

Rotary Club of Howrah Inc

Annual Report 2011 – 2012

President Reg Emmett

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

A busy year for the Rotary Club of Howrah, the director's reports record the year's activities. I'm not going to duplicate this but just present a pictorial record of the year and emphasise a few items to keep in front of us.

Our present membership is 22. Welcome back John Anderson, sorry to see charter member Noel Jacobs become an honorary member. Great to have Doug Nettleship and David Mitchell join us from Rotary Club of Kangaroo Bay.

Welcome to new member Rob and Robyn. Warren.



The following recommendations for the future direction of our Club include those mentioned in Directors reports and should be considered —

- Our Future Vision Plan must be reviewed and should represent the way forward for the next few years. As part of our discussions with Kangaroo Bay we registered the name Rotary Club of Clarence, something to keep in mind.
- We should keep looking at new ideas for fundraising with a view to instigating a new one every two years.
- An events calendar should be maintained.
- Community newsletter produced every three months and circulation list improved.
- Redundant Chapel equipment and paper records be removed and storage of records addressed. An accurate asset register is required.
- Membership development should concentrate on bringing along new members to regular meetings.
- Promotion and membership initiatives must continue to be extremely high priority
- Continue to seek sponsorship for Tranmere seats - if not Club name placed on remaining seats.
- Club continue to participate in Second Bite food distribution.
- Support for Community needs in Clarendon Vale and Rokeby continue to receive priority.
- Clarence Council sponsored Art Show have a commitment for at least 5 years
- Build on our strong relationships with local schools and Clarence Council Officers
- The Care for Africa project be supported.

Thanks to Secretary Glen, Treasurer Cheryle and Board Members Dick, Jacob, Suzanne and Alan for your support together with Sergeant Graeme and Bulletin Editor Richard. I believe, however, everyone is contributing as they are able to help the operation of our Club. Attendance at Club meetings and other activities is outstanding and if we keep aware of the feelings and aspirations of fellow members and their families the Rotary Club of Howrah is in good hands and will be the top service club on the eastern shore for many years to come.

REMEMBER IF IT ISN'T FUN , DON'T DO IT
IT'S EASIER TO RETAIN MEMBERS THAN TO RECRUITE NEW ONES.

Reg Emmett
President

Fundraising BBQs have become a Rotary Club favourite and we did our fair share. We made sure they were lots of fun but also tried to turn them into a public relations and membership opportunity.



A sad farewell to our spot outside Anaconda at Cambridge Park.



Many hands helped out at Glebe Hill but as a membership promotion it didn't work out.

There was plenty of time to rest at our Howrah Gardens BBQ's but it kept our name out there



David had some extra helpers at the Botanical Gardens Spring Festival,;



We didn't escape the BBQ task at the Special Children's Christmas Party.

But at least at the Rokeby Fire Station BBQ some of us had a chance to have a rest in a fire truck



The search for new projects lead us to the Art Show at the Schoolhouse Gallery. A tremendous effort from everyone. Thanks Kerry and George for being the driving force. A good foundation for future years.

This was to be a picture of our Government House activity.

But you were all too busy to take photos

Selling 50kg sausages and 400 hamburgers to 5000 visitors. We were told.

Meanwhile Suzanne, Annette and I were far too busy being Australian Ambassadors on a Rotary Friendship Exchange in New Zealand



. Discovering baby cci-nos and shooting the rap-



It would be pleasant sitting on one of our foreshore seats gazing across the Derwent.

Joining in the Australian Rotary Health Hat Day raised some money and lots of laughs.



Our fundraising during the year was well up with previous years, the money spinner and donation boxes were good supporting acts..



Our usual school support—prizes and MUNA participation. National Youth Science Forum support for Nick McVilley and Patrick Yates

The GSE team from Montana were well looked after during the Rotary District Conference. Patrick made lots of friends at ZooDoo.



A donation was made to the Common Ground Low Cost Housing project and we also assembled furniture and cleaned and cleaned and cleaned for them..



Club administration report June 2012

Fundraising. The target of \$10,000 for the year has been well and truly exceeded, with estimated funds raised for the year to date, as per reports tabled by the Treasurer to the June board meeting, to be around \$19,500. Highlights included:

Activity	Net funds raised, year to date	% of net funds raised
BBQ's	\$10,567	54%
Government House open day	\$3,486	18%
Money spinner	\$1,620	8%
Donation boxes	\$992	5%
Book sale	\$970	5%
Totals	\$17,635	90%

The loss of the Anaconda Cambridge BBQ site initially made the fundraising outlook a bit difficult. Following meetings and correspondence with the Harvey Norman property agent it was clear there was no interest from Harvey Norman in the club pursuing any options at the Cambridge site such as a car boot sale.

