the Solomon Islands along with the fundraising efforts to ensure the projects could happen. The fellowship activities throughout the year gave members the opportunity to get together and enjoy each other's company in a fun and relaxed way. Thank you to every Director who so ably lead their Committees and planned a very full program throughout the year.

The year has been a testament to Team Work with members banding together to work on activities including gardening, catering, selling raffle tickets and working at Camp Getaway just to name a few. Every time volunteers were called for members quickly volunteered which ensured activities were successfully accomplished.

One of the goals I had set, prior to taking over as President, was to involve the wider Rotary community more with projects that involved the partners of Club members. I am thrilled that this goal was achieved so spectacularly through the "Days for Girls" project which developed as the year progressed and culminated in the visit to the Solomon Islands. A great many people have been involved with this project and it will continue to gain momentum into the future.

Another goal which was achieved was to bring a Rotary focus to weekly meetings. Rotary International themes were highlighted each week with a focus on information related to that theme. This stimulated discussion while ensuring a Rotary theme to each meeting. The meetings were very well organised thanks to the dedication of our Sergeant, Tony Wells. I am indebted to him for his organisation of all the meetings including running sheets, timings before each meeting and then making sure the meetings ran to time. Thanks must also be extended to Maurie Walters as the organiser of the Speaker Program who sourced interesting guest speakers which enhanced our weekly meetings.

The Club makes up the Eastside Cluster along with Balwyn, Boroondara, Camberwell and Canterbury. Cluster meetings gave a good opportunity to exchange information and ideas. Therese McKenney, the Assistant Governor, lead the Cluster very well indeed and was always available for advice, support and a listening ear which was much appreciated.

Many of our Club members hold District positions which meant they were very good at juggling their time to fit in both District and Club responsibilities. This was invaluable for gaining a broader perspective of Rotary as they freely offered their expertise and advice when asked.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Board members for all they did during the year. They attended meetings, made some tough decisions, instituted changes, formed sub committees to tackle difficult issues and worked diligently to ensure the smooth running of the Club. Our year would have faltered without their dedication. A silent member attending Board meetings is the Minute Secretary and Rob Head carried out this role very ably with the minutes always sent out a few days after each meeting.

The Club Secretary is a pivotal position within the Club and Gavan Schwartz has carried out this role with incredible dedication. He is very well organised, clear thinking and ensured that all paperwork was always completed on time. Gavan has spent much time, behind the scenes, compiling a policy document for the Club. It is not a glamorous job but is a most important one and one that will help the Club to function smoothly. A huge vote of thanks to Gavan for all he does.

The Vice President is another pivotal position and Brian Hurnard has filled this role brilliantly. He has given me his unstinting support and was always there with advice and wisdom, which I have so much appreciated.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the Board members for their hard work, to the partners whom I have loved working with, to the Assistant Governor for her ongoing support and encouragement, to the District Governor for her incredible leadership and to all Club members for their support during the year. It has been a fantastic experience.

I know Rowan and his team have another wonderful year planned for the Club and I send them every good wish for the coming Rotary year.

Jane Pennington



## ACTIVITY LOG — A SUMMARY OF OUR YEAR

<b><i>Captain's Picks</i></b> Days for Girls Boroondara Family Network Camcare	<b><i>Foundation</i></b> Centurions Every Rotarian Every Year PHF Society Speaker Certificates of Appr'n Guest Speaker. Donation of \$15,000	<b><i>International</i></b> Minh Hac Solomons / Scholarship Bali Ubud Midwife Training-Timor Leste DIK – Board members Nepal/Fiji disaster assistance Syrian Refugee Appeal
<b><i>Vocational</i></b> Police Mentoring program Job Interviews Market Visit Fareshare Visit Defibrillator Training Barista Training Governance Presentation Financial Procedures Manual	<b><i>Club Service</i></b> Speaker Program International Women's Day Website / Grapevine Venue Consideration Protection Officer –WWCC Asset Register Fellowship	<b><i>Cluster</i></b> Hawthorn Craft Market Cluster meeting/s Boroondara Cares  Visit by RC Yea Visit by RC of Waverley
<b><i>Youth / New Generations</i></b> Interact Earlyact RYLA Other Leadership Prog's Review RYPEN Review MUNA Surgeons Without Borders Short Exchange Prog - Mongolia ConocoPhillips Science Project	<b><i>Fellowship</i></b> Weekend Away Johnson Collection Trips / Films/ Dine outs x4 Brunch Shrine Visit Wineries/ Cranbourne Gardens Antique Road Show Special Club Activities x 6	<b><i>Membership</i></b> New Brochure Video Clip DVD Roll Up Banners Website Update Purchase of Display Panels Halloween Club promotion
<b><i>Administration</i></b> Financial Task Group Letterhead Update	<b><i>Administration</i></b> Financial Practices Manual Governance Processes Operational Policy Compendium	<b><i>Administration</i></b> Compliance issues Grants / Scholarship External Audit
<b><i>Community</i></b> Gardens Project – 107 visits by RCNB 54 properties 539 waste bins filled 5 schools involved 38 members involved Multicultural Festival Camp Getaway Special Schools 50 Km Challenge Variety Club Christmas Lunch /. Toys Carols in the Park Police BBQ Servants Community Housing <b><i>Men's Shed –</i></b> <b><i>Committee – Planning-</i></b> <b><i>Incorporation- Funding Provision</i></b>	<b><i>RI / District</i></b> Conference Assembly Displays  John Burley /Imre Lele - Donations in Kind Jim Studebaker – Foundation Garth Symington – Grants Greg Ross - Aust Rotary Health Anthony Stokes – Rypen Adrian Ranson - AG Rowan McClean – RAWCS Rob Head – RYLA Bill Oakley – RAM Ken Maxfield – Camp Getaway	<b><i>Fundraising</i></b> Raffle Golf Day Christmas Fare Fines / Silver Pot/ Jams  <b><u>Catering:</u> Coffee Machine</b> <b><i>Bain Marie</i></b> Miniatures Reclink Grand Prix Hawthorn Craft Market and BBQs- x 50+ with takings of \$47083.00 –about \$25k profit. - Bunnings/Traders/Specials Anzac Day



## OUR SPONSORS

The Club gratefully acknowledges all our Sponsors and thanks them for their generosity throughout the year.

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## **CLUB SERVICE**

Committee Director:        Brian Lacy

Club Service relates to the effective and efficient administration of club business, the health and vibrancy of our Club and the wellbeing, enlightenment and engagement of our Rotarians.

I have had the privilege of serving with President Jane and her team this past year as the Club Service Director for North Balwyn Rotary Club. It is my second year in that role and it is an honour to have been asked to serve with President Elect Rowan for yet a third term. At this point I want to thank President Jane for her inspirational leadership and support over the course of this year. I look forward to working with Rowan in the coming year.

### **Club Service Issues**

Apart from the issue concerning the Club's meeting venue the year has been unexceptional from a Club Service perspective. The year began with some of the Club's members expressing dissatisfaction with the Kew Golf Club's meals and service. Surveys of the members about an alternative meeting venue resulted in majority support for RCNB remaining at Kew. Consequently the Board resolved to continue its arrangement with Kew Golf Club as the venue for our meetings.

Following discussions and negotiations with the management of Kew Golf Club about the quality of food and service there has been significant improvement in the meals and service. Periodic meetings with KGC management will continue to monitor the situation.

There remains some dissatisfaction about the bar closing before the end of the meeting. Some members would like the bar to remain open for drinks at the conclusion of our meetings. It is a question of cost and whether members would be willing to pay something of a levy on top of the amount they pay for the meal to keep the bar open.

It has been suggested that RCNB ought to conduct a tender process every two years to appoint a venue and provision of hospitality for the conduct of its meetings. I consider such a process would be beneficial to both RCNB and the selected service provider. It would specify the scope of the services and make for greater certainty about the nature and quality of service to be provided.

