

**Rotary**  
Club of North Balwyn



***Annual Report***  
***2016-2017***



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

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### **2016—2017 Board of Directors**

President:	Rowan McClean
Vice President:	Bill Oakley
President Elect:	Rob Head
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Secretary:	Gavan Schwartz
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Director Foundation:	Findley Cornell
Director Fundraising:	Jim Romanis
Director Image and Communication:	Garth Symington
Director International Service:	Imre Lele
Director Membership and Retention:	Belinda Wandabwa / Rowan McClean
Director Vocational Service:	John Magor
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### **2016—2017 Office Bearers**

Almoner:	Duncan Ansell
Attendance and Data:	Hugo Goetze
On to Conference:	Rob Head
Fellowship Chairman:	David Cheney
Grapevine Editor:	Peter Sutherland
Protection Officer:	John Rennie
Sergeant:	Maurie Walters
Speaker Program:	Russell Turner / Rowan McClean
Property Officer and AV:	Barry Cummings
Major Projects:	Greg Matthews
Banking:	Marcel Muntwyler
Catering:	Nino Sofra

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I was told this would be a busy and rewarding year. It has been both.

My thanks to the RCNB community for the privilege of serving the Club as your 37th President and my sincere thanks to Board members, club officers and members for their support and contributions to maintaining our Club's high standards throughout the year.

When I consider the dedicated people who have been our Presidents since I returned to the Club in 2008, they have exhibited a very wide range of styles, experiences, skills and talents, but I think the real consistency has been willingness to serve and to preserve our strong culture which is characterised by fellowship, compassion, dedication, achievement and mutual support.

I think of the nine Presidents since I rejoined in 2008, only one of them has not been working. Admittedly, some were working in their own businesses, but they all faced work demands nevertheless. That demonstrates an amazing commitment to our Club, and is one of the strong planks of our culture.

We undertook a planning and budgeting process with our Directors as the previous year came to a close, and we produced a set of plans by functional area of the Club.

There were four key overriding objectives set for the year:

- Increase membership by 10%
- Develop or strengthen three meaningful third-party relationships
- Achieve corporate compliance
- Enhance the RCNB image through quality media / social media exposure.

### **Membership and Retention**

We have achieved our objective of 10% growth. According to Club records, the year began officially with 72 members (not 77 as reported in last year's annual report) and we have added 10 new people this year. Thank you to all those people who have contributed to this process by providing leads and identifying people who might be interested in joining us.

When the Council on Legislation changed attendance requirements in May 2016 and suggested Clubs "do what you consider is best for your Club", it challenged past practice but opened opportunities for very busy people to become Rotarians who were previously denied membership through the "attend weekly or do a make-up" policy.

This year we have attracted new members who are very busy people but will find time to participate in Club activities and make a valuable contribution to RCNB projects. The widening of the experience and skill base of our Club is extremely valuable, and I have been very impressed with the quality of the people we have admitted.

I will watch with interest the impact of the attendance policy changes over time internationally and in our own Club. We have already experienced a lowering of our average age of membership and the recruitment of future Club leaders.

I appeal to mentors to pay close attention to our newer members and ensure they are kept appropriately challenged and engaged so that they help drive RCNB development.

### **Third Party Relationships**

Our relationships with Bendigo Bank, Balwyn High School, The City of Boroondara, Camcare, North Balwyn Bowling Club, Grand Prix Corporation, Bunnings and other local bodies, including schools, have represented real relationship strengthening in our community this year. My thanks for the Community Service Director Jane Pennington and her Committee for excellent project work and relationship development in 2016/17.

Director Youth Services Estelle Kelly has managed the Interact Club at Balwyn High School, and what an active year it has been. We have had two debates involving the students and they have raised money for our Vietnam project.

Partnerships, including more activities with our Boroondara Rotary Cluster Clubs, offer us opportunities to extend our reach and impact in our community. We have shared an exchange student with Rotary Balwyn this year and the packing of 2,000 emergency food packs organised by Rotary Canterbury in May was a great example of working with our fellow Rotarians to do something larger than one Club could manage.

I was keen to contribute this year to the enormous social challenge of mental health prevention and treatment. Our Christmas raffle and Golf Day had mental health and family violence as their focus, and we have used funds raised to commence a new pilot program in partnership with Camcare for women and their children suffering mental health issues as a result of family violence, and to contribute to mental health research through Australian Rotary Health.

### **Corporate Compliance**

We are now back on track in relation to compliance with Consumers Affairs Victoria thanks to excellent work by several people. It is easy to underestimate the value to the governance and re-establishing a sound foundation for the Club of the work done by Colin Sharp, Greg Cribbes, and Adrian Ranson at the beginning of this year. Our thanks also to Baumgartners, our new auditors, for steering us to a sound position: their support is of real value now and will be in future years.

### **Image**

This year I introduced a special role on the Board to highlight what I see as an important challenge for the Club. Rotary is amazing in what it does to support people who need help, but is very poor at telling the public about it. When people better recognise the work we do, many will want to contribute to the effort.

At District level we have helped create Rotary Showcase, a program to display Rotary activities and achievements at home and abroad to the public. The aim is, of course, to encourage support for Rotary's programs and to attract new people to join Rotary.

In our Municipality we have this year initiated a regular column in the Progress Press. The first column, which provided information about the North Balwyn Community Men's Shed, immediately attracted interest from the public in being involved.

Our Grapevine has continued to be an informative weekly newsletter, and special thanks are due to Peter Sutherland and the regular contributors. Geoff's health tips and the new IT tips from Balwyn High School students have been valuable.

**So they were the objectives, and I am well satisfied that we have achieved them.**

### *Fellowship*

One of the real strengths of RCNB is its Fellowship activities, and Chair David Cheney and his Committee have produced another year of variety and interest. Thank you team for a great job.

### *Recognitions*

Early in the Rotary year we presented community awards to:

- ⇒ Chris Cross, which provides a physical home for three containers where our equipment is stored.
- ⇒ North Balwyn Primary School for providing meeting premises for our monthly Board meetings.
- ⇒ The inspirational Ian Huntington, a recipient of Rotary Australia Benevolent Society support organised by RCNB, who continues as a paraplegic to conduct tours of the MCG and to provide support to young golfers at Kew Golf Club.

This year I have awarded Paul Harris Fellow recognitions or upgrades to those people who I consider have been indispensable to the operations of the Club. There have been other great contributors who have been involved in a range of activities, some of them in multiple valuable roles: to those people I also offer my thanks.

We have great tangible assets in the form of a new BBQ trailer and the building for the new men's shed.

The catering activities under Nino Sofra have been quite amazing. Our high profile gardening program continues to receive positive feedback from needy residents in Boroondara, and has social benefits through the interaction of school students with elderly citizens. As a spin-off though discussing RCNB's range of activities, Camberwell Grammar School donated funds to buy books for secondary school students in Minh Hac. Our queues at the Grand Prix were the longest of all the food vendors. We have new/stronger programs in the impressive Days for Girls project and the trial Mongolian student exchange. These activities are all great for image development.

In addition to these activities, there are valuable contributions made by our members to a range of other projects that tend to pass under the radar, such as collecting food from supermarkets and helping cook and prepare it for homeless people through Fareshare.

### *Systems Improvements*

Our accounting software was changed at the beginning of the financial year, and I thank the new Treasurer Greg Cribbes for ensuring that the Board has been receiving monthly detailed reporting against budget.

A stocktake of physical Club items was conducted as at 30 June 2016.

We upgraded compliance on our BBQ trailer.

Our Secretary last year initiated a Register of Strategic Decisions, and that has been updated and retained as a reference for future Boards to understand precise decisions made on a wide range of strategic and operational matters. We have started a Risk Management Plan that will be a sound guide, and Peter Sutherland has accepted the position as our first Occupational Health and Safety Officer.

