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OFFICE BEARERS 2016-17

Rotary International President	John Germ
District 9800 Governor	Neville John
Assistant District Governor	Gary McClure

Rotary Club of Bendigo South Board of Directors

President	Tony Plant	International Service	Lindsay Jolley
Secretary	Ruth O'Connell and	Foundation	Merlyn Quaife
	Bernie Young	Youth Service	Glenn Madden
Treasurer	Greg Noonan	Community Service	Gary Pinner
Membership/Marketing	Rod Spitty	Club Service	Ros Chenery

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President: Tony Plant



In my second year as club President, commenced with a new theme by the newly elected World President of Rotary International in Mr John Germ –***Rotary Serving Humanity*** our board also set about implementing the key objectives identified in our one page plan constructed from our Club Visioning exercise during 2016.

From a personal perspective, one had to firstly come down from a *high* created by the exciting year as a first term President, summarize and evaluate that year gone and quickly re focus on the next year ahead. The first two months of this Rotary year were very mentally challenging and for a time one wondered if one was going to be able to provide the necessary enthusiasm that a club does require from its President. Fortunately this club is like a well- crafted boat in that it was built from good quality material in the first place making it very stable- no matter what the conditions that may confront it. Just as importantly, it has further enhanced its ongoing performances by being prepared to research and implement modern technology and the latest best practices that are features of a modern day 21st century craft. As the man who had been invested to take hold of the tiller of this solid but updated craft it has been very easy to steer the course during the past two years.

Key aims were really an extension of the previous year in that the club wanted to be again busy and vibrant with a range of projects both in the local and international arenas. With our club motto of *Connect to The Community* still at the forefront, we looked for opportunities to engage with other groups at every possible opportunity.

Given the new flexibility now granted by Rotary International we could now actually legislate to legitimately do many of the things we had been doing anyway for a number of years. We wanted to have a flexible program that remained interesting and to continue to have some fun. We also recognized the need to market our club and keep pursuing new people to join us. Overall, I think we

have gone a long way in meeting these objectives but you as the members must pass judgement on these claims.

Some key objectives listed in our business plan were and all reflect our desire to best **Connect to the Community:**

- Conduct a second successful boat raffle. *We partnered with the Orthopaedics Auxiliary from the Bendigo hospital and provided them with \$8k plus to purchase 4 units of specialized equipment.*
- Organize a second Ulumburra Theatre Concert in partnership with our City Council. *This is already to happen this coming September.*
- Conduct The Science and Engineering Challenge for our Secondary Schools for the 12th successful year. *Once again this has been achieved.*
- Continue our School and University Scholarships Programs and recognized Rotary Youth Projects. *Have all been funded and we have welcomed many of the recipients into our meetings to give us their feedback.*
- Work with the volunteers from the other clubs to help finish the kitchen at Camp Getaway. *We have had a core of hard working volunteers regularly giving up many hours of their time to labour for foreman Leon from The Rotary Club Eaglehawk.*
- Organize a Foundation Dinner inviting our cluster clubs to participate. *Once again a very successful event took place.*
- **Not in our Plan but we did it anyway.** *We conducted a successful fund raising dinner in partnership with our local Lifeline.*
- Forming a relationship with the new Marist College with a view of starting an Interact Club. *Did not get there but have not given up on this just yet.*

Two other personal priorities I was keen to see us achieve were:

a) To set up a disaster aid fund of \$5000 to be kept on hand for the board to spend as they saw fit during the Rotary Year. This budget target has now been attained and the fund will be available to the board to use at its discretion during \$2017/18.

b) After visiting Maubisse during 2016 and learning of the Educational Scholarships Project established by the local Maubisse Support Group sponsored by the City of Greater Bendigo it seemed very appropriate that we could adopt a local student and help this person through University Education. This support has commenced this year.

There are a number of other important projects that I have not mentioned so I encourage all readers of this document to read all the Directors Reports that follow as they have all rightly **-Had their time in the sun** a number of times during this year and without their dedicated work my term of President would not have been as rewarding and enjoyable as I may care to claim.

During my second term we have had two very hard working board members needing to stand down due to health challenges. Firstly club Secretary Ruth O'Connell and more recently our Club Service Director in Ros Chenery. We wish them both a speedy recovery back to good health and we want to see you both round the club whenever you can come along. I thank Bernie Young for stepping in as Secretary and to Zoe Pocock and Jennie Hughes for helping to keep our program running smoothly.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution both David Lea and Helene Brown have made in past years. David is transferring his membership to Carlton and Helene, due to many personal challenges, has recently decided to resign from Rotary. I also note the passing of a wonderful past member in Eddie Beer who died just recently (*further tribute from Bill Ashman to follow*).

To all members, whether those who have recently joined us, to those who were around long before I came through the door I thank you all for your unquestioning support and dedication to the club and your overall loyalty you have given me in two very busy, but enjoyable years I have experienced in my lifetime. I encourage all members to really consider aiming to be a President of this club one day as the rewards do greatly out-weigh the heart aches that are there too from time to time. I congratulate incoming President Bernie Young in accepting the role and look forward to next year as Membership Director setting about telling our story of Rotary-our Bendigo South version and continuing our trend of introducing new members.