### **Club Service Team**

I want to acknowledge and thank also the Club Service team of this past year for their excellent work.

Tony Wells has done an excellent job as our Sergeant at Arms. He has set the tone of our meetings always ensuring they are conducted efficiently and effectively. In doing so he has been a real presence and an entertaining toast master. Tony is taking a break this year and Maurie Walters has agreed to step up to take on the Sergeant role. He is to be supported by David de Garis who has agreed to take on the role of Assistant Sergeant.



Maurie has relinquished his role as Program Coordinator, a role he has performed effectively and with alacrity for some time now. He has maintained and provided us with a program of quality speakers throughout the year. I welcome Russell Turner who has agreed to take on the Program Coordinator role.

Hugo Goetze has agreed to continue in his role as Attendance Officer, a role he performs with due diligence and care year after year. Hugo's timely and accurate attendance reports and records are much appreciated.

Hugo has reported a net increase of three members for the year. Membership started the club year with 74. During the year the numbers slipped to 72 and increased to 77 by years end. Against this, the member attendance to all weekly meetings has varied between 36 and 56, whilst the total attendance at ordinary meetings has ranged between 40 and 63.

Attendance has been impacted upon by the significant number of members who are on District and Zone activities on Thursdays, or others who at times are on Catering (Fund raising) duties.

Special meetings such as Club Birthday, Grand Final, Christmas Dinner and Partner's nights had attendances in the 70's, 89 and 95. Not including Changeover, our largest meeting was the Melbourne Cup night when 15 members from RC Yea boosted our attendance to 100.

I am extremely grateful to Hugo for his timely and detailed reports on attendance.

Eileen Toohill has been a caring and compassionate Almoner for the past year and I am grateful for her work and support. I welcome Duncan as our new Almoner. Eileen will continue as part of the Club Service team in her new shared role as Greeter and I look forward to working with her in the coming year.

John Rennie has agreed to continue in his role as Protection Officer. John is doing an excellent job in monitoring the Working With Children requirements and compliance generally. He reports that a total of 60 of our members have current Working With Children certification. These are the only members who are legally (under Victorian law) able to take part in Club projects in which children, under the age of 18 years, are involved. John has on two occasions, emailed those who have not acquired certification encouraging them to submit applications. John is yet to approach some of the new members and he continues to monitor the project lists as circulated to ensure that the participants are qualified when required.

Fellowship is an important element of wellbeing, enlightenment and engagement of our Rotarians. David Cheney and his fellowship team have ensured that our Club has been well served with fellowship opportunities throughout the year. David's report on Fellowship events and activities is a separate report. I congratulate David and his team for the work they have done and what they have achieved. I am very pleased that David has volunteered to continue his role in Fellowship.

Barry Cummings will continue as Property Officer and Audio Visual manager for the coming year. Barry is in the process of consolidating the Club's property and assets and developing a register for that purpose. This is an important process and one which will require some assistance from other members of our club. I am pleased that Barry has agreed to continue in his position as Property Officer this year.

I thank David de Garis for his excellent photography in the past and welcome him as the official photographer. I thank Marcel Muntwyler, who has agreed to continue his banking role, for his work in that regard in the past.

Peter Sutherland will continue with the Grapevine but under the Communications portfolio. Peter has done a wonderful job as editor of the Grapevine. Peter of course does so much more for Club Service and I thank him for it. Thanks must also go to Peter Wilson who edited "The Grapevine" for the first months of the year while Peter Sutherland was on holidays. This was a steep learning curve for Peter W but one he tackled and succeeded brilliantly (and now he is very proficient using Publisher!).

The Club Website was revamped and now links in with the District and RI websites. This makes updating much easier and the 'look and feel' link with all the other Clubs in the District.

I welcome Findley Cornell to the team for Foundation. Peter Cleary, who has done an excellent job as an advocate for Foundation, will provide assistance to Findley. I thank Peter for his past performance and look forward to working with him again this year. They will look after EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) and Paul Harris Society.

Rowan has assembled an enthusiastic Club Service team to ensure that our members are fully engaged in the life and management of the Club in the year ahead:

Almoner	Duncan Ansell	Sergeant	Maurie Walters
Assistant Sergeant	David de Garis	Attendance	Hugo Goetze
Protection Officer	John Rennie	Program	Russell Turner
Fellowship	David Cheney		
Greeters	Eileen Toohill and Ian Adams		
Property	Barry Cummings	Audio Visual	Barry Cummings
Photography	David de Garis	Banking	Marcel Muntwyler
Foundation	Peter Cleary		

I look forward to working with this fine group of people.

Finally, engaging Rotarians is a shared responsibility and it is important for all RCNB members to engage in the life and management of the Club. I encourage members to bring forward any suggestions they might have about ways in which our club service, ie the administration of Club business, the health and vibrancy of our Club and the wellbeing, enlightenment and engagement of our Rotarians, could be improved.

Brian Lacy

## FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman: PP Peter Cleary

Committee Members: PP Paul Fitz  
PDG Greg Ross  
PDG Jim Studebaker  
PP Garth Symington



The Club goal for the year adopted by the Board was 100% Every Rotarian Every Year Club Recognition. At the time of writing significant progress has been made towards achieving that ambitious but realistic goal for this Club.

The Club has nine Sustaining Members of the Paul Harris Society, an increase of one for the year.

The Paul Harris breakfast was well attended with 12 of our members supporting that event.

Club donation to the Foundation was \$15,000 however financial records will disclose a higher amount which includes a \$10,000 carryover from the 2014-15 Rotary Year.

Thanks to the Committee Members who continue to work towards achievement of our Club Goal of 100% Every Rotarian Every Year Club Recognition.

PP Peter Cleary



*Gary O'Connor received a PHF for all his hard work as a Club member*

*Janny Saukeni came from the Solomon Islands to learn about animal husbandary*



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman: David Cheney

Committee Members: Eileen Toohill, Bronwen Dimond, Kinga Paulheim, Don Taylor, Tony Hart, Duncan Ansell, Bob Bromley  
Robyn Stepnell joined the Committee in April.

The aim of the Committee was to provide as many opportunities for members and their partners to get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere, as well as visit various places of interest.

The Committee met regularly and developed a year's plan involving a fresh approach to traditional functions, together with some innovative events and outings to encourage member "bonding".

The Committee's enthusiastic involvement made it a most active year, with every member of the Committee actively involved in organising several functions.

Bronwen Dimond deserves an individual mention for her contribution to the decorations at several of the Club's special nights.

The year's activities included:-

Movie Luncheon	20 July 2015	"Madame Bovary"	26 attending
Dine-out	21 August 2015	Amici's Restaurant	46 attending
Movie Luncheon	9 September 2015	"A Walk in the Woods"	25 attending
Cranbourne visit	17 September 2015	Australia Gardens	26 attending
Grand Final Night	1 October 2015	Kew Golf Club	92 attending
Newer Members	16 October 2015	Fellowship night at Cheney's	16 attending
Historic Visit	21 October 2015	Shire of Remembrance	28 attending
Melbourne Cup Night	29 October 2015	Greenacres Golf Club	88 attending
Club Weekend Away	6 - 8 November 2015	Cobram/Barooga	48 attending
North Balwyn Antique Roadshow	25 November 2015	Kew Golf Club	78 attending
Christmas Dinner	10 December 2015	Kew Golf Club	95 attending

Club Breakfast	17 December 2015	North Balwyn Cricket Club	50 attending
Sunday Brunch	10 January 2016	Warrenglen Nursery	46 attending
Interest Visit	10 February 2016	Johnston Collection	16 attending
District Conference	11 - 13 March 2016	Bendigo	45 attending
Winery Luncheon	10 April 2016	Seville	46 attending
Club Birthday Night "Tribute to ABBA"	5 May 2016	Kew Golf Club	89 attending
Dine-out	27 May 2016	Tao's Restaurant	50 attending

It is most appreciated that this Committee is being retained for the coming year by incoming President, Rowan McClean.

