

President's Report

The good things:

- **Club SWOT and club visioning;** this process has laid the foundation for the club's future, what and where we want to be by 2015. We need to keep on track with our vision, adapting our plans as circumstances change.
- **Improving our Club's image:** the new shirts, club brochures and some press releases are all part of lifting our game and getting the Rotary message out in the community. As we do, our belief in ourselves and confidence in our ability to make a difference, will help us grow and prosper. We need to do more here
- **Fundraising:** It is a rewarding effort for our club to raise the funds we have this year. We need to get smarter about how we raise funds and seek community partners for activities and projects to make a real difference. Our efforts in catering have also helped keep future subs down, a position not shared by many other clubs
- **Our club venue and speakers:** we do have an excellent venue and great support from the Academy and have been able to attract an interesting range of speakers.
- **Membership:** we now have good brochures, including a detailed outline of how our club works. We have letterboxed an area and held a public BBQ which helped tell some in our community what we can do. We need to do more of this type of activity, for 2 reasons, to lift our image and to seek potential members
- **Our sense of fun:** when we are relaxed and enjoying ourselves, we have a terrific sense of fun.

The not so good things:

- **Club culture and communication between members:** our club culture needs to become more open and accepting of diversity in all its aspects. If we have an issue, there are plenty of avenues to raise it, including talking, club assembly, with a director and the club board. We all need to be aware of the possible reactions of others to our actions. The Rotary 4 way test provides a good guide.
- **Membership:** while there is plenty of interest in our club, we haven't attracted many new members. In part this is due to the time and format of our meetings, in part this year to low club morale early this year which took our eye off the membership ball.

Our limitations/constraints:

- **What our members are able to do:** every club member contributes in accordance with their capacity to do so. While we do have some younger members, our average age and health call for a different approach at times
- **Tolerance of diversity:** we need to be more flexible in our attitudes, open and accepting of diversity for our club to succeed and grow, rather than seek to exclude those who are different or who challenge us

Thanks to:

- Glen Woolley, our club secretary. I don't know how he fits everything in but I'm glad he does. Congratulations on his leadership of the GSE team to Western Virginia and Tennessee during the year

- Kerry Tilyard, Director Community Service, innovative, hard working an outstanding effort during the year, aided by some of the very best Pavlova makers around.
- Graeme Farrell; Director Club Service, for steady support and a Rotary treasure trove of experience
- Reg Emmett. The person with many hats, newsletter, club and district website, president elect, director International services whose better half is an amazing host
- Richard Wyatt, who has led a team which has done an outstanding job in youth and vocational service
- Cheryle Eyre, thanks for a great job as club treasurer
- Every other member of our club

Thanks for a busy, interesting year. I wish Reg and his team all the best for 2011-12

Dick Shoobridge

June 2011.

CLUB SERVICE

Report 2010-11

I wish to acknowledge and express my appreciation to the following members for their fine contribution to the Rotary year:

CLUB BULLETIN	Reg Emmett
SGT ARMS	George Toepfer
ATTENDANCE OFFICER	David Lamb
REGISTRATION	John Drinkwater/Suzane Watton
RAFFLE	John Drinkwater
BAR DUTY	George Toepfer/Glen Wolley
CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY	Reg Emmett/Jacob George

Reporting on the Year

MEETING VENUE TASMANIAN POLICE ACADEMY; We are indeed fortunate to have this meeting place and our sincere thanks to Steve Haines and staff.

GUEST SPEAKERS; A very important part of our meetings and we enjoyed presentations from prominent speakers on a variety of subjects.

CHAPEL Items that were no longer of any use were disposed of and the surrounding grounds were cleared and cut, which is an ongoing commitment.

GSE VISIT; We entertained a team from D7570 covering Western Virginia and North Eastern Tennessee with a dinner and presentation at the Academy and welcomed members/partners from Bellerive, Kangaroo Bay Clubs.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS CARDS; Were posted to 17 establishments in acknowledgement of our appreciation.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON; Held at the Shoreline Hotel was well attended and a thank you to President Dick, wife Sue arranging gifts for the ladies. Also pleasing to see past members and wives.

ANZAC DAY; A wreath was laid at the dawn service, Rosny Park R.S.L.

CLUB VISITS; To other Rotary clubs and social events fell short of expectations.

CLARENCE PLAINS FESTIVAL 2010/CLARENCE PLAINS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE; Held on the Rokeby Village Green, where club members; President Dick, Suzanne and Glen acted as gate marshals.

