

# **Rotary Club of Howrah**

## **Annual Report 1997 – 1998**

It is with pleasure I present this report on the past 12 months activities. I believe there are many positive aspects on which to report.

Unfortunately there was some lack of continuity amongst Board members during the year, thanks to Jacob George for filling a Board vacancy and to Lindsay Chivers Norm Cooper and Peter Calvert for filling various roles during the year

As can be seen from the Director's reports a varied program has been offered with a variety of meeting activities including visits from Lindisfarne Club. and visits to Rosny College and Job Reprographics

International activities have been strongly supported

Julie Evans was the Club's nominee for the GSE Team in Japan.

We shared hosting duties for the Texan incoming GSE team.

Current overseas student exchangees toured Tasmania were billeting for a night.

The Community Service Committee has administered support of a wide range of projects and the Vocational Service Committee has offered support to a number of initiatives for young people.. It is unfortunate that participants could not be found for some of these activities.

On the District level a good roll up at District Assembly in Deloraine, 3 members attended District Conference in Devonport and we were well supported at International President Glen Kinross' reception in Tasmania.. The new District Leadership plan seems effective and Secretary David and I appreciated the chance to meet with other Eastern Shore Rotarians.

Unfortunately throughout 1997 - 1998 we said goodbye to four of our members, Ralph Wehse, Keith Ott, Denis Miller and Jim Bell. It was great to welcome Jon Adams as a new member . I hope Jon and Helene enjoy their time with us.

Whilst the finances of the Club remain sound there have been a number of variations which have affected the end result. Early in the year it was decided to add \$5000 to the amount reserved for a future major project. This amount now stands at \$20000. A sub committee is working towards making a recommendation for its use.

In discussing fund raising the club gave priority to working with established events. It seemed a wise decision not to participate in the Tall ships event but we must continue to be proactive in identifying fundraising opportunities. A sub committee was formed to assess the viability of another major exhibition.

Established fund raising activities varied in success

Richmond Fair	Down	21%
Hobart Regatta	Down	55%
Outdoor Show	Down	38% (income still outstanding)
Government House	Up	28%
Royal Hobart Golf Day	Up	135%

Our participation in the Royal Hobart Regatta is under review.

Club account, reserves were hit by exchange rates. When the sub was set the exchange rate was US\$1.28. It is now US\$1.60 which means the club has lost \$5.60 per member for its use.

I believe there are some things to which this Club. needs to give attention.

We receive a continuing supply of new members but we must ensure that they are well assimilated into the Club. In particular their families should be given support It is obvious that partners of longer serving members are comfortable in Club activities but those from newer members need assistance to feel “at home”.

Attendance at meetings is also of continuing concern. It seems that given our membership structure we can expect little change, as our members are mobile and, those in employment under pressure. Provided our members remain actively involved in the Club there seems little need to be pedantic about attendance rules.

Making up should however, always be encouraged as a means of keeping in touch with Rotary.

Thanks to members for their support and encouragement throughout the year. In particular David Lamb has been a tremendous secretary, and Kim Farrow, as treasurer and board members Glen Woolley, Tony Watts and Max Dunstone have given tremendous support.

Thanks also to Allan Morris for program organisation and Les Job.as bulletin editor. Thanks a All for giving me the opportunity to serve as President and for your support. Best wishes to John and his team for the coming year.

Reg Emmett  
President

## **CLUB SERVICE 1997 – 1998**

### **INTRODUCTION**

It gives me great pleasure to present the annual report on behalf of the Club Service Committee for 1997 - 1998.

Throughout the year the Directorship of the Club Service Committee was shared between Rotarian Glen Woolley and Rotarian Norm Cooper. Midway through the rotary year Rotarian Norm Cooper took over as Director of the Club Service Committee, due to work commitments of Rotarian Glen Woolley.

### **CLUB SERVICE OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the 1997 - 1998 Club Service Committee has been to maintain a cohesive active membership, effective programming, vital fellowship and financial viability.

### **ATTENDANCE.**

Throughout the year all members have been encouraged to maintain a high degree of attendance, including make-ups, wherever possible. However, weekly attendance has reduced and this has have been of concern. The reduction in attendance has been attributed to the work commitments of members.

President Elect John Drinkwater has been committed to the completion of attendance reports, both on a weekly basis to the club and also on a monthly basis to the district.

