



# ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 2003-2004

**Dear Rotary Family,**

It has been a most rewarding, busy, productive, enjoyable and satisfying year. The end of a year gives a President the opportunity to say thank you to key people who helped "oil the cogs of progress" of our Rotary Club.

**The most vital key members of our Club are our partners. I'd like to thank Dana and all partners in our Club for their support and being the *extra helpers* when needed for our Rotary functions. (In that I also thank the seconded families when the occasion called).**

I would like to acknowledge the help given to me by four people who have helped me in particular – their support and direction in Rotary has been welcomed and appreciated: DG Kevin Shadbolt and ADG- Zone 2 Helen Holmes; our Club Secretary-Glen Woolley for all the phone calls and requests re things needed to be done re Rotary protocol and Syd McClymont for his advice and support of our Club with a great venue to meet without fuss or bother. The program of Speakers has been varied and enjoyed.

Special thanks to the "five" Directors. The work of the Club has grown thanks to these gentlemen and our Club received a Presidential citation as a result of the cross section support we provide in the Community. Thank you David Lamb (who took over from Norm Cooper), Jacob George, Malcolm Salier and Dick Shoobridge – through your efforts and encouraging other members we have been involved in supporting the youth and needy organizations in our jurisdiction. We have supported: ***Interplast; Epilepsy Assoc; Variety Club Tasbash; Lillian Martin Home Appeal; Sunshine Tennis Centre; East Timor Medical Support Team; Ronald McDonald House; the Menzies Centre; Clarendon Vale Breakfast Program; our ongoing commitment of over two decades to the Indonesian orphans; Rotary Foundation; MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly); RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment); RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award); NYSF (National Youth Science Forum); the ROTUNDA-BBQ and Sailability Tas to name a few. Thanks to the work of our members at various venues other organizations have gained from the "blood sweat and tears mixed with lots of fun".***

One of the 'fun' aspects of our Club is the running of the Raffle – thank you to those who organised, scrunched and supplied prizes.

**To those who took on the "BIGGIES" – the Taste of Tasmania, Government House, Seafarer's and Jazz Festivals (Reg, David, Max and Lee) to you and to your teams of the occasion many thanks.**

The vital line of communication is our Club Bulletin. Special thanks to Kelly Direen for taking on the role, albeit reluctantly and early in his time as a Rotarian. You did a great job supported, when needed, by brother Lee. It was informative and presented the Club with information as needed. Thank you 😊 😊 😊.

**A Club meeting is only as good as the Sergeant allows it to be. Thank you Harold for keeping us all on track, seeing that things ran smoothly and on time, adding your own sense of humour that allowed us as a Club not to take ourselves too seriously but still getting our important Rotary work done.**

What would our Club be without our precise attendance reports! A very big thank you Henk for your special touch that made a boring thing like an attendance report be interesting and something to which to look forward . I am pleased you will be taking it on again in the next Rotary year.

**It was good to be involved with the Friendship Exchange Teams from the Philippines, England and GSE from Sweden. To those who gave of their time to be with, entertain and drive around these visiting Rotarians – mega thanks. (Hon member Ralph was seconded to help in this area – thank you).**

The highlight of the year was to induct our two female Rotarians, Cheryle Eyre and Beth Rees. Welcome ladies to our Club, we look forward to your input and your ‘fellowship’.

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**President George  
Toepfer, ADG Helen  
Holmes, Cheryle  
Eyre and Glen  
Woolley.**

**Partner Rob  
Rees, Beth  
Rees and  
President  
George.**

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To the members who, under the original leadership of Norm, completed all "the necessities" to have the Rotunda-BBQ completed - well done. The day was not that warm for the hand over but nevertheless all went well - Thank you David and the co-opted team of workers. To those from our Club who gave of their time to work at the "Square Dancing" Get-together to not only raise money for our Club but satisfy those of 'fleet-a-foot' with energy boosters - well done. Your effort is truly appreciated.

Thank you to all members of our Club for helping it be a vibrant, progressive, proactive and an enjoyable Club of which to be a member is a special part of our lives - the social, the community involvement programs and the fellowship. I wish Richard Shoobridge and his incoming team the very best in new ventures, growth of Club and continued support of the Community 😊 😊 😊.

George J Toepfer  
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