

Rotary
Club of North Balwyn



Annual Report
2017-2018



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Ian Riseley
President
Rotary International

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Rotary District 9800



Mongolian
Exchange
Welcome

Welcome to this summary of Rob Head's 2017—2018 Rotary Year



Partners Afternoon tea

The Men's
Shed



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN

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Sponsoring Club:	Rotary Club of Balwyn
ABN:	15 960 124 742
Incorporation #:	A0018007N

2017—2018 Board of Directors

President:	Rob Head
Vice President:	Findley Cornell
President Elect:	Nino Sofra
Immediate Past President:	Rowan McClean
Secretary:	Gavan Schwartz
Treasurer:	Greg Cribbes
Director Club Service:	Brian Lacy
Director Community Service:	Garth Symington
Director Youth:	Estelle Kelly
Director Foundation:	Findley Cornell
Director Fundraising:	Findley Cornell (Actg)
Director International Service:	Jim Romanis
Director Membership and Retention:	John Magor
Director Vocational Service:	Ian Adams

2017—2018 Office Bearers

Almoner:	Joe Butler and Geoff Steinicke
Attendance and Data:	Hugo Goetze
On to Conference:	Nino Sofra
Fellowship Chairman:	Russell Cooper
Grapevine Editor:	Peter Sutherland / John McBride
Protection Officer:	John Rennie
Sergeant:	Peter Elliott
Deputy Sergeant:	Colin Sharp
Speaker Program:	John Gartlan and David Rowe
Property Officer and AV:	Barry Cummings
Interact:	Estelle Kelly
Photography:	David De Garis/Geoff Steinicke/Peter Sutherland
Assistant Treasurer:	Geoff Haddy
Major Projects:	Greg Matthews
Webmaster:	Jane Pennington
Boroondara Cares:	Garth Symington
Banking:	Marcel Muntwyler
Catering:	Nino Sofra and Bill Oakley
Gardening:	Peter Elliott and Rowan McClean
PR:	Tony Wells
OH&S:	Peter Sutherland
Men's Shed:	David Cheney and Tony Hart
Club History:	Tony Wells

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Introduction

Our Board Planning sessions in April and June last year agreed the following areas of focus for the 2017 / 2018 Rotary year:

- We 'manage' the impact of planned programs on our members; avoiding overload from activities.
- We aim to spend only what we have raised.
- More focus on local activities / projects.
- We work with others' projects; we won't spend time developing something new ourselves.
- Follow good governance practices in running the Club.
- A positive 'Rotary Experience' for all; everyone getting something good from this Rotary year.

The table listing our outputs for this year is elsewhere in this report and shows that we have achieved each of these six priorities. This range of activities has provided our members and partners with a great Rotary Experience for the year.

Consistent with these items and the Rotary International theme for the year of 'Making a Difference', the Club has completed a range of local and overseas community projects and fellowship activities through the involvement of Club members, partners, families, Friends of Rotary and linked organisations such as local schools and event sponsors.

I would like to thank the vast number of members, partners, families and friends who contributed to the success of our projects, activities and weekly meetings.

(To indicate the scale of our activities, we applied 3,500 person-hours to Community projects in the first six months of this Rotary year).

This has been a great year for the Club and for all members.

Club Projects

New Projects

Clubs were encouraged to be innovative this Rotary year, and we initiated the following projects:

- Youth Support Program
- Drug Education through Access Health
- Indigenous Culture program for students at MITS
- Education for young girls in Laos through the Lotus organisation
- Support for asylum-seekers in Boroondara through the Christmas Fare
- A three-year PhD Research Scholarship with ARH into Youth Mental Health
- Tree planting at Boroondara Park Primary School

These were in addition to the major projects approved in previous years and implemented in this Rotary year:

- The North Balwyn Community Men's Shed; the culmination of many year's of work saw the Men's Shed officially opened in September 2017.
- The Mongolia Youth Exchange program; a very successful trial of a short-form youth exchange, with teams of young people going to Mongolia and coming to Melbourne from Mongolia.

- A domestic violence support program at Camcare.

We also progressively changed the way we work as a Club through:

- Enabling payments by credit card
- Conducting a stand-up / cocktail format meeting and a meeting at DIK
- Editing the Rotary cluster column in the Leader press
- Adding the Heide Gallery tour to our Fellowship program
- Surveying the views of recently-joined members

Club Administration

Our Meetings

During the year, at our Club meetings we variously recognised: the UN's Malala Day, International Women's Day, Mental Health Day and Anti-Slavery Day; our Indigenous Recognition Day; and Foundation and Vocational months.

We enjoyed our regular meetings at Kew Golf Club, but also conducted a first stand-up meeting at the Club and held meetings at the Eva Tilley Centre, Donations in Kind facility, North Balwyn Bowls Club, North Balwyn Cricket Club and Monash Medical Centre.

A special thank you to each person who contributed to the conduct of our meetings, which have been entertaining and a great way of keeping in touch.

Governance

Reflecting the increasing complexity of running a Rotary Club, we this year completed the mammoth tasks of registration as a Fundraising organisation, implementing procedures for the new Child Safe Standards and tightening our Gardening procedures. Also, the Board discussed any Risks for the Club at each Board meeting.

Finances

In the Service Account, during the year we have raised approx. \$100k from our fundraising and grants and expect to spend approx. \$88k of that. There will then be committed and uncommitted funds set aside for next Rotary year.

In the Administration Account, we will have increased the funds available in the account at year-end through good budgeting and financial controls.

Special Recognitions

The Club was fortunate to receive two special recognitions:

- Bernie Smith was selected as the Boroondara Volunteer of the Year acknowledging all his hard work in the establishment of the Men's Shed.
- Our Club received the District 9800 Youth Service Recognition for our Mongolian Student Exchange Program.

Very well done to everyone involved.

Our Club Profile

Being the North Balwyn Rotary Club, we have a place in both the Boroondara and District 9800 communities.

We don't have a large funding base to support major local projects, so it is pleasing to see our profile in the local community greatly enhanced over recent times through activities such as:

- Initiating the new Men's Shed
- Supporting Carols in the Park and the new North East Community Hub
- The Community Gardening program, the Christmas Fare and the Christmas raffle selling
- Being approached to run barbeques by the Boroondara Council and North East Link Authority.

At the District level, we have:

- Several Club members undertaking District roles
- Supported the member database trial
- Completed the Mongolia short-term exchange trial.

As a Club, I continually hear from visitors and guest speakers how much they enjoy our Club meetings, so many thanks to those with a role in making meetings happen and to all members who attend and contribute to the fabric of each meeting.

Special Thanks

Firstly to this year's Board, who all made great contributions to their areas of responsibility and to our collective activities and responsibilities as a Board and to Russell Cooper with Fellowship. In addition, I would like to thank Imre Lele and Rowan McClean who filled-in for the International and Fundraising portfolios for a few months, and Findley Cornell for looking after Fundraising in addition to Foundation.

A special thanks to Secretary Gavan, Treasurer Greg and Vice President Findley for your contributions, advice and keeping things together.

Secondly, thank you to every person who did a meeting roster, cooked at a barbeque, sold raffle tickets, attended a committee meeting etc. These involvements all enabled us to undertake the large range of activities in this Rotary year that have supported the community and generated fellowship and funds for the Club.

We have had a good year and leave the Club healthy for next year.