Tony Plant
President 2016-17



Social night at Jennie and Clive's



Bendigo Health Orthopaedics Ward project boat raffle winners

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Director: Gary Pinner



Committee: George Ellis Deputy Director / Volunteer Coordinator, Graham Neivandt, Ken Briggs, Terry Dalwood, Ian Ellis, Max Ellis. Maureen Plant, Elizabeth Bell, Heather Nixon.

The 2016/17 Rotary year has been a very busy but rewarding year thanks to the hard working Community Service committee. Great results, fantastic fellowship and the diversity of projects have been enjoyed by most members, Friends of Rotary, family members and our partner groups. In reflection of our plans and objectives for this Rotary year I believe we have met and or exceeded all expectations thanks to all the willing volunteers.

- Supporting the major focus of this Rotary year, the Bendigo Hospital Orthopaedics Ward fundraising target of \$8,000 was achieved and exceeded thanks to many members and partner groups selling raffle tickets for a fishing boat, trailer and motor.
- Supporting the Camp Getaway kitchen development were many working bees attended regularly by Graham Neivandt, Ken Briggs, Bernie Young, Clive Hughes and Ron Devereaux. The annual combined working bee weekend with the Rotary Club of East Keilor was held in September carrying out garden maintenance and upgrades.
- We again contributed positively to the combined clubs catering project at the Car Club Swap Meet providing over one hundred four hour shifts made up of from our club members and partners from our two choir groups along with staff, students and parents representing the East Loddon P-12 College. Also Ken Briggs and Maureen Plant attended the regular planning meetings on behalf of our club.
- Relay for Life was again supported where club members cooked a BBQ breakfast for all those attending.
- Christmas cakes and pudding sales were coordinated by Terry Dalwood with support from Ian Ellis and George Ellis. It is in all probability this long standing project will be discontinued.

A substantial focus falls on our BBQ and catering efforts to fund various projects. Once again many profitable barbeques were performed throughout the year with a great majority of members taking turns to turn a sausage or two during the year. Once again our volunteer coordinator George Ellis has performed a fantastic job arranging suitable volunteers for all our catering events, a job made easier by all who are willing to help.

Our club has generated close to \$20k in income gross sales from its catering events and after expenses are deducted, a healthy profit in excess of \$14k will be returned to our club. This great result can only be achieved with hard work and good people willing to help. Thanks to our club partners, Women of Note, Bendigo Chorale, Scots Day Out Committee, Friends of The Rotary Club of Bendigo South, The Rotary Clubs of Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo Sandhurst, Bendigo Strathdale, and Bendigo Next Generation, family and friends. Thanks also to Tony Hill from Hazeldenes for his support of the Easter BBQs.

Hat Week. Glenn Madden, Tony Plant, Clive Hughes and Bernie Young wore their funny hats in the Hargreaves Street Mall to publicize the need for the community to support mental health projects within our community. Also to further support the Mental Health issue a fund raising dinner was conducted and raised a further \$1,500 for our local Lifeline.

The fellowship in service is enjoyed by all and in particular I would like to acknowledge the support, assistance and encouragement of the Board and President Tony on what has been a fantastic year for the Rotary Club of Bendigo South and our community. Thank you to my hard working team, it has been a privilege to again be the Director of the Community Service Committee.

President's Footnote: I would like to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt thanks to our Community Service Director Gary Pinner for all the extra work he does in maintaining, cleaning, housing and towing our barbecue trailer during the year. Also to the contribution he makes every year by attending the entire duration at the Swap Meet ensuring the stock is sorted and distributed to all the food outlets. Tony Plant

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director: Lindsay Jolley



On behalf of the Board, the International Service Committee (Ron Devereaux, Cora Fuentes-Mahnic, Lindsay Jackson, Lindsay Jolley, David Lea and Wendy Tagliabue) reviewed the direction for the Club's future international service effort. Subsequently the Board approved the recommendation that the Club's priority International Service project (be the Australian Cambodian Children's Taskforce (ACCT) (RAWCS Project ID: 7-2013-14) which it sponsors through RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Services), under the management of Ann Peace. The Taskforce provided the funds for running the Centre for Childhood Development (CCD) in Phnom Penh.

Early this year we were advised that the Centre had closed on 31 December 2016. The Centre was a Khmer-run facility that operated to save at-risk children by providing food, safe shelter, emergency relief, health care and education, literacy, medical check-ups, child rights education and skills training. No funds have been transferred to the Centre since 22 December 2016. Up until that time from 1 July 2016, \$11,989.24 had been transferred to the Centre. All of these funds were provided by donors other than our Club. As at 22 May 2017 there was about \$2,800 held by the Taskforce. At present, Peter Gray who represents the Taskforce in Cambodia, is investigating how the work of the Taskforce in protecting children and providing educational opportunities can be re-commenced. The previous Centre had helped about 850 children.

A fundraising function for the ACCT project was arranged for August with ex-footballer Robert Walls as speaker. However a lack of bookings forced its cancellation.

The Board also agreed that we encourage members to get involved with the Maubisse (Timor Leste) work, noting that some financial support might be useful at times.

