

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

Annual Report 2007/08

Presidents Report

It gives me great pleasure to report on the major activities of the Rotary Club of Howrah for the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

The year under review has, in my opinion been one of much success. It has not however been incident free with the loss of a President, two weeks into the Rotary year and a Treasurer taking extended leave of absence during his term of office.

I do not intend to repeat the details of the reports submitted and attached by the Service Directors. Their reports are clear and precise. I would however, like to thank the following:-

1. Kerry Tilyard our **Club** Service Director and President Elect for her dedicated work throughout the year. She started us all off on the right foot with a fund raiser at her home. This money was donated to the Shelter Box appeal.
2. **Vocational** Service was well catered for by Cheryl Eyre who provided students for the Summer Science School and other youth activities. An area sadly neglected in recent times was vocational visits which were reinvigorated by Cheryl with a trip to Salmon Ponds and the Clarence Cricket Ground.
3. **International** Service was another professionally managed area with Vice President Harold James organising the GSE's from California and India. He has also continued the support of the Indonesian orphans. I will always be indebted to Harold for his never ending support in my role as President. If ever I needed help, he was there.
4. **Community** Service was another very successful section of the Club which has provided invaluable service to the local community. Reg Emmett has been very effective in this position with further work on the track and park in Tranmere together with a concrete slab at Seven Mile Beach. His efforts with Bowel Scan are worthy of special mention. This is an important community project which has been proved to save lives.

Membership of the Club has grown steadily from 23 to 26 members and I hope this growth continues. The Club has donated \$2000 to the Rotary Foundation, \$2000 to the Rotary Health Research Fund; three (3) shelter boxes and \$300 to Little Footprints to assist with preemie babies. These are but a few of the areas we have supported and you may find the others in the Directors reports.

We have all enjoyed a number of diverse social activities with not only Cheryl's visits to Clarence Cricket Ground and Salmon Ponds, but also the Waterfront Hotel on two occasions and Venus Restaurant when the Academy was unavailable.

One standout this year has been the diverse range of guest speakers so professionally organised by Dick Shoobridge. I am sure that every member of the club joins with me in expressing our appreciation to Dick for his untiring efforts.

The Club gains profit each week from the raffle and John Drinkwater never fails in ensuring that the raffle is conducted and the prizes organised. Thanks John for your efforts.

A great deal of gratitude is owed to our Sergeants' at Arms, Richard Wyatt and Malcolm Salier for their valiant efforts in raising money each week. The raffle always creates a bit of fun and much needed cash for the Club Account.

Like a true solicitor facing a jury Henk Bouman always produces a very befitting and appreciated summary of the attendance each week. He has promised that at some informal time he will leave his jacket unbuttoned.

I must indicate that without our major fund raisers each year, the Taste of Tasmania; Government House Open Day; the Botanical Garden Tulip Festival; the Jazz Fest; and the Seafarers Festival many of our activities would have to be abolished or severely curtailed. This year has witnessed incredible efforts by Lindsay Chivers, Graeme Farrell and others to ensure our bank balance remains healthy and we can continue with our valuable community activity.

On behalf of the Club I would also like to thank our Secretary Glen Woolley for his effort throughout the year. He is very reluctantly stepping aside as Secretary for the next two years to become Club Service Director and President Elect. His invaluable nine (9) years in the position is worth special mention. His break is only temporary, as he has been promised the job back when he completes his next term in office.

New members have dominated the landscape this year with two new members nearly reaching the 100% attendance achievement. Mal Hatty and Di Ranson have most certainly made an impression on the Club which will be hard for others to follow. My sincere thanks to Di for taking on the responsibilities of the Treasurer at a time when her offer was greatly welcome. Mal has also been hard at work organising our new BBQ trailer which is due for delivery early in the new Rotary year.

Reg Emmett provides the Bulletin week in and week out. He produces a document which is professional and informative. Thanks you Reg for your efforts and also to Annette for she gives to this club more than most realise. Reg is a quiet achiever who appears to pop up everywhere.

Other persons who deserve a special mention and thanks are Alan and Di Morris for organising their most anticipated and enjoyable annual picnic day at Primrose Sands; George Toepfer for his support with the school's BBQ trailer; Norm Cooper for lending his mobile freezer; David Lamb and Peter Calvert for all the little but important and often unrecognised tasks they complete each week. Another person to whom I owe a debt is Richard Boast who has always been there when I have needed support.

