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Rotary District 9800

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Club Service	Rod Spitty	Membership/Marketing	Tony Plant



Board 2017-18. Rod Spitty, Elizabeth Bell, Greg Noonan, Bernie Young, Anne Peace (A/Club Service Director Jul-Oct), Lindsay Jolley, Tony Plant, Gary Pinner. Absent: Glenn Madden

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President: Bernie Young



The members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South are proud of our achievements again in the 2017/18 year of 'Making a Difference'. We adopted a business plan again and a set of key goals for the year to enable us to continue to deliver on our (second) three year strategy. Each Director and other key leaders established implementation committees, and all members volunteered to participate on at least one committee. The key goals kept us focussed on our priorities, and formed the basis of regular Board monitoring, and quarterly reporting and Q and A sessions with members. I am pleased to advise that we achieved nearly all of our goals, and made substantial progress on the couple that will carry forward to the next Rotary year.

Some service highlights

- Our major project was the Silvie Paladino and Victoria Welsh Choir concert conducted in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo Ulumbarra Theatre management. It raised substantial funds for community access to theatre services, and raised our profile in Bendigo.
- We jointly hosted French Youth Exchange student Victor Saelens with RC Eaglehawk. Thanks to first home hosts Gary and Sharon who met Victor's family in France prior to the exchange, set up his program in Bendigo, and hosted a social function when his family visited Bendigo.
- Matthew Scott participated in the District Rotary Vocational Training Team in-service coaching of teachers in Cambodia, his second volunteering project in Cambodia.
- Several members put in many hours on Leon Scott's Camp Getaway kitchen project, led by our Camp committee members Graham Neivandt and Ken Briggs.
- We assisted the Ironbark Gully Friends with their waterway open space development works, assisted on Clean Up Australia Day, provided mentoring support for their community committee, and did our bit towards Ian Riseley's tree planting goal at their community tree planting days.
- We continued our support for the Annie North Women's Refuge by initiating an ongoing support program, and launched the outdoor catering facility funded by the club.
- We participated in the Victoria Police/Rotary senior police mentoring/community engagement program when I accepted an invitation to mentor Bendigo Senior Sergeant Leesa Johnson.
- New club members Elizabeth Bell, Jane Robson, Heather Nixon and Trevor Phillips used their District new member incentive grant to conduct a Celtic harp and vocal garden party soiree at the home of Clive and Jennie Hughes to raise funds for the Rotary End Trachoma project.
- We conducted several Indigenous engagement activities with Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative, Bendigo TAFE, and Bendigo Senior Secondary School.
- We initiated some engagement and student support activities with the Karen community.
- Members and friends enthusiastically supported a new initiative to donate and stock handbags for women attending the Echuca and Bendigo women's refuges.
- New members nurses Heather and Elizabeth initiated the sourcing and delivery of medical material to a medical centre in Honiara following some earlier aid work they had done there.
- Glenn organised Dream Cricket equipment for the Bendigo Special Development School.
- Rod Spitty again led a team that planned the delivery of the Science and Engineering Challenge in Bendigo to benefit 10 regional schools, scheduled for July this year.

Club service and support

A Rotary club can only be effective in community service if it first looks after itself and its members. Our membership numbers have remained steady as potential new members have liked our product offering. We welcomed new members John Bergbauer, Tom Campbell, Kylee McCalman, Maureen Cronin, Sue Duncan and Richard Epskamp this year. Our departures were Maureen Cronin and Jane Robson, who resigned for personal reasons. We were saddened by the deaths of member Sue Hawking (wife of member Trevor), Honorary Member Bill Hoare, former Member Ron Twitt, and Camp Getaway caretaker and RC Bendigo Sandhurst Rotarian Dowell Mitchell.

We celebrated Bill and Verna Ashman 90th birthdays, Ron Deveraux's 50 years in Rotary anniversary, Max Ellis's 65 years CFA service medal, and Ian Ellis's Life Membership of CFA statewide. I also took the opportunity to recognise and celebrate in real time with tall poppy awards the great leadership and contributions of members whose achievements stood out during the year.

The Club Service team continued our meeting organisation evolution to keep it light, fun, well organised, and ceremonial when appropriate. We rolled out a new child protection policy; conducted a member survey (our second in recent years); and used the audio visual Zoom software attendance to enable interactive participation in District forums. Secretary Elizabeth completed the

Rotary Leadership Program, and our Horizons Committee kept tabs on the President and Board and successfully recruited President Nominee Glenn Madden. Congratulations Elizabeth and Glenn.