Rob Head



A SUMMARY OF OUR YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

Fellowship: Weekend Away to Albury. Partners' afternoon tea. Brunch at Warranglen nursery. Film night. Visit to Heide Gallery. Special Club meetings; Grand Final, Melbourne Cup, Christmas, Club Birthday. Bowls night. District Conference. Partners birthday greetings.	Foundation: Promoted Centurions / Every Rotarian Every Year / PH Society. Certificates of Appreciation to each Guest Speaker. Donation of \$6500- to the Foundation. Donation of \$5000- to R Abbey Endowment Fund. Attended Foundation breakfast.	International: Minh Hac final funding. Container sent to Solomon's. Laos education program for young girls. DIK; Board members, annual donation, funded new racking. Shelterbox to Syria and Shelter kit to PNG earthquake victims. Auspiced a RAWCS project. Bicycle components for Solomon's. Umoja school; Tanzania.
Vocational: Barista Training. Visited Eva Tilley Home & Monash Medical Centre. Speaker for Vocational month. Supported District member-database trial.	Club Service: Speaker Program Website & Grapevine communications Asset Register. Trialled a stand-up Club meeting.	Cluster: Cluster President meetings. Boroondara Cares Board. Emergency food Packing. Members attended RI Pres Govt House function. Edited Rotary 'Leader' column.
Youth: Interact & Earlyact groups' support. RYLA participation. Youth Support Fund. Lord Somers Leadership program. MUNA team in national finals. Exchange Program - Mongolia. Home-hosted country students attending District Science program.	Admins & Compliance: Registered as fund-raiser. Supported History project. Food-Handling training. Tightened Gardening procedures for work with schools. Introduced new Child Safety policies and adherence procedures. WWC monitoring. Member database maintenance.	Membership & Retention: Inducted 4 new members. Mentoring for new members. Feedback survey of recently-joined members. Using Website as promotion. Worked with members needing support from Rotary.
Recognition: PHF individual recognitions for 8 members. PHF Club recognitions for 6 members. PHF Club recognitions for 4 non-members. Sponsors invited to Club meetings. Bernie Smith; Boroondara Volunteer-of-the-year.	Finances: Received 2 District grants & grant from Bendigo Bank. Detailed and relevant charts of accounts. Review procedures with auditors. Progressive forecasting of both accounts to y/end.	RI / District Roles: DIK- Imre Lele Aust Rotary Health - Greg Ross Rypen - Anthony Stokes RAM - Bill Oakley District LT - Jane Pennington RAWCS & Foundation - Jim Studebaker Foundation - Adrian Ranson International - Rowan McClean
Community: Gardening Project with local schools. Men's Shed launched. MITS indigenous culture support program. Days for Girls Sewing project. Christmas Fare / Asylum-seeker support at House of Hope. Camp Getaway maintenance weekend. Camcare domestic violence program. Carols in the Park. Tree planting ; Bor. Pk. PSchool	Community (cont): ARH PhD 3-year Scholarship. Christmas Lunch Uniting Church. Christmas toys donated to Camcare. Bedding to Servants Community Housing. Eva Tilley maintenance work. Books collection for Solomon's. 2 nd Bite / Camcare food deliveries. Weekly bread deliveries to Servants. Access Health drug education resources. Balwyn Nth P School fete assistance. Camp Getaway fire equipment. End Trachoma program Reclink	Fundraising Sources: Christmas Raffle. Golf Day. Grand Prix. Silver Pot & Jams. Entertainment Books. Hot Cross Buns. Grant funds. Sale of sewing machines. Catering : Miniatures, Reclink, Bunnings/Traders/Specials bbq's, Anzac Day.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer: Greg Cribbes

A solid financial picture year-to-date for The Rotary Club of North Balwyn.

As background, RCNB has two accounts:

- Administration – for Members Subscriptions, Meal monies, Rotary Fees and general administrative costs of running the Club.
- Service – for Fundraising projects, Community Service, Rotary Foundation, International, Youth and Vocational activities. Donations are also itemised in the Service account.

Looking at this year, most of the significant Club activities have occurred already, so comments made are representative of the unaudited financial accounts to 17 May 2018. A detailed set of audited accounts to 30 June 2018 will be circulated thereafter and discussed at the RCNB AGM.

A step forward in our accounting processes has been the introduction of a Bendigo Bank Credit Card facility. Since the initiation in mid-March, the device has been in use at 18 events, including GP, BBQ's and KGC Meetings. The \$1 per amount surcharge on Club Member items will remain for some time as it covers the Bank Interest charge on amounts paid whilst also contributing to the monthly rental amount for the use of the device.

Administration:

As was noted last year, Net Assets dropped during the year with a resultant opening balance at 30 June 2017 being \$7.9k. Pleasingly, that situation was addressed this year by a Subscription increase and the Board establishing a more detailed/tight budget to target throughout the year.

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

- Subscriptions \$26K – an increase of \$30/Member to \$365 was necessary to cover costs being Budgeted to be incurred. With hindsight, this increase was a 'catch-up' from previous years and significant fee increases are not envisaged going forward, at this stage.
- As noted above, Subscriptions essentially cover Rotary obligations outside our control. Rotary dues are \$18.4k and include such things as a per capita charge by Rotary International, Insurance, District levy, and Rotary Down Under fees.
- A re-structure of Budgeting/reporting our meeting costs this year has enabled all meal costs including Guest speakers, invited Guests and hospitality to be adequately covered.
- Two new items of note have been incurred this year in Admin – \$1k, being half of the Audit fee and \$1k for the RCNB History project.

Service:

Again, looking at last year as a base, the reduction in Net Assets from \$155k to \$112k was a result of reducing (by disbursement) the Men's Shed Committed Fund from \$87k to \$25k.

More importantly last year, the excellent fund-raising year enabled the Uncommitted Fund component of the Net Assets to be restored from \$2.7k to \$26.8k – a far more robust position. Pleasingly, this positive outlook continues this year with the Net Assets being forecast to increase.

In the Service Income Statement, the following items are of note:

- Fundraising to date this year has continued to be simply outstanding. **Catering** Net \$24k – with more to come before year end, **Golf Day** Net \$20k, **Grand Prix** Net \$27k, **Xmas Raffle** Net \$15k, **Bill's Jams** \$2k, **Other** Fundraising \$3k. **In total, so far approx. \$91k**
- Donations to date from these Fundraising Projects include Australian Rotary Health scholarship \$20k, other ARH \$3k.
- Community Service – support to a range of Project totals \$18k to date. This includes Projects such as Drugs Education \$4k, Tree planting \$1k, Indigenous \$6k, Gardening \$1k, Camp Getaway \$1k, Carols in the Park \$1k.
- Foundation – contributions are expected to be \$11k as we continue to support the Rotary Foundation and the Royce & Jean Abbey Endowment Fund.
- International Service \$35k – includes DIK \$3K, Umoja \$2k, Minh Hac \$15K, Laos Education support \$8 and RAM \$5k
- Youth Services \$22k – includes Interact & Early Act, Youth Exchange and other Youth initiatives. Further expenditure of approximately \$8.6k (after BBQ's and frogs fundraising) for Mongolian youth exchange. There are also significant funds put aside for Mongolia Out in 2019.
- Service expense of \$1k, being half of the Audit fee.
- Grants of \$2.5k and \$3k are anticipated from District whilst \$2.75k was gratefully received from Bendigo Bank – thank you again.
- Fortunately, we expect that our Fundraising and Committed Funds set aside will cover these Projects. A decision at the joint May Board meeting to commit to a 3 Year ARH Scholarship (up to a maximum of \$42k) may require a reallocation of up to \$22k within our Committed and Uncommitted Funds categories in the Service Balance Sheet at Year end.

Finally

The financial picture of RCNB at 30 June 2018 is anticipated as being solid.

Over my two years in the chair, I've been very appreciative of the advice, counsel and wisdom so freely offered in 'presenting the numbers' by so many people – it's a very interesting, challenging and generally rewarding role but it's not over for me until I complete the Audited Statutory accounts at 30 June 2018. Specifically, I very sincerely thank Marcel for his devoted and untiring task of Banker over so many years. May he be able to retire peacefully, knowing "funny money" will never be the same - thank you. And, to Geoff Haddy with his untold experienced eye on matter Treasury with RCNB – a huge thank you as well.