A \$5,000 Disaster Fund was established with agreed criteria on its use. This will enable the Club to respond to needs from either Australian or overseas disasters. The fund is to be topped up each year, except where not possible if the fund is depleted in a single year.

The following donations were made to Rotary programmes supported by the District:

- \$800 for a Disaster Aid Australia Family Survival Pack;
- \$500 for ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children); and,

- \$850 for an Aquabox 30 (can provide 30,000 L of clean water for community use). This was presented to Aquabox Australia representative Karen McNamara during her presentation to the Club on Aquabox Australia's work.

We had the privilege of jointly hosting with the Rotary Club of Bendigo a visiting Philippines Group Vocational Exchange team of five. Five home hosts and nine organisational hosts (Australian Clinical Laboratories, Bendigo Community Health Services, Bendigo Medical Centre, City of Greater Bendigo, Coliban Water, La Trobe University, North Central Catchment Management Authority, Novozymes Biologicals Australia and Parmalat Australia Ltd) ensured a successful week.

We have continued our work with the Maubisse community through the Scholarship Project 2015-2021 managed by the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee. Commencing this year we are funding Maubisse university student Santulino Xavier for four years (years 2 to 5) at AU\$1,200 per year plus US\$2,500 for field work. Santulino is in his second year of a nutrition course at the National University of Timor Leste (Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e – UNTL). The funds will provide for his accommodation, university fees, books and laptop computer.

Three Club members (Tony Plant, Greg Madden and Jim Rinaldi) visited Maubisse for ten days in July 2016 and provided teacher in-service training in literacy and physical education. Jim Rinaldi returned to Maubisse in May/June 2017 for two weeks to provide teacher in-service training in art. These visits were part of the ongoing contribution by the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee.

The Club provided a four-person team for the Rotary Club of Bendigo's Annual Night Golf event which raised money for Operation Cleft. This project provides free cleft palate repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh.

Thank you to the Committee for its hard work. It has been a privilege to have the opportunity to work in this important avenue of Rotary service.

YOUTH SERVICE

Director: Glenn Madden



Committee: Deputy Peter Simmons, Jim Rinaldi, Ian Ellis, Trevor Phillips, Lindsay Jackson.

The Youth Services Committee was kept busy during this Rotary Year and managed to achieve most of its aims. We oversaw the recruitment of four students to the RYPEN camp which took place in October 2016. The costs of this camp being shared between the Bendigo based Rotary Clubs. The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) was also supported by our club with \$1,155.42 going towards sponsoring a student to attend the Canberra forum.

In lieu of funding a student for RYLA, our club made a decision to direct \$800 towards Girton student Blake Reilly's bid to attend the Young Diplomats Tour. Blake successfully participated in this event and gained much in terms of his understanding of international affairs.

This month sees the conclusion of Japanese student Toshiya Yanagisawa's stay as our resident Rotary Exchange student. Toshi has been a wonderful addition to our club and has been an enthusiastic participant in Rotary fundraising ventures and social activities. He has fitted in well with his school mates at Girton and in the Bendigo community. Thank you to the families who hosted Toshi and for all those who helped make his stay so broadly educational and rewarding.

We were pleased to be able to sponsor a student in the ConocoPhillips Science Experience. This program is aimed at Year 9 and 10 students with an interest in pursuing career options in Science. Communication was kept up with our designated schools: Girton and East Loddon P-12. President Tony and I assisted East Loddon P-12 with a mock interview program during the year which was well appreciated by the school.

We continued our participation in the Combined Youth Directors Meetings during the year and this has been valuable in terms of information sharing and program management. Our Scholarship program was successfully implemented with \$500 scholarships being forwarded to East Loddon P-12, Girton College, Bendigo Senior Secondary College, Crusoe College, Catholic College and Bendigo South-East Secondary College. This amounted to \$3,000 which helps assist students and their families with the costs of education. We were able to meet most of the scholarship winners at our first May meeting with the students giving a brief talk to members about their current studies and aspirations. Our aim to develop communication with the new Marist College in Maiden Gully has not been successful to date and is a challenge for us in the new Rotary year.

Thank you to all of our club members who assisted with the various Youth Service programs throughout the year.

Name	Scholarship Awarded	College in 2016
Sophie Keating	George Symons	Bendigo South East College
Phoebe Jane	Jim Osborne	Crusoe College
Aguel Arok	Tom Glazebrook	Girton Grammar
Ella Hocking*	Bill Ashman	East Loddon P-12
Jo Cartwright*	Bill Ashman	East Loddon P-12
Ellie Wilson	Ern O'Shea	Catholic College Bendigo
Deanna Jerman	BSSC Music Award	BSSC
Kayla Riley	Health Science Bursary	La Trobe University Bendigo

Science and Engineering Challenge

Report by Convenor Rod Spitty

This event successfully took place on the 16th May at Bendigo South East College Stadium with eight schools and approx 220 students participating. It costs approximately \$12,000 to conduct the event and the necessary funding has been assembled as follows:

