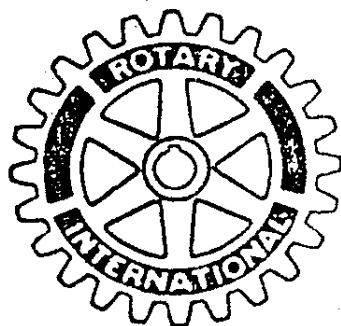


ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH
ANNUAL REPORT
1982/83



Rotary Club of Hounah

President's Report, 1982 - 83

Rotarians and guests - it gives me great pleasure to present the seventh annual report of the Rotary Club of Hounah. I know you would all like it be brief and to the point and I will endeavour to make it just that.

In giving this report I thought the easiest approach would be to follow the format of - "The Summary of Club Plans and Objectives", which I presented to the District Governon at the start of this Rotary Year.

After presenting the plans of the Service Directors I said I would;-
"Support the Service Directors in carrying out their projects and encourage all club members to participate in both fellowship and club projects".

I thought that was sufficiently vague so if ever I was called before a Royal Commission to account for my presidency I had left myself enough room to manouvre.

The Directors' Reports have been tabled as read, - I sincerely trust they will be read as they contain the detail of what the Club has done over the past year. It has been a considerable achievement and all Directors can be proud of what their committees have done.

In this report I plan to present the broader picture of the Club's activities.

Firstly then to membership. We planned to increase membership from 41 and one honorary to 45 and one honorary. In fact we grew to 42 and 1, a net growth of one. We were chided by District for our conservative approach and I think in fact they were right. We need at least six new members a year just to maintain our present membership. There is an average loss of 15% per year in the District. In Hounah we are just holding our own.

The Club Service Committee, under the Directorship of Laurie Stevens, has carried out what it planned to do. We have had an interesting program of guest speakers and fascinating job talks. The Art Show competed with the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane and still made a profit. The Country Fair was once again a financial success and a great day for all members - not forgetting the assistance of wives and families of members and the ladies of Inner Wheel.

Perhaps we did not realise our objective in fireside meetings but on the other hand the bulletin made history. I would like to come back to that later on.

Dick Wyatt and his Vocational Service and Youth Affairs Committee has been active in organising members' job talks, as I have already mentioned. There have also been interesting addresses by members in the role of guest speaker.

Louise Morris was sponsored to the R.Y.L.A. Seminar in April and her follow up talk to the Club was of great value and duly reported in the Bulletin.

The Club has sponsored senior students to R.Y.P.E.N. Seminars and in return students have given informative talks to members.

The Committee decided to concentrate its efforts in our own Hounah district, with particular support to Rokeby High School. A job interview program has been planned over the next two months.

Perhaps the biggest eye opener to needs in our own district was given at our last Club meeting by the panel of Principals from the Clarendon Vale, Duntroon and Rokeby Primary Schools on the, "Disadvantaged Schools Program". There is obviously plenty of work ahead of us in this area.

Fred Hampton's Community Service Report, - is the longest - not just because it is presented by Fred, but because it was probably our most active area. Fred's report should be read in detail together with the Treasurer's report.

Just to mention some of the highlights:-

The joint effort between Kangaroo Bay, Lindisfarne, Bellerive and our own Club, together with Government support, to provide a bus for the Southern Tasmanian Multiple Sclerosis Society. The first time clubs have combined in such an effort and has been frequently commended by the District Governor.

Presentation of sewing machines to the Clarence Youth Support Scheme.

Assistance to the Christian Care Centre.

Weekend camp at Seven Mile Beach for 32 under-privileged children.

Book prizes to schools in our area.

Assistance to the Pittwater Scout Group and their scout leader.

Assistance to the Lidisfanne Club to form a Probus Club in Clarence.

Assistance for the Victorian/South Australian bushfire appeal.

Help to replace the Duntroon School bus.

I could go on but suffice to say the Community Service Committee have carried out their plans and reached their objectives.

John Cotterell's International Service Report is not intentionally left to last - it is just that it is in the order in which it appears on the District Governor's Report.

On Youth Exchange - there is no doubt that both Louise Morris and the Club benefited from Louise's visit to Japan. However, it must be said we experienced difficulties in hosting Naoko Uchiyama, which was a pity and created quite some embarrassment in the Club.

Not all clubs in the District, in fact only about half, participate in the Youth Exchange Program, but to my mind it is really a basic part of Rotary International. I am sure our Club has benefited by our contribution since we were chartered. However, I agree with the Committee that we should give this project more thought and I suggest John's report be read by the in-coming Board.

