

Rotary Club of Howrah Inc.

President Report for the 1989/90 Year

A review of the Clubs summary of plans and objectives prepared at the beginning of the year reveals that while only one or two items were not achieved the Club undertook many additional tasks. By any measurement I believe we have had a successful year having participated in most of our traditional activities, broken new ground and handled more money.

Rotary Clubs run a great risk in losing members by expecting a greater participation than the member is prepared to give. With this in mind the directors have supported me throughout the year in controlling the commitment given on behalf of members to a level that could be handled by the members available. We will finish the year with 31 members after introducing Michael Longbottom into the Club.

Before going into the highlights of the year I wish to record the saddest event of the year, the passing on of Honorary member Gary Powell. Gary was a Charter Member of the Club and gave us great service during our formative years. Poor health caused his retirement but as an honorary member Gary visited the Club from time to time.

At the time of writing we have had over 20 guest speakers from outside Rotary visit the Club as well as speakers such as RYPEN delegates, exchange students and other rotary awardees. Very few of our weekly meetings have been less than active and full of information. Perhaps one of the most important parts of Rotary is the weekly meeting for both social activity and communications with each other for the purpose of achieving our goals. The degree to which we enjoy the weekly meeting is my indicator of the success or otherwise of the Club and I am of the opinion that all of our meetings for the year have been enjoyable. I would firstly thank Bob Jones for this. In his capacity of Sgt of Arms he has allowed members the freedom of self expression while maintaining order as has Alan Morriss when called on to stand in. Others who regularly contribute to the atmosphere of the meeting are Keith Butterworth and Peter Pitney and I thank them for their contributions.

As well as the regular weekly meeting we have had three ladies nights to date with another planned before the end of the year. These nights are special and are made successful by the extra effort on the part of people like Hank Bouman with such things as the arrangement with the Hotel, flowers for guests etc and of course Lindsay Chivers with the organisation of the Quiz night.

The years programme in retrospect appears to be fairly evenly divided between work and play but at times during the year seemed to be very heavily weighted in the direction of work. The new fund raiser of catering to visitors at the open days of Government House probably gave this impression. As it turned out we enjoyed ourselves doing it and may well find the exercise a top money spinner under favourable conditions. We are thankful to Syd McClymont for making this opportunity available and by the way congratulations on election to D.G. for 1991/92 and of course Peter Chew who lead us through the nightmare. The exercise at Government House also highlighted how much we rely on Noel Jacobs when setting up for the various

fund raising functions. While we have purchased our own BBQ and PA System we rely heavily on Noel for hammer, nail and block of wood to make things work.

The other fund raising activities, the Country Fair and Spin the Wheel, were well organised by Graeme Farrell and George Casinaty respectively with all Club members assisting in particular George Toepfer as M.C at the Regatta to ensure they were successful. It is at these fund raisers that we are so well assisted by members wives and their efforts are much appreciated. The fair provides us with the opportunity of having our annual "working bee" at Terry Morrisby's home which is so well attended I'm convinced our members prefer to dig spuds etc than think. While there are many people to thank in respect of the fair I shall limit myself at this point to acknowledging Terry as mentioned and John Anderson for his efforts with the auctions.

Having covered the high profile business activities of the year, before reporting on the many Rotary activities and social aspects let me now acknowledge some of the members who contribute in a less spectacular manner. The first that comes to mind is Max Dunstone who has been a tower of strength to me during the year by covering every gap that has arisen including backing up the Bulletin Editor, standing in for directors and attending presentations, others who have assisted during the year in this way include Peter Calvert, Ian Cowie, Jacob George, George Gilbert, Fred Hampton & Pim Saarberg all of whom attended everything we organised and were prepared to accept any tasks given.

The Directors of the four avenues of service have provided their own reports and I will not repeat here the details of their activities. Sufficient to say that each has completed a year of activities that has addressed their area of responsibility and ensured that the work of the Club is relevant to the ideals of Rotary. Other members of the Club without the title of director have also had specific tasks and I congratulate them for their efforts throughout the year; these include Laurie Stevens for his accurate recording of members attendance, Ralph Wehse who has captured the year on film, John Drinkwater who with his wife Barbara carried the rest of us through the weekend camp for the underprivileged kids.