CLUB SERVICE

Committee Director: Brian Lacy

As I write my fourth and final annual report as Club Service Director I pause to reflect on the goodwill and support I have received from the members of the Club Service Team and my RCNB colleagues. Because of my professional commitments and travel I have had to rely heavily on the members of the Team and members of the Board for their initiatives, guidance and patience. In this context I particularly thank our President Rob Head and the Secretary Gavan Schwartz, for their leadership, sage advice and assistance.

The essence of Club Service is the efficient administration of Club business, the health and vibrancy of our Club and the wellbeing, enlightenment and engagement of our Club members. The achievement of this objective in the past Rotary year is due to the diligence and initiative of the following members of the Club Service Team, each of whom has performed their assigned role effectively and with alacrity.

Joe Butler and Geoff Steinicke have shared the Almoner role and each has performed that role sensitively and with compassion. Our Attendance Officer, Hugo Goetze, continued his excellent work in managing numbers and places for members' meals at our weekly meetings and by providing the leadership team with timely and accurate attendance reports and records. He has been performing this unenviable role now for 16 years. Hugo has provided the following analytical comparison of Club attendance over the past two years.

With the District relaxation of meeting attendance the Club changed to a simple percentage attendance calculated as members present divided by Club membership on a weekly basis. To make a logical comparison, the attendance for the 2016/17 Club year was recalculated to exclude the distortions of allowing for the 85 year rule members not present and make-ups to replace apologies, which considerably increased the apparent percentage attendance to the end of May 2018.

Club Year	1st half	2nd half	Full Year	Highest Month	Lowest Month
2016/17	61.2%	60.9%	61%	Dec 72.6%	March 56.6%
2017/18	62.1%	60.4%	61.4%	Nov 68.3%	March 56.7%

Thus, the Club members have not significantly changed their meeting attendance in these two years.

Our Sergeant this year was Peter Elliott. Peter has been the epitome of a good Sergeant-at-Arms. He has ensured the orderly conduct and smooth running of Club's meetings. His sessions at the podium have been innovative and entertaining, as has his anecdotes and occasional puns. Meanwhile John Gartlan as Programs Officer has provided an excellent speaker program covering a wide range of topics and issues.

Peter Sutherland has had the dual role of Grapevine editor and Occupational Health and Safety Officer. Peter has performed the role of editor for a total of five years and in this year, as in others, he has provided his usual editorial expertise in bringing us a quality Club news medium. He is succeeded as editor by John McBride who has maintained the same excellent standard that has been set by Peter.

Barry Cummings has continued with his role as Property Officer. He has a somewhat stressful job in maintaining our inventory and keeping stock of the Club's property. Barry also looks after the Club's projector and brings it along to Club meetings each week for speaker presentations. At times he is assisted in projector operation by David DeGaris, who is responsible with Peter Sutherland and Geoff Steinicke for the memorable photographs from Club meetings that appear in the Grapevine.

Jane Pennington looked after the website and ensured that the latest information was posted onto it.

John Rennie continued on with this role as Protection Officer from last year. It has been a particularly difficult role in light of the statutorily imposed obligations on organisations, including clubs such as Rotary, in respect of requirements for working with children. At the time of writing there are some members who have not undergone a working with children check and a number of others who are due to renew their expired WWC checks.

While working with children checks are essential it is not sufficient in itself. The Club is in the process of having members and volunteers complete a Volunteer Information and Declaration Form. These forms are necessary in order for the Club to be compliant with the statutory regime that has been introduced to protect young and vulnerable people. I implore members to ensure they have a current WWCC and to complete the Volunteer Information and Declaration Form and return it to the Secretary as soon as possible.

In conclusion I thank the Club and its members for the opportunity and privilege to serve as Club Service Director. I reiterate my thanks to all who have served with me in Club Service.



Weekly meetings!!

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE



Committee Members: Findley Cornell, Peter Cleary,
Garth Symington, Jim Studebaker

“The Foundation is the engine room of Rotary” We have heard this said over the years and it is still as applicable today, if not more so.

The jewel in the crown is “Polio Plus”, our fight against polio. Major steps in its eradication have been made but the final steps are extremely difficult. The world is polio free except for three countries, namely Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

Of course, the Foundation is involved in many other projects to make the world a better place. The Club supports the Foundation by direct donations and by donations from our members.

This year the Club has recognised guest speakers by donating \$100 to the Foundation. Also, the Club has donated \$5000 to the Royce and Jean Abbey Endowment Fund. A further amount has been donated to the Foundation proper and this allows us to award Paul Harris Fellow recognitions to deserving members and non-members for outstanding service.

The Every Rotarian Every Year program is a mechanism to allow members to donate to the Foundation individually. Donations can be of any amount and a donation of AUD 100 qualifies the donor as a “centurion” and USD 100 a “sustaining member”. At the time of writing for the current year the Club has 27 donors, 26 (35%) Centurions of which 10 (13%) were sustaining members.

A donation of USD 1000 makes the donor eligible to be a Paul Harris Society member. We have 9 PHS members.

Over the lifetime of the Club members and supporters have donated in excess of USD 396,062. 50% of funds donated by a district are used by the Foundation in its own right. The other 50% are returned to the district 3 years later to enable the district and/or its clubs to pursue Rotary projects.

In previous and current years we have applied for and received funds from the district for projects which we have matched with our own on a 2 for 1 basis. The Minh Hac project was initiated in a previous year and completed this April. The incoming Mongolian student visit was also a recipient of Foundation funding. Please refer to the International and Youth committee reports for details of these two projects.

We also received Foundation backing for a project in Laos which will be completed early in the new Rotary year.

In Foundation month (November) we were privileged to be addressed by Lien Trinh, the districts first Global Scholar on the subject of Trachoma.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members and encourage all members to become an EREY and to consider becoming a PHS member.



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Russell Cooper

The Fellowship Committee included Don Taylor, Bronwen Dimond, Brian Hurnard, Barry Cummings, Eileen Toohill, Ted Angleton, Kinga Paulheim, Larry Fitzpatrick, and Maurie Walters.

Following a successful Changeover luncheon to induct President Rob Head on Sunday 2 July, the first function for the year was a partner's afternoon tea at QPO on Sunday 27 August, which was arranged by Ailsa Head.

A movie night was held at Balwyn Cinema on Friday 8 September, with a dinner at Colombo's to follow. Maurie Walters made the arrangements for this function.

The Grand Final meeting was held on Wednesday 27 September, with room decorations provided by Bronwen Dimond. Those who provided predictions closest to Richmond's winning margin included Greg Ross, Ailsa Head and Peter Sutherland.

A great fellowship weekend was arranged by P/E Nino Sofra at Albury from Friday 22 October to Sunday 24 October, including a day tour, evening meals and golf.

On Friday October 27, a members and partners dinner was held at Tao's in Bulleen, where Rotarian Jack Liao was the host. Arrangements for this function were carried out by Don Taylor.

The Melbourne Cup meeting was held on Thursday 2 November where again the room decorations were provided by Bronwen Dimond. Tickets for a number of horse raffles were sold on the night and those who were allocated the winning horse, Rekindling, included Ian Mollison, Bronwen Dimond, Peter Sutherland, Sue Fitz and Peter Elliott.

The annual Christmas dinner was held on Thursday 14 December with beautiful decorations provided by Bronwen Dimond again.

The break-up Christmas breakfast was held at Macleay Park on Thursday 21 December, where Board Directors provided the cooking and catering arrangements.

The Sunday breakfast to celebrate the new calendar Year was held on 14 January at a Yarra Valley nursery with arrangements made by Don Taylor.

Thirty members and partners attended the annual District Conference, held in Warrnambool from Friday 16 March to Sunday 18 March.

A visit to the Heide Gallery was held on Sunday 15 April where 22 members and partners participated. The tour included information on some of the famous Sidney Nolan paintings which were produced horizontally on the kitchen table top, and later stored in the cow shed for several years.