I will be disappointed if we completely abandon this aspect of Rotary service.

We are sponsoring Mrs. Karen Patten on a Rotary Foundation Award to study physical education in the United States for one year. Karen and her husband are due to leave in August.

We had aimed for a 800% plateau in Rotary Foundation, but in fact we achieved 900%. This was a good effort.

Lindsay Chivers has handled the Club's finances expertly, and at times adroitly. At the start of the year some funds had been credited to the wrong account and this had to be adjusted.

We have had a turnover of some \$16,000 and a considerable amount has been spent on each avenue of service. The details are in the financial

statements, which should be read with interest.

We will hand over to the new Board some \$900 in the Club Account, which should help in a smooth transition. In the Service Account there is \$1,500 in investments and cash. It should also be noted that we hold saleable assets of approximately 450 bags of fowl manure at George Casimaty's, valued at about \$750.

Our main sources of revenue have been from the Country Fair, the Ant Show, sales of fowl manure, interest on investments, fines and raffles.

We have not had a major fund raising exercise since the auction. The new Board might consider something of this nature.

In another area steps have been taken for the Incorporation of the Club. This, when finalised, will provide greater legal protection for all members and helpers.

I have reported on the major areas of service, but all the work of the sub-committees should not be forgotten. All have contributed.

Then too, is the administration of the Club, my thanks go to;- Vice-President Terry Morrisby, who has presided in my absence.

Sergeants-at-Arms, Derek Steele and John Burton, who have run our meetings with such good fellowship and an eye to timing.

Jan Dickinson with his efforts on attendance and his computerised reporting.

John Cotterell, and his staff, for their presentation of the bulletin. To me the bulletin is not only an account of last weeks meeting but is also the conscience and voice of the Club. John has adopted this policy. I have no doubt the incoming editor will be similarly inclined. Just a word for the ladies. I would plead with the wives to insist on reading the bulletin each week - not only so you will know what the Club is doing - but also to read the duty roster so there will be fewer surprised faces when your husbands arrive at the next meeting and reckon they didn't know they were on duty.

Eric Meagher, the property custodian, who looks after our now considerable amount of property.

Again Treasurer Lindsay for his efficient handling of the accounts.

Finally, but certainly not least, Secretary Syd McLymont. Syd has been Secretary for two years and what an asset he has been. Not only to this Club, but to District and to Rotary. He has given me an armchair ride in the Presidency.

My sincere thanks to all these fellows. I would like to set up business with them alongside me.

I hope I have not forgotten anyone
of all the help I have received this year while I have been in the chair.

I have a parting thought on this matter. At every District Assembly or Conference I have attended there have been disparaging remarks made about the so called "dinner member". I think it is a term which should be banned from Rotary, but at least not used in this Club.

I know from long experience in clubs and on committees that 20% of the members do 80% of the work, and it will be forever thus. However, in Rotary the foundation is fellowship, and I value this above everything else. We know that we all have good intentions but we also know that in some years we can contribute more than in other years. We can never predict age, health, business, financial or family pressures that we had not accounted for. In my experience everyone contributes some way at some time. I thank even the "dinner member" for the pleasure of his fellowship. In my wisdom I would advise tolerance and quote Matthew - "Judge not, that ye be not judged".

Mr. Chairman I know you have been waiting for me to say - "and in conclusion", - so this^{is} it.

The highlight of my Presidential year was the District Conference in Christchurch. Not only did it allow Lea and I to have a second honeymoon, with limitations due to age, touring the South Island of New Zealand but the conference itself truly exemplified R.I. President Hiroji's theme for the year - "Mankind is one - build bridges of friendship throughout the world".

As well as the excellent and far-reaching addresses on Rotary service we learnt a great deal about another country and enjoyed the overwhelming fellowship provided by the New Zealanders.

To all our members here tonight I would ask each of you, with your wives, to really try to attend the next District Conference in Launceston next March.

I will draw on a simile from our last Club meeting. We were astounded to hear that there were kids from Clarendon Vale and Rokeby who had never been to Hobart and who had never seen the sea. I can assure that in the confines of our Club meetings we do not know what Rotary International is all about until we have attended a District Conference or Assembly.

My ambition would be one day to take ^{Lea} to an International Rotary Conference in America, Japan or somewhere beyond Australia.


George L. Bales, President.

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT
YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1982

ATTENDANCE:

Ian Dickinson, Peter Calvert.