I would like to say a sincere "thankyou" to all the Committee members for their enthusiasm over the past year.

A final "thank you" to Tony Wells for his assistance with several of the events; to President Jane Pennington for her encouragement during the year, and to the Club Members for their support.

David Cheney  
Chairman

### *Tribute to Abba*



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Committee Director: John McBride and Peter Wilson

The Community Service Committee successfully fulfilled its goal to reach out into the community and involve members in activities aimed and located within Boroondara and slightly further afield.

### **Gardening**

A very successful Community Service program during 2015/16 and the Club is indebted to Greg Cribbes for coordinating this project. It takes a great deal of time and effort to do this and Greg's input has been continuous and vital to the success of the project.

With the generous time and support given by the RCNB Gardening admin team, the Club continued to coordinate Gardening visits at 'needy' properties with the enthusiastic involvement of students from Camberwell Grammar, Xavier College, MLC, Sienna College and Burke & Beyond – all very much appreciated and as we heard from the delightful teachers at one of our Thursday Meetings during the year, considered a most worthwhile experience.

During this year the project has accomplished:

- ⇒ 107 individual visits usually on 3 timings during the week, except during school vacation.
- ⇒ 54 separate properties visited with Gardening tasks ranging from minor tidy-up and pruning through to very, very significant makeovers (where prickles generally come at no-charge).
- ⇒ 539 Council waste bins filled with the results of our gardening.
- ⇒ Community service hours by the students per week were generally over 35/week, contributing some 1,200 vital hours to the Project and the wider community needs.
- ⇒ 38 Rotarians making a total of 261 attendances at visits throughout the year.

### **Servants**

Many Club members supported Servants. A team of 3 adults and 3 interactors were part of the Servants Team in Run Melbourne, a major fundraising effort for Servants.

Everyone walked or ran the course and enjoyed the experience. Other Club members went to Romana to cook a bbq and have it ready by the time the runners/walkers arrived there.

Club members cooked sausages and provided drinks at Carrical House for the annual carol singing event. This was a very happy occasion with more than 100 local people attending and joining in the carols.

Club members attended a performance at Scotch College which told the story of Carrical House and some of the resident's stories.

Club members went for dinner with the residents at Carrical with the aim of each group getting to know each other just a little better.

Club members attended the East Hawthorn Church where Matt spoke and told his recent story, which was very moving.



Club members attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday for Servants and brought along the bbq trailer and cooked the bbq for the celebration.

### **Mens Shed**

Planning for the Men's Shed continued with slow progress and some frustrating delays. A timeline was established with a projected completion during the coming Rotary year. A huge thank you to the Club members who are on the Board of the Men's Shed for their persistence and perseverance as planning with the Council took much longer than expected, however it would appear that the outcome will be well worth the wait.

### **Camp Getaway**

The Club undertook a Working Bee in October which saw members and partners spend the weekend at Camp Getaway and much was achieved both outside and inside. This included concreting, cleaning the kitchen, washing cupboards and sorting out equipment all while enjoying each other's company.

### **Variety Club Christmas Party**

Members attended the Variety Club Christmas Party to assist with the running of the event for a huge number of children who come and enjoy the experience.

### **Uniting Church Kew Christmas lunch**

Club members went on 24 December to the Uniting Church in Kew to set up for Christmas lunch. This included setting the tables, finding chairs and putting up decorations and decorating the Christmas tree. Then on Christmas Day members went to assist with serving lunch.

### **Multicultural Festival**

The Multicultural Festival, held in the North Balwyn Village in February, brought together more than half the Club members to assist throughout the day. This was an outstanding success with a huge number of people attending. Activities included cultural groups singing and dancing, school children singing, a magician's show, a petting zoo and clowns along with food and drinks to sample.

### **Camcare**

As in previous years Club members donated toys at Christmas time which were given to Camcare for distribution within Boroondara.

The Club was asked to assist with providing shelving for Camcare and two members willingly purchased and put together shelving so that Camcare could house the many donations of food it received. Many thanks to Greg Matthews and Peter Elliott for carrying out this project.

### **Halloween**

Club members donned costumes and assisted the Greythorn Traders to hand out sweets to children to celebrate Halloween. This was also an opportunity to give out Rotary information to parents and meet local residents.

### Carols in the Park

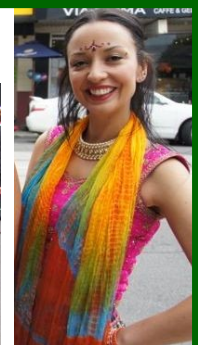
Club members assisted with the organisation of Carols in the Park. Greg Ross took the role of MC and did a brilliant job. Other members organised and ran the Glo Stix stall, the profit which goes to fund the event, assisted with setting up and pulling down tents and gave out programs. A wonderful community event for more than 5,000 people.

### Special Children's Christmas Party

The Special Children's Christmas Party was held at the Moonee Valley Racecourse and Club members were on hand to cook an endless supply of sausages and supply them in bread to feed 1,000s of hungry children and adults. A very worthwhile, but exhausting day.

Thank you to all members who have willingly given up their time and expertise to assist with community projects and spread the word of Rotary throughout our local area.

### Enjoying the Multicultural Festival



Carols in the Park



Working at Camp Getaway

## **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Committee Director: Estelle Kelly

Committee Members: Ian Adams, Joe Butler, Bronwen Dimond, Bill Oakley  
Gavan Schwartz

The Youth Committee has enjoyed a very productive year, maintaining ongoing projects and implementing new ones.

The year commenced with the Committee reviewing the roles and responsibilities document. Each member of the Committee contributed to investigating and assessing the worthiness of the programs listed in the document. Those programs considered no longer relevant to Rotary Club of North Balwyn (RCNB) have been deleted from the document. Traditional Rotary programs such as RYLA and RYPEN have been reassessed. At the same time programs provided by other agencies have been investigated and considered, for example, the Lord Somers Camps for Girls and Boys and Leadership Victoria programs. Science programs represented by the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) and Conocophillips Science Experience have also been reviewed.

### **Youth Exchange Outbound**

We have not sought to select and send a student as an outbound exchange student this year.

### **Youth Exchange Inbound**

The Committee has accepted the offer to host an incoming student Moritz Ellermann from Germany for the 2016- 2017 Rotary year. For the first time we have agreed to share the responsibility and costs with another Rotary Club. In this instance the Rotary Club of Balwyn. A memorandum of Understanding has been drawn up between the two Clubs. The student counsellor will be Bronwen Dimond from the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. Moritz Ellermann has been given a place at Trinity Grammar. He will attend school with his first host family's son who is a student at there with the family provided by Rotary Club of Balwyn. The Rotary Club of North Balwyn also has a host family in place and is seeking one more host family.

### **Short Term Youth Exchange Inbound/Outbound - Mongolia**

This pilot program has been planned and is being implemented by a sub committee comprising Ian Adams, Bill Oakley and Estelle Kelly. The first step of gaining Expressions of Interest from 14-16 year olds has been posted on Facebook. Potential interest is also being sought through local Secondary Schools and community groups e.g. Scouts. It is planned for an exploratory trip to Mongolia to be undertaken by some RCNB members later in 2016 with the potential to take Secondary students to Mongolia in June/ July 2017. It is planned Mongolian students will visit Australia in January 2018.