The Rotary Club's Birthday meeting was held on Thursday 10 May with major contributions from Peter Cleary and Peter Sutherland. Entertainment was provided by our very capable member and ARH Chairman Greg Ross.

Arrangements are currently underway for the change-over lunch at the Veneto Club for Sunday 1 July, where new President Nino Sofra will be inducted.



Attending the District Conference in Warrnambool



Enjoying the bowling night



Fellowship Weekend in Albury



Presenting a donation to David Winter



FUNDRAISING

Director: Shared between Findley Cornell & Rowan McClean

Committees:

Christmas Raffle: Colin Sharp - Coordinator, Geoff Kneale, Neil Marshall, John Rennie.
Golf Day: Greg Matthews - Coordinator, John Magor, Geoff Steinicke, Peter Elliott, Nino Sofra, Greg Cribbes, Rowan McClean, Lindsay Pegg, Larry Fitzpatrick, Jim Romanis, Ted Wilkins.
Grand Prix: Geoff Steinicke - Coordinator, Nino Sofra, Bill Oakley, Greg Matthews, Greg Cribbes, Peter Sutherland, Terry Kehoe, John Magor, Jim Studebaker, Adrian Ranson, Findley Cornell, Larry Fitzpatrick.
Catering: Bill Oakley & Nino Sofra - Coordinators, Don Taylor, Jane Pennington, Jim Studebaker, Reg Parsons & baristas David DeGaris, Jim Romanis, Terry Keyhoe

Summary

A great result, estimated to end-June to be approx. \$100,000- of revenue, made up as follows:

Christmas Raffle	\$14,900	
Golf Day	\$20,100	
Grand Prix	\$26,600	
Catering (est to 30/6/18)	\$24,000	
Other Projects	\$5,900	Entertainment books, Hot Cross buns, Xmas puddings, Christmas Fare, Jams, Silver Pot
Grants	\$8,500	From District 9800, Bendigo Bank, Kew Rotary Gift Shop
Total	\$100,000	

This is a fantastic result given our approach to not push members' time on fundraising too much.

Our Sponsors & Supporters

We enjoyed wonderful support from the sponsors involved with the Christmas Raffle, our Golf Day and the Grand Prix catering, as well as from event organisers at the Grand Prix, Kew Golf Club for the Golf Day, retailers / centre managers for the Raffle locations and Bunnings and others with the locations of our catering barbeques. See list on later table.

The Club's Contribution

The fundraising outcome would not be possible to achieve without the thousands of hours put into planning, delivering and cleaning-up after each activity by Club members, partners, families and Friends of Rotary.

It is worth reflecting that each fundraising event obviously raised funds, but also afforded us the opportunity of Fellowship while doing the work.

Leading Fundraising

We unfortunately lost our Fundraising Director to a job transfer just before the year commenced, so I would like to thank :

- Findley Cornell and Rowan McClean for representing Fundraising at the Board at times during the year.
- Bill Oakley for coordinating some of the planning between our events.
- The event coordinators and committees listed above.
- Everyone who did a roster or helped behind the scenes.
- The Club members who initiated or ran with the smaller \$ contributing events that still added to our funds available for Club projects.



MEMBERSHIP

Committee Chair: John Magor

We started the year losing four members as a result of them not renewing their membership and since then have lost a further five in Russell Turner, Peter Wilson, Bernie Smith, Dileep Krishna-Pillai and Yvonne Lyneham.

These last five resignations were due to personal reasons outside of our control. Since the start of the year, we have signed on three new members and had a previous member rejoin; they being;

Dileep Krishna-Pillai
Brian Thomas
Majid Behzadnia
and Past President Terry Keyhoe - leaving 75 members.

In the meantime, the board is cognisant of members who advise us post 30 June that they are not renewing their membership. This causes a financial loss to the club as we have already had to pay their Rotary International dues.

A survey was done of the newer members in the club during the year to ensue that they were settling in and getting from Rotary what they were looking for. The responses were positive with some suggestions, many of which were trialled. These included having a stand up meeting to endeavour to get members to interact more, a more cultural focus on fellowship events and better quality food. One observation/concern was; "a huge amount of work falls to a few members with a low rate of return". One criticism worth mentioning was that the club still remains largely a boys club. However, as more women become members and with the new age trend in gender equilibrium, that should change in time as the club continues to evolve. One suggestion was to orientate new members by rotating them through one meeting of each committee over the first few months before allocating them to a specific committee. It would also help them to get to know other members.

During the year I realised one source of new members was from many of the immigrants that have come to Australia who are keen to assimilate and to make new friends. I believe it is worth exploring further as it also provides the club with more diversification.

Another source which I realised we should explore further are sporting clubs where some members are now past playing and feel it is time for them to hand the administration over to a younger group.

We have also spent time supporting members with personal situations that have made it difficult for them to keep in contact with Rotary.

Finally, I would like to thank the other members of the membership committee, David Cheney, Beatrice Ko and Peter Sutherland as well as Rowan McClean for his continuing efforts to recruit new members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee Director: Garth Symington

Committee Members: Tony Hart, Peter Elliott, Jeanette Leigh, Tony Wells
Kathleen Maguire, Neil Marshall, Ted Wilkins, Ian Richardson,
Bernie Smith, John McBride

Once again it has been a very busy and rewarding year in the Community Service area. There were many and diverse activities undertaken by committee members and as is always the case a vast majority of all the Club members assists where and when needed. Many thanks to all concerned.

This year, as well as many of the perennials, we became involved on a number of new initiatives in the Boroondara community, which has really helped our image and standing in our local area. These will be included in our activities listing below.

1. Gardening Project

This program has now been running since 2011 and is an excellent service for needy residents and is very much appreciated by the Council and the individual beneficiaries. This year it has been run for the first half of the year by Peter Elliott and currently by the original instigator of the program, Rowan McClean. A big thanks to both of them, together with key support from Greg Cribbes and Geoff Haddy.

We ran 94 sessions involving 58 different properties, many needed repeat visits during the year. There were 44 members involved in the first half of the year and 25 in the second half, with some additional assistance from friends of Rotary. A hard core of Rotarians are involved in multiple sessions.

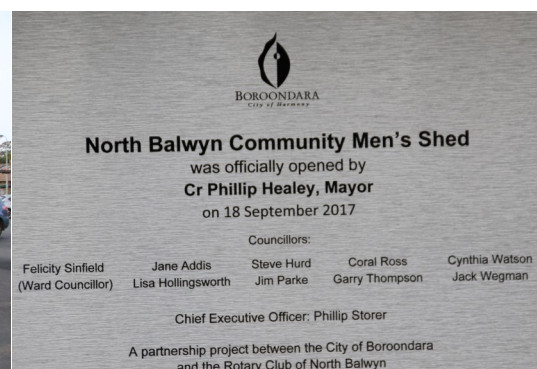
Three schools were involved through the year, being, Camberwell Boys Grammar, Xavier College and MLC, with Fintona starting a trial session in June.

281 Council supplied bins were supplied, filled and collected after completion of each property. A very smooth operation by the Boroondara Council depot.

A very hands-on, high visibility and valuable local community program.

2. Men's Shed Launched

The shed has only been open some seven months and is proving to be a very important addition to community life in the North Balwyn area. It is the subject of a special section with this year's Annual Report.



3. Support for Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS)

Their students often speak English as third or fourth language. In the classroom students are writing books in the first languages of their communities and these stories are being translated into English, creating bilingual stories, and during art the teachers are assisting the students to illustrate these stories.

We are providing funding to assist in turning these illustrated stories into books to be shared with Indigenous communities across the Top End and Victoria, and will be used by the families as a First Teacher Program to share first languages in a written form with children across Australia.

A forward by our President in the front of the book is acknowledging our Club's support.