During the year there were many social activities, the tennis day, fishing trips and BBQ and while David Lamb may not have organised them all, he led the committee charged with ensuring we enjoyed major social events like the Christmas Dinner, Theatre night and the coming change over dinner. I am pleased to note that I have not heard any complaints regarding social activities this year and in thanking the social committee I should also include my wife Clare who played a substantial part in the Christmas Party arrangements; as did Father Christmas, but we don't know who played that part.

The portfolios of International Service and Vocational Service appear to need to have split from them some of their activities that relate specifically to youth. Several such activities arose during the year including our successful candidate to the Science Summer School. Richard Wyatt attended to such matters without the aid of an official title. Perhaps a new directorship would be in order. Denis Miller as director of international service undertook his duties to the highest level ensuring the Club was represented in all aspects of this avenue of service. Apart from these normal activities the year has resulted in the gaining of an additional Paul Harris Fellowship to be awarded at the change over dinner and the nomination of a new sustaining member.

One of the most pleasing things to me about my year as President has been the high standard of the Bulletin maintained by Malcolm Salier. The main reason for my pleasure comes from the way we have all been kept informed of Club activities, plans and changes of plans together with a taste of Malcolms particular humour.

When planning the 1989/90 activities and board structure I wanted the balance of newer members and experienced members. Reg Emmett did not hesitate when asked to take on the job of treasurer although it was a new experience for him. Reg had a difficult start to his career in finance but has without doubt handled the job expertly and as so often happens in this club with very little fuss.

In conclusion I wish to acknowledge the support given to me during the year by all members of the Club; all being leaders in their own right, it would be difficult to preside over such a group without that support. I wish Lindsay and his board all the best for the 1990/91 Rotary year and assure him of my full support.



D.W. Steele
President 1989/90

Club Service Director Annual Report 1989/90

Our Club Service Committee this year was made up of its director, Hank Bouman and the directors of the Service Committees: International Service: Dennis Miller: Community Service: Terry Morrisby and Vocational Service: Keith Butterworth.

The monthly board meetings served at the same time as the meetings of the Club Service Committee and were always well attended.

1989/90 developed to be a busy Rotary year with two new fund raising activities, both in the gardens of Government House.

New also was the attempt to hold fireside meetings, recommended by the Governor, made up of groups of six members at the houses of five hosts, who volunteered for this job. Due to several circumstances only two hosts held their meeting. The participants appreciated the experienced fellowship. The attendance of the dinner meeting was reasonable and reached often more than 80%. Once we attained 100% attendance, which was celebrated with a glass of port.

The number of members stayed this year 31: John Burton resigned, but we welcomed a new member Michael Longbottom. Guests and members presented this year to our club 13 banners. Altogether now we have 231 banners, from which 47 are waiting to be sewn on a collective banner.

On the whole our fund raising program has been a financial success with the Annual Fair and Auction, organised by Graham Farrell and John Anderson respectively; the Chocolate Wheel at the Hobart Regatta and at Richmond, with George Casimaty as organisers and the catering for visitors of Government House, with Peter Chew at the helm. In all these events almost every member was involved. Our dinner program was filled with guest speakers this year organised by the members in their turn. The organising member was also chairman of the meeting in question and was for that reason always well prepared.

The Club bulletin was made up by Malcolm Salier in a very original way: no more words than necessary, neatly laid out with often a photo on the front cover and little drawings inside. Malcolm did so well, that he is allowed to stay editor this coming year, very detrimental to Ralph Wehse, who again will not be sure of the right spelling of his difficult name.

The social events this year were almost professionally organised by David Lamb and his committee. They did a marvellous job with organising our Christmas Dinner in the historical surrounding of the old sandstone house of Derek and Clare Steele; organising also the tuna fishing trip; a successful week-end at the shack of Lindsay and Jean Chivers; the ladies night in the Sakura restaurant with visit to the Post and Telecom Museum and finally our change-over dinner at the Pines, Seven Mile Beach. I also want to mention the woodchop on behalf of the Lillian Martin Home, organised by John Drinkwater and attended by about 12 hard working members. The result was such a large quantity of chopped wood, that till now we are not asked to go for a second time.

