

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all Club members for their involvement in the Club over the past twelve months and to their partners who have supported members and the Club in our endeavours this year.

I would also like to thank all Board members for their efforts on behalf of the Club and for their time and energy in leading the Club in a very positive and professional manner.

And I would like to thank the following individuals:

Glen Woolley for his work as secretary, not just this year but for many previous years, his initiative in securing our K and D barbeque spots and his ongoing support of these, his liaison with the Police Academy and provision of our meals and drinks and his enthusiasm for the welfare of our club generally.

Reg Emmett for his untiring work for the club, our Rotary district and Rotary in general. Reg has produced an interesting and informative Bulletin each week and took over the role of secretary without hesitation. He has broadened our knowledge of Rotary and has championed many causes which would otherwise have been neglected.

George Toepfer for his work as Youth director and as sergeant and barman and his huge commitment to our fundraising barbeques.

Alan Morriss has continued his important role as International Service director during a time of some uncertainty about overseas aid, and I thank him for that.

Lindsay Chivers for his work as treasurer, a thankless job that has been carried out with great efficiency. Lindsay has provided regular and accurate financial reports to meet the planning needs of the board.

Helen and Basil Murray have been tireless workers in many aspects of the club operation. They are usually the first to say, "we'll do that" and then they do. Their attached Club Service report is a clear indication of their value to our club week in and week out.

David Mitchell for his work on the board, his management of the meeting program and his Book Sales which have been a boon to our finances.

These people have played leadership roles, and have been very ably supported by the rest of the members to make this year a very rewarding one for us all.

The attached Committee and Financial reports give an excellent overview of the club activities for the year and I urge members to read them carefully and decide how each of you can add to the activities of the club in the next few years.

We have worked hard, sometimes very hard, to raise funds to spend on worthwhile projects, and we have had some fun along the way.

We have been fortunate to attract some very enthusiastic new members in the past year or two, and their influence on the club is growing. Collectively and individually they have shown a willingness to be involved in club activities and have volunteered for leadership roles which will continue to enhance the club.

At the same time, our long serving members continue to be willing servants of the club and I thank them for that. Some have indicated their frustration at not being able to help as much as they did in past years, but, as in any family, there is a time for senior members to contribute their wisdom and enjoy the company.

I have been delighted with the atmosphere in meetings and social activities, which was summed up by a visiting American Rotarian who described our meeting as the happiest meeting she had ever attended. The mayor was present that night and was suitably impressed.

An examination of the attached financial report shows we have raised and spent about \$38,000 during the year. Major fundraisers have been our barbeques at K and D and other places, Book Sales, the Fashion Parade, so ably organised by Kerry Tilyard and her helpers, Government House Open Day, the Seafarers and Harvest Festivals and the Soup and Sandwich Trivia Lunch.

Fundraising has not only raised funds but has provided opportunities for interaction between members that has been good for all of us.

Thanks to the efforts of David, John and Reg we were able to receive grants totalling \$4,500 from the Tasmanian Community Fund and Rotary District 9830.

While the International projects have been important, and money has been wisely spent, the club has gained great satisfaction from local activities.

Members have expressed their pride in representing the club at end of year assemblies at large and small schools in our area, and having the satisfaction of shaking the hands of young people and sharing their achievements.

The rotary hoe project was a great example of a relatively small gift being of inestimable value to a community, and a majority of members went out of their way to attend the presentation and the subsequent tour of the gaol.

There are some things which I think we could have done better.

We have been fortunate to have prospective members seek out the club and ask to join. We have been less successful in actively recruiting.

We have also dropped the habit of having new members give a talk about themselves and older members giving a two minute talk about what they have been doing in the past few years. These strategies give all members a better knowledge of their fellows.

Overall I think this year has been a successful one for the club, with a reasonable balance of work and play. There have been some hiccups, but they have generally been resolved, and life has gone on.

Thanks for the opportunity to be your president.

Richard Wyatt.

President 2013 - 2014

CLUB SERVICE REPORT

As Joint Directors of the Club Service Program we are happy to report the following activities completed during 2013-14.

New Members

It is pleasing that our members have supported the new members and our current membership is 29.

Meeting Venue

The Tasmania Police Academy has continued to provide an excellent venue for our meetings and some special fund raising events.

In addition, we have our port and coffee at the end of the meeting which has given a well supported weekly fellowship forum.