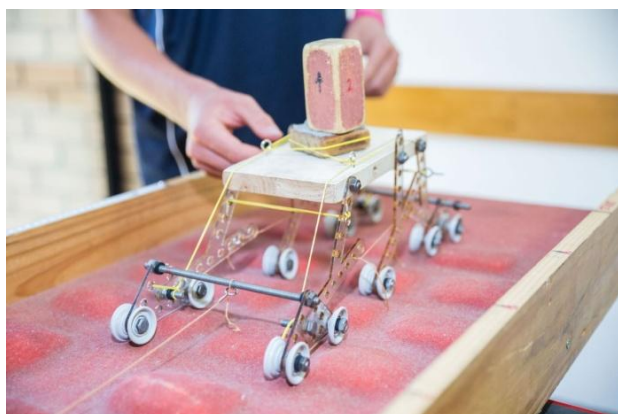
La Trobe University	\$6,000
District 9800 Community Grant	\$2,500
Rotary Club of Strathdale	\$500
Rotary Club of Bendigo	\$500
Rotary Club of Bendigo South	\$500
Participating Schools 8 @ \$300	\$2,400
TOTAL	\$12,400

The club was successful in achieving increased awareness and support for the Science and Engineering Challenge event from both within our club and the cluster. Bendigo South East College won the event and will be participating in the State Final.

I wish to thank both the club committee and the event committee for their hard work and contributions in successfully planning and conducting this complex activity. Thank you to committee members Ken Briggs and Tom Glazebrook for their contributions over the last twelve months, and to Anne Peace.

The club has been undertaking this project for a 12 year period which has required the raising of funds in excess of \$100,000 over this period and providing the opportunity for 2,500 students to attend the annual event.

The purpose of the challenge is to provide an insight for students to experience science, engineering and mathematics principles and to encourage students to pursue these subjects in their future studies.



Science and Engineering Challenge



Youth Exchange student Toshiya Yanagisawa

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

Director: Rod Spitty



During this year the Club inducted four new members, two members transferred to other Clubs, two resigned and one member transferred into our club. Therefore we have seen a nett increase of one member for the year. Tom Glazebrook became an Honorary member and Eddie Beer (Honorary member) passed away recently.

During the year the Club has engaged with industry to pursue Corporate Membership. This is proving very difficult to achieve actual membership, but may lead to membership opportunities and partnerships in the future. Thank you to Emily and Tony for their contributions.

The Club has also completed its new membership brochure and has updated its web site. The aim of the brochure is to assist existing members, future members and the community obtaining information concerning the club and the activities it is undertaking. The Club is also continuing to engage with the community and other members through increased use of Facebook.

During the year the club discussed and voted to vary its by-laws to allow flexibility and having no minimum attendance requirement. The club also introduced membership provisions for corporate members and partners.

The Board position of membership is a wide and varied portfolio so as to ensure existing member needs are adequately catered for while attracting new members to the club. Congratulations to Tony in achieving a very successful year as president and thank you to our membership committee comprising of Anne, Bernie, Tony, Greg, Trevor, Emily and Sue for their help and contributions throughout the year.

This year completes a two year term as membership Director which I have found particularly satisfying as the club has provided for members' needs as well as growing membership. This ongoing and challenging portfolio requires constant attention by all members of the club to ensure our needs are adequately catered for.

CLUB SERVICE

Director: Ros Chenery



[Report by President Tony Plant]

Importance of Club Service

Club Service is sometimes overlooked but is a vital part as to how well a club operates. It takes in the arrangements for all weekly events that make up the program, communication via the weekly bulletin, positive communication with our meeting venue hosts at the Foundry Arms and generally sets the tone of the dinner meetings. Even though we have a separate membership portfolio to look after new member recruitment, on-going education and member welfare, it is still vital that the two committees are closely aligned and are able to work together.

In my two years as Club President I have been most fortunate in having such a positive, enthusiastic and organized person in Ros Chenery as my Club Service Director. Due to the challenges confronting Ros in the coming months to return to good health Ros has not been asked to prepare this report. I am taking the opportunity to highlight the great contribution Ros and her hard working committee have made to the ongoing progress and success of our club in recent times.

New Directions

In response to the new initiatives outlined by Rotary International at the Council of Legislation held towards the end of the Rotary Year 2015/16 where greater flexibility as to the style, frequency and content of Club Meetings could now be adopted, our Board went down a particular path. A three month program was quickly formulated and put forward as a trial to gauge member feedback.

The key components of this 12 week program still contained a Rotary event each week, although not necessarily a traditional dinner style meeting with a guest speaker. For example, in this period in lieu of a meeting we attended The Gina Hogan Concert at the Capital Theatre. During the next month a social outing was arranged on a Sunday where we had a tour followed by lunch at The Avonmore Winery. During September, in place of a weekly meeting, members were encouraged to spend part of a weekend at Camp Getaway doing some maintenance but at the same time

socializing with the members from The Rotary Club of Keilor East. In the same period, we had a number of new member talks and also some guest speakers as would have been our past practice.

Some other clubs have experimented with fortnightly meetings with mixed success and in some cases abject failures. Our Board was of the view to keep members engaged, informed and involved it is still desirable to offer a weekly club event. However we can now be flexible as to the format of this interaction. As the year continued this philosophy was embraced with a mixture of fund raising and voluntary work, social events and dinner meetings with speakers forming our club program for the remainder of this Rotary year. At this stage there does not seem to have been any good reasons coming to the fore to not adopt a similar timetable for the next Rotary year.