We would like to acknowledge the significant support and great service that we receive each week from the Foundry Hotel team, and the sponsorship support we received from Jeanette and Rob at Avonmore Estate winery (our End Trachoma soiree sponsors), and Strategem Investment Services.

We have continued to build strong connections with our cluster club partners. We sponsored a team in the RC Bendigo night gold event for Operation Cleft; we supported the RC Bendigo-Strathdale End Polio movie night; the D9800 Camp Getaway kitchen project; the RC Rochester pie and port night; and jointly hosted Youth Exchange student Victor with RC Eaglehawk. We also provided mentoring support for the RC Bendigo Next Generation Club.

Lindsay Jolley again led a team to manage an incoming Rotary Friendship Exchange with Scotland, and then Poland, but unfortunately both were cancelled. Five members attended the Vice Regal reception for RI President Ian Riseley. Tony and Glenn participated in the International Cricketing Rotarians Fellowship tour to India, and Terry joined the Rotary Friendship Exchange to Canada.

I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of being President of this proud club. The Board and others have taken ownership and provided leadership for their respective areas, the club culture is friendly and supportive with a willingness to contribute, and little steering has been required. The three year strategy plan, and the strong collaboration with incoming President Rod and his Board will ensure continuity and a smooth transition of programs into the next Rotary year. We will continue to have a strong product to offer as a modern, progressive, innovative, effective and welcoming club.

Bernie Young
President 2017-18



Victor, Rae and Paul at Ironbark Gully.



Matthew Scott training Cambodian teachers



Bill and Verna Ashman with East Loddon P-12 Scholarship winner Jessica Demeo.



Tony Plant and Glenn Madden present the Dream Cricket equipment to the Bendigo Special Development School.

ULUMBARRA THEATRE CONCERT

Concert committee chair Terry Dalwood

Committee: Terry Dalwood, Rod Spitty, Greg Noonan, Merlyn Quaife, Jane Robson

Our second Welsh Choir concert was held on Sunday 10 September 2018, again at the Ulumbarra Theatre. The principal guest artist, Silvie Paladino, was a great hit with the crowd of almost 700 people. Filling out the program were two of our musical scholarship holders from Bendigo Senior Secondary College in Aidan Purdy and Deanna Jerman. Local harpist Meryl Wilkinson performed in the foyer before the concert to complete a very professional and enjoyable afternoon. Crowd response afterwards was all about “when is the next concert?”. Needless to say, the concert was also very successful financially, with proceeds of over \$12,000 going towards assisting people in the Bendigo community, who might not otherwise have had the opportunity, to participate in local artistic events.

This concert completed our 2-year agreement with City of Greater Bendigo Council. However, all parties, including the Victoria Welsh Male Choir, are keen to continue the arrangement of holding a major concert at the Ulumbarra Theatre on a two-yearly cycle. To this end, discussions are well advanced towards continuing the Welsh Choir concert series in 2019. In accordance with the wishes of City of Greater Bendigo Council, future agreements will be with the Ulumbarra Foundation, a new philanthropic arm of Council formed to support artistic endeavours associated with Council’s theatres. These discussions are also covering the possibility of alternate year concerts involving local musical artists, with the proceeds to aid Rotary Club of Bendigo South community projects.

Terry Dalwood

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Director: Gary Pinner



Committee: Director Gary Pinner, George Ellis, Max Ellis, Ian Ellis, Terry Dalwood, Ken Briggs, Graham Neivandt, Maureen Plant, Paul Gibbons.

The 2017/18 Rotary year has been one of the most engaging and rewarding years I have known in chairing the Community Service Committee. Under the direction of President Bernie, we have engaged with many new community groups. The Ironbark Gully Friends Group, Bendigo Community Health, Anne North Centre, BDAC, Walk for MND, Million Paws Walk, Bendigo Special Developmental School, Relay for Life, Pink Pig Day, just to name a few.

The club has been involved in Adopt-a Highway maintenance, working bees at Camp Getaway, tree planting and of course the many BBQs which help provide needed funds for our club to support many local community groups. It’s interesting to note that our outside BBQs and catering events which also includes our participation with the Swap Meet Catering, generate approximately 1/3 of our club’s income with approximately 2/3 of our club’s disbursements returning to our local community. We really do support our local community.

Many thanks to the hardworking committee including George Ellis, catering volunteer coordinator; Ken Briggs and Graham Neivandt for their continued involvement in the management committee

and being involved in the completion of the Camp Getaway Kitchen development; Ken Briggs, Tony and Maureen Plant Swap Meet Catering Committee; Max & Ian Ellis, Road Side Clean Up; Terry Dalwood Christmas Cakes And Pudding sales; and all the volunteers who gave their time so generously to all the BBQ and catering events which were held.