To the members who devote their time to our club activities I express my sincere thanks. Without your support we could not achieve our objectives.

Most importantly, I thank my wife Sally, who manages year after year to support my activities and put up with much disruption to our normal family life.

If I was granted one wish to improve the Club, I would love to witness more cohesion and appreciation for organised external events which regularly receive undue criticism from some quarters leaving organisers somewhat disenchanted.

The Club completes the year with bank balances of about \$30,000 in the Service Account and about \$5000 in the Club Account. These are healthy balances for the 2008/09 Board to commence their projects for the year. I wish Kerry and the 08/09 Board every success in the coming year. A request by members to again subsidise membership dues has been approved by the Board for 2008/09 but this approval can only continue if the Club account prospers. It costs approximately \$5000 each year to manage the Club.

Finally, I would like to thank the Club as a whole for giving me the opportunity to serve my second term as President. I have enjoyed the experience and hope that the Club has derived benefit from our journey. I know I have.

Syd McClymont APM; OAM
Past District Governor
President

Rotary Club of Howrah

Club Service

Report 2007/2008

Committee: Kerry Tilyard, Dick Shoobridge, Mick Lane, Graeme Farrell, David Lamb, Basil Murray and Hank Bouman.

The Club Service portfolio was busy during the year, with fund raising activities including “Afternoon in the Garden” in September, Seafarers in October, Quiz night November, Taste of Tasmania in December/January, Jazz Festival in February and Government House in March.

We also undertook training in “Responsible Serving of Alcohol” and “Food Handling” with all participants successful in achieving their accreditation.

On the social side as well as our weekly meetings we:

- enjoyed BBQs at Reg and Annette Emmett and Di and Alan Morris’s homes. Thank you to both these families the occasions were greatly enjoyed by all.
- toured and dined at the Bellerive Cricket ground, thanks to President Syd for arranging this one.
- hosted GSE teams from India and California, including the final dinner, for the Indians, attended by DG and other southern Clubs
- visited Salmon Ponds at Plenty and had a great day out, thanks again Syd

Christmas lunch was enjoyed at the waterfront Hotel Bellerive on Sunday 16th December

Our membership started on a positive note when we inducted Diane Ransom and Mal Hatty in July. Mick Lane’s transfer from Latrobe swelled our numbers. We had several prospective younger members who came and looked but unfortunately they did not join, due to the age of our members. Our overall membership increased during the year by three and we will continue to actively seek new members in the coming year.

Appreciation plaques were presented to Andrew Batge, on behalf of Southern Air, and Barb and Gerry Dilger, Caltex Howrah, for their continued support of the Club.

Special appreciation goes to:

- Steve Haines and his staff for the continued support to our Club in using the Police Academy facilities and excellent meals
- Malcolm who as always was an excellent Quizmaster supported capably by his helpers Margaret and Cheryle.
- Hank and David for weekly calculation of our attendance figures.

- Dick for organising guest speakers, such a diverse range of speakers one wonders where he finds them
- John and Noel for the weekly raffles and the polio Plus bowl
- To our Sergeants (Richard, Dick and Malcolm) for tremendous work
- To Reg for the weekly Bulletin and for our Website
- To Jacob for his photographic skills
- To Lindsay (insurance), Syd (Rotary Foundation and Information), John (Archives) thank you
- To Richard B for his enthusiasm in seeking new members
- The committee, and
- A huge thank you to Lindsay Chivers, Graeme Farrell and their helpers for their organising the above events, especially the huge effort for the Taste.

Kerry Tilyard

Director

2007/08

Club of Howrah Vocational Service and New Generations Report 2007/2008

Committee: Cheryle Eyre, Peter Calvert, John Drinkwater, Richard Wyatt, Di Ransom
and Alan Morris

I take pleasure in providing the 2007-08 Report.

During the year we:

- Participated, with Kangaroo Bay Club, in interviews to select a student for the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), and identified one outstanding student, Rachel Driscoll who attends Rosny College.

In April Rachel attended a dinner meeting and gave an excellent account of her NYSF experience which reconfirmed her ambition to do medical research.