Key Speakers, Visitations and Social Events

Some of club's guest speakers were Heri Sebriyanto- *The new Mosque and the local Muslim community*, Gordon Mc Kern -*Supporting the Aspire Cultural Precinct*, Bob Colbourne-*Living with the effects of Polio*, Jamie Roberts-*Making local Documentaries*. Jane Anderson-*Bendigo Hospital Fund Raising Projects* and our newly elected Mayor Margaret O'Rourke also attended and provided us with an inspiring address. Former Exchange Student, Peter Symons, spoke at our Life Line Fundraising Dinner-*Brain Fuel Depletion*.

Visits were organised to the Otis Foundation House in Tannery Lane, Fortuna Villa and as mentioned prior, to The Avonmore Winery. Two other popular social evenings were held-one at the home of Tony and Betty Plant, and another, at the home of new members, Clive and Jennie Hughes.

District Conference

The 2016/17 District Conference was held in Shepparton. We had ten representatives present including Toshiya Yanagisawa our Japanese Exchange Student along with Anne Peace who was assisting in one of the Breakout Sessions. All who attended were very complimentary of the entire event and congratulations go to District Governor Neville John and his organising team. Next year the conference will be held in Warrnambool and all members should consider attending if possible.

Media and Communications Matthew Scott



It's been another successful year in Media and Communications at the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

Facebook has been another major way for the message of the Club to be promoted. This has been aided by the joining of more Club members to Facebook, who can spread our messages and news far and wide through their own social networks.

The revamped Club website is continuing to receive good reports, and it's been a pleasure to maintain my involvement in the Club through updating the website, as this can be easily managed from Echuca. This coming Rotary year we plan to expand the website further through more events on the calendar and the inclusion of video conferencing facilities for members to attend the meeting electronically. Watch this space!

At the time of writing this annual report, we are still obtaining local media coverage, with reports on the Science and Engineering Challenge being the latest story to be published in the Bendigo Advertiser.

Finally, the Club had also managed to maintain a constant presence in the District's Networker magazine. We've tried to publish interesting and inventive stories in the magazine, such as our photo under the arch with Arch Klumph at the Foundation dinner in November. It's these sort of stories that make for interesting reading of our Club in local publications.

From attending the recent District Assembly in Melton, it's promising to know that our Club is so far advanced in marketing our brand. Overall, it's been another great year in media and communications at our Rotary club. Hopefully in 2017/18 we can continue to spread the good work of our Club, letting everyone far and wide know of what we're getting up to.

Club Service Sub-Committees

- Program/Fellowship: Ros Chenery, Rod Spitty, Anne Peace, Tony Plant, Helene Brown, Jennie Hughes
 - Attendance/Roster: Zoe Pocock
 - Club Bulletin: Ros Chenery, Zoe Pocock
 - Deputy, and Media and Communications: Matthew Scott
 - Visual media: Clive Hughes
 - Protection Officer: Geoff McKinna
 - Library/historian/archives: Bill Ashman, Ian Ellis, Graham Neivandt
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FOUNDATION

Director: Merlyn Quaife AM



Our club was successful in receiving two matched grants for the Science Challenge and to purchase one extra sensor mat for Bendigo Health Orthopaedics support group following our successful raffle for same. The second grant was possible due to unused funds for this financial year in our District.

It is important that club members understand the way Foundation operates: money donated can be drawn upon after three years of earning interest. 91% of donations go into Grants and what we put in we can apply for – District and Global.

It would be encouraging if every club member who is able, became a Centurian, making an annual donation of a minimum of \$100 to EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year). It is Rotary's charity fund and used well for so many varied projects here and overseas.

In this 100th Anniversary Year of the Foundation Rotary is very close to having eliminated polio. The need for more vaccinations continues, because until five years have passed without a case being cited polio is not eradicated.

Deputy Director: Geoff McKinna

TREASURER

Treasurer: Greg Noonan



As the financial year has not ended at the time of producing this annual report, the financial statements cannot be finalised.

The reviewed financial statements will be circulated to members prior to the club's Annual General Meeting to be held later in 2017.

The following report provides an overview of the club expenditure on its various service projects for the year.

Aquabox	\$	850
Australian Rotary Foundation Trust	\$	553
Australian Rotary Health	\$	690
Bendigo Chorale	\$	1,000
Bendigo Community Health Services	\$	500
Bendigo Foodshare	\$	1,000
Bendigo Health Orthopaedic Auxiliary	\$	8,308
Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee	\$	1,200
Bendigo Senior College	\$	500
Bendigo South East College	\$	500
Catholic College	\$	500
Central Victorian Women's Choir	\$	2,300
Crusoe College	\$	500
Disaster Aid Australia	\$	800
Donations in Kind	\$	1,000
East Loddon P12	\$	1,000
Girton Grammar	\$	500
Lifeline	\$	2,500
National Youth Science Forum	\$	1,155
ROMAC	\$	500
Rotary Foundation	\$	3,000
RYPEN	\$	363
Science & Engineering Challenge	\$	500
Scots Day-out Committee	\$	400
UN Youth Australia Young Diplomats	\$	800
Youth Exchange Program	\$	2,209
	\$	30,919

