

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

PRESIDENT REPORT

I would like to thank every member of Howrah Rotary Club for their support and involvement over the past 12 month period. I also would like to thank Partners for their hands on support and their support in kind. Without all this we would not survive as the strong , friendly Club that we have.

We have had quite an overseas presence this year, in February four Rotarians hosted Rotary Friendship Exchange guests from Montana USA. Lee and I hosted and found it a wonderful experience, one that if offered members should seriously consider.

Early February the Club hosted a Finnish Exchange Student, Liisa Totterman, once again I'm sure we are more culturally aware now about this part of the globe.

I would like to thank the following members:

Rob Warren, my quiet , efficient Secretary. Rob has been very busy with his letter writing skills as well as the many other tasks that make the Club tick over so seamlessly.

Sergeant At Arms June Woolley who volunteered to step into the position and has done a magnificent job. June has conducted the meetings in a fun and professional manner.

All the members of my Board Lindsay Chivers (Treasurer) , Helen Murray (Club Service) Reg Emmett(Youth Service) Gayle Smith (Membership) Robyn Harrison (Community Service) and Suzanne Watton (International Service) who have worked so tirelessly to achieve results , my heartfelt thanks.

Graeme Farrell who has been always ready to give much appreciated advice ,I say thank you.

Beth Cooke who has taken the Book Shop to great heights, thank you.

To each and every member of our Club for all your work over the past 12 months, all we achieve would not be possible without your support.

Special mention should be given to George S for the use of his shop that is used for the book sales. The Club has agreed to make a donation to George to help towards power. The book sales have raised an amazing amount for the Club.

The Club this year has donated \$18,610 to various causes.

I do feel very proud to belong to such a vibrant, friendly Club. There may have been a few little bumps in the road along the way, but in true adult fashion these have been set on the right path.

Overall I think this year has been a successful one for the Club with great Club fundraising efforts and wonderful social activities.

While I may not have achieved what was identified in the planning sessions however I do feel that we have achieved a more public profile and attended more school events.

I wish Richard all the very best for the new Rotary year ahead and thank him profusely for helping me in lots of unknown territory.

Thank You ,

Jan Jordan,

President Rotary Club of Howrah 2016-7

CLUB SERVICE REPORT

MEMBERSHIP (Gayle Smith)

Gayle has worked very hard this year to sort through the Club brochures and update as seen necessary. Along with the general aim to have a higher

community profile Gayle organised the new Club uniforms with more visible signage. Our membership increased by four new members.

A member satisfaction survey was conducted during this year with very pleasing and constructive results.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE (Suzanne Watton)

Suzanne reported that she was disappointed we have not given our usual overseas aid this year, and hoped that this will be remedied in the coming year.

\$1,000 was donated to the Haiti Cyclone Matthew for the response building effort. This was given to Disaster Aid to help with Survival Packs.

In the near future Una Hobday from Food Plant Solutions and Dr Jenny Kerrison, representing RAM, will be our guest speakers. Both organisations would be worthy recipients of Club donations.

Our Club sponsored Mahala Fannon, an Outgoing Student to Switzerland and hosted Liisa Totterman from Finland. It was a pleasure to have Liisa as an honorary member of our Club.

Suzanne noted that her present task is providing picture books in English to a school in Kazakhstan. These books are needed urgently and will be delivered in the next few weeks.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Robyn Harrison)

Robyn worked very hard to progress a project forward, but due to lack of response from the party involved this project did not go ahead. As it was planned to spend most of the Community Service budget on this project no other project was identified.

A large replica cheque was purchased , this will be used when presenting cheques, to publicise our support to community groups.

The End Trachoma By 2020 may be considered as a Community Service project in 2017-8.

YOUTH SERVICE (Reg Emmett)

Once again Reg has been very active in the area of Youth Service. He had several meeting with schools in our district to raise Rotary's profile in an effort to assist students. Students from Bayview Secondary College were assisted financially to attend a dance forum in Melbourne.

Members attended a Try A Skill to assist.

National Youth Science Forum.

Nicole Lawrence attended the Forum in January 2017, she then later returned to speak at a meeting about her very positive experience.

School Prizes.

As per usual end of year school prizes were given this year.

Rotary Student Exchange.

Our Club endorsed Mahala Fannon for the outbound student exchange to Switzerland.

Liisa Totterman was hosted by our Club for a 6 month period.

Books in Homes Program.

This program is being undertaken at Rokeby Primary School, students are provided with 9 new books each term to take home to read and keep.

CLUB SERVICE (Helen Murray)

Helen and her board have worked tirelessly this year.

K & D barbeques and two Bunnings barbeques have been well organised and well staffed by Club members.

The annual Fashion Parade was a huge success special thanks must go to Helen Murray & Glen Woolley for the huge amount of organising that goes into this event . Monies raised from this event went to Menzies Centre & Speak Up Stay Chatty.

Other events organised for this 12 month period included the Dronefest in conjunction with Bellerive Rotary Club and the Tasmanian Fruit Wine & Cider Festival. Thanks must go to Bob Hardy, David Mitchell & Reg Emmett for the great amount of work that went into these events.

Other events that our Club have had a presence include :

BBQ at launch of Warrane Community Garden.

Rokeby Primary School Gratitude BBQ.

Our Club has sent donations to several worthy causes – Guide Dogs ,Clarence Eisteddfod, Tascare for Children Clarence Youth Centre, Colony 47, Camp Quality & Food Bank Tas,

Jan Jordan June 2017