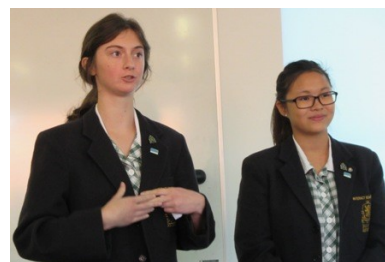


## North Balwyn Interact Club

The Interact Club has recommenced the 2016 school year with four Office Bearers and four Directors who make a strong leadership team. A teacher, Mr Brett Hobbs, has been delegated to Interact. Lachlan Pham is the President with Jenny Chong as the Vice President. Interact students are regularly invited to attend a Club dinner meeting.

The students have been able to select an area of interest to them and become involved in planning to continue to support established projects eg Servants and Minh Hac in Vietnam. New projects are being encouraged and students are busy planning to teach IT skills to residents at Eva Tilley Aged Care facility. The traditional fundraising events have been planned and implemented eg selling noodles at Athletics Day in Term 1. Plans are also underway for a Pizza Day, It Takes Two and selling cakes and sweets. The Interact Club continues to meet fortnightly on a Tuesday during lunchtime.

Three students attended the District 9800 Conference in Bendigo in March. They delivered an informative session including their video featuring the 2015 achievements. This video came equal second in a worldwide competition run by Rotary International.



The possibility of establishing a scholarship for a worthy student at Balwyn High School is being investigated. The Director of Music at Balwyn High School has put forward some suggestions.

In order to gain a higher profile in the school community the Youth Committee sponsored the badging of fifty caps for Interact Club members. It is hoped this will assist in spreading interest and support for Interact. Attendance at this year's meetings has improved with more than 10 or 12 students attending on a regular basis.



## North Balwyn Earlyact Club

The EarlyAct Club at Balwyn North Primary School has been active in all areas of service. The Club has 45 enthusiastic members from Years 5 and 6. Jan Rowe has been the school representative for the past 2 years and Bronwen Dimond continues as the Rotary representative for the group.



As their School project, the members took on the "Lucky Pockets" stall at the school Fair. 300 plastic pockets were packet with donated lollies, toys and trinkets and were sold as a lucky dip item, for \$2.00 per pocket. The stall's \$600 profit was the highest amount raised by any student-run stall.

The Wesley Central Mission again benefitted from the efforts of the students focussing on our Community project. Boxes of food and toiletry items were packed from donations made by families from all areas of the school. These were then collected by the WCM and distributed to families in need of assistance, in time for Christmas.

Through the Overseas Kids' Foundation, the Club continues its sponsorship of Dung Quan, a twelve year old boy from Vietnam. An "It Takes Two" event is being planned for later in the year, with our students and teachers performing in our school Hall. The gold coin charge for this event will go towards Dung's sponsorship.

Our students made a short movie showing their involvement in a number of their EarlyAct projects. This was shown at the District Conference as an example of one of the groups endorsed by our Rotary Club.

Thank you to Bronwen Dimond who has tirelessly supported the EarlyAct Club and ensured it has thrived.

### **RYLA**

Two students attended RYLA during the first week in December at Camp Oasis in Monbulk. Ashley Wild and Josephine Arthur spoke of great appreciation for the opportunity to participate in this week long program. Ashley Wild has returned to speak of his experience at a regular RCNB meeting. It has been difficult to reconnect with Josephine Arthur.

### **RYPEN**

The Committee discussed the value young people gained from this program. It was decided to invite District 9800 organisers to speak to the Youth Committee to report on the outcomes of the two programs they run each year. Unfortunately it has not been possible to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

### **MUNA**

Four students have registered to attend MUNA over the last weekend in May 2016 at Camp Getaway in Axedale. Rachel Niesen and Anne Pham will represent Nigeria. Zephani Hwang and Somesh Mehra will represent Germany.

### **Conocophillips Science Experience**

The Science Coordinator at Balwyn High School placed an item in the school newsletter advertising the Conocophillips Science Experience available over the summer term break. One Year 9 student attended the program available through RMIT. This student was unavailable to report back to the Club in person instead emailing feedback to Ian Adams. This student also agreed to encourage other students in 2016.

I sincerely thank all the members of the Youth Committee, Gavan Schwartz, Bill Oakley, Joe Butler and Ian Adams for their hard work during the year and commitment to this Committee. It has been a pleasure to work with you all.

Estelle Kelly

## FUNDRAISING

Committee Director: Bill Oakley

Committee Members: Peter Elliott, Larry Fitzpatrick, Steven Greateorex,  
Greg Matthews, Lindsay Pegg, Nino Sofra, Geoff Steinicke  
Ted Wilkins, John Magor

This year saw a great fundraising result for the Club, providing the funds which drive all the other service activities and allowing us to make a substantial donation to our charity - The Rotary Foundation. The fundraising activities Committee will generate in excess of \$75,000 this Rotary year. It is difficult to be precise because fundraising continues throughout the year with the last scheduled fundraising activity just four days before the end of the year, and the first for next Rotary year just 10 days into the new year. I will mention the members of the Fundraising Committee in relation to the major fundraising activities they were involved with, but each fundraising activity relies upon, and gets wholehearted support from all Club members to be successful.

### Christmas Raffle

For some, selling raffle tickets is not their favourite pastime. Nevertheless the Christmas raffle remains one of the most effective ways in which we as a Club show that Rotary is alive and well and working in our community. It is great to hear from ticket buyers, hundreds and hundreds of times, how well Rotary is regarded, and supported by our local community. Lindsay Pegg undertook the coordinating work for the second year running and was joined by Peter Elliott, to run what has become a finely honed machine, to marshal our members, partners and friends to be selling at the best returning sites at the best times. From last Rotary year Lindsay produced a comprehensive manual containing all the data, contacts and forms for the raffle, which proved to be invaluable this year. With some trepidation we raised the price of tickets from \$2 to \$2.50. The public accepted this well and the raffle generated net income for the Club of \$22,000.



### Golf Day

This year we welcomed back a charity Golf Day to our calendar hosted at our home of Kew Golf Club for the first time. A great social day was enjoyed by 120+ golfers and friends. Sponsors were found for every hole and more. Besides making around \$9,000 for Club funds, the Golf Day extended our reach into our local community, with support from many local businesses. These connections have also resulted in several new members and Friends of our Club. Special thanks to Greg Matthews and Greg Cribbes who shared chairmanship of the Golf Committee which ran over a longer time than expected when the day needed to be postponed from October to February because of the condition of the course at Kew. The committee for the event included as well, Peter Elliott, John Magor, Rowan McClean, and Geoff Steinecke. Congratulations to all on a great result, and plans are underway for a bigger and better day next year.



## Grand Prix

We have been at the Grand Prix for as long as it has been here in Melbourne, and we have seen many changes in that time. Over recent years our involvement has steadily increased, to produce a remarkable result of nearly \$20,000 for the Club this year. The Saturday night dinner again wasn't a feature having been dropped by the Grand Prix Corporation last year, but it has been replaced with a thank you "brunch" for the many contractors involved in building and setting up the site. This takes place in the week of the Grand Prix proper. Additionally our involvement in the Historic Cars Paddock has risen from one lunch for the drivers to four all day sessions selling to the public. Income from this almost eclipsed our return from the traditional CAMS officials' breakfast. Geoff Steinicke headed up the team for the umpteenth time, and was assisted by Stephen Greateorex and Brian Lacy. Nino Sofra looked after all the food and cooking logistics, and dozens of our members and "petrol head" friends manned the various venues. Post mortem meetings with the Grand Prix Corporation indicate they are well pleased with our involvement and contribution, and next year we look forward to an even better return on our sales in the Historic Car Paddock and the possibility that we might provide a "sausage service" onsite for the contractors in the week or two leading up to the Grand Prix.