MONEY SPINNER; Located at Woolworths Shoreline and for the 11 months has resulted in a return of \$1,814.00 with recent takings falling away slightly. The Queensland Flood Appeal inflated the January takings to \$303.00

CLUB FUNDRAISING; A very demanding year with \$24,161 raised. The result of a huge team effort by all members and partners, organised by Kerry Tilyard.

CLUB CHANGEOVERS; To be conducted on June 30th and the official/presentation/social at the Shoreline Hotel on July 3rd.

Wishing incoming President Reg Emmett and members a rewarding year from the Club Service Committee.

Graeme Farrell
DIRECTOR June 2011

Vocational and Youth Service Committee

The Club's contribution to young people in the past twelve months has been outstanding. We have invested over \$6000 in activities involving mainly students from our area. This investment in the future can only benefit our state and the nation. Sincere thanks goes to the Board, committee members June, Harold and Peter and all other club members for their support.

Our activities are listed below.

National Youth Science Forum [NYSF] selection process at Club level was carried out. Our nominee, Bridget Dickenson from year 11 at Rosny College, was selected by District 9830 to attend in Perth, W.A. from 10 – 22 Jan 2011. [\$1120] Nicholas McVilly from Cremorne has been nominated to the District for selection for NYSF 2012.

The program of providing end of year awards for student achievement to the eleven primary and secondary schools and Rosny College was successfully implemented. A Club sticker to accompany each award was prepared, thanks to David Lamb. Thanks to Cheryle for her role in providing cheques to the schools and to Harold, Lindsay, Reg, Suzanne, Richard B, Graeme and President Dick for attending assemblies and making presentations to students. [\$1200]

Sophie Loennaker attended The Science Experience [TSE] at the Hobart campus of TASUNI from 18 to 20 Jan 2011. [\$110]

A Community Service Award was presented to Tullia Chung-Tilley at the Rokeby High end of year assembly by President Dick. This award was in recognition of her initiative in attracting the dance group "Justice Crew" to provide workshops for southern Tasmanian students. Tullia subsequently attracted "So You Think You Can Dance Lamb-o-Matic to conduct similar workshops at Rokeby High School. [\$2000 plus \$250]

A group of year 9 and 10 students from Rose Bay High School was assisted to attend the Australian – International Model Solar Challenge in Fremantle, WA in November, 2010. [\$200]

Grade 6 students from Clarendon Vale Primary School were supported with costs for a trip to Sydney in May 2011. [\$500]

Alan, Lindsay, Richard W, Graeme, Richard B and Suzanne volunteered to assist the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness [RYDA] program at the Showgrounds between 30 March and 6 May 2011.

Brooke Eyre attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award [RYLA] in Ulverstone from 8 -13 May, 2011. She gave a comprehensive and enlightening talk to members on June 2nd. [\$595]

A team of two year 10 students from Rokeby High School took part in the Model United Nations Assembly [MUNA] in May in Deloraine. [\$220]

Thanks to President Dick a very interesting vocational visit was made to Wigston Lures, the home of the famous "Tassie Devil".

New member Nigel McIntosh gave an informative talk to the club about his background and current activities on 19th May.

Richard Wyatt
Director.
June, 2011.

Community Service Program

Vision: We are deeply involved in our local community and extend this support and care to our wider community through Rotary projects.

1. To identify and commence a project, or projects, within our local community, raising awareness of Rotary and our Club in the process. KPI number of projects identified with at least 1 commenced.

A. Committee arranged the supply of Christmas hampers to 5 families identified by the Rokeby Primary School and the Rokeby Neighbourhood Centre as being disadvantaged.

In addition, we arranged supply of a large number of toys and chocolate parcels for attendees at the Rokeby Neighbourhood Centre Christmas luncheon on 22nd December. At this event we also supplied turkeys and chocolates for lucky draws.

Advice from the Rokeby Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator was that these were gratefully received, in fact he told of one single parent (male) who broke down in tears as he was so desperate for food for the family.

B. In partnership with the Clarence City Council seats were provided along the Tranmere Track. This initiative will give locals of all walks of life access to leisure pursuits along the track from physical exercise to simply relaxing and enjoying view.

3. To lodge application for District Simplified Grant for seating at the Tranmere Foreshore track and the Carella Street Park. KPI application lodged, granted and seats installed.

Application for District Simplified Grant for the seating along the Tranmere Track has been lodged and was successful. Grant funds were fully utilised to supplement our purchase of seats.