We purchased a lapel microphone during the year as a convenient option for speakers.

A Club History project has commenced so that events and developments are recorded and to facilitate the commemoration of our 40th year in 2020, in whatever form future Boards decide.

So we have attended to the past, the present and the future through systems improvements this year.

### *Other Observations*

The speakers program has been well-balanced and of a high standard. We have moved away from the traditional Rotary pen and sticky notes to branded USBs as gifts for speakers and, thanks to the generosity and continuing calligraphy skills of Ian Mollison, have maintained the presentation of recognition certificates.

The management and staff of Kew Golf Club have provided us with a high quality venue and meals for our Thursday night dinner meetings, and they deserve our thanks.

Our fundraising has been at record levels with gross takings for both the Christmas Raffle and Grand Prix catering being increased by 50% and our Golf Day by 100%. Catering has also set new revenue levels. Jim Romanis and his Committee have done a great job this year and have set a high standard.

We have maintained our support for the Rotary Foundation this year, through creating a special Board position, through supporting events and through maintaining a generous level of funding. Thank you as well to those individuals who, through Every Rotarian Every Year and the Paul Harris Society, have made personal contributions to Rotary's own charity.

To retiring Directors Bill Oakley, Jane Pennington and Imre Lele, and to our 2016/17 Sergeant Maurie Walters, my personal thanks for your excellent service. To those people with District roles, thank you too for contributing extra effort for the benefit of Rotary. DG Neville John and AG Jonathan Shepherd have been very supportive behind the scenes, not always noticeable to members, and I am grateful for their assistance and guidance during the year.

To the partners a special thank you. We now have over 80 members, but everyone appreciates that our resources stretch well beyond that and that our Friends and partners make significant contributions.

We have opened dialogue on an aboriginal project, a schools choir festival, a primary school reading project and companionship for elderly citizens. Some members might help investigate the potential attractiveness of these ideas in the future.

I must record my thanks to Bendigo Bank Kew and Kew East and to the Rotary Foundation for grants this year, and to our sponsors who support our annual Golf Day and other activities.

The balance of local and overseas projects and the achievements have been very pleasing. The community development model resulting from our experience in Vietnam has been adopted by other District Clubs, and will bring sustainable improvements to needy communities in other countries.

The RI Director John Germ's theme has been "Rotary Serving Humanity", and I am proud of our contribution this year to that aim.

Finally I wish the 2017/18 President Rob Head and his Board good luck for their journey. I am confident that the Club will be in very good hands indeed.

President Rowan.

## ACTIVITY LOG — A SUMMARY OF OUR YEAR

<b><i>Fellowship:</i></b> Weekend Away to Ballarat Camberwell Art Show visit Brunch at Warranglen Movies x 2 Big Swing Golf Dinner at Eastern Bell Restaurant Maribrynong Cruise Visit to Beleura House Special Club meetings – Grand Final Night, Melbourne Cup, Christmas, North Balwyn Bowls Club Night, Club Birthday	<b><i>Foundation</i></b> Centurions Every Rotarian Every Year PH Society Speaker Certificates of Appreciation to each Guest Speaker Donation of \$14,000 to the Foundation Attendance at Foundation Din- ner to celebration Centenary of the Foundation	<b><i>International</i></b> Minh Hac Solomon Islands visit to train local people in sewing machine maintenance and build on the Days for Girls project Container sent to Solomons Bali Ubud Midwife Training-Timor Leste Donation to individual in Laos DIK – Board members Shelterbox to Italian Earthquake victims
<b><i>Vocational</i></b>  Job Interviews Barista Training Governance Presentation	<b><i>Club Service</i></b> Speaker Program International Women's Day Website/ Grapevine Protection Officer –WWCC Asset Register Fellowship	<b><i>Cluster</i></b>  Cluster meeting/s Boroondara Cares Emergency Food Packing activity
<b><i>Youth / New Gen.</i></b> Interact Earlyact RYLA Other Leadership Prog's Review MUNA Short Exchange Prog - Mongolia Debates with Balwyn High School	<b><i>Men's Shed</i></b> Work has commenced on building the Men's Shed	<b><i>Membership</i></b> Inducted 10 new members Mentoring for new members Roll Up Banners Website Purchase of Display Panels
<b><i>Recognition</i></b> 3 x Community Recognition to Chris Cross, North Balwyn Primary School and Ian Huntington PHF recognition initial ones and sapphires	<b><i>Club Equipment</i></b> Purchase of a new bbq trailer using a grant we received Coffee Machine	<b><i>Administration:</i></b> Compliance issues; Grants External Audit Financial Practices Manual Governance Processes Operational Policy Compendium
<b><i>Community</i></b> Gardens Project Days for Girls Sewing Project Christmas Festival Camp Getaway Camcare donation to new program Boroondara Park Primary School Fete Assistance Christmas Lunch Uniting Church Carols in the Park Christmas toys donated to Camcare Laptop donation Servants Community Housing	<b><i>RI / District</i></b> DIK- Imre Lele Aust Rotary Health-Greg Ross Anthony Stokes – Ryphen Adrian Ranson - AG Bill Oakley– RAM Jane Pennington – DLT support  Members attended: the District Conference the District Assembly the three Showcases	<b><i>Fund Raising</i></b> Raffle Golf Day Christmas Fare Fines / Silver Pot/ Jams  <b><i>Catering:</i></b> Miniatures Reclink Grand Prix BBQs. Bunnings/Traders/Specials Aldi Anzac Day



## **CLUB SERVICE**

Committee Director: Brian Lacy

It is with pleasure that I present my third Club Service report. The year has been interesting and eventful, thanks to our Directors and their teams, and in particular the very efficient and effective performance of our Club Service team. Our Club Service team has worked assiduously in performing its role to maintain effective and efficient administration of Club business, its health and vibrancy and the wellbeing, enlightenment and the engagement of our members.

It has been a pleasure and an honour to serve with President Rowan this past year. I am looking forward now to my fourth year as Club Service Director under the guidance and leadership of President Elect Rob Head. I thank Rob for the opportunity and privilege of serving with him and the Club Service Team for 2017/18.

### **Club Service Team and Responsibilities**

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

Almoner: Our Almoner Duncan Ansell who has done a good job in the role of Almoner this year is passing the baton for the coming year to Joe Butler.

Attendance and Data Officer:

Hugo Goetze has agreed to continue in the role. It is a role he has performed with due diligence for more than 15 years. I am extremely grateful to Hugo for his timely and accurate attendance reports and records. A concern that arises from Hugo's reports is the fall of about 6.8% in meeting attendance. This seems to be associated with the more relaxed attendance requirements of RI and perhaps needs to be addressed by the new Board as a matter of Club policy. I want to remind members of the need to give Hugo timely notice of inability to attend a meeting. Weekly meetings are formal unless otherwise advised and it is important for members to give notice of an inability to attend.

Sergeant: Peter Elliott has agreed to step up to the plate to take on the challenging role of Sergeant in the coming year. He replaces Maurie Walters, who for the past year has set the tone of our meetings and maintained order in spite of some occasional good humoured but unruly behaviour in the form of chatter during announcements and other formalities. Colin Sharp has agreed to continue as Deputy Sergeant.

Fellowship: Russell Cooper is taking on the role of Fellowship Chairman. David Cheney has set a high bar for anyone who takes on this role. David has prepared a fellowship report so I need say no more about the fellowship activities for the past year. I am sure every member of the Club joins with me in thanking David and his team for the excellent program of entertainment and fellowship for which he has been responsible this year.

**Grapevine Editor:**

Peter Sutherland continues in this role for the coming year. In his inimitable fashion Peter has been outstanding in providing us with an informative and interesting publication throughout the year.