## Catering

Led by Nino Sofra and a small team comprising Bill Oakley and Brian Lacy, we marshalled the Club members and friends to a multiplicity of catering events, the mainstay of which is regular appearances at Bun-nings Box Hill to sell sausages and soft drinks. However we supplemented this with more sophisticated fare at the Miniatures Craft Fair, Rotary Craft Markets, and Boroondara Music in the Park Festivals with sandwiches, egg and bacon jaffles, muffins, soup, scones and biscuits. All in all this miscellany of catering will generate more than \$25,000 for Club funds. Well done Nino and all the team.



## Other Fundraising

There's a variety of other smaller fund-raising activities which have led to over \$5,000 going to different service projects. These include Bill's Jams, Entertainment Book sales, internal club raffles, the silver pot, and some wine and food sales. Not all these have been under the control of the Fundraising Committee, but all require the passion and energy of various Club members, and together they make a significant contribution to our service efforts



## Ladies' Projects

In a class of their own, the ladies have undertaken a number of fundraising activities to support various specific service activities and causes. The ladies held a cake stall in conjunction with the sausage sizzle at Bunnings just prior to Father's Day. This was an outstanding success with more than \$1,000 being raised. A fundraising evening was held at Blue Illusion in Balwyn which included a fashion parade and then the opportunity to purchase clothing and accessories. This generated more than \$500. The traditional Christmas Cake Stall was held during the first week of December in the North Balwyn shopping strip. Another very successful fundraising event with more than \$3,000 being raised. A huge thank you to the ladies for all their hard work.

My thanks go to all the members of the Fundraising Committee for their organising and for the behind the scenes preparation and post cleaning up; and to all the Club and our partners and friends for continuing to support our fundraising efforts, which in turn support everything we do.

Bill Oakley



## DONATIONS

Many of our Club's ongoing projects were supported by the funds raised through the fundraising activities.

Special donations were also made to specific organisations and projects. These included :

- ⇒ \$5,000 to Boroondara Family Network, a local organisation which assists mothers with new babies, who otherwise have no support
- ⇒ \$5,000 to RAM - Rotary Against Malaria in addition to the proceeds from Bill's Jams.
- ⇒ \$5,000 to ARH - the Australian Rotary Health in addition to the proceeds from the Silver Pot.
- ⇒ Many members made donations to support Adrian Ranson, who rode in the "Ride to Conference" which supports research into Ovarian Cancer.



## **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Committee Director: John Burley and Imre Lele

Committee Members: Bob Bott, Sue McDonald, Jim Romanis, Anthony Stokes  
Tak Yukawa, Bill Oakley

### **Introduction**

The International Committee has made sound progress on projects in Minh Hac (Vietnam) and Tetere (Solomon Islands). Donations in Kind Inc., Footscray continues to be supported.

### **Vietnam**

#### Minh Hac

Minh Hac, as for the entire Province of Phu Tho, has birth difficulties, high cancer rates, poor medical facilities and, from Government economic ratings, the poorest people nationally, with incomes averaging US\$20 per month.

The support needs of the community have been identified in collaboration with the People's Committee of Minh Hac and a range of opportunities for community development has been identified. Support provided over several years includes:

- Locally built infrastructure including a community center and library, and improvements to the health clinic.
- Assistance to pig farmers has generated for the first time, earnings from outside the community. Six farmers now have successful operations and have expanded into raising rabbits and ducks and well as capturing biogas and fertilizer through the process.
- The supply of dozens of pre-owned and new eyeglasses for people in both the Minh Hac and Yen Luat communities.
- Renovated laptops have been supplied to schools, the health clinics in both communities and to four students who have continued on to tertiary study.

#### 2015 visit to Minh Hac

Rowan MacLean and John Burley led a visit to the local communities. Accompanying them were: Christine Burley, Scott Pepin, Director International Service Bacchus Marsh Rotary, Lita Foot, Director of Youth Services, Bacchus Marsh Rotary and Rachael (Trang) Nguyen, a Vietnamese-born Melbourne-based accountant who has assisted with project management and finance

#### Rotary Foundation District Grant

In February 2016, the RCNB received a grant of \$6,000 to support the projects at Minh Hac, providing that RCNB matches the grant on a \$2 for \$1 basis. Our contribution of \$12,000 forms the largest component of our 2016/17 Budget.

The project addresses key focus areas:

- Water and sanitation
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development.

Specific objectives rising from these key focus areas are the provision of safe drinking water for school children and extending the support currently being provided to local pig production. The village has recognised that pig production is a cost-effective way of improving the incomes of its poorest families. The project provides assistance in setting up pigsties, purchasing breeding sows and for the provision of ongoing training and technical support.

The local People's Committee is keen for this support to be given to suitable females, who wish to enter pig production - as small-scale loans, some initial grants for setup costs, and ongoing training. Establishing an efficient and reliable administrative mechanism for micro loans is under investigation.

#### Yen Luat

As a result of achievements at Minh Hac, in 2014 the Provincial Government asked Rotary to assist another poor community at Yen Luat. The Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh agreed to assist this community for five years after representatives from Bacchus Marsh visited Yen Luat for the first time in September 2015.

### **Solomon Islands**

#### Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship

During the year, RCNB was the recipient of the Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship, worth \$US10,000. It was used to fund a two-month intensive vocational program for Janny Saukeni, a teacher at the Don Bosco Rural Training College Tetere. The objective of the program was to enhance Janny's understanding of animal husbandry and vocational teaching through work experience in a range of animal production settings.

#### Brief synopsis of her program

Otway Pork, Winchelsea - 2 weeks - Breeding and raising free-range pigs

Free Range Eggs, Traralgon - 2 weeks - Breeding and raising free-range chickens

Department of Primary Industries, Benalla - 1 week - Cattle nutrition and management, bio-security issues.

Woodleigh College and Elizabeth Murdoch College, Mornington Peninsula - 9 days -

Vocational education (Secondary): agriculture and animal husbandry to secondary school students.

Victorian Association of Agriculture and Horticulture - 1 day - Workshop

### **Rotary Donations in Kind (DIK)**

RCNB continued to support DIK with an annual contribution of \$3,500 towards the rental and operational expenses of the store in West Footscray. During the year, RCNB volunteers assisted in collecting, transporting, sorting and packing school desks and furniture for shipment. Donated goods are shipped from DIK to developing countries, and include sending supplies to Rotary projects in East Timor and the Solomon Islands. RCNB Chairman of International Committee is a director of DIK Inc.

Imre Lele

## DAYS FOR GIRLS PROJECT

### ***What is Days for Girls?***

*Every girl and woman in the world deserves education, safety, and dignity. Days for Girls gives women access to quality sustainable feminine hygiene and awareness, by direct distribution of sustainable feminine hygiene kits to enable them to manage menstruation. The kits, attractively presented in a fabric bag, contain all the items needed to enable women to carry on with their lives while they menstruate. These supplies are reusable and avoid the need to use expensive paper products which are unsustainable and cannot be disposed of easily. The kits are sometimes stitched and donated to the women or the women are taught to make the kits themselves.*

*It turns out this issue is a surprising but instrumental key to social change for women all over the world. Girls often stay home from school when they menstruate and so having adequate supplies enables them to stay at school and empowers them through the continuity of education which breaks the poverty cycle. ([www.DaysforGirls.org](http://www.DaysforGirls.org))*

The “Days for Girls” (DfG) project has proved a very successful initiative, undertaken by the ladies of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. There have been two different components to this project, one taking place in Melbourne and one in the Solomon Islands.

Bev Sofra and Diane Goetze took a lead role in establishing a sewing group to make kits initially for distribution by individuals and groups who were travelling to areas where the kits were needed.

Then grew the idea to take the DfG scheme to the Solomon Islands where RCNB has some established projects through the Don Bosco schools and especially through the Salesian Sisters with their Mary Mazzarello Development Centre (MMDC) in Henderson.