A club brainstorming session listed some fund raising options, which Kerry Tilyard offered to take on board. Further work on options and discussions with Clarence City Council led to the successful establishment of the Rotary Club of Howrah art sale at the Rosny Farm in February this year. The board has resolved to support this project for the next 5 years. Now that it is established, carefully managed, the art show should be a good fund raiser for the club.

A second option emerged when 2 new members (David Mitchell and Doug Nettleship) initiated a second hand book sale, which had been a Kangaroo Bay Rotary club project. The first sale on Australia Day at Rosny, raised more than \$1,100. Suzanne Watton is in her element with this one.

Glen Woolley and Kerry met with K and D staff at Cambridge and made a number of BBQ bookings ahead for the next 2 plus years, forming a firm base for the club's future fund raising on our traditional base. There are 2 caveats to this. Firstly the club needs to be able to support these bookings and secondly, at some time in the future, K and D plan to set up their own food outlet at Cambridge, as at their city site.

Government House open day was reinvigorated with new ways of doing things, resulting in a great outcome and participation by most members, great planning, execution and fellowship. Thanks to Cheryl Eyre, June Woolley, Helen Murray, Kerry, George Toepfer, Basil Murray and the rest of the team.

Graeme Farrell continued his sterling work in looking after the money spinner at Shoreline, which is a continuing success. Richard Boast continued his success selling district badges. During the year 5 fund raising boxes were purchased and trialled at events and in some retail outlets. They have also proved useful in gaining donations at BBQ events and at the Art Sale.

As a result, the club's fund raising programme and outlook is solid, at least for the next 2 years.

It is **recommended**, at least every 2 years, members look at new ideas for fund raising. An interesting strategy could be to trial one new idea each year.

Events. The monthly events calendar was continued through the year and proved a useful tool for directors and the bulletin editor. It is **recommended** it be continued.

Members enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the South Arm RSL, with a well-supported Christmas hat competition. June and Cheryle prepared some great prizes. Members visited Sorell Rotary and Tas Timber Engineering. A changeover (chuckout) lunch held last year was well attended and another is to be held in early July.

Member information. The contacts list was updated during the year. President Reg continued great work in developing and maintaining the club's website, including up to date news about club projects and activities. As well Reg prepared a mainly electronic community newsletter to get the club's message out to the community. It is **recommended** members build on Reg's efforts by building a register of email addresses and publishing at least 3 electronic community newsletters each year.

Club assets. Members did a good clean up around the chapel during the year. Some assets (tables) were replaced, the BBQ tent was degreased and the BBQ trailer recertified as approved by the board, with BBQ instructions updated including risk management. A small wine sub committee of 2, including David Lamb, undertook stringent and extensive tasting tests before selecting new club wines for raffle prizes. Wines were given a final check by president Reg and purchased at a very good price. This group was opened to all members for testing sparkling wines for the art show. There is considerable experience and knowledge in this area within the club, with no jaded pallets noted.

Before a final asset list is made it is **recommended** a further cleanout at the chapel be made with surplus older and potentially less safe assets disposed of.

Speakers. Members enjoyed a variety of speakers, with a highlight the upcoming visit by The Governor and Mrs Underwood to take place in July. During the year the club replaced the Academy's screen. To avoid software incompatibility with Academy laptops, it is **recommended** speakers be asked to bring their own laptops. During the year members were entertained and alerted on food handling issues by Ron Van de Waal of Clarence City Council

Club records and brochures. Early in the year, records at the Academy were sorted and catalogued. Out of date material was disposed of, including club clothing. Some archive material is at the Academy pending storage arrangements being finalised. In the past John Drinkwater has done a great job taking care of club archive material. To assist John in his present circumstances, it is **recommended** the club purchase steel cabinets to store this material at the Chapel (or other suitable site) after listing and indexing it.