**Protection Officer:**

John Rennie will continue with the excellent work he has done in the past year. John continues to monitor the currency of Working With Children Checks. (WWCC). At the time of writing 15 of the reported membership of 82 still don't have a current WWCC. John has been encouraging the 15 people concerned to apply for a Check and/or to confirm with him their current WWCC status. The rules governing working with children are to be tightened soon and further information about the requirements will be published as they come to hand. This is an important issue. Only members with a current WWCC are legally (under Victorian law) able to take part in Club projects in which children, under the age of 18 years, are involved.

**Property Officer and AV:**

Barry Cummings has agreed to continue in this role. He has done a sterling job this past year completing a stocktake of all Club property.

**Speaker Program:**

John Gartlan and David Rowe take on the role of organising the speaker program, taking over from Russell Turner. Russell established the program and Rowan then took it over and ensured we were well informed and entertained with a variety of speakers throughout this year.

**Photography:** David de Garis will continue to provide us with excellent images of our members in service, our speakers and events. Geoff Steinicke will support him in this role.

**Club Service Issues**

A member satisfaction survey was conducted in the course of this year. Of the 73 active Club members 30 or 41% responded to the survey. The survey covered three areas of Club business, viz Club meetings Club activities and Club service/administration.

It is clear from the responses that the Rotary Club of North Balwyn is in a state of good health and performing satisfactorily. Members were generally satisfied with the venue for our meetings. While most members are satisfied with the meeting format and the quality of the meals, about 40% of the membership believes there is room for improvement in both aspects. A significant majority of the membership considered the amount they pay for the meeting and the meal represents value for money. Kew Golf Club has advised that it will increase the cost of the meal by \$1 from 1 July 2017.

There was almost unanimous support for the quality of the speaker program. The same level of support and appreciation was shown for the fellowship activities and the quality of the Grapevine. David Cheney and Peter Sutherland have provided a great product and deserve our commendation for the excellent work they do.

It is evident that we depend too much on particular members of the Club for the management and conduct of many of the Club's programs and activities. It is suggested that we address this issue through greater member participation and succession planning.

There was some support for keeping the Kew Golf Club bar open for drinks at the end of the meetings. A trial was conducted and it was found that there was insufficient patronage to keep it going and it has ceased.

## Conclusion

I conclude as I did in last year's report. 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, i.e. the administration of Club business, the health and vibrancy of our Club and the wellbeing, enlightenment and engagement of our Rotarians, could be improved.

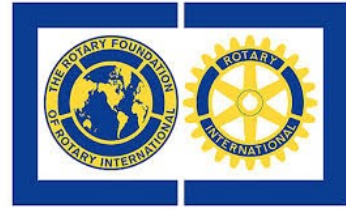
Brian Lacy



## FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman: PP Findley Cornell

Members PP Peter Cleary  
PP Paul Fitz  
PDG Jim Studebaker  
PP Garth Symington  
PP Tony Wells



Whilst the continued goal of the Club was to achieve 100% Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Club Recognition this was not achieved.

Due to personnel changes at the District level reminders were not sent out to previous year EREY's. Whilst those who had elected direct debit payment were unaffected those who paid by cheque or EFT relied on their "memory" to make the payment. Thus our total number of EREY's for the Rotary Year 2016-17 was down on previous years as at the end of May. This number was 25 being 34.7% of the Club membership.

I have extracted details of previous year EREY's and will contact them with a reminder and hopefully we will achieve a greater percentage before the end of the year.

We have two new members of the Paul Harris Society this year bringing our total to ten.

The Club's donation to the Foundation this year was \$14,000.

On the other side of the ledger our Club has been the recipient or continued recipient of two Foundation Grants, one a District Grant, International for \$6000 and a Royce and Jean Abbey Fellowship.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their support

Findley Cornell



**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**



**YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD**



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman: David Cheney

Committee Members: Eileen Toohill, Bronwen Dimond, Kinga Paulheim, Don Taylor, Tony Hart, Duncan Ansell, Bob Bromley

As we did in the previous year, it was the Committee's aim to provide a wide range of activities for members and their partners to get to know each other in an informal environment.

The year's functions included:

Changeover Dinner	25 June 2016	Kew Golf Club	103 attending
Camberwell Art Show Dinner	14 July 2016	Swinburne University	51 attending
Movie Luncheon	25 July 2016	"Love and Friendship"	13 attending
Big Swing Golf	28 July 2016	Drummonds	14 attending
Dine-out Dinner	26 August 2016	Eastern Bell Chinese	33 attending
Grand Final Night	29 Sept 2016	Kew Golf Club	98 attending
Ballarat Fellowship Weekend	21—23 Oct 2016	Ballarat	38 attending
Melbourne Cup Night	27 Oct 2016	Kew Golf Club	61 attending
Christmas Dinner	15 Dec 2016	Kew Golf Club	92 attending
Club Breakfast	22 Dec 2016	North Balwyn Cricket Club	43 attending
Sunday Brunch	15 Jan 2017	Warranglen Nursery	31 attending
Maribrynong Cruise	18 Feb 2017	Tramboat	29 attending
North Balwyn Bowls Night	2 March 2017	North Balwyn Bowls Club	54 attending
Film Night	17 March 2017	Palace Theatre	20 attending
District Conference	30 March—1 April 2017	Shepparton	24 attending
Beleura House	27 April 2017	Mornington	24 attending
Club Birthday Night	4 May 2017	Greenacres Golf Club	118 attending

I would like to say a sincere "thank you" to all members of the Committee for their enthusiastic support over the past two years. Not everything we tried to do actually worked—a dine-out dinner, a visit to Werribee Park Zoo and the Winery Luncheon did not eventuate this year. I believe that this was the result, at least in part, to the number of calls made on members' time.



My main disappointment over the last two years has been that we have not been able to attract more “newer members” to participate in fellowship activities, making it harder for newer and older members to really become “integrated”. And, after all, isn’t this the main purpose of “Fellowship”?

David Cheney

Chairman—Fellowship Committee



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee Director: Jane Pennington

The Community Service Committee ensured that Club members were involved in many successful activities within the local area of Boroondara throughout the year. A huge thank you to all members who gave their time and effort to make all these events happen.

### 1. Gardening Project

This project commenced the year under the leadership of Greg Cribbes who handed over to Peter Elliott for the second half of the year. The Club is indebted to both these members for all their hard work to keep this most successful program going.

The program “made a difference” to many local residents properties and the residents were very appreciative for this assistance.

Students from Camberwell Grammar, Xavier and MLC participated and carried out much of the physical work, which was invaluable for the program.

More than 60 properties were visited involving at least 200 Rotarian timeslots carried out by 45 individual Rotarians filling more than 360 waste bins.

Some new equipment was purchased at the start of 2017 and has been well used since then.

A very hands on and valuable local program.

### 2. Christmas Festival

A very successful Christmas Festival was held on the first Saturday in December. This was in conjunction with the Trader's Association and took the place of the multicultural festival of previous years. Members provided the sausage sizzle and assisted with various activities.

### 3. Boroondara Cares

Peter Wilson attended meetings as the Club representative and we thank him sincerely. No projects have been forthcoming for the Club to be involved in.

### 4. Camcare

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

Funding was provided to enable Camcare to commence a new pilot program for women and their children suffering mental health issues as a result of family violence





## 5. Boroondara Park Primary School Fair

Club members assisted to set up and dismantle equipment for the School Fair and with the silent auction. A very successful event which raised a significant amount for the School.

## 6. Uniting Church

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.

## 7. 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.

## 8. Servants

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 goodbye event to honour Matt Maudlin and wish him well as he moves to a new phase of his life.