The club's BBQ trailer 50% share has been purchased by our club from our partner club, The Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat and is undergoing Vic Safe Compliance to meet Rotary Insurance requirements.

We applied unsuccessfully to the City of Greater Bendigo for a Community Grant for a storage facility to be built at the Mechanics Institute at California Gully to house all of the club's records, BBQ trailer and associated equipment. We will be reapplying again in the next Rotary year.

It has been a pleasure to have been the Director of Community Service in the 2017/ 18 Rotary year. With the support of the Board and President Bernie it has certainly been a fantastic year for our club and I congratulate President Bernie on a great year in Rotary and he should feel very proud of his achievements in the 2017/18 Rotary year.

Gary Pinner

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director: Lindsay Jolley



Committee: Cora Fuentes-Mahnic, Lindsay Jackson, Heather Nixon, Anne Peace, Jim Rinaldi, Matthew Scott, Wendy Tagliabue,

The Club continued its support for work in Phnom Penh to help disadvantaged and vulnerable children. With the closure of the RAWCS project 7-2013-14, the Australian Cambodian Children's Taskforce (ACCT) in late 2016, staff with the previous project were able to develop a replacement and enhanced project, Developing Skills Organization, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Not only does this project provide a safe environment and enhanced education opportunities for disadvantaged and vulnerable children, but also vocational training skills for youth and their families. The project has been officially registered with the Ministry of Interior and recognised by RAWCS under the same project number, 7-2013-14. Anne Peace continued as Project Manager for the project.

We have continued our work with the Maubisse community through the Scholarship Project 2015-2021 managed by the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee. Quite a number of Club members attended a scholarship fundraising film night at the Star Theatre, Eaglehawk, organised by the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee. We also provided a further AU\$1,200 to assist Maubisse university student Santulino Xavier in the third year of his five year nutrition course at the National University of Timor Leste (Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e – UNTL). The funds provided for his accommodation, university fees and books. Further, we held a successful progressive dinner that raised \$950 towards the scholarship. We were particularly appreciative of the members who hosted the various dinner courses: Merlyn Quaife; Terry & Fran Dalwood; Lindsay Jolley & Nena Romero Herrera; and Greg and Kathy Noonan.

A consignment of medical facility goods was arranged by Heather Nixon and Elizabeth Bell and shipped as part of a Donations in Kind container to the Honiara Hospital in the Solomon Islands.

Matthew Scott participated in a five-person District Vocational Training Team visit to Cambodia early in 2018 that delivered eight half-day training workshops to about one hundred local teachers at remote villages outside of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap. The objective was to give further training to teachers to assist them in increasing student literacy skills in both their language and the English language.

Donations were made to Rotarians Against Malaria \$500 (presented to Bill Oakley when he spoke to the Club on RAM; DIK (Donations in Kind) \$500; the Meningoencephalocele (MEC) project \$500; and Polio Plus.

Again the Club provided a four-person team for the Rotary Club of Bendigo's Annual Night golf event that raised money for Operation Cleft. This project provides free cleft palate surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh. The \$300 entry fee provided by the Club would meet the cost of one cleft palate operation.

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

Lindsay Jolley

YOUTH SERVICE

Director: Glenn Madden



Committee: Director Glenn Madden, Jane Robson, Trevor Phillips, Peter Simmons.

The Youth Services Committee has enjoyed another busy year with a range of programs and events happening. We have shared a French exchange student, Victor Saelens with the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. Victor has been an outstanding exchange student eagerly participating in Club events, school life and Australian culture. He has endeared himself to all with his happy personality and cooperative manner. Thank you to Garry Pinner and Peter Simmons for assisting Victor during his time in Bendigo.

The Secondary School Scholarship Program was once again significant for our Club with a total of six \$500 scholarships awarded. It was pleasing for members to meet the scholarship winners at a meeting in May and to hear about their school life and aspirations for the future. It shows members that the money the club makes through its various fundraising ventures is being well used and appreciated. La Trobe University Health Scholarship of \$1000 was once again provided to assist a rural based student continue their study at the Bendigo Campus.

Name	Scholarship Awarded	College in 2017
Alyssa Lai	George Symons	Bendigo South East College
Gay Htoo	Jim Osborne	Crusoe College
Sophia O'Brien	Tom Glazebrook	Girton Grammar
Jessica Demeo	Bill Ashman	East Loddon P-12

Paris Borserio	Ern O'Shea	Catherine McCauley College
Sean Nudl	BSSC Music Award	BSSC
Megan O'Connor	Health Science Bursary	La Trobe University Bendigo
Demi Hore	Health Science Bursary	La Trobe University Bendigo

The RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) program was offered but did not attract interest from the students of our local schools. The National Youth Science Awards did see six students from Bendigo and surrounding schools successfully participate in this prestigious and highly worthwhile program. Our Club contributed \$1000 to assist students with this program. Our Club also contributed \$500 towards sending a Bendigo student to the World Youth Science Forum. The RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) program has also been offered locally with only moderate interest from local students.