The club's accounting and membership records are kept on software called RI-CAS (formerly RI Club Administration Software), which was available free as a Rotary download from August 2003 to December 2008. RI-CAS is no longer available or supported and is not used by any Rotary club in Tasmania to my knowledge. At present the club membership part of the CAS system works well but the book keeping side is cumbersome and not easy to use. Enquiries at district assembly last year showed that Tasmanian Rotary clubs were using excel spreadsheets or commercial software such as MYOB or QuickBooks for cash transactions. Maurice Hine of Sandy Bay Rotary sent me the

spreadsheet Sandy Bay club uses, which does not separate club and service account transactions. I have developed an excel spreadsheet for the club which contains separate cash journals for club and service accounts to replace that part of RI-CAS and am happy to assist the incoming treasurer in implementing it. I **recommend** the club trial this spreadsheet from July to September 2012.

An alternative to RI-CAS is “Clubrunner” which contains a range of modules including an events calendar and planner, member directory, photo albums, attendance management, barcode scanning, online payment and ecommerce, website management, email message centre, ebulletin, committee management, dues and billing. For our club this software would cost \$US 24.95 per month, payable annually in advance (\$US299.40 per annum). What I and Reg think would make good sense is for the District to buy this (or a similar) software package so that all clubs can link up to RI records through it, giving up to date consistent records, avoiding duplication and improving communication. Until the District’s position on this matter is clear I suggest the club not invest in new software as we have developed many of these features, for example through our website, thanks to Reg.

Weekly meetings. Thanks to everyone who contributes to make these a success, John Drinkwater and Glen Woolley for setting up, Graeme Farrell as sergeant in chief supported by others during the year, Glen and George Toepfer as barmen without peer, Basil and Helen Murray and Suzanne for looking after the cash (and in Helen’s case Basil as well), David Lamb for his weekly attendance reports and to everyone who helps make meetings enjoyable. Alternate meetings layouts were trialled during the year. It is **recommended** the club write to the Academy with thanks for looking after the club, help with facilities and equipment and meals.

Membership. Overall, it was a positive year for membership growth. Noel Jacobs became an honorary member, John Anderson (now OBE) rejoined, David Mitchell and Geoff Nettleship transferred from Kangaroo Bay Rotary and Rob Warren was recently welcomed as a new member. Club membership increased by 3, to 22 members at June 2012.

A letterbox drop and sausage sizzle at Glebe Hill last spring didn’t attract much community interest. Reg Emmett and I attended an inter club membership seminar at Sandy Bay during the year, the third we have attended in recent years. The club has a good supply of brochures which would be better out in the community rather than sitting in cartons at the Academy. There really is no doubt the best way to get new members is to bring them along to weekly meetings and get them closely (and hands on) involved in club activities and projects.

As a club we are not getting any younger.

Special thanks to committee members, Cheryle, Helen, David Lamb and Glen.

Dick Shoobridge

Community Services Report 2011 - 2012

The committee with its limited membership achieved most of its goals even though one of the members resigned during the year.

Achievements

1. Tranmere Track Seats

With the assistance of the Clarence City Council, 5 seats were placed along the Tranmere track. Two of the seats have name plaques indicating the name of their donors. Each donor contributed \$500.00 towards the plaque. This was possible through the money received from District Simplified Grant.

2. Bowel Scan Project

This year 5 pharmacies in the eastern shore participated in the program

Shoreline Pharmacy

Howrah Pharmacy

Wentworth Pharmacy

Lauderdale Pharmacy

Cambridge Pharmacy

We ordered 300 kits at \$6.00 per kit and the pharmacies were selling the kits to the public for \$8.00 per kit.

Unfortunately this year we were not able to sell the kits as expected. I understand the sale of the kits throughout the state was poor.

Total number of kits sold 147.

3. Second Bite

The club has been participating actively in the program. Ten members were regularly involved in the roster and that made it possible for us to support Clarendonvale and Rokeby Community Centres in the provision of food. At times we were disappointed at the lack of support from Woolworths Shoreline.

4. BBQ Sizzle

The above activity is a major source of fund raising for the Club.

During the year we lost access to one venue ie, Anaconda through the change in direction from Harvey Norman management. At present we are relying on K&D at Cambridge as our major source fund raising venue.

Our Club tried Howrah Fruit & Vegetable store as an alternative or additional to other venues but were not very successful.

Woolworth at Shoreline was another venue but after 2 attempts Club decided to pullout from that venue.

Two other important fund raising activities are at the Government House and the Spring Community (Tulip) Festival at the Royal Botanical Gardens.

5. Mens Shed

The club has decided to support this community project which is established at Clarendon Vale Community Centre under the supervision of Keith Ellis.