John Koa generously donates and delivers bread from his bakery to Servants which is very much appreciated.

## 9. 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.

## 10. 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. An exhausting weekend but very well worthwhile.

## 11. Laptop

The Club donated a laptop to a Dilen, a Year 7 student, to enable him to commence secondary school. He was so grateful that he came to the Club to express his appreciation in person.

Jane Pennington





## **NORTH BALWYN COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED INC**

It is with great pleasure that, on behalf of the Board of Directors of North Balwyn Community Men's Shed Inc (Messrs Hart, Symington, Smith, Matthews, Elliott, Mollison, McClean and Cheney), I report that this past year has seen a good deal of positive action leading to the establishment of the Men's Shed.

The site chosen is located at 60A Buchanan Avenue, North Balwyn, alongside the North Balwyn Bowls Club from whom we have received enthusiastic support. After an extended frustrating period, caused by matters beyond our control, the project saw progress in late 2016 when the siting of the Shed was moved to our preferred location—at the rear of the Bowls Club car park.

Plans were continually revised to take into account our requirements, and, in January 2017, the Boroondara Council called for tenders for the construction of the Shed.

Work began on site in February and, as at the time of this report, the building is nearing completion. On its completion, it will become our responsibility to arrange and fund the internal fit out—furnishing, equipment (tools and machinery). This is likely to occupy the Board until the expected official opening in September 2017.

A large quantity of workshop equipment (including benches etc.) were acquired from Canterbury Girls Grammar School at a substantial discount due to the community service nature of the Men's Shed project. The goods are currently stored in a container at Boroondara Park Primary School pending installation.

Contracts for the necessary insurance coverages have been entered into.

In the coming months, it is intended to initiate publicity to promote membership of the Shed; to finalise the membership documents; to purchase and install all workshop equipment; undertake the training of "Shed supervisors"; and to establish activity policies and procedural protocols.

Our funding requirements have been wonderfully supported by the North Balwyn Rotary Club through their Christmas Raffles, Charity Golf Days and many sundry fundraising activities.

Long term, it is the aim of the Board to encourage community involvement at Board level and thus progressively reduce the involvement of Rotary Club members and see the Shed as a stand-alone community asset.



Tony Hart  
Chairman  
North Balwyn Community Men's Shed Inc



## DAYS FOR GIRLS



The Days for Girls project continued most successfully throughout the year. Activities included:

### Sewing Days

Sewing days were held each month where components of the kits were cut out and stitched and the kits assembled. This was also an opportunity for much fellowship!! The group is very grateful to the Uniting Church in Duggan Street for offering to give the group a permanent space, along with storage space, which is much appreciated.

62 kits were sent to Papua New Guinea while other kits have gone to Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands.

Girl Guides Victoria has supported the group with donations and assistance with cutting out fabric for the shields.

### Fundraising

The proceeds from the annual cake stall in December went towards this project with more than \$3,200 being raised at a very warm stall.

A very successful fundraising evening at Blue Illusion was held in June which all members greatly enjoyed while raising funds for this project.

### Visit to the Solomon Islands

I lead a team of four people who visited the Solomon Islands in March. The Team included Bev and Brian Thomas and Tak Yakao. The goal of the visit was for Brian to teach sewing machine maintenance while Bev instructed in sewing techniques. I was following up from our previous visit last year to ascertain how the Days for Girls project was progressing. The Team stayed with the Salesian Sisters in Henderson. .

It was a very successful visit with many ladies learning how to maintain their sewing machines along with new techniques for sewing. One young man learnt a great deal about sewing machine maintenance and is now maintaining all the machines at Henderson and at the Don Bosco Technical School.



I made many contacts to progress the Days for Girls program and I am continuing to work on this.

Jane Pennington

## YOUTH COMMITTEE

Committee Director: Estelle Kelly

Committee Members: Ian Adams, Bill Oakley, Robyn Stepnell, Gavan Schwartz

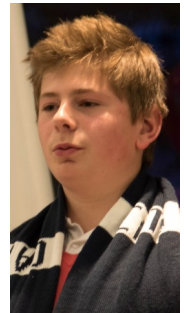
The Youth Committee has enjoyed a very productive year maintaining ongoing projects.

### Youth Exchange Outbound

We were willing to send a student as an outbound exchange student this year but at the late stage of the selection process the student declined our Club sponsorship as she secured a place in her preferred country.

### Youth Exchange Inbound

Moritz Ellermann from Germany for the 2016- 2017 Rotary year has been hosted by two Rotary Club of Balwyn families and two Rotary Club of North Balwyn families. The student counsellor, Bronwen Dimond, from the Rotary Club of North Balwyn and Moritz attended an evaluation panel from Rotary International to give feedback on the exchange program. Moritz has enjoyed a variety of Australian experiences during his tenure. He has attended Trinity College during his stay.



Rob Head, President Elect for the 2017-18 Rotary year has notified the District 9800

Exchange Program Committee the Rotary Club of North Balwyn will not be supporting a long term exchange student in the new Rotary year.

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

A delegation of three Rotarians, Bill Oakley, Rob Head and Estelle Kelly visited Mongolia in July 2016 to assess the likelihood of piloting an exchange program between secondary students from Melbourne and secondary students from Mongolia. The delegation:

- ⇒ was hosted by Byamba Chultern a member of the National Camping Association of Mongolia
- ⇒ met with the Mongolian Government Deputy Chairman for National Authority for Children
- ⇒ visited three camps and found two of them suitable for secondary students
- ⇒ met the Directors of Nars Camp and Nairamdal International Children's camp
- ⇒ attended the Rotary Club of Ulaan Baatar lunch meeting
- ⇒ visited the Ghinggis Khaan Monument, the National Museum of Mongolia and a performance at the Mongolian National Song and Dance Academic Ensemble
- ⇒ contacted the Australian Embassy to notified them of the proposed program.



As a result of this visit to Mongolia it was decided to proceed with a pilot program.



A Memorandum of Understanding has been written and signed by the National Camping Association of Mongolia and the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. Since then:

- ⇒ secondary students and their parents have been interviewed and the students selected to travel in the inaugural contingent leaving Melbourne in July 2017
- ⇒ six girls and two boys will be travelling with RCNB chaperones Bill Oakley and Estelle Kelly
- ⇒ three pre travel sessions will have been delivered to the students before departure to Ulan Baatar
- ⇒ two polo tops and one cap will be given to each member of the travelling group. The logo design and selection of colour has had input from the students
- ⇒ students and their parents are invited to a dinner meeting on 8 June to meet Club members.



A contingent of Mongolian students will be hosted by RCNB from 10 – 24 January 2018.

Bill Oakley has been instrumental in organising fund raising activities for the students, family members and RCNB club members.

### **North Balwyn Interact Club**

The Interact Club has recommenced the 2017 school year under the leadership of Alli Cerni, the teacher delegated to Interact.

The students have been able to select an area of interest to them and become involved in planning to continue to support established projects e.g. Minh Hac in Vietnam. New projects are being encouraged and students are busy planning a second session to teach IT skills to members of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. The traditional fundraising events have been planned and implemented e.g. Pizza Day, It Takes Two and selling cakes and sweets.

The Interact Club continues to meet fortnightly on Thursday. Attendance at this year's meetings has improved with more than 15 – 18 students attending on a regular basis.

### **North Balwyn Earlyact Club**

The EarlyAct Club at Balwyn North Primary School participated in a number of areas of service, last year. The Club was confined to Year 6 students, because it was felt that this was a valuable opportunity for those students to gain leadership skills, in preparation for their transition to secondary school.