An additional program was undertaken this year with Dream Cricket being introduced to the Bendigo Special Developmental School with our club contributing \$500 towards cricket equipment as well as time in coaching clinics.

We managed to have a club representative at all of the Combined Cluster Clubs Youth Meetings which promoted knowledge sharing and communication. Good contact was maintained with East Loddon P-12 and Girton Grammar schools. Members of our club once again participated in a mock interview program with East Loddon students. The connection with our club is much appreciated by the respective schools. Thank you to those members who helped with the Scholarship Program, the Mock Interviews, Dream Cricket and Youth Exchange. Congratulations to Rod Spitty and his team for completing the planning for the July Science and Engineering Challenge which continues to be a showcase event for Bendigo and surrounding district schools.

Glenn Madden

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE Convenor Rod Spitty

Committee: Rod Spitty, Ken Briggs, Paul Gibbons, Tom Glazebrook, Emily Mudge, Jane Raeburn (Girton Grammar), Jonathon Ridnell (Science and Discovery Centre), Catherine Trivett and Nicholas Cherry (La Trobe University).

The 2018 event is scheduled to take place on 20 July at Girton Grammar Stadium. Some 230 students from 9 schools throughout Central Victoria will be competing. Approximately \$14,000 has been raised this year to conduct the event. Rotary Clubs of Bendigo South, Rochester, Bendigo, Strathdale and Eaglehawk have each contributed \$500 towards this event and Rotary Clubs of Swan Hill and Kyneton are financially assisting their respective schools to attend and participate. A huge thank you to La Trobe University for their \$6,000 and the City of Greater Bendigo for their \$1,000 community grant contributions. Other industry assistance has come from VicRoads, Coliban Water, and Thales.

The Club has been undertaking this event for the last 12 years. The aim is to provide the opportunity for Year 10 students to experience science and engineering principles with the view of undertaking these disciplines in higher education and future careers. Thank you to committee members for their contributions throughout the year.

Rod Spitty [Chair Science and Engineering Challenge - Central Victoria]

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

Director: Tony Plant



Committee: Tony Plant, Trevor Hawking, Sue Hawking, Emily Mudge, Anne Peace, Tom Campbell and Sue Duncan.

The Membership Committee at the commencement of the Rotary year identified two essential tasks: the recruitment of new members, and member satisfaction and retention, emphasising the need to provide opportunities to further educate and develop the club membership along with an ongoing monitoring of the welfare of all members and importantly, ensure the yearly program being provided remained interesting, varied, challenging at times and had plenty of fun events included.

Member recruitment

Four members of the membership sub-committee attended a district workshop conducted at Trinity Grammar School in August 2017 where the key message was about the need to attract younger members from the community into our clubs (the *Millennials* was the term offered to identify this age group). The basic theme strongly advocated from a number of presenters was around ensuring our clubs are inviting and also we have a consistent message as to what we are about. In summary clubs need to look progressive, open to taking on new projects, friendly, inviting and free from out dated rituals and the over use of jargon. Given the evolving changes as to how our club functions we came away from this seminar mostly comfortable with the overall environment we would be attempting to bring new members into the club.

A written recruitment policy had been developed during 2016/17 including compiling a data base of potential prospects and this was implemented during the 2017/18. This strategy needs to be continued during the coming year with on-going reviews to its successes and its shortfalls. New member packs were compiled by Anne Peace and are readily available to hand to any prospective member who attends a dinner meeting. Similar packs are also on hand for non-Rotarian guest speakers who we sometimes forget to consider as potential prospects. The new club brochure is readily available but more needs to be done to better utilize what it was originally designed for, ie. to be a desk top pick up brochure out there in the wider community.

An ambitious target was set at the commencement of the new Rotary year to induct ten new members. At the time of writing, incoming new members looks like being a score of six with two or three potential new members coming from the current prospects list for the next Rotary year. Unfortunately, we have lost three members during the year and could lose two more at the end of the Rotary year. In all cases the reasons for the departures are valid and are outside of our control.

Having an up to date web page and Facebook site are essential as some of our recent recruiting successes have been a result of how our two sites stand out from the other clubs in our area. Congratulations to Matthew and his supporters who regularly keep up our appearances.

