

## President's Report 2011 – 2013.

It is with pleasure that I present this year's President report.

It has been an active year with the Club participating in local and international projects.

I will start with the membership of the Club. This Rotary year we inducted 5 new members.

Unfortunately we lost 1 member through resignation. On total we have 28 members. It is a credit to the Club that we were able to attract this calibre members and we are privileged for them to choose our Club.

I am only providing a thumbnail sketch of our Club activities and if you need a detailed report the Directors will provide that.

I have divided the Club activities in to 3 areas.

### Club Services:

**Richard Wyatt**, the incoming President took up the challenge of being the Director of Club Services, he also took up Bulletin Editor's job. He provided an informative bulletin, excellent guest speakers, and enjoyable partner's nights. We had official visit from DG James Wilcox and Kathy and regular visits from AG Andrew Gray. We also had Governor of Tasmania, His Excellency Peter Underwood and his wife as guests at one of our meetings. 12 members attended the District assembly in Launceston on 26 May 2013. If I am not mistaken, Howrah Rotary Club had the highest number from any single Club. Thank to the enthusiasm of Richard.

### Youth & Community Services

Under the leadership of **Director George Toepfer** achieved the following. Fund raising activities include Spring Community Festival, Seafarer's Festival, K&D BBQ sizzle and book sale at Bellerive Boardwalk.

Fashion Parade in November 2012 at the Police Academy was an outstanding success.

Supported National Youth Science Forum

Provided awards to 11 local schools at their end of the year ceremonies. Our members volunteered to present the prizes at these places.

Supported Mission Australia in Clarendon Vale

Actively participated in Second Bite program through the distribution of food to Clarendon Vale and Rokeby Neighbourhood centres.

Through the simplified grants from Rotary and in conjunction with Clarence City Council, purchased 3 seats along the walk way.

Supported the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program

Supported Bowel Scan program

Rotary Art Sale with Clarence City Council

One of the big event was the Work Skill Expo by Department of Human Service on 1 March 2013 at the Derwent Entertainment Centre where we provided 2000 cooked sausages to the visitors.

We hosted 5 Italian GSE team members for a day by taking them to Port Arthur Historic site.

Our Club supported Common Ground Project by providing labour and money.

Club donated \$ 12313.00 towards District Rotary Bush Fire Appeal. This includes \$5000.00 received from Real Estate Institute of Tasmania.

### International Service:

Under the leadership of **Director Alan Morriss** the Club was able to provide financial support to the following projects

Care for Africa Foundation                      \$5683.00

Nepal Eye Project                                      \$2000.00

Fiji Cyclone proofing-tools                      \$200.00

Overseas projects ( RAWCS stickers)    \$40.00

Three of our members have been involved in overseas friendship exchanges

### Treasurer

Total funds    \$ 39671.45

This is the total of our Club account and the Service account funds.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Directors, Secretary and Treasurer for their valuable support during my year.

# Report For Youth & Community Service: 2012/2013

## *YOUTH SERVICE:*

ROBERT WARREN / VANESSA GOODWIN / BASIL MURRAY /  
GLEN WOOLLEY / SUZANNE WATTON / ROGER HAWKES / MARY  
TURNOCK

## *COMMUNITY SERVICE:*

KERRY TILYARD / HELEN MURRAY / DAVID LAMB / JOHN  
ANDERSON / JAN JORDAN

## *2012/13 DIRECTOR:*

GEORGE J TOEPFER



*The Spring Festival* was an outstanding success, partly due to the weather, but mostly due to the outstanding commitment of members and some partners, particularly Reg, Kerry, George, Basil and Helen and *all those others who gave their time = (Jacob; Meera; David L; Richard W; Rob W; Annette E; June; Cheryle; John A and Graeme)*

~ to make a whopping (sic) \$2,700 profit.

Over two days we cooked and sold over 150 steak sandwiches, 420 hamburgers, 1,000 sausages, 110 loaves of bread and cordial galore. We carted the tent and the trestles, the food and drink, the barbeque and the cool store, the cooking and cleaning equipment, passed the health and safety inspections and served hundreds of happy customers. A great team effort. *Courtesy of the Club Bulletin*

✚ To actively support the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) as we have in past years.