As their School project, the EarlyAct Club took responsibility for the everyday maintenance of our newly refurbished Library. Each day, several students would come to the Library to cover, repair or shelve books, ensuring that the maximum number of books were available to borrowers, throughout the year. This was very much appreciated by the Librarian as this reliable assistance contributed significantly to the smooth running of the extensive Library.

The Wesley Central Mission benefitted from the work done by our students and 10 boxes of food and toilet items were sent off to Victorian families in need of assistance. The EarlyAct members promoted the project, encouraged students from across the school to contribute and sorted and packed the boxes ready for collection.

The Club continues its sponsorship of 13 year old, Dung Quan, through the Overseas Kids' Foundation. Several of our students have a Vietnamese background, so hearing about Dung's progress is particularly meaningful to them and their families.

In November, the EarlyAct Club will run a stall at our School Fair and work on this project will begin in the second half of this year.

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

## **RYLA**

Maggie Campbell-Jones whose home is in northern New South Wales and is a student at La Trobe University attended RYLA at Camp Oasis in Monbulk.

## **RYPEN**

The Committee discussed the value young people gained from this program. It was decided that this program is more relevant to students in less affluent areas. No students have been sponsored for this year.

## **MUNA**

Catherine Zhou and Lachlan Pham students from Balwyn High School Interact Club have attended MUNA over the last weekend in May 2017 at Camp Getaway in Axedale. This winning team represented Iran at the Assembly. Lachlan and Catherine will compete at the regional finals in Canberra in September 2017.

## **CONOCOPHILLIPS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE**

No students were sponsored for this program in the 2016/17 summer season. A promotion of the program will commence sooner in the second half of 2017.

## **LORD SOMERS 1 in 100 CAMP**

It was disappointing that no students were sponsored for this leadership program held over January 2017. A different method of recruiting one male and one female candidate will be implemented for 2018.

I sincerely thank all the members of the Youth Committee, Gavan Schwartz, Bill Oakley, Robyn Stepnell 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

**Director** Jim Romanis

### Committee Members

Christmas Raffle: Phil Francis, Lindsay Pegg, Peter Sutherland, Russell Turner, Peter Wilson, Ted Wilkins, Jim Romanis Greg Cribbes  
Golf Day: Greg Cribbes, Peter Elliott, John Magor, Rowan McClean, Gregor Matthews, Lindsay Pegg, Nino Sofra, Geoff Steinicke, Jim Romanis, Ted Wilkins.  
Grand Prix: Geoff Steinicke, Nino Sofra, Bill Oakley, plus a cast of thousands.  
Catering: Nino Sofra, Bill Oakley, plus another cast of thousands

### Summary

A great result with records broken in each category. The result estimated to end of June will be approx. \$108,000 made up as follows:

Christmas Raffle	\$ 26,407
Golf Day	17,880
Grand Prix	24,450
Catering (est. to 30/6/17)	31,000
Other	8,000
	<u>\$107,737</u>

The net result in the Club's financial statements will record the net cost of the wonderful new BBQ trailer as:

Cost of trailer and coffee machine	\$30,532
Less Govt. Grant	15,000
Bendigo Bank Grant	2,830
	<u>17,830</u>
Net cost paid from Services A/c	<u>\$12,703</u>

This is shown in the Service financial statements as a reduction of the Catering net result.

### Christmas Raffle

New initiatives this year were:-

- a) Support from various Bakers Delight stores to provide a voucher of \$2 bread discount on each \$2.50 ticket.
- b) Donation of prizes for:-
  - i) 2nd prize from Hipkids of Deepdene worth \$750
  - ii) 3rd prize from Bunnings worth \$300.

These enhanced our net result. Many thanks to those organisations and Ted Wilkins and Nino Sofra for organising these prizes.



A special thank you to Peter Sutherland helping with the poster layout and sending out numerous emails from me to members pleading for sellers at venues and to Peter Wilson who attended to the Statutory Approvals.

## Golf Day

New initiatives this year were:

- a) increased sponsorship values
- b) additional sponsors (many thanks to all our sponsors)
- c) increased player fees
- d) introduction of a spinning wheel supported by donated prizes which raised over \$3,900 (including sale of donated prizes)
- e) early morning tea and coffee, a special thanks to Breadstreet (David Winter) for providing free of cost over \$500 worth of danish pastries
- f) a gift bag for each player containing golf balls/tees water health bar and a Rotary pen
- g) a sponsor's promotion gift bag

A well organised day enjoyed by all - a great thanks to all of the Committee and helpers on the day.

## Grand Prix

The new BBQ trailer was a boon at the Historic Cars Paddock selling to the public on all four days. The Contractors Brunch was a success. BUT Contractors "ain't coffee drinkers"! Great effort by everyone but special mention to Geoff Steinicke and Nino Sofra for another highly successful fun fundraising event.



## Catering

The catering mob have excelled themselves this year but incurred my wrath "stealing" potential Christmas Raffle sellers leading up to Christmas. However on the other hand they generously provided additional venues for selling Raffle Tickets. They are forgiven!

Well done Nino and Bill and team.

## Jim Romanis





## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Committee Director: Imre Lele

Committee Members: Bill Oakley, Anthony Stokes, Joe Butler, Paul Fitz,  
Sue McDonald, Takao Yukawa

### Introduction

The International Service Committee had four objectives for the 2016/17 Rotary Year:

- ⇒ Continuation of projects at Minh Hac, Vietnam
- ⇒ Continuation of projects in the Solomon Islands
- ⇒ Support Donations in Kind (DIK)
- ⇒ Provide funds for natural disasters and Rotary Health projects

Good progress or assistance has been made in all four areas.

### 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.

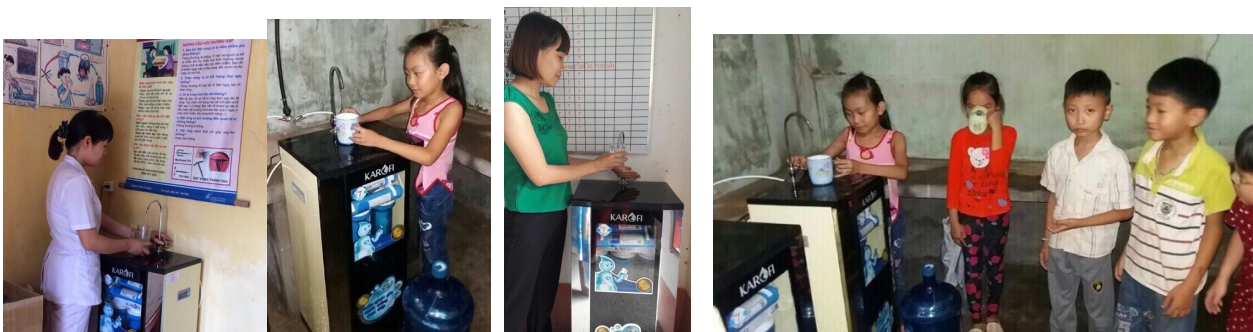
The support needs of the community have been identified in collaboration with the People's Committee of Minh Hac, and a range of opportunities for community development has been identified and forms the basis of the first of our Committee's 2016/17 objectives.

The District Grant of \$6,000 for Minh Hac has been matched by AU\$12,000 from the North Balwyn Rotary Club. \$2,000 of this money is being provided by our hard-working Interact Club.

The projects at this North Vietnamese village community address key focus areas associated with safe drinking water, education, and community economic development.

In November 2016, three sets of water filtration units were installed at the local kindergarten, primary school and secondary school. In February 2017, after the very successful introduction of the first units, an additional three units were purchased and installed at the Medical Clinic, Community Centre and Peoples' Committee Centre. Total cost to end May 2017 is AU\$3,805.

The balance of funds, or AU\$14,000, will be spent by December 2017. This will involve disbursements for economic and community development via small-scale pig farming enterprises, training and technical support. Whether this is affected via one-off grants and expenditures, or via a number of microloan arrangements, is currently under investigation.