Members satisfaction and retention

As Membership Director I took it upon myself to plan and implement the **weekly program**. When one has 40 individuals to cater for with varying interests it can be challenging to satisfy all. The yearly program was planned in advance so there was clear direction as to what was coming along. A variety of guest speakers were engaged for most club meetings mostly relating to our ongoing and

potentially new projects. District events such as the Annual Conference and District Assembly were strongly promoted as essential sources of furthering ones Rotary education. In both instances our club was very well represented compared to clubs of similar size to ours.

Some Thursday meeting nights were passed over, and in their place weekend fundraising activities and special social events were offered as alternatives. Most social events were well supported and partner support in many cases was very evident. The aim was to still have a weekly Rotary engagement most weeks but not necessarily as many traditional Thursday night dinner meetings as would have been past practice. To attract new members who have very busy lifestyles and also other financial commitments getting this balance right between weekly meetings, time to give to community events and have some social activity is most challenging and needs to be carefully considered moving forward.

New members were all assigned **mentors** with a written set of notes providing guidance to work through. **District Leadership courses** were strongly advocated and new Secretary Elizabeth Bell attended one such course. New members are encouraged to give a talk to members as part of the club's program and are given the role of club chairperson at the earliest possible opportunity. The Board next Rotary year will see two new Directors in Heather Nixon and Tom Campbell, a President Elect in Glenn Madden and Elizabeth Bell continuing as Club Secretary. All four members have joined inside the last 5 years so it is encouraging to see these fresh faces taking up leadership roles within Rotary at club level.

A **written survey** was distributed throughout the year with a wide and varied range of responses. Generally feedback was mostly positive but all Board members need to carefully consider all the feedback provided to ensure we continue to move forward.

The **welfare** of all members needs to be at the forefront of all we do within the club and **all** members have a role in looking out for the needs of each other. One person cannot do this alone and our committee tries to promote a caring and sharing environment where we rally round those members we each know more intimately in times of need.

Corporate Members and The Rotary Friends were not entirely forgotten but there was little progress made to strengthen both these two potential initiatives. Perhaps these two areas are something for the new Sub Committee to re visit in the coming year?

Tony Plant

CLUB SERVICE

Director: Rod Spitty



Sub-Committees/roles:

- Program and Fellowship: Tony Plant, Rod Spitty, Anne Peace
- Bulletin: Zoe Pocock, Paul Gibbons, Bernie Young
- Attendance Officer: Zoe Pocock, Rod Spitty, Paul Gibbons
- Attendance Records: Greg Noonan
- Electronic Media: Matthew Scott
- Property Officer: Graham Neivandt
- Rotary Foundation: Merlyn Quaife, Anne Peace
- Club History: Bill Ashman
- Club Library: Ian Ellis

- Protection Officer: Geoff McKinna

Club Operations

During the last twelve months the club has had a successful year with a wide range of activity undertaken and individual members targeted to ensure that each member is involved in club activity so as to meet club needs and individual expectations. Congratulations to Tony Plant on developing an interesting and varied weekly program that matched monthly themes as well as regular fellowship. The practical application of flexibility with the use of different venues and meeting frequency was appreciated by members. The recent membership survey results reflect this view.

Meeting processes were consistent and undertaken at a high standard with a different chair appointed for each meeting. Club fellowship has been strong with members always enjoying the meetings. Club project and fieldwork has been well supported by members particularly barbeques and was undertaken successfully and with enthusiasm. The club has continued to undertake quarterly reporting to assess progress of club goals and objectives and to ensure that they are achieved.

Media/Communication

Matthew Scott again provided operational support to the club's web site and Facebook page. Congratulations to Matthew for his dedicated approach to maintenance of both systems and his commitment to continual improvement and community engagement. Matthew also provided articles into the district Networker e.g. 55 years of Rotary service by Ron Devereaux.

During the year the club decided to trial video-recording of meetings. Thank you to Greg Noonan and Clive Hughes for their work in undertaking this trial, which was relatively successful. The club now has inbuilt skills to record meetings and the board decided to continue to use this option on selected or special occasions.

We live and operate in a world of rapid and continuous IT and electronic changes and the best way to engage with these processes is to remain committed to continuous improvement. In other words, the club's web site and Facebook are living systems that remain relevant only with continuous maintenance and use as we engage with the community in these rapidly changing times.