Although not as good as it could be, never the less our club has been amongst the top clubs for attendance in Tasmania. It has been pleasing the number of make-up that members achieved during the year.

CLASSIFICATIONS-MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Peter Allan, Alan Morriss; Eric Meagher, Abel Reeve, John Burton.

This committee has been operating quite satisfactorily. All members of the club should be constantly alert for additional members, but we should not fall into the trap of seeking new members just to keep our numbers up. Present membership is now 43 plus one Honorary Member, (two past service and two senior active). 42

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

John Anderson, Henry Nogajski.

Where possible this committee has provided details of the club activities to the Press, but I believe we can still do a lot more in this area to promote the ideals of Rotary.

BULLETIN:

John Cotterell.

John has, as usual, produced an interesting club bulletin, but he can only do so much. We should all try to contribute items for publication and not leave it to one person. Other club directors should endeavour to contribute items of interest especially about their own committee activities. Our club did achieve the honor of winning the District Trophy for the best Club Bulletin; Congratulations to John.

PROGRAMME:

Alan Morriss, Bob Langford.

Programme to date has been most interesting and the job talks from our own club members have been extremely popular. The high-light

of the year was the visit of Mrs. Burril and her Guide Dog "Marcell". All members appreciated the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Burril and I am sure they were all very very proud of the fact that our Club provided funds for the purchase and training of the Guide Dog.

ROTARY INFORMATION:

Peter Allan, Henry Nogajski.

The original programme provided for six speakers on this subject during the year. To date, because of an active programme committee, we were not able to complete the programme.

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES:

Alan Bell, Lindsay Chivers, Able Reeve, Ian Dickinson, John Anderson, Laurie Stevens.

Activities held to date have been Christmas function at Farmarama, barbecue picnic at Alan Morriss's shack at Primrose Sands, Art Show, and Fair, and a visit to the Oyster Farm at Rotarian Roger Calverts' property.

ART SHOW:

Alan Bell, Lindsay Chivers, Abel Reeve, Ian Dickinson, John Anderson, Laurie Stevens.

As usual with the tremendous enthusiasm of its chairman, Alan Bell, the Art Show was a great success. Club funds benefit by approximately \$160.00.

COUNTRY FAIR:

Graeme Farrell, Terry Morrisby, John Burton, Peter Allan, Peter Calvert, Bob Jones, Henry Nogajski.

With Graeme Farrell at the helm and with support from all members, the fair was a great success, both financially (net \$1890 aprox.) and socially.

FINANCE:

Lindsay Chivers.

These duties have been ably administered by Lindsay Chivers. The Club is in a healthy financial position.

CLUB PROPERTY & HISTORY:

Eric Meagher (P.H.F.)

Eric's efforts in this area have been appreciated by all members.

ROTARIAN LAURIE STEVENS
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR

L. Stevens

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

Vocational Service and Youth Affairs Committee

Annual Report 1983

I would like to thank the members of the committee for the time and effort they have invested in our program this year, and I am pleased to report that we have achieved the goals we set at the beginning of the year as well as carrying out some unplanned activities along the way.

- The club has been continually stimulated and enlightened by members giving short talks on recent developments in their vocational field and longer talks on their job and personal history. Increasing club member's knowledge of one another's vocation has helped develop a keener appreciation of each other.
- The club sponsored Louise Morris to attend the R.Y.L.A. Seminar organised by the Rotary Club of Beaconsfield in April.

Following a committee decision to provide the majority of our youth support to Rokeby High School we have been assisting in the following ways:-

- We sponsored six senior students to R.Y.P.E.N. Seminars, three to each one held this year.
- We have had a substantial involvement in their work experience program, and following this and the first R.Y.P.E.N. Seminar, students involved have given interesting and extremely informative talks to the club.
- We are committed to assist Grade 10 students with a job interview program and as leaders of discussion groups on various careers over the next two months.

Richard Wyatt.

Director.