## 2017 visit to Minh Hac

In May, Rowan McClean, Max Hardy, Rachael (Trang) Nguyen and Imre Lele travelled to Vietnam to progress our projects in Minh Hac and to discuss microloans.

During the past year, the International Service Committee has established excellent communications with a major microloans organisation in Vietnam. The Thanh Hoa MFI is based in the city of Thanh Hoa about 150km south of Hanoi. They have a portfolio of approximately AU\$2.5million, 10,000 plus borrowers with loans varying between AU\$150 and AU\$1200. Their key people have agreed to meet with us in Hanoi to discuss ways of starting a microloan project in Minh Hac, based on their model.

## Yen Luat, Vietnam

Based on the model established by RCNB at Minh Hac, the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh has undertaken to assist the community of Yen Luat in the establishment of a small agribusiness: the Moringa Tree Project. The Cluster Clubs of Bacchus Marsh, Melton, Melton Valley and Caroline Springs have each contributed AU\$1,000 to the project, which will provide high nutrition food and building material to the community.

## **Solomon Islands**

### Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship

Janny Saukeni, the 2016 recipient of the Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship, was interested in reintroducing an egg production enterprise at Tetere Community in the Solomon Islands. Consequently, AU\$2,500 has been committed to the purchase of 400 chickens, and materials to build a chicken barn.

### Container for the Solomon Islands

In October 2016, a working bee to load a container destined for the Solomon Islands was loaded by twelve Rotarians and their partners. It contained 100 school desks and chairs, books, 25 new wheelchairs, sewing machines, bicycles, mattresses, hospital supplies and other goods. Special mention is made of the great work Peter Sutherland has done in repairing and restoring bicycles for distribution in the Solomon Islands.



## Rotary Donations in Kind (DIK)

Our DIK commitment of \$3,500 per annum has been paid.

All of the goods loaded for the Solomon Islands were processed at the DIK warehouse in West Footscray.

On 1 March, 200 each of fitted single sheets, topsheets, pillow slips and towels were collected from the DIK warehouse and delivered to Servants Community Housing. This organisation provides affordable accommodation and safe housing for low income, vulnerable individuals at three locations in Hawthorn and Kew.



## Funds for natural disasters

The Natural Disasters budget has supported:

- ⇒ \$1000 for a shelterbox delivered to the Italian earthquake zone in mid-2016
- ⇒ \$1000 for urgent assistance for an impoverished victim of a land mine in Lao. John Burley, as our local Rotary representative, initiated this donation.



## RAM

A huge thank you to Bill Oakley who continues to produce delicious jams, pickles, marmalade and jellies which he sells and donates all the profits to RAM. This has amounted to over \$1,500 this year. \$2,000 from Club funds will be added to this amount and donated to Rotary International's "Rotarians Against Malaria" Program.

Imre Lele



## VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Director: John Magor  
Committee: Peter Elliott

In 2016 – 17, the goal of the Vocational Service Committee was to develop and executive a dynamic, respected and positive plan that would:

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

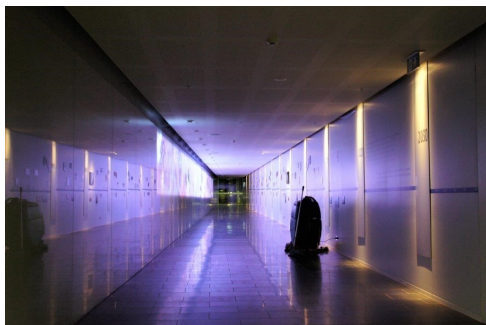
### Continuing Programs

The Police Mentoring Program: Unfortunately we were not invited this year as District wanted to give other Clubs an opportunity to be involved. Despite this, an attempt was made to still participate but proved unsuccessful. In the meantime, Tony Wells was asked by District to give a talk on the program to the new group of members. Hopefully we can be involved in the coming year as it is a very worthwhile program.

Employment interviews: In May, members again assisted the 1<sup>st</sup> North Balwyn Venturers with job interviews.

Club Governance: A governance presentation by Greg Cribbes was given to members and a great deal of work is continuing to be done by the Board and in particular by our hard working Secretary, Gavan Schwartz.

Vocational Visit: A very successful visit was made by 34 members and partners to the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Research in Parkville followed by dinner at McNaughton's Parkville Hotel.



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investiga-

tion into whether it was worthwhile starting up a new Probus Club led us to believe that it wasn't at this stage.

Member Education: We had Matt English, a member of the Kew Golf Club, talk to members about Facebook, Twitter etc early in the year. Since then computer training and Facebook help was conducted by Estelle Kelly with the assistance of the Interactors at Balwyn High School.



**Defibrillator Training:** This was conducted last year at the Box Hill RSL Club with a further demonstration talk to the Club given by Max Hardy. It is hoped to have further formal classes in the near future as now that we have a defibrillator, it is necessary to have as many members as possible trained.

**Barista Training:** Ten Club members participated in the training conducted by the owner of Café Maniz Made (pronounced Marday) Jaya. We found it very useful even for those who felt they already had a reasonable capability. This enhances our fundraising efforts in regards to catering.

**Group Vocational Exchange:** Initially District approached us to cater for a get-together for the exchange teams, both the incoming team from the Philippines and our outgoing team. We subsequently were asked if we would host the incoming team which all proved very successful.



## IMAGE AND COMMUNICATION

This was a new Board role this year with the main objectives being to –

- ⇒ Review the existing Club image and advertising as seen by the public.
- ⇒ Develop and continue to build a rapport with people in the print and other forms of media in North Balwyn and the broader City of Boroondara Community
- ⇒ Plan and submit articles to the local print media
- ⇒ Expand existing relationships with businesses in the community
- ⇒ Promote Rotary and our own Club in particular by the use of signage, banners, merchandise, etc at community events.

To date we have now developed a good relationship with the Editor of the Progress Leader and Stonnington Leader Newspapers. We have an agreement to submit a 250-300 word column in these papers every 2 to 3 weeks depending on space and content.

We are working with 7 other Clubs in the Eastside and Riverside Clusters to broaden the project variety and to showcase Rotary. As at the end of May we have had 3 columns printed, covering the Men's Shed, our Gardening Project, the Mongolian Student Exchange, Reclink and the RYLA program. There are a number of other articles in the pipeline. The public's recall and response for assistance has been very encouraging.

In conjunction with President Rowan, Jane Pennington and Bill Oakley, we have continued to expand and develop our contacts with businesses in the wider North Balwyn area. We have also been heavily involved in the D9800's Expo, showcasing Rotary to the Victorian public.

The Club has had produced 2 additional banners for use at community events and to be displayed in selected businesses in the area. We now have 3 "Personality" banners featuring members and a broader "Membership" banner to assist with selling Rotary to potential new members.

We are putting additional Rotary Down Under magazines in selected professional rooms in our area.

There is obviously a need for the Club to upgrade our website and to keep it up-to-date with current information. There is a plan to utilize expertise within and outside the Club to assist with this and to explore and then implement the use of the mediums of Facebook, Instagram and Twitter as a way of communicating with our Interact Club and to be more relevant to potential and existing younger members.

I would like to thank John McBride, Jeanette Leigh and Jane Pennington for their assistance in increasing the Club's focus in this communication area.

Garth Symington



## MEMBERSHIP

When I agreed to take on this Directorship, the demands made by my workplace were underestimated, so in agreement with the President I dropped back in December to be a Committee member and he agreed to act in the Membership role personally for the remainder of the year.