Foundation

Merlyn Quaife, with a subcommittee of cluster club helpers had a very successful twelve months with Foundation and undertook the cluster Foundation dinner/fundraiser which raised \$1,100 for the Rotary Foundation. The Club was also very supportive to other initiatives within the cluster eg: End Polio Now film night and again congratulations to Merlyn for her dedication and commitment where some 55 attendees were from the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

Weekly Signpost and attendance records

During the year the club has maintained a high standard in the weekly Signpost. Congratulations to President Bernie Young/Zoe Pocock and Paul Gibbons for their work and input to produce a weekly publication. This task is not easy and requires commitment and care each week. A very big thank you to Clive Hughes for the high standard of his recording and photographic work for each meeting.

Greg Noonan also developed an electronic attendance record and provided training to members to assist with better meeting records so as to ensure meeting receipts matched attendance. Congratulations to Greg for his dedication to this important club operation improvement.

Club History

Bill Ashman has continued to provide this important club function. Congratulations to Bill for his dedication and commitment over many years. During the next 12 months this will transition to others members within the club.

In Summary, the club has had a very successful year. Thank you to Anne for undertaking Club Service Director role for the two months whilst I was away. The role of Club Service is to ensure that the club is operating successfully in both an administrative and functional sense. I have enjoyed the last twelve months and look forward to 2018/19 Rotary year with optimism.

Rod Spitty

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

Matthew Scott

As I sit here writing this page for our annual report, I'm listening to the Public Image report at District Assembly. And clearly I can say, we are moving ahead in public image and media within our Club. This year has been one of trial and change, as we further consolidated our new website and began the work of live streaming our meetings over Facebook. This initiative was well received, not only by members such as myself who couldn't be there every week, but also spread our message and appeal further afield. The Board has chosen to reserve live streaming for special events, eg we placed our video of Tom Campbell's 'my job' talk on our Facebook page for members and friends to view.

Club member Anne Peace has continued the Rotary radio program on Phoenix FM, regularly going on air with Greg Penno from RC Bendigo Strathdale to cover Rotary news. Interviewees included President Bernie Young at the start of the Rotary year, Tony Plant and French youth exchange student Victor, and Tony Plant and Terry Dalwood promoting the Welsh Choir concert.

The area of media and publicity is one of constant change, and the fun part is keeping our approach contemporary. It has been heartening to know that visitors to our Club and potential new members have chosen our Club because of our proactive approach to publicity.

On a personal note, although I cannot be at Rotary every week due to work in Echuca, I do enjoy being able to volunteer in the media and publicity role. A job that promotes the good work of our Club but also keeps us engaging and relevant within the local and wider community.

Matthew Scott

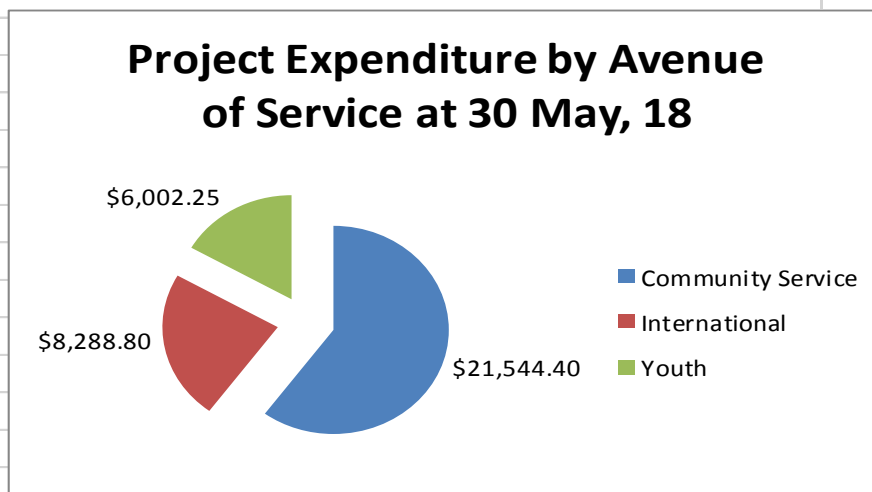
TREASURER

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 2018. The following report provides an overview of the club expenditure on its various service projects for the year.

