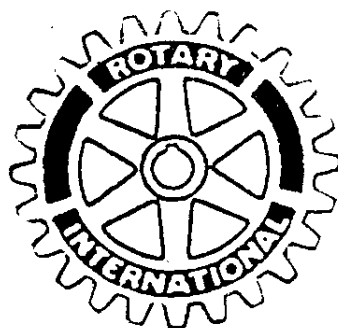


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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Rotarians, I would personally like to express my heartfelt thanks to all members for their commitment and achievements for the year.

Directors reports from avenues of service are enclosed for your information.

I would like to mention my appreciation for the following Club achievements.

- * Club Service - my thanks to Directors Lindsay Chivers and Jacob George for job sharing this very important Club position.
- * Secretary - Syd McClymont always on the ball made light work of a challenging Club requirement.
- * John Burton and his handling of finance.
- * Sergeant-At-Arms - John Anderson and Fred Hampton provided for the Club entertainment "Plus" for the year, thanks to Fred for volunteering.
- * Ian Cowie - for effectiveness on attendance reports.
- * Fundraising at the Country Fair and Rotary Wheel proved to be very successful and the efforts of Keith Butterworth, Denis Capuano and their teams provided substantial monies for the Club. George Casimaty and the Auction is growing in strength with super contributions.
- * Social - Alan Morriss, Ralph Wehse and Dick Wyatt put together a fine variety of social activities for the year with the Christmas Party one to be remembered and the reintroduction of the Fishing Day all added up to a great fellowship year.
- * Peter Calvert - and the Raffle provided needed funds, at the same time popular with members. Great effort.
- * Bulletin and Programme - George Toepfer and Laurie Stevens assembled a very interesting product mix on programming for the members during the year and together with the Bulletin editor Denis Capuano and more recently Jacob George informed members their job responsibilities, also reporting Club activities. My thanks to Jacob for volunteering.
- * Hank Bouman - and his inventory of Club equipment.
- * Ralph Wehse - always ready to flash (with his camera) and his gift presentation of photos to Shoko Hatazoe was really first class.
- * The Community Service - under the Directorship of Bob Jones and his active committee has seen the Club with the support of members meet a very comprehensive programme. We have covered all aspects of service from community work, to the elderly, youth, and the under privileged. I feel we should be very proud of a job well done.

- * The Vocational Service - under the Directorship of David Lamb helped provide ongoing commitment to Rokeby High School with the popular Mock Job Interviews.
- * The International Service - under the Directorship of Tony Stacey was very successful with our pleasing and rewarding Exchange Student Shoko Hatazoe one of the highlights. Our ongoing support of IPAC, Group Study Exchange, Polio Plus and our first involvement with Muna brought much credit to our Club.

The year had many highlights -

- * The attendance at the District Conference at Latrobe and the trip to "Nowhere" also the company of fellow Howrah Rotarians and their wives, a great time had by all. Really, if you wish to familiarize yourself with Rotary activities I would recommend the Annual District Conference and Assembly to you.
- * Kath and Eric Meagher celebrated 50 years of marriage during the Rotary year. Congratulations to both of you.
- * I would like to take the opportunity of thanking Marian Casimaty, Diane Morris, Clare Steele and Jeanette Stacey, who with their respective husbands made available their homes for various Club functions during the year. Our first Progressive Dinner was highly successful and the goodies provided by the ladies made the night very memorable.
- * The support of President Pat Lamb and the Inner Wheel ladies together with wives of Rotarians is a service we cannot do without and valued deeply.
- * The support of members who worked behind the scenes on many Club projects and to the members who readily volunteered when required.
- * Hosting the Aussie Barbecue for visiting G.S.E. from Philadelphia.
- * Visit to Philadelphia by Steve Smith representing our Club at Group Study Exchange.
- * Our involvement with the Science Summer School and the honour of sponsoring Shani Salier.
- * Welcoming to the Club new members Denis Miller, Malcolm Salier and Pim Saarburg, also past members Max Dunstone, George Gilbert and Peter Pitney joining the flock after journeys to far off places.
- * The support of Rotarians children - Penny and Danny Steele, Mitchel Chivers, Ashley Emmett, Anita George and Cameron Stacey.

Unfortunately once again membership followed the trend of previous years with eight resignations and this alarming pattern is a challenge to each member. Club attendance was on the increase for the year.

My appreciation to John and Maureen Skinner of the Shoreline Hotel for their support.

To conclude I wish to thank all members for their support and untiring efforts during my year as your President. I have enjoyed the challenge and the honour.

Wishing Derek Steele and his team all the success for the forthcoming Rotary year.

GRAEME FARRELL
PRESIDENT.