4. Drugs and Mental Health Program

To assist Access Health with a currently unfunded program to develop a presentation package of education resources for parents, families and teachers. This is in the form of fact sheets and supporting information for parents and teachers, which is an identified need in the community.

It covers the emerging Drug and Alcohol themes and use in young people and its effect on the adolescent brain, how to speak to a young person you are concerned about, and encouraging help seeking behaviour.

It is being offered to all the schools in the Boroondara community, with a fact sheet headed 'Painting the Picture' and a full Powerpoint presentation with notes titled 'Challenging Conversations'

They can be run by Access Health professionals or used by the schools staff.

5. Camp Getaway

The Club continued its support by again having a Working Bee in October, which saw members and partners spend weekend with much being achieved both indoor and outside. We have also provided \$1,500 to assist in the purchase of a Fire Protection system for the overall camp facility.



6. Camcare

Last year the Club provided funding for the development of a pilot program for women and their children suffering mental health issues as a result of family violence.

Camcare delivered the first of its 'Bouncing Back and Evolving' group programs toward the end of 2017. The program is a 6-week course of 2-hour sessions with nine women attending the first of these courses. Women are being referred to this program from a numbers of counselling services and the local Family Violence Service (EDVOS).

The overall results being measured by a proven psychological measurement scale demonstrated an improvement in the mental well-being of the participants. This program will now be used in an on-going sense by Camcare counsellors as the need arises.

Camcare and Access Health have recently signed an in-principle agreement to merge and hope this will be in place early in the third quarter of 2018. This will ensure Camcare's sustainability into the future and the provision of services to those in the community who are disadvantaged and marginalised. Given our relationship with Access Health this further strengthens our ties to the community.

7. Carols in the Park

Once again Club Members were involved in this annual community event which attracts about 5,000 people and is a terrific pre-Christmas gathering for families. It has proven to be a great opportunity to sell the final few of our raffle tickets. Ted Wilkins has continued to be heavily involved and Greg Ross again was an outstanding MC for the evening.

8. Boroondara Cares

This organisation consists of representatives of the eight Rotary Clubs in the Boroondara area. It was originally formed as a support group for the Moira Shire community after their long period of drought. They currently have a Foundation to assist with various projects and a scholarship program. Garth Symington is our representative on the committee and is currently involved in the process of redefining its role, objectives and purpose and its relationship to the Rotary Clusters.

9. Tree Planting

This is an RI initiative for Rotary Clubs worldwide to plant at least one tree per individual member. In support of this worldwide greening program, our Club has planted over 200 trees at the Boroondara Park Primary School, which also enables us to thank the school for their assistance to our Club over the past few years.

10. Days for Girls

The sewing group continued to meet every month to stitch and put together hygienic, sustainable sanitary kits for distribution to girls in developing countries. Kits were sent to Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands. These are very much appreciated and assist girls to stay in school full time. The sewing group also undertook a fundraising project to make more than 70 vests for the District Conference committee. This might have been time consuming but was very successful with the vests looking very smart.

11. Christmas

Club members again assisted at the Uniting Church to set up for their Christmas lunch and then serve on the day.

At the Club's Christmas meeting gifts were collected and then donated to Camcare. The ladies ran a very successful Christmas stall with the proceeds going towards a program supporting asylum seekers.

12. Local Support

Members have been assisting with weekly food rescue pick-ups from 2nd Bite which then go to Camcare distribution to the needy.

Weekly bread deliveries go to Servants and huge thanks to John Koa for this generosity. A large quantity of linen and bedding was rescued and delivered to Servants Community Housing.

NORTH BALWYN COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED INC

After six years of concerted effort by the Men's Shed Board the Shed was officially opened on 18 September 2017 by Boroondara Mayor Phillip Healy.

Local member of Federal Parliament Josh Frydenberg also addressed the 70 plus attendees along with RCNB President Rob Head and Shed Chairman Tony Hart. The RCNB catering team provided a bbq and refreshments after the opening including scones which were prepared in the new Shed's oven. The day was an outstanding success and attracted excellent publicity in the local press etc.

In excess of \$430,000 was expended to construct and fit out the Shed and it is a first class facility for the local community.

Board member Bernie Smith was awarded Volunteer of the Year by Boroondara Council for his work toward establishing the Shed.

Since opening the Shed has proven popular and successful with membership currently at 80 and growing by the week. Interaction with other community groups including those working with the disabled, University of the Third Age, Probus Clubs, Council social workers etc is growing strongly. Membership is diverse and includes a recently arrived Chinese man with little English and a 90 year old who comes for a chat and to assist with light tasks.

The Shed is still in its "settling in" phase with equipment needs, programs, activities and OH&S requirements being bedded down.

Non-Rotarian members are already the majority on the Shed's Activities and OH&S Committees and it remains the Boards plan to start bringing non Rotarian Shed users onto the Board.

Further improvements to the rear of the Shed site are under discussion with Council with raised garden beds and a covered metal work area envisaged. Additional opening days will also be considered if membership continues to grow and demand exists.

The Men's Shed Board are confident the Shed will continue to grow and prosper and remain a valuable asset for the North Balwyn Community.

I would like to thank all of the Rotarians who helped to make the Shed a reality in particular Bernie Smith, David Cheney, Greg Matthews, Garth Symington, Peter Elliott and Ian Mollison.

Tony Hart
Chairman
North Balwyn Community Men's Shed Inc.





Working Bee at Camp Getaway



Cake Stall at Bunnings



Barry, Gavan, Jane and Findley at Government House



Very successful Christmas Fare stall



Catering!!



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Committee Director: Jim Romanis and Imre Lele [assistant]

Committee Members: A Stokes, G Matthews, J Studebaker, G Kneale, T Yukawa, B Bott, I Mollison

Introduction

The Committee's objectives were:

- Continuation of projects at Minh Hac, Vietnam
- Continuation of projects in The Solomons
- Support Donations in Kind [DIK]
- Provide funds for natural disasters
- Provide funds for Lotus program [assist education of girls in Laos]

Vietnam, Minh Hac

We continued our support for the Minh Hac community in Vietnam this year.

More than 60 children are being supported in Kindergarten, Primary school and Secondary school, with several students achieving University entrance. This is an excellent outcome for children who, when we first met them, were often unable to attend school because of the need to earn sufficient money from farming assistance to provide daily meals. A number of club members and non-Rotarians continue to support these needy children through annual donations.

This year we have implemented a District Grant from the Rotary Foundation which has continued to supply clean water through six community filters, provided an ultrasound machine to the health clinic that will save lives of mothers and babies and commenced a new agricultural project involving 50 farming families that has the potential to break the poverty cycle and, through micro loan techniques, create an expandable and sustainable commercial project.

Both Balwyn High School and MLC are assisting with English language training for Minh Hac students.

The project has been granted an achievement award by International Red Cross and, as was done successfully by Rotary Bacchus Marsh in a second community, we have been requested by the Provincial Government to adopt two more very poor communities in Phu Tho Province. Negotiations are in process to enable this to be achieved in 2018/2019.

Solomon Islands

In November 2017 a working bee of members and partners sorted and loaded a container at DIK with books, sewing machines, bicycles, hospital and medical equipment and supplies, fabric, clothing, stationery, book cases, wheel chairs & walkers, and a selection of bicycle spare parts, tubes, tyres personally selected by Peter Sutherland who warrants a special mention for his efforts in collection and repair of second hand bikes from all over Melbourne for DIK purposes.

Days for Girls continues to be a very worthwhile project and the club supported with payments for fabric and machine maintenance of \$1,763.

Rotary Donations In Kind (DIK)

Many thanks to Imre Lele for his role representing the club on DIK Board and for the support of Peter Sutherland repairing computers at DIK and Geoff Steinicke's son for his hands-on support regularly at DIK.

The club's financial support has been:

- Ongoing annual payment of \$3,500
- Special payment of \$1,500 to "buy" a bay of racking to assist in the cost of moving to new premises.