Donations made during 2017-18	
Organisation	Amount
Annie North Women's Refuge	\$ 220.00
Australian Rotary Health	\$ 700.00
Bendigo Chorale	\$ 500.00
Bendigo Foodshare	\$ 500.00
Bendigo Legacy	\$ 500.00
Central Victorian Women's Choir	\$ 1,700.00
Imagination Library	\$ 500.00
Junortoun Fire Brigade	\$ 500.00
Lockwood South Fire Brigade	\$ 1,200.00
Nourish Our Community (Trachoma)	\$ 2,000.00
Scots Day-out Committee	\$ 700.00
Ulumburra Trust	\$ 12,524.40
Total Community Service	\$ 21,544.40
Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee	\$ 1,200.00
Donations in Kind	\$ 500.00
Meningoecephalocoele (MEC Project Cambodia)	\$ 500.00
Operation Cleft	\$ 300.00
Polio Plus - Film Night	\$ 1,100.00
Rotarian Against Malaria	\$ 500.00
Rotary Foundation	\$ 4,188.80
Total International Service	\$ 8,288.80
Bendigo Senior College (Music Scholarship)	\$ 500.00
Bendigo South East College	\$ 500.00
Catholic College	\$ 500.00
Crusoe College	\$ 500.00
Dream Cricket	\$ 500.00
East Loddon P12	\$ 500.00
International Youth Science Forum	\$ 500.00
Girton Grammar	\$ 500.00
National Youth Science Forum	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Exchange Program	\$ 1,002.25
Total Youth Service	\$ 6,002.25
Total	\$ 35,835.45



VALE BILL HOARE

5 August 1927 – 26 August 2017



It is with great sadness that we report the death of past member and current Honorary member Bill Hoare. Bill passed away on 26 August, 2017 at the age of 90 years, after many years of ill health. He was a member of our Club for 32 years from 10 April, 1980 until 30 June, 2012.

Bill was President in 1984 - 1985 then served as Secretary for 4 years and Treasurer for 3 years. He was a Club Service, International Service and Vocational Service chairman at different times and also bulletin editor for two years. He was awarded a Max Ellis Award in 1987 and the honour of a

Paul Harris Fellowship in 1988. He was a former member of the Rotary Club of Castlemaine for 23 years. His first classification was Television Broadcasting when working with Channel 8, then Finance Auditing when working with Bendigo Bank as an Internal Auditor. In 1992 he became Treasurer of Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) in which capacity he served for many years. In 1999 - 2000 he received the Tattersalls Award for Enterprise and Achievement for his ongoing work with ROMAC.

When Bill became President of our Club he said that he hoped to see the Club grow a little stronger, a little wiser and to achieve some of the goals recently set for 1984/1985. "I'm sure that with each member's help we can "Discover a New World of Service" with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South. Can I ask your help that we may achieve it together?" During his year as President \$15,000 was raised for community projects including \$7,500 for the Salvation Army Bendigo Crisis Accommodation, 7 new members were inducted, finishing the year with 72 members, a notable guest speaker was the then leader of the opposition in the Victorian Parliament, Jeff Kennett, 100 trees were planted at Quarry Hill Reserve, we helped clean up debris at Maryborough after bush fires, a celebratory 25th Anniversary dinner was held and three members went to Tonga to reconstruct a cyclone damaged school.

Incoming youth exchange student was Younas Leoo from Sweden, returning exchange student was Nicole Clements from Sweden and Cathy Allen went to Norway. A Rotary Exchange Group visited us from New Mexico, a Student Leadership Seminar was conducted with 65 students from 9 schools, as well as the usual Student Interview Program. The Ride Along was again conducted resulting in \$4,600 to each Rotary Club. Also during Bill's year the one millionth member was inducted into Rotary worldwide. The benefits of the Four Way Test were discussed at one of the weekly meetings and the formation of the first Probus Club in Bendigo occurred. Later on Bill became the first President of the Probus Club of Golden Square.

Bill's major passion and hobby was model railroading. He had a very large room at his home with a magnificent model railroad layout. In fact he constructed his own model locomotive engine. He organised our Club to man doors and be cashiers at annual Model Railroad Exhibitions in Bendigo. \$909.88 was raised by this effort in 1984. Sadly Bill's dear wife Erma predeceased him by about 18 months on 1 February 2016. In 2014 our Club had awarded Erma a Paul Harris Fellowship for her dedicated work in Inner Wheel and the community.

Bill was the embodiment of Rotary's motto "Service Above Self". To all of his surviving family we offer our sincere and deep sympathy.

Tribute by Bill Ashman

VALE SUE HAWKING

4 May 1962 – 13 September 2017



There are just people of a certain nature who we all meet during our lifetime who leave an indelible mark, by being so kind hearted with an incredible beautiful personality. Sue had all of this plus more with her wonderful infectious smile and hugs that touched us all in Rotary.

I first met Sue two years ago when we joined the Rotary Club of Bendigo South and Sue was my mentor. From day one we bonded. Most Tuesdays we would meet up at the lake at 10 o'clock in the mornings, walking and talking around the track, then coffee afterwards to follow up. We then extended this onto lunch dates, taking turns each week at each other's home well into the afternoon.