### **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.**

During 1997 - 1998 we have been very fortunate to welcome two (2) new members, John Adams and Ron Stow. We have also welcomed back to the club, former member Ross Hilder. All new members have taken on roles within the club and appear to be enjoying the weekly meetings and the fellowship of our club. We welcome these members and their families to the Rotary Club of Howrah.

Unfortunately throughout 1997 - 1998 we said goodbye to four of our members, Ralph Wehse, Keith Ott, Denis Miller and Jim Bell. We wish these past members and their families well in the future.

## **MEETING PROGRAMME**

Rotarian Alan Morris and his committee have arranged an extensive program, involving a vast array of speakers for 1997 - 1998. There was a joint meeting organised with the Rotary Club of Lindisfarne. We have been fortunate in having the opportunity to hear from 23 very interesting speakers. We also have received a visit from the Group Study Exchange Team from Texas and we have been entertained by a number of youth exchange students.

I thank Rotarian Alan Morris, Rotarian Peter Chew and their committee members for their dedication towards the meeting programme.

## **BULLETIN.**

Rotarian Les Job has kept the club fully informed of club activities in weekly bulletins, which have also included items of Rotary information. Rotarian Les has completed the bulletin both in his own time and at his own expense. The Rotary Club of Howrah is indebted to Rotarian Les for his efforts. I would also like to thank Rotarian Les' family for their assistance with the completion of the bulletin.

## **FELLOWSHIP AND SOCIAL.**

The club continues to enjoy great fellowship at regular meetings, and this has also extended to special functions, including partner and family nights. Some of the activities enjoyed throughout the year include;

- Changeover dinner at the Royal Hobart Golf Club
- Assistant Governor's visit
- District Governor's visit
- World President, Glen Kinross' visit to Tasmania
- Christmas Dinner
- Non-Progressive Dinner hosted by President Reg and Annette Emmett
- \$Million Meal hosted by Peter and Jan Chew
- Fellowship day hosted by Rotarian Lindsay and Jean Chivers
- Partners Evenings
- Quiz Night
- Working bee at the Sandford Church.

We extend special thanks to Reg and Annette Emmett, Peter and Jan Chew and Lindsay and Jean Chivers for their generosity in hosting functions at their home and property respectively. All functions were thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

## **FUND RAISING.**

Once again the club assisted in the organisation and running of the Boat and Leisure Show. Other fund raising activities included;

Royal Hobart Regatta  
Government House Open Day  
Royal Hobart Golf Charity Day  
M.G. Car Club Rally

It was pleasing to observe that involvement in all the fund raising activities was high by members.

### **CONCLUSION.**

The objectives of the Club Service Committee for 1997 - 1998 have been achieved. I thank all members of my committee for their assistance, support and involvement. I extend my best wishes to President Elect John Drinkwater and the members of the Club Service Committee for the forthcoming year.

G.F. WOOLLEY  
DIRECTOR  
CLUB SERVICE 1997 - 1998.

## **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Committee: Bob Jones, Alan Leth, Ross Hilder, Lindsay Chivers, Hank Bouman, Fred Hampton, Dick Shoobridge, Tony Watts.

It is with pleasure that we present the International Service Committee report for the 1997-98 Rotary Year. At the outset we determined to follow through on the fine work done by previous committees. To initiate a number of projects that reflect the Club's desire to be involved in a broad program of worthwhile international efforts and to ensure that the financial resources committed are used in the most effective way. To these ends we embarked on projects in the following areas.

### **RAWCS**

1. In August the way was finally cleared to ratify funding for the Boroko Vocation Project in PNG . This project was initiated by the 1996-97 IS Committee and allowed for the purchase of Tool Kits to the value of \$800.00 for training children attending the Boroko Centre.

2. Following a re-evaluation of our commitment to sponsor five Indonesian children the Board decided that the present political and financial turmoil in the country demanded continued support at the present level (\$550.00). Nove Mandy, one of the youngsters sponsored left the Centre during the year graduating to employment and a degree of independence. In her place we picked up a second year High School student Chie Chie Yulia whose father is deceased and mother paralysed.

This year's committee was keen to spread the net of sponsorship to children in a more disadvantaged country and with the Boards approval established a link with an orphanage in Bangladesh (Naryanganj). Through the local Rotary Club food, clothing and educational support is being provided for two youngsters. It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing commitment as with the children in Indonesia.

