

Dear Members, please find below a communication from Rowan and Jane that was omitted from yesterday's Changeover Grapevine.

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Changeover

"Over 100 people attended the club changeover on Saturday night, 25th June, which was pleasing given that so many of us are away on holidays.

District representatives were soon-to-be District Governor Nominee Bronwyn Stephens and her husband Mark, Incoming International Chair Ian Salek, acting RAWCS Chair Jill Forsyth and her husband John and incoming Assistant Governor Jonathan Shepherd and his wife Elizabeth.

President Jane gave a summary of her year highlighting particularly the 'Days for Girls' project, which has really made a significant impact.

Outgoing Sergeant Tony Wells inducted Maurie Walters as the new Sergeant, including the now famous helmet, and Jane inducted Rowan as President for 2016/17.

Jane presented a Paul Harris award to Takao Yukawa, and a sapphire (Paul Harris + 1) to Brian Hurnard.

Gavan Schwartz was presented with the Ron Carnell Award and Greg Cribbes was awarded the Royce Abbey Award in absentia, and will be presented with it upon his return. Bill Oakley was presented by Bronwyn Stephens, on behalf of the District Governor, a District Humanitarian Service Award (one of only two in the District) for his work in the Solomon Islands.

Our club had the highest per capita contribution to the The Rotary Foundation, and we have been advised since changeover that we have received a District Recognition for Foundation Giving (see below).

A special song, written for the occasion of our changeover, was presented by the ad hoc RCNB Choir consisting of Kerrie Romanis, Barry Cummings, Ted Wilkins, and Maurie Walters and, as a substitute for an unavoidable late withdrawal by Lindsay Pegg, Rowan McClean. Surprisingly there have been no record company offers received as yet.

P.E. Rowan congratulated Jane on a superb year, commenting that in his time in Rotary in his opinion there has been “no better President than Jane Pennington”. He outlined his plans for 2016-17 and introduced the incoming Board.

During the evening an excellent video made for the 100 year anniversary of The Rotary Foundation was shown, together with two international music videos, “Celebration” immediately after the awards ceremony and “United” at the end of the formal part of the evening.

Bronwen Dimond was a polished MC and kept proceedings moving along exactly to the running sheet plan.

Some members danced to Maurie’s well-compiled taped music for more than an hour after the close of the formal meeting.

As incoming President, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to success of the night. There were many contributors, but a special thanks needs to be recorded to David Cheney who planned the logistics of the event in his usual efficient manner.

Now, on to the business of a new Rotary year!”

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The RCNB Changeover Song 2016

We gather each week to hear someone speak, and to chat and catch up with our friends

We help those in need, give support or a feed, we're good at the means and the ends

Chorus

A gift to the world, the North Balwyn team, and we're proud of the service we give

There's a million like us, so get on our bus, and improve how less fortunates live

It's a wonderful team with a great head of steam, helping people at home and abroad

Repairing and building is very fulfilling, schooling their folks can't afford

We run BBQs, tackle gardens in crews, a multicultural event

Soon a Men's Shed will be going ahead, from just plans to steel and cement

We really care if it's True and it's Fair, builds Relationships fosters Goodwill

Serving humanity is why we exist and our true motivations fulfil

So thanks for this year, President Jane! You've won our respect and esteem

You now hand the baton to Rowan McClean, good luck to the incoming team

Dear Club Members,

Thank you so much for your generosity to the Foundation this year. We received this Award today at the District Changeover.

Congratulations and thank you again.

With best wishes

Jane



Dear Jane

On behalf of DG Julie Mason, Club Service Chair Sue Bolton and the District Team, congratulations to your Club on receiving the attached District recognition

All of us wish your Club well for future years

Details of all Award winners are on the District Website, <http://rotarydistrict9800.com.au/news/19298>

Regards *Mark* **Mark Stephens** District Secretary 2015-16 Secretary@RotaryDistrict9800.org.au