We received 2014 applications from Sylvia Gralak, Clare Gillie and Michael Turvey and wish them well. This year we supported *Louise Marmian* (pictured) in her quest to



attend the Forum. Her family paid their half of the cost as requested.

- ✚ Evaluate any YOUTH supporting projects that may fit in with Club guidelines where we do not support individuals

Supported Robyn Barber and Joshua Hope to attend The Science Experience and Clarence High TWO STUDENTS, to attend RYPEN (see below).

- ✚ To actively continue School Support in end of year Rotary Sponsorship Awards with identified schools.

We continued to support the 11 schools in our area – this year adding Warrane Primary to the list of: *Emmanuel Christian School / John Paul II Catholic Primary / Clarendon Vale Primary / Warrane Primary School / Cambridge Primary / Lauderdale Primary / South Arm Primary / Rokeby High / Clarence High / Rokeby Primary / Howrah Primary School* - I sincerely thank the Rotarians who volunteered to represent the Club and present prizes at the schools. All school Assemblies went well and Rotary was acknowledged for its support in all bar one school. But that's life!!!

- ✚ We donated **\$140**, albeit a small contribution, to support a partnership with *Mission Australia in the Clarendon Vale area* to help troubled youth so that they feel supported in the program for the month of November



(2012). Met as Rotary Club of Howrah rep with *Vija Hughes* ~

Partnership Broker of Colony 47 Inc., *Chris Sargent* from *Youth Beat* with helper and youth leader *Alby (Leigh Bowerman)* and some of the *Rokeby Youth* to promote the Clubs involvement and feature in an article in the Eastern Shore Sun newspaper. *[In Feb of this year we further donated \$400.00 to assist in their work – several Rotarians attended some of their BBQs to make ourselves known – On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May Chris spoke to the Club about the work that YOUTHBEAT do – he spoke with a passion and answered all questions, endearing him to Club members – YOUTHBEAT an area of further support in the future???].*

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

*e.g. when we decide re water project for **Care for Africa** or eyes for Nepal or ? ~ a need to get posters and flyers done. **This was done for Care for Africa and promoted at the Fashion Parade along with Rotary Membership awareness***

- ✚ Thanks to Co-ordinator Kerry Tilyard and team for holding a successful Fashion Parade last November afternoon (3 Nov 2012) involving “Noni B” fashions.
- ✚ *We had a successful community day at the **Bellerive Wharf ~ Seafarer’s Festival** (October 2012)*
- ✚ To actively participate in **Second-bite** and in doing so raise local community awareness of our Club’s involvement. ***This program is currently not part of our projects but we support it and have sent a letter of encouragement and support for the program to continue.***
- ✚ In co-operation with the Clarence City Council we have purchased three seat (\$5460 less \$1000 “Simplified Grant” from Rotary) – they installed them ~ ***at Anulka Park, Tranmere - Elinga Park Tranmere – and at Lauderdale Canal Childrens’ Play Park.*** (Thank you to Reg Emmett and Kerry Tilyard; and Ian Preece from the CCC, for their help with getting this off the ground). *Lindsay, (Treasurer) sent off the required funds to enact the process.* Thank you to Kerry Tilyard for her continued liaison with Ian Preece (CCC) in seeing projects through with *Rotary Club of Howrah recognition plaques.* We received a letter of thanks from the Mayor of Clarence, Ald Doug Chipman, for Rotary’s contribution to Clarence infrastructure and enhancement of the municipality environs.



- ✚ To actively liaise with selected schools to foster attendance to RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of

Enrichment), RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) and MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) and engage any successful participants to attend Club for report on experience. (*Rypen (6/7 April 2013) - at "The Lea" Scout Camp, Kingston / MUNA held on the weekend 18-19 May 2013 at Deloraine / RYLA @ Camp Clayton Ulverstone 12 – 17 May*)

~ Negotiations for two students from Rokeby High for RYPEN, however this fell through for 2013, but looks promising for 2014. We also supported applications from Clarence High and Ogilvie High School with two reps each for MUNA. More liaising with Rokeby High School is anticipated in the future. (The rotary club of Howrah sponsored the following teams in MUNA From the Ogilvie High School – *Annie Chessells* and *Molly Gillmore* representing Brazil; From Clarence High School – *Jordan Tiday* and *Hayden Rogers* representing Japan).