3. Following approval of Matching Grant status for the Shelters in India Project the Board agreed to provide funding for one shelter (Approx. \$550.00) with the understanding that there would be a multiplier effect. To date no progress report has been received and it may be worth following up with P.D.G. Maurice Hill early in the new Rotary Year.

4. Preliminary work has been done on two other projects. We have given a commitment to training a nurse in Tanzania when the project is approved for a Matching Grant and an approach has been made to the Australian Coordinator of a Clean Water Project in Bangladesh indicating our interest in becoming involved.

## **GSE**

1. The Club's nominee for the GSE Team to Japan was successful. After a rigorous selection process and preparation Julie Evans spent five hectic weeks visiting vocational and cultural sites in Japan. Julie is scheduled to attend a dinner meeting early in the new Rotary Year to report on her experiences. The Club provided \$700.00 towards Julie's expenses. She proved a worthy ambassador for the Club and Tasmania. Tribute is due to Frank Henderson who was particularly helpful in preparing Julie for both the selection process and the time away with the Team.
2. It was also a great pleasure to assist one of the incoming teams. We shared the hosting duties for the Texan team with other Eastern Shore Clubs. For five action packed days (and nights) we supported the Team through a range of activities aimed at providing them with an insight into our way of life. A dinner meeting with us proved entertaining and informative and provided a taste of life in a GSE Team.

## **YOUTH EXCHANGE**

1. During the year the Club was canvassed to gauge interest in hosting an exchangee. Although there is considerable interest in the program, member's families do not fall within the narrow age window which makes the very considerable commitment required an attractive proposition. It is recommended that this matter be raised again from time to time to assess current interest. It may be feasible to share the hosting responsibility with another Eastern Shore Club.
2. Whilst current overseas exchangees toured Tasmania we were able to help by billeting the party for a night and in so doing enjoyed their company at our dinner meeting. Club Members responded magnificently to the call for billets and the quality of hosting was much appreciated.

## **SISTER CLUB PROGRAM**

During the year a further attempt was made to establish a link with the Rotary Club of Howick in South Africa. As with the previous attempt the Howick Club did not respond, so perhaps we can assume no interest from that quarter. If we wish to pursue such a link it now seems necessary to approach the District for a fresh contact.

The Committee wishes to thank members for their support during the year and to express appreciation to President Reg and his team for their leadership and guidance in these matters.

Tony Watts  
International Service Director.  
June 1998

## **VOCATIONAL SERVICE & YOUTH AFFAIRS**

It is with regret that I wish to report that for the major part of the Rotary year, the Director of the Vocational Service was unavailable. He resigned from the Club in early 1998 and so, some of the proposed activities of this Service Committee were not pursued with the expected enthusiasm and vigour.

We were still able to achieve some of the stated objectives of the Vocational Services program. The report below summarises the activities we participated in during the year:

### **MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS**

It is unfortunate that we did not get much support from Rokeby High School for this project. It was decided that we would pursue this only if the staff requested it and so we did not conduct any interviews this year.

### **ROKEBY HIGH SCHOOL - BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The club donated \$200.00 towards the above program. This is to support those underprivileged children to improve their nutrition.

### **PRESENTATION OF CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

The club presented awards at the Rosny College Achiever's Award function and Rotarian Malcolm Salier represented the Club at this function.

### **ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT - RYPEN**

The club nominated two students - Benjamin Williams and Jonathan Calvert from Rokeby High School to attend the above seminar, conducted by the Rotary Club of Glenorchy. On 28th May 1998, these students addressed our club about their participation.

### **ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS - RYLA**

In spite of all the intense effort, we were not able to find any suitable young people to represent our club. The view of the committee is that probably the changing attitude of employers and difficult job situations are the reason for this situation.

## **MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY - MUNA**

The club advised Rokeby High School and Emmanuel Christian School about this event in advance but both schools failed to respond and hence, it was unfortunate that we were not able to send any students to this program at Deloraine.

## **RIO TINTO NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM IN JANUARY 1999**

We are in the process of nominating two students (one male and one female) from the Rosny College to this Forum. The club has gone through the internal selection process and out of three, we selected two. The completed application forms with the club's recommendation will be sent to the District Selection Committee, before the 15th June 1998.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE WANT TO WORK - CENTRELINK VIDEO**

This is a video produced with the support of Centrelink and the incoming Vocational Service Committee could consider promoting this to encourage businesses to employ more trainees.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Vocational Service Committee for providing their support and encouragement in completing this years projects.