In the first quarter of the year, my work colleague Beatrice Ko joined the Club and, whilst also extremely busy, has been involved in a number of activities since and has impressed members with her enthusiasm and efficiency. Beatrice is young and will hopefully be a model for younger people to engage with RCNB.

In 2017 we have had great membership growth, thanks mainly to the special efforts of President Rowan supported by John Magor and Robyn Stepnell. Thank you also to those members who have identified membership prospects.

New members this year have been:

Beatrice Ko  
Sam Hardikar  
Neil Marshall  
Geoff Kneale  
Yvonne Lyneham  
Phillip Wade  
Jeanette Leigh  
Adam Hillary  
Peter Downton and  
Kathleen McGuire.

The average age of these new members is less than 55 years, and 40% are female.

Ten new members this year compares with a reported a net loss of six members in 2014/15 and a net gain of four in 2015/16.

At 1 July resignations of John Burley (long-term AusAID project in Laos), Greg Dimopoulos (initially working interstate), Jurgen Kehne (move from the area) were predated, so that Club records showed the number of members as 72. Unfortunately Rotary Club Central did not reflect those adjustments, so that RI reports our opening balance as 75. Neither figure agrees with the closing balance shown in the 2015/16 Annual Report of 77.

We have had no departures, so the President's goal of 10% has been achieved as we now have 82 members. We also have a pipeline of at least six potential new members that will carry over into the next Rotary year.

The challenge is to continue the trend of attracting more members and younger members to secure the future of the Club.

What are the attractions to non-members?

There is no doubt that the range of interesting projects undertaken by the Club at home and abroad is a major attraction to people wanting to volunteer to help others in need, the 'neutrality' of Rotary (with no hidden agendas, no emphasis on politics or religion) and the no cost operations of Rotary ensure that effort and funds are applied in an efficient and effective manner at the level of service delivery. The Club's special culture and fellowship opportunities are also of attraction to many people.

Good luck to John Magor and his Committee for a successful 2017/18 in securing the future of the Club through a new group of diverse, talented and committed new members.

*"Grow or Die" - George Land.*

Belinda Wandabwa



Beatrice



Sam



Neil



Yvonne



Phillip  
←

Geoff  
→



Jeanette



Adam  
←

Peter  
→



Kathleen



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Financial commentary to 20 May 2017**

The following comments are provided on the unaudited financial accounts to 20 May 2017. A detailed set of accounts will be circulated once completed and audited after 30 June 2017.

RCNB now operates on new MYOB software. This enables proper reporting of budgets and is the basis for detailed financial reports against such budgets at each Board Meeting. Forecasts of where the Club is heading financially are also regularly provided.

During the year, the Club opened new Bank accounts with a major sponsor, Bendigo Bank, and is enjoying the associated benefits. Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT's) now basically replace cheques, simplifying disbursements.

For accounting purposes our Club operates almost as two separate entities – ADMIN for the day to day running of the Club, and SERVICE where we account for our fundraising and expenditure on local and international community projects.

### **ADMIN:**

We started the year with net assets of \$11.7K but at 20 May this had dropped to \$8.7K and will decline further by 30 June, with an overall shortfall in revenue at year end which could be close to \$5K. This has occurred despite very stringent management of costs. A similar deficit was recorded last year – a situation that needs to be addressed in this coming year.

In the Income Statement, the following items are of note.

- ⇒ Subscriptions \$23K – as you are aware, the member fees for 2016/17 remained at \$335 from the previous year.
- ⇒ A large proportion of our Fees is required to meet Rotary obligations outside our control. Rotary dues were \$17.5K and include such things as a per capita charge to Rotary International, insurance, District levy, and Rotary Down Under.
- ⇒ Our meeting costs this year have significantly exceeded members' meal payments, partly due to the trial of extended bar hours and the increasing number of guests for whom we pay meal costs.

### **SERVICE:**

We started the year with net assets of \$155K nearly all of which was committed or held for specific projects (such as \$85K for the Mens' Shed). Our uncommitted funds which were available for new projects were very low but, thankfully, we have had an excellent fundraising result this year. So, in addition to funding this year's projects the current Board will hand on a balance sheet in good shape to the new Board.



The following fundraising items are of note:

Catering	\$29K – with more to come before year end.
Golf Day Net	\$18K
Grand Prix Net	\$24K
Xmas Raffle Net	\$26K
Days for Girls Xmas Fair	\$3K
Bill's Jams	\$1.5K
Other Fundraising	\$5K

Some of the key items on the disbursement side include:

- ⇒ Support for mental health programs and research of \$20K, including \$10K to Australian Rotary Health Lift the Lid and a similar amount to Camcare's Bouncing Back & Evolving Project. A further donation to Australian Rotary Health will be made before year end from members' spare cash *silverpot* donations, probably about \$1.2K.
- ⇒ The Club continues to support the Rotary Foundation with this year's contributions totalling \$14K plus \$1K to the Royce & Jean Abbey Fund.
- ⇒ International Service \$12K – includes DIK \$3K, Natural Disaster support \$1K, Jane's Solomon Project \$3K, Minh Hac \$4K and Laos Disabled support \$1K. There are also significant funds put aside for further Minh Hac expenditure.
- ⇒ RAM - Rotarians Against Malaria – a donation of \$2K, with more to come from proceeds of Bill's jams.
- ⇒ RAWCS \$2.5K to Umoja Youth & Children Centre in Tanzania – an initiative of David Winter (our supporter at BreadStreet).
- ⇒ Youth Services \$3K – includes Interact & Early Act, Youth Exchange and other Youth initiatives. Further expenditure of approximately \$18K (after BBQ's and frogs fundraising) for Mongolian youth exchange is expected before 30 June.
- ⇒ BBQ trailer (over and above grants received) \$13K.
- ⇒ Service expenses \$2K being Club audit fee offset by donation by our Auditor to Golf Day.
- ⇒ Men's Shed - \$20K (of \$85K held for this project) has been passed to North Balwyn Community Men's Shed Inc. – the separate Board responsible for equipping and managing this new facility.

Greg Cribbes (Treasurer)



## OUR SPONSORS

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

Aisin	Aldi	Amcal Pharmacy Greythorn
Ansell	Bakers Delight	Baumgartners
Bendigo Bank	Big Swing Golf	Bill Oakley Catering
Bob Stewart	Breadstreet	Bunnings Warehouse
Cafe Romeo	Café 21	Chris Cross
Christopher Russell &	City of Boroondara	City of Whitehorse
Colombo's	Cooper Street Self Storage	Danny Lee Designs
David Men's Grooming	Di Palmas	Drummonds
Eastgate	Eastern Honda	Fletchers
Garden Gallery Kew	Gazman	Helloworld North Balwyn
Home Instead	Kew Golf Club	Noel Jones
North Balwyn Village	Officeworks	Royale Interiors
Rudi's Painting	Solomon Carpets	Stokes & Bell
Taos Restaurant	The Bean Thief	The Roast Kitchen
Village Cafe	Wild Toast	Woolworths Kew