Sewing days commenced and have proved incredibly successful with up to 18 ladies attending each time and enjoying both the companionship and the satisfaction of completing more than 100 kits.

Some kits will be taken to Timor Leste with Sue McDonald and some went to the Solomon Islands.

A team comprising Jane Pennington, Bev Sofra, Sally Sharp and Sally Sutherland along with Nino Sofra and Bill Oakley travelled to the Solomon Islands for 8 days in April 2016. The ladies worked on the Days for Girls project while Bill and Nino researched further projects which could be undertaken at the Don Bosco School in Tetere.





The (ladies) team stayed at MMDC with the Salesian Sisters and introduced Days for Girls to three different groups of women. In total 68 women were taught to make kits and received a finished kit. Instructions were given as to how to make the kits and this will be incorporated into future Life Skills courses at MMDC. Some women were most interested to continue making kits and potentially using this as an income generation scheme to support their families. The relationship between the MMDC and RCNB was cemented and will be built on in the future. Additionally some women were introduced to sewing and this skill will be useful to them in the future.

This is the first step in an ongoing commitment to this project in the Solomon Islands. The next steps are being developed!!

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved and made this project happen. Special thanks to the Team members, the ladies of RCNB who gave their time and talents, the Sisters at MMDC and the women in the Solomon Islands who were so enthusiastic to learn.

Jane Pennington, Bev Sofra, Sally Sharp, Sally Sutherland





## **VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE**

Committee Director            Colin Sharp  
Committee Members:        Findley Cornell and John Gartlan  
Assistance:                  Russell Cooper, Max Hardy, Jurgen Kehn and Geoff Haddy

In 2015-16, the goal of the Vocational Service Committee was to develop and execute a dynamic, respected and positive plan that would:

- a.     Build an understanding of the importance of Vocational Service within the Club.
- b.     Undertake programs that will improve the business skills of Club members and the local community.
- c.     Undertake programs that will improve the skills of members to contribute to the well-being of community members.
- d.     Contribute to the District Vocational Services Program.

### **Continuing Programs**

The programs that were successfully conducted by the Club in FY14-15 continued in FY15-16:

- a.     The Police Mentoring Program continued under the stewardship of Findley Cornell and the Club welcomed the involvement of Senior Sergeant Dan Hilton.
- b.     The English-language tutoring program established last year and coordinated by John Gartlan continued with the assistance of Club members and their partners.
- c.     Employment Interview Technique Training for senior students of local youth groups continued to be offered by Club members. In October 2015, eight Club members assisted the North Balwyn Venturers and plans are being finalised to again support Camberwell Grammar School.

### **New Programs for FY15-16**

In addition to continuing programs, the following programs were undertaken;

- a.     Vocation assisted the Board by reviewing the governance of the Club, recommending improvements and developing a Financial Procedures Manual. The recommendations and Manual were endorsed by the Board in March 2016 and Colin Sharp provided a presentation to Club members on its key points. I appreciate the valuable assistance of Geoff Haddy and Russell Cooper in this endeavour.
- b.     Defibrillator training was given to a number of Club members to ensure that the Club's defibrillator could be deployed and used if necessary at selected Club service activities. Max Hardy also presented at a Club meeting on the use of the device.

- c. In October 2015, Paul Geyer, the State Manager of the Australian Institute of Company Directors spoke to the Club on Business Ethics and contemporary issues facing Board Members and company executives.
- d. Nino Sofra through the Director Fundraising, asked for a number of members to be trained as baristas to assist with catering events. Jurgen Kehne, owner of Cafe Romeo was approached and has agreed to train seven Club members.
- e. The Vocation Committee cooperated with the Fellowship Committee to arrange a visit the Shrine and the War Cabinet Room in Victoria Barracks. The Shrine visit was successfully completed but the visit to the Barracks visit was not possible due to heightened security.
- f. The Club undertook a successful visit by 28 members and partners to the Melbourne Wholesale Fruit Vegetable & Cut Flower Market on 17 Nov 15 to get a better understanding of wholesale market operations and logistics. I appreciate the support of Russell Cooper.
- g. Arrangements are being made for a Club visit to Fareshare in the current or next year.

### **Ongoing Activities**

- a. The Club aims to program a presentation on recognising depression in Executives. This activity is continuing.
- b. The Vocational Committee aimed to explore ways of participating in the Life-after-Stroke mentoring program by training Club members to effectively assist in rehabilitating community stroke sufferers. Activities are yet to be scoped by District and the Club will continue to be involved.
- c. A member of the District Vocational Service Committee was invited to present the new Vocational Service Vision to the Club. Despite a positive response, a visit was not able to be conducted this year.
- d. The Club aimed to participate in the District Rotary Skills in Action recognition program to highlight where members and the Club are applying their skills for the benefit of the community. The Club registered interest in the District Program and is awaiting details.

Colin Sharp



## MEMBERSHIP

Committee Director: Russell Cooper

In July 2015, our opening membership stood at 74, after a net gain of 4 members in the prior year.

President Jane strongly encouraged a number of activities aimed at boosting our numbers as well as increasing the overall diversity of membership.

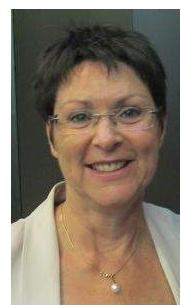
The annual selling of raffle tickets again provided a side-benefit of gaining contact details for prospective members and the membership brochure showing an overview of the Club's activities was put to good use during this and other events.

Jurgen Kehne, the owner of café Romeo, was our first new member of the year and he was encouraged to join by a group of his regular customers who meet there each morning to discuss matters of no importance.



Belinda Wandabwa, a manager of a local retirement home who was originally trained in nursing in her birth country of Kenya, joined on November 5. She helped to bring the average age of our membership down a little and has assisted with broadening the perspectives of our members.

Robyn Stepnell was previously a Rotarian in Swan Hill and with a work change now lives in Kew, and works in the community services area. She has quickly become an integral member of the Club.



Russell Turner was almost inducted before he either had the introductory briefing or signed the application form. Being in attendance at a meeting when the District Governor (DG) was visiting, he was loaned a Rotary member badge and encouraged by the DG to join up without delay. As a current real estate agent, with a good sense of humour, he is another valuable member for the Club.



Carolyn Pethick was a regular visitor to our Club when she was employed as a police liaison officer. She visited several Rotary Clubs in that role, and whilst invited to join several them, determined that it was inappropriate to single out one Club join at that time. Now working in a different role, she joined the RCNB in May 2016.



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John Koa, who runs the Baker's Delight bakery in the North Balwyn village, became a member in June 2016. John works long hours and starts early each day so he will have an interesting perspective on our fundraising activities where sausages, bacon and eggs are combined with bread rolls.

David Rowe, a business broker based in Canterbury, joined in June after a number of visits to assess the way in which our Club operates. Originally from Brisbane, David with his wife and daughter are looking forward to increasing networks in Melbourne and making new friends at the Club.

The Friends of Rotary group was invigorated for new members to join as an alternative to full membership. Becoming a Friend of Rotary was also seen as a potential transition to normal membership. These new "Friends" were invited to regular meetings to receive their dinner badges and become better known to the membership. New Friends of Rotary joining during the year included: John Tickell, Rachael Nguyen, Tracey Ellett, Marie Briggs, Chandra Sardara, Paula Monaco, Nick Markessinis, Tony Rule and Ian Glenn.

During the year we lost a few members. Max Hardy decided to postpone his retirement and transitioned to the "friends" category in September. We hope to see him resume full membership sometime soon. Gary O'Connor relocated to Brisbane soon after his retirement in September so as to be closer to family. Bill Thackray passed away on 12 October 2015 and David Willshire passed away on 2 March 2016.