Jacob George  
A/G Director of Vocational Service  
& Youth Affairs

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE- Max Dunstone, Peter Calvert, Peter Chew, Ron Schwanke, Noel Jacobs, Andrew Batge, Terry Morrisby, George Casimaty, Jon Adams.

During the 1997/98 Rotary Year the following Community Service Projects have been supported by Howrah Rotary Club.

1. Rokeby High School Breakfast Program. An initiative by the High School to provide breakfasts for some students experiencing severe socio-economic problems. Club contribution \$200.
2. Smoke Out Australia, is a project supported by G.I.O. Australia, Quell, N.S.W. Seniors Card and N.S.W. Fire Brigades. Designed to provide smoke alarms for senior citizens. The costs are to be heavily subsidised by the supporting organisations and in some cases by a small Rotary contribution. Howrah Rotary Club has registered its willingness to participate in this project and await further advice.
3. Shade Creation in School Yards. A project initiated by the Cancer Council requesting support by providing labour only in local schools. Howrah Rotary Club has indicated support and await advice of specific projects from schools.
4. Rokeby High School conducted a program to improve literacy skills among special education students. Howrah Rotary Club contributed a \$50 prize.
5. Rotary Health Research Fund. A donation of \$1000 was made and Howrah Rotary Club decided not to participate in various fund raising competitions.
6. Red Shield Appeal. Contribution \$220.
7. A.B.C. Giving Tree. Contribution \$220.
8. Sight For Sore Eyes Campaign. A project initiated by Tasman Peninsular Rotary Club to collect surplus spectacles for distribution to Asia / Pacific third world countries. Howrah Rotary Club arranged for collection through Shoreline Purity store and from club members.
9. Heartbeat Tasmania. Donation of \$1000 towards purchase of facilities for heart treatment section at the Royal Hobart Hospital
10. Smoke Alarm for Profoundly Deaf Child. Howrah Rotary Club provided \$425 to purchase a special fire alarm with audio and visual display.
- 11.. Annual Citizenship Prizes for Local Schools. Eleven schools accepted the Rotary Club offer at a total cost of \$540.

12. Tas. Bash. Rotary Club of Launceston have requested support for this fund raiser. Howrah Rotary Club contributed \$100.

13. Road Safety Videos. Approximately 50 videos have been distributed to Probuss Clubs throughout Tasmania. These were purchased by Howrah Rotary Club.

14. Intellectually Disabled Indoor Cricket Team. A contribution of \$500 was provided to assist in meeting costs for a team to compete in Adelaide at National Championships.

15. Government House Open Day. A fund raising effort with a profit of \$2255.

16. M. G. Car Rally. A fund raising effort showing a profit of \$626 plus some surplus stocks for future sales.

17. Skateboard Ramp for Rokeby. Howrah Rotary Club have advised the Municipality of Clarence that substantial funding could be available to support construction of a skateboard ramp at the Rokeby Housing Estate. Municipality is surveying public acceptance of this project and we await their advice.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Community Service Committee for their support in the 1997 / 1998 year.

Director Community Service.  
Max Dunstone..

## Meeting Attendance 1997 1998

Adams	Jon	92%
Anderson	John	92%
Batge	Andrew	82%
Bouman	Hank	88%
Bresnehan	John	82%
Calvert	Peter	100%
Casimaty	George	94%
Chew	Peter	76%
Chivers	Lindsay	86%
Cooper	Norman	82%
Cowie	Ian	96%
Drinkwater	John	84%
Dunstone	Max	78%
Emmett	Reg	98%
Farrell	Graeme	90%
Farrow	Kim	78%
George	Jacob	84%
Gilbert	George	90%
Green	Peter	56%
Hampton	Fred	62%
Hilder	Ross	46%
Jacobs	Noel	76%
Job	Les	82%
Jones	Bob	88%
Lamb	David	90%
Leth	Allan	Exempt
Morrisby	Terry	88%
Morriss	Alan	60%
Salier	Malcolm	70%
Schwanke	Ron	76%
Shoobridge	Dick	86%
Toepfer	George	82%
Watts	Tony	64%
Woolley	Glen	68%
Wyatt	Richard	88%