Natural Disasters

Payments were made from our Disaster Fund for a Shelter Box which was sent to Syria and a Shelter Kit which was sent to PNG to assist victims of an earthquake.

A special payment of \$1,000 was made for new kits containing essential tools to assist victims rebuilding after a disaster.

Lotus Program

Lotus has been supporting the education of girls in isolated impoverished Districts in Laos since 2008. Girls are particularly disadvantaged where near 50% have never been to school [nearly twice that of boys]. The training program covers vocational skills and is run over 8 weeks and our funding pays for 10 girls from remote villages who require board and lodging.

A District Grant of \$2,500 has been approved and will be paid upon receipt of the final Report of outcomes to be received from Lotus by August/September. The net cost to be borne by the club is \$5,000. If members wish to find out more re Lotus it is recommended to go to their website www.lotuseducationalfundltd.com



The contents of the container are being unloaded—The Solomon Islands

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Committee Director: Estelle Kelly

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

One Year Youth Exchange Outbound/Inbound

There was no long-term exchange student in this Rotary year.

Pilot Short Term Youth Exchange Inbound/Outbound – Mongolia

In July 2017 two RCNB chaperones travelled to Mongolia with eight Melbourne secondary students for eighteen days. The Mongolian contingent visited Melbourne for sixteen days in January 2018.

This pilot program was deemed to be a cost-effective way of conducting an exchange program for an increased number of secondary students.
(See separate report for more details.)

North Balwyn Interact Club

The Interact Club at Balwyn High School commenced in the 2018 school year under the supervision of Kat Floros and Sarah Lerpiniere, the teachers delegated to Interact. The Interact President is Patrick Hatzpavlis, the Vice President is Julia Goh.

In February Patrick and the Communications Director, Kayla Tillotson, attended the Rotary International Women's Day breakfast and reported their findings back to the club members.

Club members were interviewed in March 2018 by a team from District Rotarians preparing the Interact /Earlyact day at the multidistrict conference scheduled for 16 February 2019. District personnel were seeking ideas for topics and catering to make the day meaningful to young people.

The students have been able to select an area of interest to them and become involved in planning to continue support for established projects e.g. Minh Hac in Vietnam. New charities have also been chosen to benefit from Interact support. E.g. Athletics Day selling slushies, proceeds designated for Beyond Blue.

With the assistance of Peter Sutherland students are busy planning another session to teach IT skills to members of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. The traditional fundraising events have been planned for the new Rotary year eg Pizza Day, It Takes Two.

The Interact Club continues to meet fortnightly on Tuesday lunchtime. Attendance at this year's meetings has fluctuated between 7 and 14 students. A visiting guest speaker, Salwan Shahine from District 9810 has addressed the club on how to increase membership.

North Balwyn Primary School Earlyact Club

The EarlyAct Club at Balwyn North PS is participating in a video competition sponsored by Rotary's Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) program.

The Club continues its sponsorship of 13 year old, Dung Quan, through the Overseas Kids' Foundation.

Thank you to Bronwen Dimond who continues to support the Earlyact Club.

RYLA

Emmanuel Giakoumaki, from Keilor Downs attended RYLA in December 2017. Emmanuel is interested in publishing a magazine for the Arts.

RYPEN

This year the Youth Committee sponsored Robert Wu to attend the late 2017 RYPEN camp. One of Robert's teachers recommended he would benefit from this opportunity to develop his leadership skills.

MUNA

The District Coordinator cancelled the MUNA camp because of lack of support from Rotary Clubs. It was not financially viable to hold the event this year. Suggestions on how to make it viable have been put forward.

Conocophillips Science Experience

RCNB members hosted students from Gallan College, Horsham. No students were sponsored for this program in the 2017/18 summer season.

Lord Somers – Big Camp 1:100

Angelica Mylonas and Matthew Chen were selected by Balwyn High School teaching staff to attend the Big Camp 1:100 during January 2018. They reported their experiences to the members in May 2018. After hearing Angelica and Matthew's reports a RCNB member was heard to comment, "Listening to young people like them gives me hope for the future".

I sincerely thank the members of the Youth Committee for their hard work during the year and commitment to this Committee. It has been a rewarding year. Also the Youth Committee has enjoyed support from a large number of RCNB members not on the Youth Committee.

Reading in Schools

Through the year Phil Wade has worked hard at getting a Reading In Schools program started locally. This looks like getting started early in the new Rotary year.



MELBOURNE - MONGOLIA SHORT TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Director of Youth: Estelle Kelly

Background

Planning for this pilot program began in December 2015. The RCNB Youth Committee saw the need to change from a long term, one year for one student, model to a shorter exchange program. The ageing membership of RCNB made finding suitable host families challenging and there was difficulty in enrolling a student from overseas in a local school.

In July 2016 three Rotary Club of North Balwyn (RCNB) members travelled to Mongolia, at their own expense, to assess the feasibility of conducting a 2-3 week exchange program for Secondary students. Contacts were made with the National Camping Association of Mongolia (NCAM) and the Rotary Club of Ulaan Baatar (RCUB). It was assessed a reciprocal exchange program would be likely to succeed.

The Contingents

July 2017 Melbourne to Mongolia 18 day trip

8 Secondary students from 4 Eastern suburb schools travelled with 2 RCNB chaperones, 1 female and 1 male, to Mongolia with a gender mix of 2 boys and 6 girls. The students ranged in age from 15 – 17 years.

January 2018 Mongolia to Melbourne 16 day trip

12 students from 8 Secondary schools in Ulaan Baatar travelled to Melbourne with 2 female chaperones from the RCUB with a gender mix of 5 boys and 7 girls. The students ranged in age from 12 – 17 years.

Hosting

July 2017 In Mongolia

1 week in Nars a family owned and administered camp for children aged 6 – 16 years.
5 days home hosted by members of RCUB where students were hosted in pairs.
4 days in Nairamdal International Children's Camp.

January 2018 In Melbourne

5 of the 8 families involved in the July 2017 contingent home hosted Mongolian students.
3 RCNB members home hosted students and chaperones.
1 friend of RCNB home hosted students.

The Program

July 2017—18 day program

- The program in NCAM camps consisted of cultural activities, cooperative tasks, dance, sports and problem solving activities. English speaking Camp Counsellors worked with the Melbourne students.
- When home hosted in Ulaan Baatar the Melbourne contingent experienced horse riding races on the steppes, a national dress parade, summer house living and the Naadam National celebration featuring three sports; archery, wrestling and horseriding. The Naadam celebration, an international event told the story of Mongolia's history. Host families also had time to choose activities/places they wished to show the Melbourne students.
- 1 day of travel to and from destination.



January 2018—16 day program

- Attractions in and around Melbourne included:
Sea Life Aquarium
Healesville Sanctuary
Melbourne Youth orchestra concert
Community Day at Clifford Park Activity Centre
Indigenous Heritage Walk at Royal Botanic Gardens
Parliament House
Farewell dinner.
- 4 day bus tour along the Great Ocean Road from Melbourne to Princetown returning through Geelong. 12 Mongolian and 5 Melbourne students travelled with the 2 RCUB chaperones, the 2 RCNB chaperones plus 3 volunteer RCNB members. The bus was accompanied by 3 private vehicles, 1 carrying food for self-catering, 1 carrying luggage and 1 for emergencies. The group was accommodated in Eumerella Scout Camp at Anglesea and Kangarooie, a privately owned camp at Princetown.



10 RCNB members volunteered to assist the program in the role of Day Coordinators who took responsibility for organising and running the event.

The Community Day was an opportunity to showcase the program to the District 9800 DG and other relevant District Committee personnel.

- 3 days with host families own choice of activities
- 1 day of travel to and from destination.

Costs

The expenditure as to 8 February 2018 was \$8,510.00.