The Club has decided to provide \$50.00 per month to the Mens Shed for the consumables.

6. Community Awareness

In order to raise awareness in the community about our Club, we had BBQ sizzles at Oakdown and Glebe Hill Estates but the community response was poor.

The Club provides Christmas Hampers to 7 needy families in Rokeby & Clarendon Vale areas every year.

7. Common Ground Project

The Club donated \$3810.00 towards furnishing one of the units. Some of our members also assisted in refurbishing the units.

8. Tasmanian Prison

Club donated \$246.63 towards provision of games at the reception centre at Risdon Prison for the use of visiting family members.

In summary, we had a very exciting and productive year. I wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank our Community Service committee members George Toepfer, Kerry Tilyard and Helen Murray for their support and effort in achieving our goals.

I also want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those members who on a regular basis gave up their time during weekends and public holidays to participate in the BBQ sizzles.

I wish every success to George Toepfer, Director, Community Services and his Committee in the coming year.

Jacob George
Director
Community Services

15 June 2012

VOCATIONAL AND YOUTH SERVICES

Report for 2011/12

Application was received from Michael Turvey, a Grade 9 student at McKillop College for the Science Experience in January. Our Club sponsored him and donated \$110 to assist with his attendance.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) selection process was carried out. Nick McVilly was chosen to go to Canberra in January. He was encouraged to attend one of our meetings, which he did. He also attended a meeting more recently. He gave an outstanding report and was a worthy recipient.

Thank you very much to Richard Wyatt, George Jacob, Reg Emmett, Lindsay Chivers and Graeme Farrell for the support you gave me by attending and giving prizes at the school assemblies.

During the year I visited South Arm Primary, Rokeby Primary, Rokeby High, Clarence High and Clarendon Vale Primary with offers of assistance.

200 picture books were provided for Clarendon Vale, which were badly needed and well received.

I attended Rokeby High to watch Lamomatic dance team in action.

The Club assisted Stephanie Lewis to enable her to compete at a National School Horse Riding Competition in Victoria with a Rotary donation of \$200. Stephanie was invited to attend one of our meetings to provide information about herself and the riding events she would enter. She then attended a further Club meeting after the competition to inform us of her results and provided a very entertaining slide show.

I was invited to attend the opening of Rumad at the University of Tasmania. Rumad "Inspires the Madness" and inspires young Tasmanians.

With Helen, Annette and Kerry, I collected, sorted and packed books and toys that were provided by Red Cross for Christmas hampers. These were distributed to families in Rokeby and Clarendon Vale.

Provided information to schools and businesses in our area regarding RYPEN, RYLA and MUNA. Unfortunately, we had no applicants this year for RYLA or RYPEN.

This year two students from Rokeby High School attended MUNA. They represented Afghanistan and reported to our Club the interesting and challenging time they experienced.

An extremely interesting talk was given to us by Rob Warren regarding the Sensory Perception Room at Howrah Primary School. Our Club donated \$200 for the purchase of equipment to be used in the Room.

As a representative of Howrah Rotary I attended the official opening of the Clarence Plains Child and Family Centre. This was opened by the Premier, Lara Giddings. It should provide a wonderful area for the parents and children in the area.

Although six of our members put their names forward to help at RYDA we were not needed this year.

I accepted an invitation to attend the Rosny College Achievers Night. Three prizes were donated by our Club to the value of \$100.

At the present time I am in the process of collecting picture books for a literacy project in District 9830. The books are to be given to identified families with the greatest literacy support needs, across Tasmania.

An interview has been held for Louisa Marmion, our only applicant for the NYSF in January 2013.

I appreciate very much the help from Reg Emmett, who has always promptly answered my concerned emails and Richard Wyatt, who has helped me when things got a bit stressful.

SUZANNE WATTON

International Service Report 2011 – 2012

1. We have supported GSE through recent hosting of the Montana Team and supported Glen in his participation.
2. We have identified a RACWS project providing water wells in Tarine Tanzania with the 'Peter Hewitt Care for Africa' organisation. Rotarian Diana Butler of the South Launceston Club is a representative of this organisation and is a scheduled guest speaker at our club. The board recently approved a generous donation provided it is eligible for a dollar for dollar grant. PDG Lew Pretorius has been briefed on this aspect.
3. Rotarians Lesley and PDG Michael Perkins recently addressed the club on a RAWCS project in Nepal being supported by the local NETAUDA Rotary club. It consists of running an eye clinic, a school and other humanitarian aspects. Positive support from our members is evident, so a budget item has been factored in next financial year.
4. Three of our members have been involved in friendship exchange.
5. I would like to thank Rotarian Lindsay for attending to this portfolio during my three months absence.