... through due to bad weather. The service committees, each in their own field, were active as ever, which will be shown in their annual reports.

Finally I want to thank the directors of these committees for their co-operation in relation to the Club Service Committee.

Howrah, 21 June 1990
Hank Bouman
Club Service Director

VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT:

As Director of this portfolio, I am delighted to submit the following report on behalf of my committee. It was only through their skills, knowledge and on-going commitment to develop activities, that Vocational Service was close to realising its full potential.

In keeping with the Marketing Strategy developed at the start of the year, the following overview is submitted for information:-

THE 4 WAY TEST:

The Sergeant-at-Arms implemented the test on an "ad hoc" basis, and it proved a great success in either increasing Rotarians knowledge or alternately was a great fund-raiser for the Club.

CAREER INFORMATION:

This activity was our major focus for the year. In past years it has been Club Policy to attend Rokeby High School and conduct "mock" job interviews.

This year the Committee revamped the concept to create a touch of realism to the project and introduce students to the real world. A cross section of 'Positions Vacant' was obtained from Business Houses and the C.E.P. These positions were then displayed on the School notice board, and students were encouraged to formally apply for the positions. Interviews were then arranged at the various Business Houses, and the students had to present personally for same. The project met with limited success, some of the mitigating circumstances which did not allow the activity to develop its intended purpose, were time constraints and the closeness to exams.

It is the Committees recommendation that if this project is to continue next year, that the incumbents devote more time to developing the concept and allow a greater lead time to implement same.

YOUTH PROJECTS:

The Committee spent a great deal of time and effort in supporting training and development programmes for Youth, and a brief summary is listed below:-

National Science Summer School - We were only one of twelve clubs to have a representative at the school this year.

M.U.N.A. - Our two students received splendid support from the Club Members. Sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to Dr. Jacob George and his wife Mary, in helping the students truly represent India in national costume.

SPONSORSHIP. - The Club made available a Grant of \$400 to the Rokeby Youth Group, to assist 5 underprivileged children partake in a cycling tour of Flinders Island.

TRADE AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS:

The Committee were fortunate in obtaining the services of a Consultant the address members in the complex subject of "Sales Tax".

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT 1989-90

Report of the activities of the Community Service Committee of the Howrah Rotary Club for the year ending June 30th 1990.

During the year the Rotary Club of Howrah provided funds to assist the following:-

Christian Care Centre Rokeby. To assist in the purchase of shoes for the needy.	\$ 1000.00
Playgroup Association of Tasmania. To assist in the purchase of Van.	\$ 500.00
Menzie Centre for Population Health Research. To assist in the purchase of a computer.	\$ 350.00
The Tasmanian Deaf Society To assist funding Information and Deafness Resource Centre.	\$ 750.00
Cancer Support Group	\$ 1000.00
Richmond Fellowship of Tasmania. To assist Recreation Programme in Therapeutic Communities.	\$ 300.00.

The Camp for Underprivileged Boys was held at Orana Camp. My thanks goes to John Drinkwater and all other Rotarians and their wives who helped make the camp a success.

A successful working bee was held on the path that Howrah Rotary is constructing from Minerva Street to Howrah Road. The path has reached the stage where two more working bees should set the path to reach Howrah Road.

Rotarian Noel Jacobs organised the boxing up and pouring of the floor and the erection of the pre fab shed to house Mrs. Grays' daughters exercise bike. This has given the Grays peace of mind now the bike can be locked up.

A successful woodchop was held at Bruce Downies property, there was a good turn up. Between 15 and 20 tons of wood was sawn and split. This will enable the elderly at the Lillian Martin Home to enjoy a wood fire. Unfortunately the bus trip for the elderly at the Lillian Martin Home had to be cancelled on the day because of adverse weather.

The million dollar meal was held at Peter Chews and a good sum of money was forwarded to the Salvation Army.

In spite of a very busy year all works organised by Community Service were very well supported and my thanks goes to all those Rotarians who so willingly gave their time to make the years Community Service activities such a success.

TERRY MORRISBY
COMMUNITY SERVICE

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
ANNUAL REPORT 1989-1990

DIRECTOR: DENIS MILLER
COMMITTEE: PETER CALVERT
PETER CHEW
IAN COWIE

JOHN DRINKWATER
MICHAEL LONGBOTTOM
PIM SAARBERG

The 1989-90 Rotary year presented us with the opportunity to promote world peace, understanding and goodwill.