\$1000 gained through a membership drive in 2016-17 Rotary year was spent on the Community Day January 14th 2018 covering the cost of breakfast for the Mongolians and one member of their host family. This totalled \$650.00. The remaining \$350 was spent on catering for dinner and lunch snacks at Clifford Park Activity Centre.

A \$3000.00 grant from District 9800 International grants committee was acquitted before 30 April 2018.

Melbourne students selected to participate in the exchange program are expected to fund raise to contribute towards meeting the costs of the incoming Mongolian group and to cover some of the group expenses while travelling in Mongolia. The July 2017 students assisted in raising \$5021.00.

Meetings

July 2017

The two RCNB chaperones met with the Nairamdal Director and NCAM staff to discuss details of the current program and the possibility of repeating the program. NCAM expressed a keen interest in the program being repeated in July 2018 or July 2019. The camp Director also expressed a wish for camp staff to visit Australian camps for professional development.



January 2018

RCNB President, Vocational Director and the Youth Director met with both RCUB chaperones to discuss the progress of the current program and the possibility of repeating the program. Also discussed was the potential for a Vocational exchange program to be established between Melbourne and Mongolia.

The Future

The Youth Committee recommends the short term exchange program be repeated either on an annual or bi annual basis. For a volunteer organisation the work load is heavy but the program is a cost effective way of providing an International experience for more students when compared to the costs of one student in the Rotary International one year exchange program.

For the first phase of the program, Melbourne to Mongolia outgoing in July 2017, RCNB provided a subsidy of \$1000 per student. Each student was also provided with 2 polo shirts and a cap badged with the Rotary wheel and Rotary Club North Balwyn. Students' families covered the major costs of airfares, travel insurance and spending money. A Memorandum of Understanding signed with the NCAM provided for the cost of accommodation, transport and meals to be covered while in Mongolia.

For the second phase of the program Mongolia to Melbourne the cost of accommodation, travel, meals and entry to events was covered by RCNB.

The 2017-18 Youth Committee recommended to the RCNB Board this short term exchange program become ongoing with the next outgoing group to travel to Mongolia in July 2019 followed by the next incoming group in January 2020.

This pilot program involved many RCNB members who volunteered their time, knowledge and skills. Assistance was given with catering, transport, meeting health and safety requirements, editing, coordinating activities and liaising with host families. It became a whole club project.

The wider community, comprising local families with Secondary school age children, friends of Rotary and Rotarians at District 9800 level were involved in the program too.

The benefit to the international community is evident at this stage through the broadening of secondary student's knowledge and appreciation of a language and culture other than their own. The Mongolian students also expressed interest in exploring tertiary study opportunities during their recent visit. In this program 20 secondary students have had their life experience enriched and this has been a cost effective way of engaging them in a broad cultural, educational experience.



VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Ian Adams

Committee Members:

Peter Downton, Chris Flavelle-Smith, Stephen Greateorex, John Rennie, Colin Sharp, Rob Stewart, Belinda Wandadabwa

Despite a period of inaction due to illness the committee was able to achieve most of its goals for the year.

Defibrillator Training

This activity arranged by John Magor was carried over from the previous Rotary year. Phil Wade, who has had 24 years as a paramedic, competently presented a practical program that was well received by 26 members and their partners. Another training session is planned for the next year.

Guest Speaker

To highlight Vocational Service month in January, Greg Smith gave an informative address on Ethical Standards in Business and the Professions. Greg is a former Deputy President of the Fair Work Commission.

Vocational Visit

A successful behind the scenes visit to Monash Medical Centre was arranged in June which attracted 23 members and partners. At the conclusion of the visit the hospital provided refreshments and the opportunity to ask additional questions.

BeCollective

This District initiative, a pilot to replace the former Skillsbank project, was introduced to clubs by means of a series of workshops held at Swinburne University. John Rennie represented the committee and Peter Sutherland also attended. The outcome was the recommendation that the club not proceed with this activity.

Short-term Vocational Exchange

This more focussed exchange was suggested by District as a substitute for Group Study Exchange. During the student exchange with Mongolia in January a meeting was held with the chaperones from Mongolia who strongly supported the notion of 1 or 2 people coming here for 2 - 3 weeks potentially to study palliative care. In return 1 or 2 people with expertise in palliative care will go to Mongolia to provide training. The Board has approved planning to be undertaken for an exchange in the next Rotary year.

IT Training

With the support of the Youth Committee and Peter Sutherland, Interactors at Balwyn High School are preparing training sessions for members and their partners on the use of i-phones and IT.

QUOTES FROM OUR MEETINGS

A sample of the quotations used at the conclusion of each Club meeting :

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
Mahatma Gandhi

'I'm not young enough to know everything'
Oscar Wilde

"Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We now have guided missiles and misguided men."
Martin Luther King Jnr

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace".
Jimi Hendrix

"When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everybody will respect you"
Lao Tzu

"An unfortunate thing about this world is that the good habits are much easier to give up than the bad ones".
W Somerset Maugham

"The person who can smile when things go wrong has thought of someone they can blame it on "
Arthur Bloch

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing".
George Bernard Shaw

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter".
Martin Luther King Jnr.

"People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do".
Isaac Asimov

"20 years from now, you'll be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do".
Mark Twain

"Care about what other people think and you will always be their prisoner".
Lao Tzu

"Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter".
Mark Twain

"In my country, we go to prison first then become president".
Nelson Mandela

"When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost".
Billy Graham

"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at"
Stephen Hawking

A fundamental concern for others in our individual and community lives would go a long way in making the world the better place we so passionately dreamt of."
Nelson Mandela

CLUB MEMBERSHIP AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

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		21
Angleton	Ted	PP, PHF		29
Ansell	Duncan	PHF		17
Behzadnia	Majid			0
Bott	Bob	PP, PHF+8		16
Butler	Joe	PHF		14
Cheney	David	PP, PHF+5		36
Cleary	Peter	CM, PP, PHF		38
Cooper	Russell			8
Cornell	Findley	PP, PHF		23
Cribbes	Greg	RAF, PHF		3
Cummings	Barry	PP, PHF+1		20
de Garis	David			9
Dimond	Bronwen	PHF		16
Downton	Peter			1
Elliott	Peter	PP, PHF+5		26
Fitz	Paul	CM, PP, PHF+2		38
Fitzpatrick	Larry	PP x2, PHF		16
Flavelle-Smith	Chris			12
Francis	Phil	PHF+1		24
Gartlan	John	PHF		26
Goetze	Hugo	PHF+1		26
Greatorex	Stephen			4
Haddy	Geoff	PHF+2		14
Hardikar	Sam			1
Hart	Tony	PHF+1		10
Head	Rob	PHF		32
Hibbert	Stan	CM, PP, PHF+1	Hon.	38
Hillary	Adam			1
Ho	Tony			5
Hurnard	Brian	PP, PHF+1		28
Keyhoe	Terry	terminated in 2011 after 24 years of service		24 + 1
Kelly	Estelle	RAF, PHF		5
Kneale	Geoff	RAF		1
Ko	Beatrice			1
Koa	John			2
Krishna-Pillar	Dileep			0
Lacy	Brian	PHF+1		5
Leigh	Jeanette			1
Lele	Imre	PHF		31
Liao	Jack			6
Lyneham	Yvonne			1