- In July 2007, in recognition of his assistance with students from Rosny College our committee presented Jak Denny, a Paul Harris award for vocational service.
- Scholastic achievement was recognized by presenting annual awards to Rosny College, Clarence High, Rokeby High, Cambridge, South Arm, Howrah, Rokeby, Clarendon Vale, and Christian Emmanuel Primary Schools.
- Vocational visits were made to:
 - the Clarence Cricket Club, and;
 - the Salmon Ponds at Plenty.
- In recognition of their support and assistance, over many years, Vocational Plaques were presented to Andrew Batge (Southern Air) and Gerry and Barb Dilger (Caltex Howrah).
- Sponsorship was provided for two girls from Collegiate to attend MUNA at Deloraine over the weekend 19th-20th April.
- Sponsorship was also provided for David Jackametti, from Mornington, to attend Rotary Youth Leadership (RYLA) in May.

I would like to thank my committee for both their efforts and support throughout the year. I would also like to thank Harold James for presenting school awards on our behalf.

**Cheryle Eyre
Director
2007/08**

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International Service Report

This year is unprecedented with the number of worldwide natural disasters. We have witnessed earth quakes in China and massive flooding in Burma which has displaced millions of people who are now desperately in need of assistance.

This Club has now donated three (3) shelter boxes which should be delivered by the end of this financial year. As the year draws to a close we are still raising funds for this worthy cause. I think this is a great effort for such a small club.

We have continued financial support for the 5 Indonesian orphans which has been an ongoing project since 1982 and is supporting the Salvation Army in another area.

We have made donations to:-

- The Rotary Foundation \$2000
- Australian Rotary Health Research Fund \$2000
- Shelter Box Australia \$3600
- Rotary Australia World Community Service \$550
- Sale of RAWCS stickers \$75

Our Club has hosted two (2) Rotary Foundation GSE teams in 2007/08. The first was from California and the other from India. Both of these projects were a great success and I thank everybody involved with their visits.

The continuing fund raising activities of this club is essential if we are to continue to support these many and varied charities and Rotary projects as we have for so many years in the past.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to all members of my committee for their support and time devoted throughout the year. I hope that next years' International Service committee is successful and I wish them every success.

Harold James
Director

Community Service Report 2007 - 2008

Committee Members

Reg Emmett, Noel Jacobs, Lindsay Chivers, Norm Cooper, George Toepfer, Mal Hatty
Community Service activities were aimed to improve the quality of life within our community. A key component was to continue to foster links with the Community with which we identify.

The following projects were supported

Rotuma Park, Tranmere

Following planning meetings held with residents in the previous year, Council completed landscaping work on this Park. The club circulated residents on our behalf and a tree planting exercise established on 12 August. Around 30 Club Members and residents participated.

Residents were circulated by Council under the Club's auspices to suggest a name for the park. A number of names were suggested and the poll of residents chose *Rotuma* (the name of a brigantine stranded at Droughty Point in 1907.)

A prize will be presented to one of the residents returning a voting sheet at an opening ceremony yet to be scheduled.

Tranmere Foreshore Walkway

Clarence Council staff have welcomed our offer to help facilitate the Clemes Court stage of the walkway. After this is completed we should establish appropriate signage.

Lewis Park 7 Mile Beach,

We established contact with the local Landcare group, an offer for us to `be involved with a renaming ceremony is still available.

Walkway Seats

The Board agreed to finance two walkway seats; their cost would be over \$1000 each. Council officers want to establish a public sponsoring of seats and are keen to have us manage this operation.

Ready Set Go Program

We have been kept in touch with this project and one of our members has been a volunteer with this driver support programme at Rokeby.

Their committee has applied for a Community Support Grant, the result of this application will no doubt govern what further support the group will require.

Bowelscan –

We were allocated four pharmacies and they were all enthusiastic participants and all keen to participate next year. Participation certificates were handed to each, 380 kits were sold with a sample return rate of about 60%.

No report has been seen on the success of the program .

Donations

ARHRF – Donation of \$2000.

South Arm Peninsula Residents Association \$1000 to purchase a defibulator

Little Footprints Auxiliary \$300 to purchase equipment for babies born prematurely. .

Reg Emmett
Community Service Director