# Thank you so much

## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP AS AT 30 JUNE 2017**

**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		20
Angleton	Ted	PP, PHF		28
Ansell	Duncan	PHF		16
Bott	Bob	PP, PHF+8		15
Bromley	Bob	RAF, PHF		10
Butler	Joe	PHF		13
Cheney	David	PP, PHF+4		35
Cleary	Peter	CM, PP, PHF		37
Cooper	Russell			7
Cornell	Findley	PHF		22
Cribbes	Greg	RAF, PHF		2
Cummings	Barry	PP, PHF+1		19
de Garis	David			8
Dimond	Bronwen	PHF		15
Dowton	Peter			0
Elliott	Peter	PP, PHF+4		25
Fitz	Paul	CM, PP, PHF+2		37
Fitzpatrick	Larry	PP x2, PHF		15
Flavelle-Smith	Chris			11
Francis	Phil	PHF+1		23
Gartlan	John	PHF		25
Goetze	Hugo	PHF+1		25
Greatorrex	Stephen			3
Haddy	Geoff	PHF+2		13
Hardikar	Sam			0
Hart	Tony	PHF		9
Head	Rob	PHF		31
Hibbert	Stan	CM, PP, PHF+1	Hon.	37
Hillary	Adam			0
Ho	Tony			4
Hurnard	Brian	PP, PHF+1		27
Kelly	Estelle	RAF		4
Kneale	Geoff			0
Ko	Beatrice			0
Koa	John			1
Lacy	Brian	PHF		4
Leigh	Jeanette			0
Lele	Imre	PHF		30
Liao	Jack			5
Lyneham	Yvonne			0
McBride	John	PHF+1		20

				Years of Service with RCNB
McClellan	Rowan	PHF+5		9
McDonald	Sue	PHF+1		14
Magor	John	PP, PHF		30
Marshall	Neil			0
Matthews	Gregor	PP, PHF+2		31
Mollison	Ian	PHF+1		20
Muntwyler	Marcel	CM, PHF+1		37
Oakley	Bill	PP, PHF+1		21
Paulheim	Kinga			9
Pauli	Matthew	PP, RAF		12
Pegg	Lindsay	PHF		18
Pennington	Jane	PHF+6		20
Pethick	Carolyn			1
Ranson	Adrian	RAF, PP, PHF+4		9
Rennie	John	PHF		29
Richardson	Ian	PHF		28
Romanis	Jim	PHF+1		22
Ross	Greg	PDG, PP, PHF+4		31
Rowe	David			0
Schwartz	Gavan	PHF+1		16
Sharp	Colin	PHF		7
Smith	Bernie	CM, PP, PHF+1		37
Sofra	Nino	PHF+2		24
Steinicke	Geoff	CM, PP, PHF+4		37
Stepnell	Robyn			1
Stewart	Rob	PP, PHF		8
Stokes	Anthony	PHF		28
Studebaker	Jim	PDG, PP, PHF+8		26
Sutherland	Peter	PHF+2		11
Swanson	George	PP, PHF+1		24
Symington	Garth	PP, PHF+2		14
Taylor	Don	PHF+4		13
Toohill	Eileen	RAF		4
Turner	Russell			1
Wade	Phillip			0
Walters	Maurie	PHF		14
Wandabwa	Belinda			1
Wells	Tony	PP, PHF+1		13
Wilkins	Ted	PHF+1		17
Wilson	Peter			2
Yukawa	Takao	PHF		5

## 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 Beatrice Ko who was awarded the Royce Abbey Award for 2016/17.

### Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Congratulations to Colin Sharp and Greg Cribbes who were given Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Congratulations to Jim Romanis, Bev Sofra, David Cheney, Gavan Schwartz, Nino Sofra and Peter Sutherland who were given additional sapphire recognitions.

### 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	Ken Maxfield + 2	Heather Matthews	Matt Maudlin
Lucy Mayes	Kristine McDonell	Bruce Mclver	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 +1	Donald Stewart	Judy Steinicke	David Stockman
Carol Studebaker	Sally Sutherland	Anita Swanson	Ian Taylor
Bill Thackray	John Thwaites	Jo Wells	David Willshire
Norma Wing Young	Tom Wing Young		



## Speakers Program 2016—17

Date	Speaker	Topic	Host
7 July	Dianne Sides	My ROMAC Journey	Bronwen Dimond
14 July	Fellowship Visit	Camberwell Art Show	David Cheney
21 July	District Governor Visit	Neville John	Rowan McClean
28 July	Dave Cleary & Nicole Lake	Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation	Peter Cleary
4 August	Debate with Balwyn High School	The internet does more harm than good	Gavan Schwartz
11 August	Peter Martin	Community of Brim	Russell Turner
18 Aug	Sue Gunningham	Black Saturday—All the days after	Greg Matthews
25 Aug	Prof Geoffrey Donnan AO	Research into the brain: the new black	Greg Ross
1 Sept	Camcare Fundraising Dinner	At Greenacres	
8 Sept	Bill Oakley, Estelle Kelly, Rob Head	Welcome to the Mongolian Experience	Rowan McClean
15 Sept	Malcolm Baird	Rotary Action Group Against Child Slavery	Rob Head
22 Sept	Di Gillies	Interplast	Jane Pennington
29 Sept	Peter Knights and Ian Shaw	Grand Final Dinner	Bob Bott
6 October	Gabe Hau	Family Violence	Jane Pennington
13 October	Jacyl Shaw	Exchange Student 1988	Geoff Steinicke
20 Oct	Gregg Cribbes & Colin Sharp	About Club Governance	Jane Pennington
27 Oct	Peter Hutchinson	Cup Eve Celebration Dinner	Bob Bott
3 November	Michael Martin	Surf Lifesaving Australia	Russell Turner
10 Nov	Don Cullen	The Tibet Project	Ian Adams
17 Nov	Dr Laura Dumas	Rotary Foundation Scholarship and her work on MS	Jim Studebaker
24 Nov	Annual General Meeting Robyn Stepnell	Regional Rotary compared to City Rotary	David de Garis
1 December	Bill Oakley	Rotary Against Malaria	Rowan McClean
8 Dec	Kevin Moriarty	Some Hairy Anaesthetics	Duncan Ansell
15 Dec	Christmas Meeting	Celebration with singing and a visit from Father Christmas	
22 Dec	Breakfast	Celebration for the end of the year	38.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Host</b>
19 January	Welcome back	Fellowship evening	
2 February	Tiger Liu & Damoon Jehani	Think Flow, Feel	Estelle Kelly
9 February	Kerry Kornhauser	Women in Rotary and Violence Free Families	Robyn Stepnell
16 February	David Winter	African Trade School Project	Bill Oakley
23 Feb	Jane Broadhead	Camcare, Family Violence and Mental Health	Jane Pennington
2 March	Philip Healey, Mayor	Developments in Boroondara and the Bowling Night	Ian Mollison
9 March	Vivienne Harkness	Boroondara Stroke Support Network	Tony Hart
16 March	Marie Briggs	Benefits of community banking	Greg Cribbes
23 March	Rick Tudor	Melbourne Indigenous Transition School	Jim Studebaker
30 March	Sunil Bhar	Psychological Sciences	Rowan McClean
6 April	Vocational Visit	Walter and Eliza Hall Institute	John Magor
12 April	Kirsten Gainsford	Monash Alfred Psychiatry Research Centre	Sue McDonald
20 April	Rob Head and David Rowe	The member behind the badge	Maurie Walters
27 April	Brian Negus	Melbourne in 2040—will we still be driving?	Geoff Steinicke
4 May	Brian Nankervis	Club Birthday celebration at Greenacres	David Cheney
11 May	Debate with Balwyn High School	Are women a more complicated gender than men?	Gavan Schwartz
18 May	Drew McGuiness	Keiser Training	Jim Romanis
25 May	Fiona Read and Caroline McClean	City of Boroondara, Northeast Hub	Peter Wilson
1 June	President and Directors	Our Club	Rowan McClean
8 June	Peter Stewart	Sumba Eye Project	Nino Sofra
15 June	Darren O'Hara	Personalise Your Wines	Joe Butler
22 June	Imre Lele	Overseas Projects Overview	Rowan McClean

## PAST OFFICE BEARERS

Year	President	Vice Pres.	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
2016-2017	Rowan McClean	Bill Oakley	Gavan Schwartz	Greg Cribbes	Maurie Walters	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>	Gavan Schwartz	Greg Cribbes
<b>2016-2017</b>	Hugo Goetze	Beatrice Ko