VALE EDDIE BEER



Eddie A Beer

6 October 1929 – 10 April 2017

In April 2017 we lost one of our most esteemed members when Eddie Beer passed away. Eddie was a Primary School Principal and joined our Club in 1974. In 1977 he was transferred to Bacchus Marsh but returned to Bendigo in 1990 and rejoined Bendigo South. He served as President in 1994-95 and over the years served in many positions, such as Attendance Officer on a few occasions, Club Service Director, Secretary, Community Service Committee, On-to Conference Chairman, Program Chairman, Foundation Chairman and joint Historian twice. As President Elect in 1993 Eddie kept us up with the times by requesting that all members supply their fax numbers for printing in the Club Directory to assist with communication and effectiveness.

Eddie was very pleased with the fact that during his Presidential Year we inducted our very first female members, one of whom, Kay Branson, went on to become President herself. In his Presidential year Eddie had a ten point program, one of which was to aim for 80% attendance by members, which was achieved by the end of his year. Other highlights were the visit of a Group Study Exchange Team from Bangladesh, the contact with Sister Stella Edattu from Assissi Farms in Southern India and with her being a Guest Speaker at one of our meetings. For the first time in our Club's history we became a member of the Arch Klumph Club, whereby every member donated \$26.50 to Rotary Foundation, totalling \$1,431.

An Ambassadorial Scholar from USA visited our club. A Youth Exchange Student from Norway, Knut Hauge was hosted. He spoke at the Sydney Conference and was a member of the Girton College Jazz Band. Megan Hillman and Kirsten Newitt were out-going Exchange Students to Belgium. RYLA, RYPEN, ROTARACT and Model United Nations Assembly were all supported.

A white goods raffle raised over \$6,000 dollars for the State Emergency Service and ROMAC. Car parking duties were provided at Bendigo Expo. A Garage Sale at Eddie's home over two days proved that one person's rubbish can be another person's collectables. Fellowship included a visit to the musical 'Oklahoma' and a Michelton Winery tour with a dinner and wine tasting, and a visit to a Radio Controlled Air Craft Display. A total of \$16,000 was raised and spent on Projects in 1994-95. All in all Eddie had a most successful year which he said could not have happened without the unstinting effort put in by his wife Thelma.

Eddie was appointed as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1996. Because of failing health he had to resign in 2014 but was immediately appointed as an Honorary Member.

Tribute by Bill Ashman

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2016/17

July Theme: Setting the Scene

July 7. First Meeting of Club Sub-Committees
July 14. Dinner Meeting with Club member Speakers Tony, Glenn and Jim: Maubisse Experience.
July 21. Bendigo Muslim Community. Guest Speaker Heri Sebriyanto.
Sunday July 31. Gina Hogan Concert at Capital Theatre, supporting MEC Project.

August Theme: Membership

August 4. Dinner Meeting. New Member Talks: Merlyn Quaife, Cora Fuentes Mahnic
August 11. Second round of Sub-committee meetings.
August 18. Dinner Meeting, Member talk: Trevor Phillips.
Sunday August 28. Lunch and Winery Tour. Avonmore Winery, Elmore.

September Theme: Literacy

September 1. Dinner Meeting. Exchange Student- Introductory talk. Farewell to Tom Glazebrook.
September 8. Dinner Meeting. District Governor Neville John. Club visit.
Weekend-September 9-11 Weekend activities with Keilor East Club at Camp Getaway.
September 22. Dinner Meeting-Aspire Cultural Precinct. Gordon Mc Kern.
September 29. Dinner Meeting. Creative thinking Learning Activities, Jim Rinaldi.

October Theme: Economic and Community Development

October 6. Optional Sub- committee meetings. Hat week in the Mall.
October 13. Visit to the Otis Retreat followed by Dinner at Braidie's Tavern.
October 20. Dinner Meeting. AGM and Rotary International updates of latest directives.
October 27. Social gathering at the home of members Jennie and Clive Hughes.

November Theme: Foundation

November 3. Dinner meeting. Update on Foundation by John Wigley.
November 11 to 13. Swap Meet Catering weekend.
November 17. Dinner Meeting- Polio Eradication. Local speaker -Bob Colbourne.
Wednesday November 23. Cluster Foundation Dinner.

December Theme: Disease Prevention

December 1. Dinner meeting. Speaker Lindsay Jolley. Travelling and working in other countries.
December 8. Dinner Meeting. Directors' Reports to the Members.
December 15. Annual Club Christmas Celebration Dinner at Bendigo Club

January Theme: Vocations

January 12. Social gathering at home of President Tony.
January 19. Dinner meeting. Speaker Jamie Roberts. *Making local documentaries.*
Australia Day. Barbeque duties at Lake Weeroona.

February Theme: Peace and Conflict Resolution

Feb 2. Dinner Meeting-Tour of the Foundry Arms extension.
Feb 9. Dinner Meeting -New member talk. Jane Robson.
Feb 16. Fortuna Tour and dinner at the National Hotel.
Feb 23. Dinner Meeting- Rotary's Birthday Celebration.