The building blocks of International Service are defined as: special international observances and events; international meetings; international educational and cultural activities; The Rotary Foundation; and World Community Service.

Our involvement with New Zealand Twin Exchange, I.P.A.C., G.S.E., Foundation Scholarships, Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus, and hopefully, continued support to F.A.I.M., enabled us to participate in most of the programmes during this year.

The most significant projects undertaken during the year are outlined:

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE.

I.P.A.C.

Continued financial support for the education of 5 Indonesian Orphans under care of the Salvation Army.

Details of names, ages and academic achievements of the children were received together with photographs and circulated to Club members.

F.A.I.M.

District 983 Convener, Lew Fowler, outlined the principals and current projects to the Club.

The current committee resolved to promote 100% life membership this year, however insufficient time remains to pursue this to finality.

I commend attainment of this goal to the incoming committee.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Group Study Exchange

1. Your Club hosted the South African team on 12/3/90 when they were given the opportunity to inspect the Police Academy prior to departing for an excursion to Port Arthur.

The committee extends its appreciation to P.P. Syd McClymont for organising the day, and to Rtn. Ralph Wehse for his participation as Chauffeur, Tour Guide, and Official Photographer.

2. Team member to Philadelphia, Steve Smith, returned to the Club as Guest Speaker to give an account of his observations and experiences on the Philadelphia tour.

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3. Special thanks to Ian Cowie who Hosted Bengt Anderson, a Banker and G.S.E. Team member from Sweden during a one day visit to Hobart from a mainland tour.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Your club is indeed fortunate to have been requested to act as Host for an inward Rotary Foundation Scholar.

Director Denis also "volunteered" to act as Counsellor. Lara Marie Hartrick is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lockport, Illinois and is currently attending the University of Tasmania where she is furthering her studies in Education - Primary Levels.

POLIO PLUS

Funds raised from this source in the sum of \$377.82.

Due to international targets being over subscribed, the Board resolved that future donations from "the small change bowl" would be forwarded to Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Through your generous donations to the Fines Sessions a donation to the Foundation of \$722.30 will be utilised for a new Sustaining Paul Harris Fellowship.

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

All Club Members no doubt remember Foundation Scholar Jodi Billiard, our Guest Speaker during Rotary Foundation month.

Another Foundation Scholar, Nancy Kennerson, a Teacher of the Handicapped from the U.S.A. was also a Guest Speaker earlier in the Rotary year.

SERVICE TO YOUTH

N.Z. MATCHED STUDENT EXCHANGE

Kate Paterson from St. Michael's Collegiate was our successful nominee.

Kate was ideally "matched" with Karen McNicoll from Nelson in N.Z.

Your club was fortunate to have several visits from both girls during Karen's term in Tasmania, and we look forward to hearing of Kate's experiences and impressions upon her return to Tasmania.

Rtn Peter Chew is acting as Counsellor to both students.

EDUCATIONAL AWARDS - ROSNY COLLEGE

Once again, the club sponsored an award for the most proficient in more than one foreign language.

This year's award of a \$100.00 Book Voucher was presented to Lyn Kjorsvik, who in addition to being a housewife and mother of 3 children, achieved outstanding academic results in Japanese, German and French.

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ADULT MIGRANT EDUCATION SERVICE

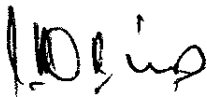
The service provides English Language teaching and related services to recently arrived migrants, to help them function effectively in Australian Society, and to acquire the language skills necessary to achieve their goals.

The majority are of refugee status, hailing from far away places such as Laos, Cambodia, El Salvador, Czechoslovakia, Vietnam, Chile, Kampuchea and Lebanon.

Your club resolved to meet the cost of hiring a bus (\$255.00) in order to transport 50 underprivileged refugees to a weekend camp at Esperance on 25/26 November 1989.

We also contributed \$400.00 to assist with purchase of a Dishwasher to ensure strict hygienic principals are maintained at the centre.

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 1990/1991 Rotary year.



DENIS J. MILLER
DIRECTOR: INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
1989-1990.