Sandford Chapel

Outside maintenance of the chapel was carried out in conjunction with a social get together at the Foreshore Tavern. An enjoyable afternoon and evening was had by all. A second working bee was held later in the year.

In addition, the signage of the chapel was restored.

New Uniforms

The Club reviewed the uniforms and members have now purchased, at a discount, vests and long sleeved tops. These promote our image much better.

Meeting Program

David Mitchell has provided an excellent and varied selection of speakers which we're sure all members appreciated.

Newsletter

Reg Emmett has provided an informative and interesting weekly Bulletin, which again we believe all members appreciated.

Club Photographer

Reg Emmett and Jacob George's array of photographs of our functions have recorded our activities well. Appreciation to Reg and Jacob.

Social/Fellowship

Our socials this year have been varied and enjoyed by all.

They included:

Bellerive Chinese banquet

Putt putt golf and pizza evening at Barilla

Book and pizza night at Room-to Move

Club members David and Fran Mitchell, Glen and June Woolley, Reg and Annette Emmett and Di and Alan Morriss have shared their homes for social meals

Fish Fest at Triabunna

Visit to Mawson's Hut and Lark Whiskey

Visit to the Menzies Centre

Christmas breakfast at Venus and Christmas Party at Nates

Dinner at the Tasmania Golf Club

Fundraisers

Club Raffle

Weekly raffles were well supported by members and guests.

Fines Sessions and Small Change Bowl

The weekly fines sessions continued to be lively and the small change bowl well supported.

Money Spinner and Donation Boxes

We have currently one money spinner and four donation boxes which provide an ongoing source of funds with little effort from members. It is appreciated that members clear these regularly.

Larger Money Raisers

- K&D BBQs
- Trivia and Soup and Sandwich Day
- Fashion Parade
- Book Sales
- Harvest Festival at Botanical Gardens
- Spring Community Festival
- Seafarers
- Government House Open Day
- Families with adopted Chinese children BBQ function
- Special Children's Party BBQ at DEC
- Catering for Tas Water display at Lauderdale with a BBQ

In addition we provided support for several functions where fund raising was not the object. These included:

- BBQ for St Matthews Rokeby Christmas Carols
- BBQ for Youth Beat at Clarendon Vale
- Corpus Christi School Fair
- Montague Bay School Fair
- Try a Skill Workshop BBQ

Our Committee was also responsible for providing six Christmas hampers, through the Salvation Army, to needy families. This activity provides fellowship for members and partners in purchasing, compilation and delivery.

Special appreciation must go to David Mitchell for gathering, sorting and co-ordinating the book sales and to all members who have assisted in the fund raisers.

Helen and Basil Murray
Joint Directors, Club Service

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

INTERPLAST and END POLIO NOW were each provided with \$2000.

A further \$2 000 was donated to the BALIYOTI PRIMARY SCHOOL in NEPAL where we have been previously involved. Suzanne visited the school and reported that the building was without walls and students were often sent home because it was too cold for them to stay in the classroom. There was no clean water and no toilet. We have contributed to a new school which will cost A\$30 000 , the building of which will be supervised by the Rotary Club of Hetauda, using local labour where possible. The local Rotary Club has proved to be good managers in the past.

\$5 000 was donated to the PHILIPPINES HURRICANE DISASTER when it was urgently needed but not included in the budget. I would suggest that the new Board reserves say \$6 000 in a contingency fund for future emergencies.

I thank my committee of Suzanne Watton and Rob Warren who have provided invaluable assistance and congratulations to Suzanne for her participation in Rotary International activities.

Alan Morriss,
Director, International Service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Thanks to the enthusiasm of David Lamb, the club embarked on a project to provide the Risdon Vale community with a new rotary hoe. This is being used to provide produce from the community garden for aged and disadvantaged locals as well as the Second Bite organisation. The hoe is also used in the prison garden as a rehabilitation exercise and also at the Christian Family Centre.

As David said, "This project is not really about a machine that cultivates soil, but rather is a project in which Rotary is assisting four other linked community organisations to continue to expand their positive influence on our whole Tasmanian community".

We were fortunate to be given a District 9830 grant of \$2,000 to which we added \$2,400 from club funds.

Following representation from some community groups the club embarked on the restoration of the Nash Graves at St Matthews in Rokeby. This activity has been ably led by John Anderson with a group of enthusiastic members and was supported with \$2,500 from the Tasmania Community Fund and about \$500 from club funds.