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This year Club Service was made up of 14 Committees all of whom attended to their tasks with some success.

The Club had a successful year in some areas, but again a drop in membership robbed the Club of some very good and long serving members.

Several Committees lost key Members, causing a heavier work load to fall on other Club Members. I thank these Members for the way they attended to the extra tasks.

The Programme Committee organised a wide range of speakers, plus allowing time for all facets of Rotary to be discussed.

The Club Bulletin was handled by Dennis Capuano until his resignation. Following his resignation, Jacob George stepped into the position and organised the production for the balance of the year.

The Club Fund Raising Committee, with it's Sub Committees, arranged and staged the Annual Fair and Auction, plus organising the Regatta Wheel at the Hobart Regatta and Richmond. This section of the Club activities were a real Club event, with most Members and Ladies participating.

The Club Social Calendar was well handled by Alan Morris and his Committee. A wide range of social events were held, those Members and Wives who attended enjoyed some of the best fellowship in the Club for some years.

The Club recorded an overall attendance of 82.2% this year. Eleven members attended over 90% of Club Dinner Meetings, whilst 2 Members let the Club down by only attending less than 65% of Dinner Meetings. I urge all Members to make a positive commitment in this coming year to attend regularly and help the Club attain a higher average Dinner attendance than this year.

I have enjoyed the position of Club Service Director, and would like to record my appreciation to Jacob George who took over from me for a large portion of the year. On the whole, I consider the Clubs Service Committees have functioned well, but more participation by some members is required to ensure the work load of running the Club is not just left to the willing few.

Lindsay Chivers
CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

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This year has seen emphasis on Youth Affairs in our overall programme. At the same time, we have continued established projects associated with the aged/incapacitated and the environment although we were not required to assist in provision of firewood for the Lillian Martin Home during our year. Doubtless this project will again reflect in the forthcoming year.

Our completed programme is summarised hereunder:

Economically Underprivileged

Our \$million meal yielded \$352 for the Salvation Army's Christmas Hamper and \$425.93 was directed to the Christian Care Centre at Rokeby.

Environment

Three enthusiastic working bees have taken our path project to within approximately 60 metres of the junction with Trammere Road. Another two efforts should see the path completed to that point. Excellent fellowship was enjoyed with membership participation averaging about 65/70 per cent. A good effort!

Youth Affairs

- (a) Our "Orana" boys camp catered for 17 boys over 11/12 December 1988 and was enjoyed by all with the spin in Noel Jacob's boat proving to be the highlight.
- (b) "Out of Control" video
The video on the student drug problem was presented to a parent/student meeting at Clarence High School. Only twelve students attended but they and the larger number of parents enthusiastically received the video and accompanying talk by Jacob George.
- (c) Student Awards
Book prizes to the value of \$347 were awarded to students at eight local schools for the 1988 year.

- (d) **Student Guests**
Students from Rosny Matriculation College and Rokeby High School attended separate Club meetings and presented interesting talks to members on student problems, limited job prospects on completing studies, and student participation in school/community activities. Each of those four students impressed in their presentations.
- (e) **Banner Competition**
With the Club considering a new banner design, we sought designs depicting "Rotary in Howrah" from the senior Art class at Rosny Matriculation College. The prize of \$50 was won by Helen Speed.
- (f) **RYLA/RYPEN**
Thanks to Lindsay Chivers and Reg Emmett, the Club sponsored Tania Geeves of TGIO for the 1989 RYLA Seminar with Dion Byas and John Robinson of Rokeby High School being sponsored for the RYPEN Seminar. Expenditure for the projects was \$350.
- (g) **Athlete Sponsorship**
Andrea Hughes, a most promising junior athlete and strong contender for the Australian team in the next Commonwealth Games received sponsorship of \$250 to enable her to attend warm-up international competition in Japan later this year.

Community Service

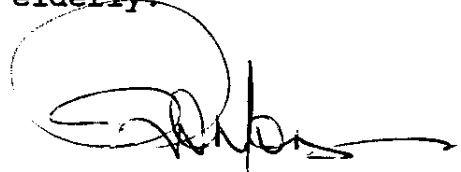
- (a) A donation of \$500 was approved for the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania toward its educational programme for children and \$382 for provision of a cordless phone to Ward 4B of the Royal Hobart Hospital which cares for orthopaedic patients.
- (b) **Sandford Chapel Project**
Renovation work to the value of some \$500 has been effected on the Chapel by Noel Jacobs on behalf of the Club. We are indebted to Noel for his generous donation of time and effort associated therewith. Possible further renovations will involve other Club members if they proceed.
- (c) **Bush Mill Excursion**
Again, one of our highlights was our recent excursion with eleven elderly people to the Bush Mill complex at Port Arthur. Olive and her cobbles fully appreciated the time, consideration and fellowship extended them by twenty

of our members and wives during the journey, Bar-B-Q lunch, and afternoon tea. As appreciative as these people were, I am inclined to the view that those of us who joined them perhaps gained more from the outing than our guests.