March Theme: Water and Sanitation

March 2. Dinner meeting. Philippines Vocational Studies Group.

March 9. Dinner meeting. Returning exchange student Emmaby Barton Grace.
March 16. Visit and dinner at Camp Getaway.
March 23. Dinner Meeting. Speaker Jane Anderson- Bendigo Hospital fundraising campaigns.

April Theme: Maternal and Child Health

April 6. Dinner Meeting. Guest Speaker Margaret O Rourke Mayor, City of Greater Bendigo.
April 20. Dinner Meeting –Directors’ reports to members.
April 27. Lifeline Fundraising Dinner. Speaker Peter Symons. Kangaroo Flat Sports Club

May Theme: Youth Services

May 4. Dinner Meeting Year 10 School Scholarship winners speak to the club.
May 11. Dinner Meeting. Sport and Physical Education in Victorian Schools- Steve Mc kerrow, and a Presentation by Karen McNamara on Aquabox Project.
May 18. Dinner Meeting - Speaker Lifeline Chair Graeme Meager.
May last week. District Assembly and Scatter Week.

June Theme: Fellowship

June 1. Dinner Meeting. Speakers Heather Nixon and Elizabeth Bell. Solomon Islands.
June 8. Dinner Meeting. Latrobe University theme. Professor Lumley head of Engineering at Bundoora, and Health Scholarship winner Kayla Riley.
June 15. Farewell to our Japanese Exchange student Toshiya Yanagisawa. Allies Hotel.
June 22. Dinner Meeting. Speakers from Coliban Water.
June 29. Annual Changeover Dinner. Big Hill Winery.

ROYCE ABBEY AWARDEES

This program is to recognize Club members in their early years of Rotary who show Enthusiasm and commitment to the ideals of Rotary. The selection is by the President of the Rotary Club and it is hoped by early recognition, members will be encouraged to continue to enjoy their membership and appreciate the contributions Rotarians can make to the community, both locally and internationally.

This Award encourages Clubs to contribute AU\$1,000 through the Rotary Foundation to The Royce & Jean Abbey Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship, a program that is available to assist the training of young men and women in developing countries.

2007-08	Helene Brown, Peter Ryall
2008-09	Marie Jenkins
2009-10	Wendy Learmount
2011-12	Ros Chenery, Matthew Scott
2015-16	Bernie Young

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION

1978 Jack Bright	2002 Lindsay Jolley
1982 George Symons	2003 Max Ellis
1984 Don Allen	2004 Graham Neivandt
1987 John Parsons	2004 David Cotton
1987 Bill Rodd	2005 Ken Gittins
1988 Bill Ashman	2006 Elizabeth Allen
1988 Tom Glazebrook A.M.	2007 Ken Briggs (Sapphire)
1988 Bill Hoare	2007 Ron Twitt
1989 Frank Budge	2007 Lindsay Jackson
1989 George Ellis	2008 David Cotton (Sapphire)
1994 George Dawson	2009 Gary Pinner (Sapphire)
1995 Graeme Norris	2009 Greg Noonan
1996 Eddie Beer	2009 Ralph Birrell
1997 Geoff Holland	2010 Terry Dalwood
1997 Trevor Phillips	2011 Ian Ellis
1998 Laurie O'Farrell	2013 Greg Noonan (Sapphire)
1999 Ron Devereaux	2013 Maggie Merigan- James
1999 Margaret Roberts	2013 Paul Gibbons
2000 Rob Hunt	2014 Erma Hoare
2001 Ken Briggs	2014 Bill Ashman (Double Sapphire)
2002 Gary Pinner	2014 Verna Ashman

The Rotary movement was founded in February 1905, by Paul Harris, a lawyer from Chicago, who recognized the potential of an association of like-minded professional and business people who could meet and share common interests on a regular basis.

In 1957, the Rotary Foundation introduced a recognition known as a Paul Harris Fellow in memory of the founder as an expression of appreciation for a contribution of US\$1,000.00 or more to the Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs. The recipients receive a pin, medallion and certificates that identify them as advocates of the Rotary Foundation's goals of world peace and understanding.

In Australia and New Zealand it has become a tradition that a club may determine to recognise a Club Member or community member as a Paul Harris Fellow for meritorious service, where the club contributes US\$1,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation from club funds. Recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow remains a respected and prestigious honour for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

This table lists Club Members and community members who have received Paul Harris Fellow recognition from this club for meritorious service, and also Club Members who have received PHF recognition from a previous club for meritorious service.

MAX ELLIS AWARDS

The Presidential award 'For dedicated and selfless service by a Non-Board member'.

This award was introduced by Past President Max Ellis during his term of office. In his words "It is the honour of the incumbent President to choose a Club member who is the 'Best and Fairest' for the Rotary Year".