Government House Open Day allowed us to give our catering profits of \$2,000 to the Governor to support the operation of the St Giles organisation in southern Tasmania

We have provided \$1,500 to the Howrah Men's Shed to help its formation.

Christmas hampers worth about \$700 were put together and distributed to needy families in the Clarence Plains area and a donation of \$500 was made to the Hobart Women's Shelter.

Thanks to Kerry Tilyard, David Lamb, John Anderson, Graeme Wolfe and Peter Lowery for their involvement with Community Service this year and to those other club members who helped particular projects.

Richard Wyatt.
Acting Director.
Community Service

YOUTH SERVICE REPORT

National Youth Science Forum.

Our congratulations go to Michael Turvey who attended the NYSF in Canberra in January of this year. Michael attended two club meetings and impressed members with his appreciation of this opportunity.

We have had three applications for students for next year's NYSF and have forwarded these to the District selection panel. We will support one of these if selected.

School Prizes.

We continued to support twelve schools in our area with end of year awards, generally for achievement in specialist areas, citizenship or contribution to the school. These awards are well received and should continue.

Thanks to those Club members who attended assemblies and presented the awards.

Model United Nations Assembly.

Annie Chessels from Ogilvie High School spoke to our club members about her positive experiences at MUNA in 2013. She spoke of new friends and enhanced confidence and urged the Club to continue supporting this event.

Unfortunately we were not able to attract participants from local schools to either MUNA or the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment [RYPEN] this year.

Youth Beat and Mission Australia

The Club held a community support day in Clarendon Vale for Youth Beat, an arm of Mission Australia. This was well received by young people in the area, who probably attended to

meet Hawthorn football players as much as anything.

Mission Australia's state director, Noel Mundy, gave an enthralling talk to the Club on their task of revitalising the Clarendon Vale area and increasing facilities for young people.

OWLKEYME

This youth development organisation, headed by Tullia Chung Tilley, provided opportunities for young people to develop their artistic and personal growth through dance and creativity. The Club provided funding for their work.

Thanks to Mary Turnock, Vanessa Goodwin, Gayle Smith, Richard Boast, Glen Woolley and Jacob George for their contributions.

George Toepfer
Director, Youth Service.

**ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH INC.
CLUB ACCOUNT.**

Financial statement 1/7/2013 to 20/6/2014

Balance as at 1/7/2013			\$6,651
	Income	Expenditure	
Subscriptions	2,565.		
Dinner fees	1,921	1,222	
Giving bowl	214	294	
Fines	519	601	
Raffle	2,279	717	
Club clothing	850	1,856	
Entertainment books	1,540	2,060	
District dues		1,971	
RDU magazine		960	
Flowers		117	
Club badges		111	
Club administration		778	
Interest	28		
	\$9,916	\$10,687	(\$771)
 BALANCE AS AT 20/6/2014		 \$5,880	

Lindsay Chivers
Treasurer
20/6/2014

SERVICE ACCOUNT

Balance as at 1/7/2013 \$32,523

	Income	Expenditure
BBQ's all	9,811	1,494
Book sales	3,695	172
Donation boxes	754	
Money spinner	1,432	
Government House	3,172	263
Fashion parade	5,445	1,582
Soup & Sandwich luncheon	1,872	129
Spring Festival	539	918
Seafarers Festival	1,383	
District 9830 Rotary hoe	2,000	4,376
Tas.Com Fund Nash graves	2,500	2,834
Christmas hamper	320	725
Briggs Athletic Carnival	555	
Christmas cards	70	75
NYSF	1,200	2,495
Fines/Bowl collections	895	
RAWCS stickers	42	42
Harvest Festival	1,530	
School Prizes		1,300
Maintenance/new equipment		1,556
Tranmere seats plaques		273
Clarence Eisteddfod		200
Rokeby High/Owlkeyme dance		700
Tas Police Charity Fund		500
Hobart Women's Shelter		500
Philippines Disaster		5,000
Blue Mountains Fire disaster		300
St Giles Society		2,000
Rotary End Polio project		2,000
Rotary Interplast project		2,000
Rotary Baljyoti School project Nepal		2,000
Howrah Men's Shed		1,500
Sunshine Tennis Club Cancer Appeal		250
Brodie Taylor cheer leader team		300
Aust Rotary Health Foundation		500
Try a Skill BBQ		136
Rotary Dues		2,380
Miscellaneous	50	617
Interest	661	
	\$37,926	\$39,117
(1,191)		
Balance as at 20/6/2014		\$31,332