4. To identify, and adopt, project within the mental health area, including Beyond Blue, we can assist. KPI 1 project adopted.

Despite our best efforts the Committee were unable to secure a guest speaker from Beyond Blue and as a result this project was not undertaken.

5. To reconnect, with the two Probus Clubs founded by our Club. KPI visits undertaken.

We attended a meeting of the Howrah Ladies Probus in October 2010 and plan to attend Howrah Combined meeting later in 2011.

6. To actively participate in the Bowelscan program in March. Distribute advertising material widely thus promoting Bowelscan, Rotary and our Club. KPI Bowelscan in 3+ pharmacies.

Bowelscan was an outstanding success for the Club. We worked with 5 pharmacies and sold a record number of 248 kits.

7. To actively participate in Secondbite and in doing so raise local community awareness of our Club's involvement. KPI weekly Secondbite pick up and deliveries.

The Committee actively participated in the Second Bite pickup and delivery. Strong links were forged with both the Second Bite staff and the Neighbourhood Centres.

Tilyard's family business also donated a desk and filing cabinets for Second Bites' new staff.

8. To actively support Club events to raise our profile in the local community. KPI number of events supported.

Our Committee has assisted in raising our community profile by being very involved in all Club activities including Anaconda and K&D BBQs, Wrecked in Cremorne BBQ, Government House Open Day, Tulip Festival, Chigwell Big Barn catering, the Big Bike Give Away, Seafarers Festival, supporting the Rokeby Fair Day and the membership Committee's Oakdown's BBQ concept. We have strongly supported the Club's fund raising for the Queensland flood victims.

We have raised our Club's profile by supporting the Club's Youth and Vocation's schools program by providing books to Clarendon Vale Primary School, Rokeby High School, Rose Bay High School and to Rosny College. We also strongly supported the sponsorship of the Justice Crew Workshops at Rokeby High School.

Our new brochures were displayed in Tilyard's Cherry Shed over the December/early January period and some interest in being involved (joining) or just in reading what we do was evident.

9. To raise awareness, within our Club, of community issues. KPI at least 52 issues discussed at weekly meetings and/or in Bulletin.

By being heavily involved in the activities listed above we have raised awareness within the Club of many issues, however with more time and manpower we could do much more. An impressive range of Guest Speakers at our weekly meetings have also covered a wide range of community issues, including;- The Science Engineering Challenge, Tsunamis, The Justice Crew Workshops, Probitry Advice, The Ready Set Go Program, Organ Donation and a fascinating visit to Wigston's Lures.

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank David Lamb and Jacob George, my valued Committee members, who gave me such great support throughout the year.

Also, I would like to thank all the members and their partners who have assisted our Committee over the past year. Your invaluable help has been very much appreciated during a very busy period.

I would particularly like to thank Annette Emmett for her support in our catering ventures, at BBQs and in her invaluable assistance with our Christmas hampers and presents for the Rokeby families.

I look forward to next year's challenges and wish Reg and his committee a successful year.

Kerry Tilyard
Director, Community Service
June 2011

International Service

Our major international response this year has been via support of the Group Study Exchange Programme.

We were privileged to have PP Glen Woolley appointed as the GSE Leader for a trip to District Western Virginia and Tennessee. The Club gave Glen financial support for his participation. Glen gave a lively report to the Club on his return.

Four of our members had the pleasure of hosting the incoming GSE team for two nights and a number accompanied them on a tour of Port Arthur and a visit to Government House.

Our Matching grant project to the Rotary Club of San Pablo, Philippines to supply 31,480 pupils from Third to Sixth Grade with their own personal dictionary in selected public schools of San Pablo City and nearby towns was completed during the period of March 2010 to March 2011. The intention was that the child and their family will have the use of the dictionary for 3 years and then these will be available for other students.

Unfortunately we were not kept informed about the course of this project until receiving the final report.

It was intended to look for other RAWCS projects in which to participate. A project in Solomon Islands was considered but rejected. Perhaps next year we should try to get some of our members participating in a hands on project or at least join another club's team to the Fiji Rotahomes project.

If funds permit we should also identify a RAWCS project to support financially.

Other initiatives to continue into the next year are

Encourage financial input to second level disaster support rather than first stage response.

Encourage meeting activities supporting International themes.

Financially we gave

\$550 To RAWCS Project 36 2009-10 for Indonesian Orphans

\$1100 for a Disaster Aid Box for the Pakistan Disaster

\$1300 to Rotary Foundation

\$1480 to the GSE Program

Reg Emmett June 2011
International Service Director