HOWRAH ROTARY CLUB

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The year's activities which have been most rewarding and which has involved all members of the committee and also club members in general, is summarised below:-

1. A wood chop organised at Copping for firewood for the Lillian Martin Home was enjoyed by both Rotarians and wives who participated. The ladies supplying the food
(Ralph Wehse)
2. ^{CHRISTMAS} The Christmas Care Centre at Rokeby was supported throughout the year to the extent of \$390 (Part of this sum being a carry over from the previous year) This year's contribution took the form of garden tools and shoes, plus the surplus clothes from the annual fair.
(Max Dunstone)
3. The weekend camp at Seven Mile Beach for 32 under-privileged children was again highly successful, and was most pleasing because of the near 100% support by club members. Cost \$519.
(John Drinkwater)
4. Once again the Annual Rotary Fair at Sandford Hall was most successful thanks to Graeme Farrell and his committee. Again its pleasing feature was club members participation. Profit \$1,798.
5. This year the Howrah Rotary Club donated book prizes to the value of \$35 to all the Primary and High Schools within our area, plus \$10 for the Warrane High School on the basis of support since inauguration. It is to be hoped that this item may be perpetuated. Cost \$207.
6. Following representation from the Tasmanian Branch of the Scout Association of Australia on behalf of 1st Pittwater Scout Group, a donation of \$500 towards the re-building of the Scout Hall demolished by storm and tempest was given. In addition considerable manual assistance with the construction of the hall has been given by a hardy band of stalwarts under the guidance of one Noel Jacobs, who have presented themselves for duty on Saturday morning over the past two/three months. Cost \$500.
7. At the instigation of Kangaroo Bay our club in unison with the other Eastern Shore Rotary Clubs contributed \$968 towards the cost of a new bus for the Southern Tasmanian Multiple Sclerosis Society. Cost \$968
8. Following an approach by the Clarence Council our club has written expressing an interest in the provision of a major static display board on the Tasman Highway as a tourist aid to the Municipality's services. It remains for Clarence Council to pursue the matter.
9. As a result of our association with the Pittwater Scouts our club made a contribution of \$200 to a Scout Leader, Martin MacManus to assist him accepting an offer of a Scouting Scholarship in America which he took up in May.
10. Eventually, in cohorts with the other Eastern Shore Rotary Clubs the Probus Club of the Eastern Shore has been launched with approximately 60 gentlemen attending the interest meeting. To assist with getting the ball rolling our club has donated \$150. Cost \$150.

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11. A small and little known state Primary School within our area, Duntroon Primary School in Rokeby, catering for 235 pupils in the Housing Commission area, had the misfortune to have a recently acquired new school bus destroyed by fire, and although covered by insurance, a deficit of approximately \$1,000 resulted. Our club has voted a \$250 contribution to assist.
12. In the matter of Patricia Anne Webb reported in the first half year report being a local young schoolgirl, now a paraplegic at a result of an accident, it is suggested that next year's Community Services Committee pursues as it sees fit, as to date we have not been contacted by Mr. Webb .
14. In case it does not get reported elsewhere don't forget the Art Show which made a profit of \$163.

Summary

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>\$</u>
Seven Mile Beach Camp	519	Country Fair	1,798
Christian Care Centre	390	Art Show	163
Pittwater Scout Hall	500	Manure Sales	567
Martin McManus donation	200		
Multiple Sclerosis Bus	968		
School Prizes	247		
Probus	150		
Duntroon Primary School	250		
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In closing thanks are due to all members of the Community Services Committee for their support, together with that of the body of club members both active and passive.

In the present times the needs within our own local community are becoming increasingly self evident and must be pursued to the best of our ability, and I look forward to serving on next year's committee.



F.C. Hampton

(Director, Community services, 1982/3)

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - 1982/83

As a matter of record the International Service Committee undertook a number of minor activities during the year in support of World Understanding Week and Rotary Foundation Week.

The matters and decisions of substance relate however to the Student Exchange Program.

We hosted for nearly a year Miss Naoko Uchiyama of Chiba Prefecture Japan whilst our own Exchange Student, Louise Morris was in Japan.

As best it was possible to judge the year with us greatly improved Naoko's command of English and her confidence in using it. Undoubtedly the very experience of living in a different culture widened her horizons.

What the exchange program had done for Louise was much easier to see because it has clearly helped her to develop into a confident, and highly articulate young lady well capable of understanding, appreciating and communicating the differences in the cultures in which she had been immersed.

This is truly bridge building of friendships. The kind of bridge building which goes to the heart of what Rotary is all about.

Unfortunately prior to Louise's return the decision had been made that the Club would no longer support the Student Exchange program.

This decision was taken in light of the difficulties (embarrassing difficulties it must be said) in finding hosts for Naoko's second half year. This had nothing to do with Naoko as an individual. It was simply a reflection of the fact that

- a) the Club had had a prior bad experience in relation to incoming students. Specifically in relation to dietary requirements which had not been advised in advance, which consequently threw intolerable burdens on host "mothers".
- b) the cost of hosting a student is a considerable financial burden on the host families concerned, and,
- c) because of the age and mix of Club members families the number of members in a position to host a student is strictly limited.