As the close of the 2015/2016 year approaches our membership stands at 77, after a loss of 4 members and a gain of 7 new members during the year.

Several other new members are currently progressing along the "membership pipeline" and at least two of these are expected to join soon after Changeover.

Gaining more new members and transitioning "friends" into full membership will be a continuing challenge for the Membership Committee of 2016/2017. This Committee will be chaired by Belinda Wandabwa and I look forward to providing her with support as we continue to seek new members who have an interest in Rotary.

Russell Cooper

*Russell Turner being encouraged  
to sign up quickly by DG Julie  
Mason*



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

This has been my final of three years as Treasurer of the Club.

First, I'd like to thank Past President Adrian for his support for bring the accounts for 2013-14 up to speed and for the 2014-15, ensuring any necessary adjustments for the 2014-15 were made to the satisfaction of the Club's Auditor, both year's accounts now having been formally approved by the Club. New Assistant Treasurer Greg Cribbes will, from 1 July, be taking over as Club Treasurer and I wish him every success in the job and trust that you will all support him to do the job effectively and efficiently, as I feel confident he will, given his professional financial background.

I would also like to thank Marcel for his dutiful regular banking of the weekly cash and cheques collected from Club meetings, then leaving the deposit and weekly meeting paperwork in my letterbox so that everything can be accounted for. Also a big thanks to Hugo, to Adam and his staff at Kew Golf Club for details of how many have eaten each week, a necessary part of each week's accounting. I would also like to thank the Board and Club members for their forbearance in what has been a year of transition for the Club's accounting of its spending and expenses. I know that some members found the experience trying and frustrating. As I reported last year, the Club's accounts were moved to a cloud-based accounting system, Xero, a widely-used accounting system among small business, that requires no specific software to be installed, only an internet browser and is much more intuitive, for some people. It also offered the advantage of giving Board members real time access to the Club's accounts, payments, and account balances. It was my hope that this would also allow a smooth transition to the next Treasurer through the end of the 2015-16 financial year.

For those who might have recently joined the Club and may not be familiar with the Club's finances, we operate financially through two Accounts, one the Administration Account and the other the Service Account in accordance with Rotary guidelines. Club subscriptions, operating day-to-day running costs, meal costs and payments, ongoing costs to District 9800 and Rotary International are processed through the Administration Account. The Service Account takes proceeds from the Club's various fundraising projects that are used to support our Community, International, Rotary Foundation, Youth, Vocation and other projects.

As is usual practice, the Administration Account was budgeted to end in near balance and judging from transactions that have taken place so far this financial year and impending accounts and receipts to the end of the financial year, this is likely to be the case this year. In effect, Members Subs are used to finance the ongoing non-meal costs of the Club, postage, website and so on in addition to the District 9800 and Rotary International dues payable by the Club.

The Service Account includes the proceeds of our major Fundraising events and use of those and accumulated funds for the Club's service activities, both locally and offshore. Based on the events that have taken place to the end of May, total Fundraising has been a stellar \$79,779, after netting off various fundraising expenses (eg food, gas, materials).



Major fundraising to the end of May have totalled:

Catering events	\$24,016
Christmas fair	\$4,230
Christmas raffle	\$20,779
Golf Day	\$9,160
Grand Prix	\$18,944
Silverpot	\$1,231

Our financial support for our various Community Service projects have so far this year totalled \$9,728, including \$5,000 for the Boroondara Family Network, our continued support for Donations-In-Kind (DIK) membership (\$3,500), as well as support for the very successful North Balwyn Village Multicultural Festival, the Club's Gardens' Project, Carols in the Park, and shelving for Camcare to continue their excellent work.

The Club commitment to the Men's Shed we hope will become more of a larger financial reality as it moves closer to being constructed, a reality that the Club is financially provisioned for.

Among the International projects, President Jane's Days for Girls project has also been getting wide personal and financial support from the Club, its members and partners as we heard recently on a Thursday night. So far this financial year, \$6,601 has been directly expensed in financial support for the Day's for Girls project (materials, support for for training). The Club remains committed to Minh Hac and received a two District grants in support of the project, one for \$6,000 and another for \$2,500. The Balwyn High School Interact Club also made a \$533 donation in support of Minh Hac. The Club provided financial support for Syria's Refugee Crisis (\$1,000). Youth Service support included RYLA, MUNA and Youth Committee Student Sponsorship support.

The Club continues to actively support the Rotary Foundation and Foundation activities as well as Australian Rotary Health. This year, the Club received a grant of \$US 10,000 from the Rotary Foundation – Royce and Jean Abbey Foundation to sponsor the training of Janny Saukeni of which \$A7,143 has been spent so far this financial year.

Full details of the Club's accounts will be detailed after the end of the financial year. Your Club remains in a very solid financial position: at the end of May 2016, the Club had \$203,500 "in the bank" (in cheque accounts and term deposits), including its financial commitment to the Men's Shed, and two other special funds, the Disaster Relief Fund and President's Fund that can be drawn up as needed to support worthy projects as the needs arise.

David de Garis

*Drawing the  
Christmas  
Raffle*





## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP AS AT 30 JUNE 2016**

**CM** Charter Member

**PP** Past President

**RAF** Royce Abbey Fellowship

**Hon.** Honorary

**PHF** Paul Harris Fellow

**PHF +** Paul Harris Fellow with  
Saphire(s)

				Years of Service with RCNB
Adams	Ian	PP, PHF		19
Angleton	Ted	PP, PHF		27
Ansell	Duncan	PHF		15
Bott	Bob	PP, PHF+8		14
Bowden	Don	PP, PHF+2		14
Bromley	Bob	RAF, PHF		8
Burley	John			4
Butler	Joe	PHF		12
Cheney	David	PP, PHF+3		34
Cleary	Peter	CM, PP, PHF		36
Cooper	Russell			6
Cornell	Findley	PHF		21
Cribbes	Greg	RAF		1
Cummings	Barry	PP, PHF+1		18
de Garis	David			7
Dimond	Bronwen	PHF		14
Dimopoulos	Greg			2
Elliott	Peter	PP, PHF+3		24
Fitz	Paul	CM, PP, PHF+2		36
Fitzpatrick	Larry	PP x2, PHF		14
Flavelle-Smith	Chris			10
Francis	Phil	PHF+1		22
Gartlan	John	PHF		24
Goetze	Hugo	PHF+1		24
Greatorex	Stephen			2
Haddy	Geoff	PHF+1		12
Hart	Tony	PHF		8
Head	Rob	PHF		30
Hibbert	Stan	CM, PP, PHF+1	Hon.	36
Ho	Tony			3
Hurnard	Brian	PP, PHF+1		26
Kehne	Jurgen			0
Kelly	Estelle	RAF		3
Koa	John			0
Lacy	Brian			3
Lele	Imre	PHF		29
Liao	Jack			4
McBride	John	PHF+1		19
McClean	Rowan	PHF+3		8
McDonald	Sue	PHF+1		13
Magor	John	PP, PHF		29
Matthews	Gregor	PP, PHF+2		30

				Years of Service with RCNB
Maxfield	Ken	PP, PHF+2		23
Mollison	Ian	PHF+1		19
Muntwyler	Marcel	CM, PHF+1		36
Oakley	Bill	PP, PHF+1		20
Paulheim	Kinga			8
Pauli	Matthew	PP, RAF		11
Pegg	Lindsay	PHF		17
Pennington	Jane	PHF+5		19
Pethick	Carolyn			0
Ranson	Adrian	RAF, PP, PHF+2		8
Rennie	John	PHF		28
Richardson	Ian	PHF		27
Romanis	Jim	PHF		21
Ross	Greg	PDG, PP, PHF+2		30
Schwartz	Gavan	PHF		15
Sharp	Colin			6
Smith	Bernie	CM, PP, PHF+1		36
Sofra	Nino	PHF+1		23
Steinicke	Geoff	CM, PP, PHF+2		36
Stepnell	Robyn			0
Stewart	Rob	PP, PHF		7
Stokes	Anthony	PHF		27
Studebaker	Jim	PDG, PP, PHF+9		25
Sutherland	Peter	PHF+1		10
Swanson	George	PP, PHF+1		23
Symington	Garth	PP, PHF+2		13
Taylor	Don	PHF+2		12
Toohill	Eileen	RAF		3
Turner	Russell			0
Walters	Maurie	PHF		13
Wandabwa	Belinda			0
Wells	Tony	PP, PHF+1		12
Wilkins	Ted	PHF+1		16
Wilson	Peter			1
Yukawa	Takao			4

## AWARD RECOGNITION

**Royce Abbey Award** for a Rotarian in their early years of Rotary who shows commitment and enthusiasm for the ideals of Rotary.  
 Congratulations to Greg Cribbes who was awarded the Royce Abbey Award for 2015/16.