				Years of Service with RCNB
McBride	John	PHF+1		21
McClellan	Rowan	PP, PHF+6		10
McDonald	Sue	PHF+1		15
Magor	John	PP, PHF		31
Marshall	Neil			1
Matthews	Gregor	PP, PHF+3		32
Mollison	Ian	PHF+1		21
Muntwyler	Marcel	CM, PHF+1		38
Oakley	Bill	PP, PHF+1		22
Paulheim	Kinga			10
Pennington	Jane	PP, PHF+7		21
Ranson	Adrian	RAF, PP, PHF+5		10
Rennie	John	PHF		30
Richardson	Ian	PHF		29
Romanis	Jim	PHF+1		21
Ross	Greg	PDG, PP, PHF+5		32
Rowe	David			1
Schwartz	Gavan	PHF+1		17
Sharp	Colin	PHF		8
Smith	Bernie	CM, PP, PHF+1		38
Sofra	Nino	PHF+2		25
Steinicke	Geoff	CM, PP, PHF+6		38
Stewart	Rob	PP, PHF		9
Stokes	Anthony	PHF		29
Studebaker	Jim	PDG, PP, PHF+8		27
Sutherland	Peter	PHF+2		12
Swanson	George	PP, PHF+1		25
Symington	Garth	PP, PHF+3		15
Taylor	Don	PHF+4		14
Thomas	Brian	PHF		0
Toohill	Eileen	RAF		5
Wade	Phillip			1
Walters	Maurie	PHF		15
Wells	Tony	PP, PHF+2		14
Wilkins	Ted	PHF+1		18
Wilson	Peter			3
Yukawa	Takao	PHF		6

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 Geoff Kneale who was awarded the Royce Abbey Award for 2017/18.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition; Club Members

Congratulations to Estelle Kelly who received a Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Greg Matthews, Geoff Steinicke, Tony Hart, David Cheney and Garth Symington who were given additional Paul Harris Sapphire Recognitions.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition; Non-Members

Congratulations to Bev Thomas, Brian Thomas, Andrew Steinicke, Reg Parsons who were given Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions.

	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 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
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Speakers Program 2017—18

Date	Speaker	Topic	Host
6 July	Geoff Kneale and Jeanette Leigh	Autobiographies	Maurie Walters
13 July	Peter McCall	Beyond Blue	John Gartlan
20 July	District Governor, Peter Frueh	District Governor Visit	Rob Head
27 July	Sam Hardikar John and Chris Burley	Autobiography Our time in Laos	Beatrice Ko
3 August	As per Agenda	Club Forum	Rob Head
10 August	Mongolian Trip Reunion	Report from Estelle Kelly and Bill Oakley and the Students	Estelle Kelly
17 August	Solomon Islands Update	Sewing Machine Project	Jane Pennington
24 August	Harold Mitchell	Australia's place in a Changing World	Ian Adams
31 August	Adam Dale	Cricket Then and Now	Bernie Smith
7 Sept	Judge Fran Hogan	Judging in a World of Change	John Gartlan
14 Sept	Dr Ingrid Hopper	The Science behind the prevention of cardio vascular events by immunization	Findley Cornell
21 Sept	Koichi Hara (former Exchange Student)	Thirty Years On, Our Exchange Student looks back on his year in Melbourne	Peter Cleary
27 Sept	Stuart Wenn (Retired AFL Umpire)	Grand Final Night	Ted Wilkins
5 October	Beatrice Ko and Nino Sofra	Autobiographies	Takao Yukawa
12 October	Julie Szego	The Case of Farah Jama	Jeanette Leigh
19 October	Alan Lachman (and his daughter Francesca)	Pathway to Inclusion: How blind and vision impaired children across Australia can benefit from Francesca's journey through darkness.	Gavan Schwartz
26 October	Dr Dennis Ahnen	Can we beat Colorectal Cancer?	Larry Fitzpatrick
2 Nov	Fr Joe Giacobbe	Melbourne Cup Meeting	Estelle Kelly
9 Nov	Yvonne Lyneham and Joh Koa	AGM and Autobiographies	David Rowe
16 Nov	Rev Jenny Preston	Our call to the Widow, the Orphan and the Stateless	Brian Hurnard
23 Nov	Lien Trinh	Foundation Month: Reflections of our First Global Grants Scholar	Geoff Kneale
30 Nov	Bob Glindemann	Site visit and dinner meeting at DIK Warehouse	Imre Lele
7 Dec	Jo Bergman and Stewart Kreltzhaim	No Roads Expedition	Bev Sofra
14 Dec	Fellowship Committee's Celebrations	Christmas Dinner Celebration	
21 Dec	Breakfast Barbeque	Christmas Breakfast Celebration	37.

Date	Speaker	Topic	Host
18 January	Greg Smith	Challenges in my Business World	Ian Adams
1 February	Kevin Sheedy	Coping with Life Changes	Eileen Toohill
8 February	Bethe Locke	Drug Dependency, Prevention or Rehabilitation through the Access Health Project	Garth Symington
15 February	Matt Maudlin and Kathleen McGuire	The Purple Cloak Story (and the Choir "There For You")	Tony Wells
22 February	Sharelle Rowe CEO Eva Tilley	Vocational Visit to Eva Tilley Centre	Rob Head
1 March	Fellowship Committee	Bowls Night	Ian Mollison
8 March	Peter Downtown and Adam Hillary	Autobiographies	Russell Cooper
15 March	Tim Schenken	The Excitement of the Grand Prix	Neil Marshall
22 March	Inspector Stephen Noy	Policing in Boroondara	Ian Mollison
28 March	Charles Lane	Barabaig Peoples in Tanzania	Bill Oakley
5 April	Cocktail Party Night	Greg Cribbes (and the Juggler)	Rob Head
12 April	Professor David Buttifant	Collingwood, Carlton, Malthouse and More	Geoff Kneale
19 April	Major James Sharp and Major Kym McCarthy	Modern Day ANZACs	Colin Sharp
26 April	Jo Pride	Surviving Human Trafficking and Slavery	Jim Studebaker
3 May	Mark Hunter	Winemaking is in his Blood	Peter Downtown
10 May	Peter Cleary and Greg Ross	Birthday Meeting	Tony Wells
17 May	Professor Tony Jorm	Golf Day Sponsors Thank You Night: Australian Rotary Health	Greg Ross
24 May	Julian Burnside QC	Justice? What is it? How do we get it?	John Gartlan
31 May	Len Raphael	Central Asia: Unusual Places but Normal People	Rowan McClean
7 June	Bruce Whalley	Lawrence of Arabia: Man or Myth	David De Garis
14 June	Monash Medical Centre	Vocational Visit	Ian Adams
21 June	Julie Nihill	My Life in the Arts: from Larrikinism to KFC	Bronwen Dimond
28 June	No meeting		
1 July		Club ChangeOver Meeting	

CLUB AWARDS

Year	The Ron Carnell Award	Royce Abbey Fellowship
1987-1988	Ron Carnell	
1988-1989	John Thwaites	
1989-1990	Glen Walmsley	
1990-1991	John McBride	
1991-1992	Greg Matthews	
1992-1993	Ron Arthur	
1993-1994	John Thwaites	
1994-1995	John McBride	
1995-1996	Phil Francis / Terry Keyhoe	
1996-1997	Anthony Stokes / John Rennie	
1997-1998	Ian Taylor	
1998-1999	Brian Hurnard / Ian Taylor	
1999-2000	John Moyle	
2000-2001	David Goldsmith	
2001-2002	Jane Pennington	
2002-2003	David Cheney	
2003-2004	Lindsay Pegg	
2004-2005	Peter Cleary	
2005-2006	Matthew Pauli	
2006-2007	Ron Phillips	
2007-2008	Geoff Haddy	Terry Gretton
2008-2009	Terry Keyhoe	Matthew Pauli
2009-2010	Phil Francis	Mary George
2010-2011	Michael Barden	Bob Bromley
2011-2012	Bob Bromley	Adrian Ranson
2012-2013	Adrian Ranson	Eileen Toohill
2013-2014	Bronwen Dimond	Estelle Kelly
2014-2015	Tony Wells	Eileen Toohill
2015-2016	Gavan Schwartz	Greg Cribbes
2016-2017	Hugo Goetze	Beatrice Ko
2017-2018	Peter Sutherland	Geoff Kneale



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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
2017-2018	Rob Head	Findley Cornell	Gavan Schwartz	Greg Cribbes	Peter Elliott	Peter Sutherland and John McBride