Alan Morriss 12/06/12

Financial Reports

Accounts are interim versions to 13 June 2012 Audited accounts to 30 June will be available later

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Service Fund	
Balance at beginning of year	\$29,257.73
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$2,466.59
Balance to Date	\$31,724.32
Club Funds	
Balance at beginning of year	\$5,172.65
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$1,757.53
Balance to Date	\$6,930.18
TOTAL FUNDS	\$38,654.50
represented by:	
SSETS	
CLUB A/C	\$6,861.04
SERVICE A/C	\$10,873.02
On Line Saver CBA	\$18,788.40
Sandford Chapel . Freehold	\$2,132.04
Total Assets	\$38,654.50

Service Account

Income

Art Sale	\$1,197.00
Bank Interest	\$670.15
BBQ Anaconda	\$522.00
BBQ Howrah Garden Centre	\$664.85
BBQ K&D BBQ	\$9,714.00
BBQ Rokeby Fire Service	\$47.00
BBQ Seafarer's Festival	\$958.40
BBQ Spring Community Festival	\$802.30
BBQ Woolworths	\$700.35
Govt House Open Day	\$3,848.00
Book Sales Clarence Boardwalk	\$970.50
Bowelscan	\$472.00
Donation Boxes	\$992.90
Float, cash	\$7,850.00
Money-spinner	\$1,620.50
National Youth Science Forum	\$1,155.00
Promotional Badges	\$83.00
Seats Tranmere Track	\$1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$33,267.95

Expenditure

Art Sale	\$1,353.14
Govt House Open Day	\$362.02
BBQ Anaconda	\$373.76
BBQ Glebe Hill	\$132.69
BBQ Great Bike Giveaway	\$152.83
BBQ K&D BBQ	\$660.72
BBQ Seafarer's Festival	\$85.00
BBQ Spring Community Festival	\$532.65
BBQ Rokeby Fire Service	\$149.64
Trailer, BBQ	\$1072.56
Bowelscan	\$8.73
Christmas Hampers	\$564.89
Equipment/Signs-Purchase/Repairs	\$64.90
Banner -Peter Sung Design	\$272.00
Float, cash	\$8,200.00
General Donations	\$500.00
Children with learning difficulties	\$600.00
Common Ground	\$3,810.00
Horse Riding Championships	\$200.00
Leukaemia Foundation	\$500.00
Tas Prison Services	\$488.63
New Generations Donations	
School Prizes	\$1,100.00
Group Study Exchange Teams	\$1,147.29
Model United Nations Assembly	\$440.00
National Youth Science Forum	\$2,310.00
Siemens Summer School	\$110.00
RI 9830 District Dues	\$1,794.10
RI Semi Annual Dues	\$1163.54
Rotary Foundation	\$1,300.00
Sandford Chapel	\$35.00
Secretarial, banners, tributes	\$457.97
Banners, Pumpkin Prints	\$467.50
Web Site Hosting	\$174.31
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$30,801.36

Excess for Service Fund \$2,466.59

Club Account

INCOME

Entertainment Books	\$1,380.00
Rotary District 9830 Badges	\$150.00
Christmas Dinner	\$1,110.00
Fines (For R.F.)	\$299.75
Health Bowl (For ARH)	\$311.80
Interest	\$94.46
Meal Receipts	\$565.00
Membership Dues	\$1,715.00
Raffle Income	\$1,348.95
President's Changeover	\$64.00

Total Income \$7,038.96

EXPENSE

Entertainment publications	\$1,188.00
Hobart City Council	\$120.00
RDU Merchandising & Promotion	\$375.76
Christmas Dinner	\$1,377.99
Corporate Affairs Fees	\$56.00
Dues paid to RDU Magazine	\$667.59
Flowers, Gifts, & Notices	\$126.96
Meal Costs	\$42.00
Postage	\$60.00
Post Office Box	\$137.00
President's Changeover	\$291.76
Printing & Stationery	\$88.69
Raffle Prizes Cost	\$703.18
Repairs & Maintenance	\$46.50

Total Expenditure \$5 281.43

Excess \$1757.53