### **Paul Harris Fellow Recognition**

Congratulations to Gary O'Connor and Takao Yukawa who were given Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Congratulations to Bill Oakley, Ian Mollison and Brian Hurnard who were given Paul Harris Fellow plus one sapphire recognition.

### **Paul Harris Fellow Recognition**

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

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



## Speakers Program 2015—16

Date	Speaker	Topic	Host
2 July	Natasha Jager	My Experience with the Royal Aust'n Navy	Jim Studebaker
9 July	Russell Kennedy	IMAGINATION - Designing The Big Picture	Estelle Kelly
16 July	Sue McDonald	Timor Leste update	Max Hardy
23 July	Club Forum	Directors	Jane Pennington
30 July	Tamara Cannon (at Greenacres)	The World's Toughest Walk to School	Greg Cribbes
6 August	Gus Balbontin	Lonely Planet	Ian Mollison
13 Aug	Michael Redding	Wheelchairs for Vietnam	Tony Hart
20 Aug	Steve Sammartino	The Great Fragmentation	Maurie Walters
27 Aug	Philip Archer	Membership	Russell
3 Sept	Daniel Cairnes	Building Futures	Colin Sharp
10 Sept	Rowan McClean	International Service	Paul Fitz
17 Sept	Estelle Kelly & Jurgen Kehne	Coaching towards retirement. Some fascinating facts! / Auto biography	Anthony Stokes
24 Sept	Keira de Hoog (Publisher)& Natasha Bernard (Author)	The Rag & Bone Man Press 'Other States of Mind'	Nino Sofra
1 October	Julie Mason	District Governor AFL Grand Final Night	Jane Pennington
8 October	Greg Ross	Hat Day	Greg Ross
15 Oct	Paul Geyer <i>(also Vietnam project report - Rowan &amp; John B)</i>	State Manager Australian Institute of Company Directors	Colin Sharp
22 Oct	Gardening Project Report	"Rotary Community Services – Community perspectives"	Greg Cribbes
29 Oct	Waltraud Reiner	Melbourne Cup Night at Greenacres	David Cheney/ Greg Ross
5 November	Vince Costanzo	The history of brewing and the rise of craft and micro brewing	Geoff Steinicke
12 Nov	Richard Fejer	Prosthetics – Past and Present	Steven Greateorex
19 Nov	1. Peter McCall OAM 2. Blue Illusion Fundraiser	1. Beyond Blue Ambassador	Ian Adams
26 Nov	AGM + John Ainger	Antique Road Show	Duncan
3 December	Pete Smith OAM	Behind the scenes in Radio, TV and Vaudeville	Ted Wilkins
10 Dec	Christmas Party		
17 Dec	Breakfast		

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14 January	No speaker	Fellowship	
21 January	Peter Wilson	Autobiography	Bob Bromley
28 January	Rev Natalie Dixon-Manu	Boroondara Community Outreach / Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre	Maree Williams
4 February	Julie Mason DG 9800	Rotary Foundation	Peter Cleary
11 Feb	Michael Womack	Tall Ship Enterprize	Peter Wilson
18 Feb	David Hume	Life In The Blind Lane.	Chris F Smith
25 Feb	Bowls	Bowls	Ian Mollison
3 March	Michelle Moyle	Age Related Foot Changes and the Benefits of Podiatry.	Paul Fitz
10 March	Mrs Jan de Kretser	International Womens Day	Jane
17 March	Dr Max Hardy	About Our Defibrillator	Colin Sharp
23 March	Neil Dalrymple	The Sport of Bowls – now and into the future	Terry Keogh
31 March	Rosemary Kelly	FareShare	Ian Adams
7 April	Trish McNally & Diane Sides	Boroondara Family Network	Peter Sutherland
14 April	Tammy Shepherd	Heal Africa - The Congo	Bronwen Dimond
21 April	Dr John Tickell	Turning Stress into Success	Rowan McClean
28 April	Dan Hilton	An Unconscious Bias	Dan Cornell
5 May	CLUB BIRTHDAY	ABBA	Jane Pennington
12 May	Wanjiku Mahera	Mahera Academy	Jim Studebaker
19 May	Catherine Morley	“Start Living your life”	Colin Sharp
26 May	Rowan McClean	Club Review	Tony Wells
2 June	Jane and Team	Days For Girls	Jane Pennington
9 June	Belinda Wandabwa	Autobiography	Joe Butler
16 June	David Matthews	“Using Business To Achieve Positive Social Change”	Larry Fitzpatrick



## 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
2013-2014	Larry Fitzpatrick	David Cheney	Gavan Schwartz	David de Garis	Nino Sofra	Peter Sutherland
2014—2015	Adrian Ranson	Peter Cleary	Gavan Schwartz	David de Garis	John Magor	Peter Sutherland
2015—2016	Jane Pennington	Brian Hurnard	Gavan Schwartz	David de Garis	Tony Wells	Peter Sutherland

## **CLUB AWARDS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>The Ron Carnell Award</b>	<b>Royce Abbey Fellowship</b>
<b>1987-1988</b>	Ron Carnell	
<b>1988-1989</b>	John Thwaites	
<b>1989-1990</b>	Glen Walmsley	
<b>1990-1991</b>	John McBride	
<b>1991-1992</b>	Greg Matthews	
<b>1992-1993</b>	Ron Arthur	
<b>1993-1994</b>	John Thwaites	
<b>1994-1995</b>	John McBride	
<b>1995-1996</b>	Phil Francis / Terry Keyhoe	
<b>1996-1997</b>	Anthony Stokes / John Rennie	
<b>1997-1998</b>	Ian Taylor	
<b>1998-1999</b>	Brian Hurnard / Ian Taylor	
<b>1999-2000</b>	John Moyle	
<b>2000-2001</b>	David Goldsmith	
<b>2001-2002</b>	Jane Pennington	
<b>2002-2003</b>	David Cheney	
<b>2003-2004</b>	Lindsay Pegg	
<b>2004-2005</b>	Peter Cleary	
<b>2005-2006</b>	Matthew Pauli	
<b>2006-2007</b>	Ron Phillips	
<b>2007-2008</b>	Geoff Haddy	Terry Gretton
<b>2008-2009</b>	Terry Keyhoe	Matthew Pauli
<b>2009-2010</b>	Phil Francis	Mary George
<b>2010-2011</b>	Michael Barden	Bob Bromley
<b>2011-2012</b>	Bob Bromley	Adrian Ranson
<b>2012-2013</b>	Adrian Ranson	Eileen Toohill
<b>2013-2014</b>	Bronwen Dimond	Estelle Kelly
<b>2014-2015</b>	Tony Wells	Eileen Toohill
<b>2015—2016</b>		Greg Cribbes