In terms of dollars, our projects for the year encompassed total expenditure of some \$3,550 against budget of \$3,300. Our "hands on" projects did not perhaps entail as much of members' time and efforts as we would have preferred but those of the path working bees and "Orana" Camp were gratifying and included excellent fellowship. Overall, I think we can be satisfied with our year.

Thanks to my committee for their support, and appreciation to Club members for their ready participation in our programme which ensures success of the projects undertaken.

Special thanks also to Penny and Danny Steele for their assistance with our "Orana" Camp and, once again, our very sincere special appreciation to Barbara and John Drinkwater for their very dedicated personal commitments which ensured success of the "Orana" Camp and outing for the elderly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Jones', with a large circular flourish above the name and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(Bob Jones)
Community Service Director

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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DIRECTOR - TONY STACEY

COMMITTEE - PETER CHEW
MALCOLM SALIER
MAX DUNSTONE
JACOB GEORGE

This year has been a very rewarding one for the Club in the area of International Service. International Service enables individual clubs and the Rotary movement to make a significant contribution to world peace, understanding and health through a variety of Rotary initiated and administered programmes.

Involvement with youth through Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange, Twin Exchange and IPAC (the support of Indonesian orphans). The assistance provided to developing countries through F.A.I.M. the 3H project and Polio Plus along with many other programmes is what distinguishes Rotary from similar organisations.

Your club has been able to participate in most of these programmes during this year. In doing so we have been able to make our contribution in this important area of international understanding and world health.

The most significant projects for the International Service Committee during the year were :

Rotary Exchange

Our Japanese exchange student Shoko Hatazoe was farewelled by Club Members in January this year. This brought to a close a very successful visit by Shoko. During her stay Shoko made a significant impression on the members of the Club and made many lasting friendships.

The club appreciates the contribution made by her host family Barry and Suzanne Smith, and their daughters Julie and Kathryn, who hosted Shoko for the 12 months of her visit. The committee also records appreciation to those members and their families who offered Shoko hospitality and friendship during her stay, and to Derek and Clare Steele and family who provided the venue for a very pleasant farewell barbecue for Shoko.

New Zealand Twin Exchange

The committee was anxious to participate in this form of student exchange. A number of students were interviewed, however, we were not able to recommend a suitable participant this year.

Because this programme is designed for High School students, is of 6 months duration and does not involve home hosting by club members, it may be a more appropriate form of exchange for our club. We would recommend that the incoming committee seriously consider this programme for next year.

IPAC

Your club continues to provide financial support for the education of 8 Indonesian orphans. Details of the names, ages and academic achievements of our sponsored children were received during the year and circulated to club members.

The board has decided to limit our future involvement to five children and IPAC have been advised accordingly. This will be done progressively so as not to remove financial support from any children until they have either finished their High School education or left school.

Rotary Foundation

Members, through their generous weekly donations to the fines sessions, contribute significantly to Rotary Foundation. It is anticipated our donation this year will be approximately \$600.00 which will also be used for a sustained Paul Harris Fellowship. At the time of writing this report, the final amount of our donation had not been finalised.

Polio Plus

The loose change bowl that circulates the table at each club meeting enables your club to continue to support this worthwhile programme. A donation of approximately \$300.00 will result from this year's collections.

Group Study Exchange

The Club was fortunate to be able to host the team from Philadelphia for a relaxed Saturday at Salamanca market and after lunch, at the Police Academy. That evening they were entertained by Club members, visiting Rotarians and their wives at an informal barbecue at the Casimaty's wool shed.

The committee is grateful to past President Syd McClymont for organising the day, and to George and Marion Casimaty for providing an excellent venue for a successful and enjoyable function.

The Club successfully nominated Steve Smith to participate in the return visit to Philadelphia. Steve has attended a number of Club meetings and was presented with the team blazer prior to his departure. Steve has since returned from his visit and will be invited to address the Club on his experiences.

MUNA

Two students from Rokeby High School were nominated by the Club to participate in the Mini United Nations Assembly organised by the Deloraine club. The students and their accompanying teacher subsequently spoke to the club of their experience.

Club members were impressed by the standard set by the students and their comments on the success of the assembly. Your committee records thanks to Reg Emmett for his involvement and would recommend that this project be supported in future years.

I would like to personally thank the members of the International Service Committee for their support during the year and wish the incoming Director and his committee every success for the coming year.

A. C. Stacey,
International Service Director.
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