1974-75	Jim Porter	1996-97	Jenni Hillman
1975-76	Bill Rodd	1997-98	Bill Ashman
1976-77	George Symons	1998-99	Tony Plant
1977-78	Alan Williams	1999-2000	Marilyn Botwood
1978-79	John Parsons	2000-01	Gerald Kavanagh
1979-80	Graeme Norris	2001-02	Graham Neivandt
1980-81	Les Pascoe	2002-03	Ken Gittins
1981-82	Gordon Hellyer	2003-04	Bev Ormerod
1982-83	Don Allen	2004-05	Ruth O'Connell
1983-84	Frank Monti	2005-06	Ken Briggs
1984-85	Vic Wodetski	2006-07	David Carbury
1985-86	Graham Neivandt	2007-08	Andrew Palmer
1986-87	Bill Hoare	2008-09	Wendy Learmount
1987-88	Darrel Walker	2009-10	Ian Ellis
1988-89	Bob Forbes	2010-11	Elaine Harrington
1989-90	Ken Gittins	2011-12	Greg Noonan
1990-91	Laurie O'Farrell	2012 -13	Tony Plant
1991-92	John Grylls	2013-14	Bernie Young
1992-93	Tony Britt	2014-15	Anne Peace
1994-95	Keith Inglis	2015-16	Sue and Trevor Hawking
1995-96	Gerald Kavanagh	2016-17	Jennie and Clive Hughes

PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS

1959-60	Les Harris	1988-89	Rod McLeod
1960-61	Alan Fraser	1989-90	Rob Aitken
1961-62	John Corbett	1990-91	Brian Thomas
1962-63	Ian McHardy	1991-92	Colin Walton
1963-64	Bill Ashman	1992-93	Geoff McKinna
1964-65	Jack Bright	1993-94	Neil Zantuck
1965-66	Len Knox	1994-95	Eddie Beer
1966-67	Alex Fraser	1995-96	Geoff Holland
1967-68	George Ellis	1996-97	Gary Pinner
1968-69	Harold MacDonald (dec)	1997-98	Kay Branson
	George Ellis	1998-99	Jenni Hillman
1969-70	Neville Howell	1999-00	Dean Shirley
1969-70	Don Allen	2000-01	Paul Blacker
1971-72	Colin Scheumack	2001-02	David Cotton
1972-73	Jim Osborne	2002-03	Ian Ellis
1973-74	Bill Rodd	2003-04	Ken Briggs
1974-75	Max Ellis	2004-05	John Steele
1975-76	Ron Twitt	2005-06	Terry Dalwood
1976-77	Bryan Milne	2006-07	Bev Ormerod
1977-78	Bob Johns	2007-08	Greg Noonan
1978-79	Ray Foley	2008-09	Frank Cinquegrana
1979-80	Brian Thomas	2009-10	Philip Jan
1980-81	Tom Johnson	2010-11	Geoff McKinna
1981-82	Graeme Elvey	2011-12	Ruth O'Connell
1982-83	John Parsons	2012-13	Wendy Learmount
1983-84	George Dawson	2013-14	Helene Brown
1984-85	Bill Hoare	2014-15	Rod Spitty
1985-86	Laurie O'Farrell	2015-16	Tony Plant
1986-87	Ralph Birrell	2016-17	Tony Plant
1987-88	John Hewitson		

CLUB MEMBERS (at 30 June 2017)

Bill Ashman	Accounting Services	Graham Neivandt	Waste Water Disposal
Elizabeth Bell ¹	Nursing	Heather Nixon ¹	Nursing
Ken Briggs	Water Supply Services	Greg Noonan	Management Accounting
Ros Chenery	Disability Services	Ruth O'Connell	Community Services
Terry Dalwood	Manufacturing Mgt	Andrew Palmer	Investment Advisor
Ron Deveraux	Bread Manufacture	Anne Peace	Primary Education
George Ellis	Emergency Services	Trevor Phillips	Engineering Consultant
Ian Ellis	Sign Writing	Gary Pinner	Automotive Repairs
Max Ellis	Sign Writing	Tony Plant	Catering
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic	Ethnic Management	Maureen Plant	Retail Sales
Paul Gibbons ¹	Education	Zoe Pocock	Environmental Planning
Sue Hawking	Office Mgt Financial Plan	Merlyn Quaife	Music Education
Trevor Hawking	Building Supplies Sales	Jim Rinaldi	Primary Education
Clive Hughes	Carpet Laying	Jane Robson ¹	Youth Services
Jennie Hughes	Sales Consultant	Matthew Scott	Education
Lindsay Jackson	Tertiary Education	Peter Simmons	State Emergency Services
Lindsay Jolley	Environmental Mgt	Rod Spitty	Local Govt Engineer
Glenn Madden	Primary Education	Wendy Tagliabue	Profess'l Educ'n Training
Geoff McKinna	Police Service	Bernie Young	Public Land Management
Emily Mudge	Civil Engineering		
Honorary Members			
Ken Gittins	Sheep Grazing	Bill Hoare	Finance - Auditing
Tom Glazebrook	Highway Construction	Laurie O'Farrell	Law
Ian Hanger	Pharmacy		
2016-17 departures			
Eddie Beer (Honorary)	Died 10 April 2017	Russell McGibbon	Resigned
Helene Brown	Resigned	Craig Wright	Transferred
David Lea	Transferred		

FRIENDS OF ROTARY				
Jodie Bice	Leesa Bice	Daniel Giles	Chloe Kilcullen	Wendy Learmount
Brock Pinner	Mercy Saddul Priest	Robin Shepherd	Val Payne	

Name¹ indicates Member joined in 2016-17.