It seemed to individual committee members that Louise's return and the Club's recognition of the value of the experience to her had weakened the collective resolve to abandon participation in the program.


This resolve may have been further weakened by the realisation, too late, that the rules of the Student Exchange Program make provision for sending home students who do not conduct themselves properly or who have told lies about their personal requirements in order to get on the program.

The fact remains however that the cost and availability of families is still a stumbling block not easily overcome.

Moves are afoot to try and combine the resources of the Eastern Shore clubs for hosting. This would help availability.

If that can be done the cost is something which the Club, if it has the will, can easily overcome.

We believe that the value of the Program is evident to all and the Club's resolve will be reversed.


J. A. Cotterell
DIRECTOR

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1/7/82 - 23/6/83
CLUB ACCOUNT

1. 7. 82

Balance as at 23/6/83 \$ 259.90
 Subscriptions \$1,992.00
 Entrance Fees \$ 67.00
 Dinner \$2,366.70
 Social Functions \$ 613.48
 Raffle \$ 488.78
 Fines \$ 439.26
 Port Sales \$ 18.00
 Smoke Detectors \$ 520.00
 Supplies \$ 17.40

R/I Dues \$787.07
 R.D.U. Subs \$498.00
 Dinners \$1,631.00
 Social Functions \$709.74
 Printing & Stationery \$184.47
 Transfer to Service Account \$1,033.00
 Postage & Petty Cash \$110.40
 Smoke Detectors \$520.00
 Badges & Supplies \$130.67
 Miscellaneous \$175.65
 Incorporation Expenses \$108.75
 Balance \$893.77

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NOTE Balance Consists of Clubs own Funds \$454.51
 Fines Money \$439.26
 \$893.77

INVESTMENT P.B.S. ACCOUNT

1/7/82 - 21/6/83

Balance 30/6/82	\$4,000.00	Transfer to Service Account	\$2,000.00
Interest	\$ 559.31	Clarence Commission Sewing Machines C.Y.S.S.	\$1,100.00
	<u> </u>	Balance 21/6/83	<u>\$1,459.31</u>
	<u><u>\$4,559.31</u></u>		<u><u>\$4,559.31</u></u>

SERVICE ACCOUNT - FAIR 1982

Gross Takings	\$3,027.26		
		Change	\$600.00
		Hire of Hall	\$ 50.00
		Advertising	\$ 56.28
		Raffle	\$238.60
		Food Stall & Chocolate Wheel	\$261.17
		Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 22.90
		Profit	\$1,798.31
	<u>\$3,027.26</u>		<u>\$3,027.26</u>

SERVICE ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1/7/82 - 23/6/82

Balance Brought Forward \$1,226.69
 Fair 3,027.26
 Art Show 1,736.65
 Manure Sales 637.20
 I/R Barbaque 42.00
 Blue Light Disco 712.85
 Christian Care Centre - refund 15.85
 Transfer Funds (From P.B.S.) 2,000.00
 Transfer Funds (Club Account) 1,033.00

Fair Expenses \$1,228.95
 Art Show Expenses 1,573.37
 Manure Sales 29.22
 C.Y.S.S. 960.00
 Rokeby School Trees 324.80
 Vic./S.A. Bush Fire Appeal 300.00
 Blue Light Disco 566.42
 R/I Paul Harris Fellowship 336.72
 Community Service:

Childrens Camp 519.46
 Christian Care Centre 406.45
 School Prizes 207.35
 1st Pittwater Scouts & Scouter 700.00
 M/S Bus 968.25
 Duntroon School Bus 250.00
 Clarence Probbs Club 150.00
 Rokeby School Camp 240.00

Vocational Service:

R.Y.L.A. Camp 120.00
 Rypen Seminar 165.00

International Service:

Exchange Student 450.00

Johnson Family Repairs Meka-Lift 30.00
 Year of Tree Project 30.00
 Explorer Camp 60.00
 Rosny Student Prize 17.80
 Transfer Funds Club Account 533.00
 Bank Charges 30.30
 Balance 34.39

\$10,431.48

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SERVICE ACCOUNT - ART SHOW 1982

Sales & Door Takings

\$1,736.65

Payment to Artists \$1,010.26

Running Expenses \$ 563.11

Profit \$ 163.28