✚ The Money Spinner continues to raise funds for the Club from its location in Shoreline Woolworths ~ thankyou to Lindsay C. and \*Graeme F. for checking and emptying it in a regular basis. We are looking to see if we can justify more Money Spinners in the future – *Hill St* has been approached and we are eying off the new *Woollies* in Lauderdale.

✚ RYDA – *Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program*. Karen



Badcock ~ the co-ordinator received a response from the Emmetts, Richard W, Graeme F, Kerry T, Basil and Helen M ~ thank you Rotarians for your time to participate. Graeme reported that it was a worthwhile exercise, a good venue, although a shade hot in some rooms, and excellent facilitators and Rotary to the fore.

✚ After a talk given by Grahame *Blacky* Blackwell, from the driving program = **ReadySetGo** ~ *a learner driver mentoring program* - it was resolved to set up a petrol voucher system which was arranged by *Gerry Dilger of Caltex Howrah* for *Blacky's* program. Enacted December 2012 for

use in 2013. Utilized by the program with thanks to the Club.

✚ **ROTARY ART SALE** ~ Mega thanks to Kerry Tilyard who got things underway re the ART SALE~SHOW at the Barn at Rosny Park. Early in the piece she sent out reminders and things were in full force in January. Acknowledgement must be given to Sarah Bishop, Tracey Cockburn, Scott and other staff from CCC for their great help again to get things ready for the Sale itself. All requests were underway for the machinery to go into action for the 7 – 28 February, with the grand opening on the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup>. The opening went well thanks to Rotarians, especially the input by Kerry Tilyard, *main co-ordinator* and David Mitchell, *MC* for the event. The prize winner, Lyn Cengia (right), was overjoyed at her Raffle win. It was great to welcome our DG, James Wilcox in attendance at our second go at the event, he travelled South just for the occasion – we much appreciated his physical support.



***Sales may have been quiet but we made a profit of \$1,315.20*** and proved to be still a good event – it can only get better as the reputation grows and as a bonus. We sold **5 unframed pieces, 4 pieces of ceramics and 10 framed works**, well done all!! Also there was a potential of several new members!!! We welcomed *Mary Turnock (partner Peter)* and *Jan Jordan (partner Leigh)* who joined our Club on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March as valuable new energetic members.



✚ It may have been a Government sponsored *Work Skills Expo* Our Club was asked by *Department of Human Services* to provide free of charge, 2000 sausages and its accompaniments. It was a busy but enjoyable day full of fellowship and a visit from the PM.

✚ As a Community Service we took the **Italian Group Study Exchange Team** (Top = Marco Gatti & Sergio Sarnari / in front = Luisa Ianelli, Chiara de Caro & Genevre Oriani) with Howrah Club Pres Jacob George, Assistant Governor & Driver Andrew Gray & Community & Youth Services Director George Toepfer} to historic Port Arthur ~ it was a full day but most pleasant despite the misty air. Many memories were enjoyed and recorded.



✚ It is anticipated that most of the areas covered under Youth for this year, will be continued in 2013~ 2014 as I will continue that Directorship (with Mary Turnock).

Thank you to members of my two teams, be it in support, acting as *sound boards* and hands on when needed. I thank President Jacob for his input. Much appreciated to all Club members..

**June 2013**  
**George J Toepfer**  
**Director**



**MUNA:** From Clarence High School – Jordan Tiday and Hayden Rogers representing Japan.



## **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT**

1. Our successful fashion parade in November raised \$5683 which was donated to the South Launceston Rotary Club for the water wells project in Tarine Tanzania, and who are supporting the Peter Hewitt Care for Africa organisation. Perhaps our donation may have precipitated the dollar for dollar matching grant received by South Launceston from Ausaid!
2. Rotarians Lesley and PDG Michael Perkins addressed the Club on their recent visit to Hetauda Nepal together with our own member Suzanne Watton to view the 'Gift of Sight' eye project to which we contributed \$2000. 4400 people attended the clinic and were treated for eye infections and cataract surgery.
3. Three of our members recently visited Fiji to assist in educational aspects at a new cyclone proof village being built near Latoka, and donated tools and school equipment to the value of \$250.
4. \$40 was raised from the sale of RAWCS stickers to help with future overseas projects.
5. Three of our members have been involved in overseas friendship exchanges.

**Regards**

**Alan Morriss**