Sue you were a selfless, generous and so courageous woman, who always put others first. We all feel very privileged to have Sue share her life in ours, and will treasure such memories. You will never be forgotten Sue – your beautiful spirit now flies free. Rest in peace

Tribute by Jennie Hughes

VALE RON TWITT

7 June 1927 – 18 May 2018



It is with sadness that we report the passing of our former member Ron Twitt. Ron was approaching 90 years of age at the time of his death on 18 May 2018. He joined the club on 28 September 1967, and held the classification of 'Radiator Sales and Services', a business that he operated with his son Glen. Glen was also a member of our club from December 1992 to June 1995.

Ron was President in 1975-1976 and served on the board for 3 years, as Vocational Service Director in 1973-1974 and Vice President and Club Service Director in 1974-1975. He was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow in June 2007. During his Presidential year Ron supervised over 68 members and his good friend Tom Glazebrook was Sergeant-at-Arms.

Highlights of Ron's Presidential year were a snow trip, dinner dance, ladies nights, a picnic and progressive dinners. The club assisted Rotaract and sponsored a student to attend a RYLA seminar. A notable guest speaker was The Hon. Brian Dixon, Minister for Sport and Recreation, with local youth organisations attending.

Two major projects were a Careers Night at Kangaroo Flat Technical School, and a Prefects Seminar at Wesley Hall. Community service projects included two horse ride-a-longs, a golf day at Bendigo Golf Club, and selling tickets for the opening of the Golden Twin Cinemas. Funds raised from these projects help provide \$3,000 to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, to fence the Albert Richardson Memorial Park, send a young person to the Lord Mayor's Camp at Portsea, sponsor Rotary Exchange students, a donation to Birthright and other charities.

Also during Ron's Presidential year people of the Group Study Team from America were hosted by members. A youth exchange student from Germany, Hans van der Glotz, was hosted by members

and Rodney Randall was sent to America as an outgoing exchange student. Ron continued with the 'Foster Child Plan' and made donations to the Ethiopian Appeal.

Ron was predeceased by his wife Elsie, who was a member of Inner Wheel.

Tribute by Bill Ashman

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2017/18

JULY THEME - SETTING THE SCENE	
Thurs July 6	First meeting of sub committees
Thurs July 13	Paul Gibbons new member talk
Thurs July 20	Ironbark Gully Friends Convenor - Jacky Vincent
Thurs July 27	Directors reports to members. Jim Rinaldi report on Timor Leste trip.
Sunday July 31	Ironbark Gully tree planting and BBQ.
AUGUST THEME - MEMBERSHIP	
Mon Aug 3	Deb Hall - My Cambodian Village Project.
Thurs Aug 10	Nick Cherry - Student volunteering experiences. Mock interviews for East Loddon P-12 students.
Friday August 11	RC Eaglehawk Trivia Night
Thurs Aug 17	Girton Grammar School Students - Shell Eco Marathon presentation
Sunday Aug 20	Mclvor Highway Adopt a Highway maintenance
Thurs Aug 24	Youth Exchange student Victor Saelens presentation on France
Thurs Aug 31	Victor Saelens presentation on highlights to date
SEPTEMBER THEME – EDUCATION AND LITERACY	
Thurs Sept 7	DG Peter Frueh visit.
Friday Sept 8 to Sunday Sept 10	Camp Getaway combined working bee weekend with RC Keilor East, and dinner at Axedale Tavern.
Sun Sept 10	Silvie Paladino and Victoria Welsh Choir Concert, Ulumbarra Theatre
Thurs Sept 21	John Jones, RC Eaglehawk – Dolly Parton Imagination Library
Thurs Sept 28	Football grand final week - Reclink founder Peter Cullen
OCTOBER THEME - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
Thurs Oct 5	Update from Victor Saelens. Holiday reports Ian & Glenn
Thurs Oct 12	Hat Week presentation from Rotarian Greg Ross
Thurs Oct 19	Quarterly reports from Directors
Sunday Oct 22	End Trachoma garden party at Hughes - Meryl Wilkinson, harpist
Thurs Oct 26	Merlyn Quaife, international opera performances talk
NOVEMBER THEME – ROTARY FOUNDATION	
Thurs Nov 2	Murray Verso – End Trachoma project.
Thurs Nov 9	End Polio fundraiser movie – RC Bendigo Strathdale
Fri Nov 17-Sun Nov 19	Bendigo Swap Meet catering
Thurs Nov 23	Sei Sei Thein - Karen community leader
Thursday Nov 30	Cluster Rotary Foundation Dinner
DECEMBER THEME – DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT	
Thurs Dec 7	Bill Oakley, Rotarians Against Malaria. Former YE student Sachin Shah. RC Eaglehawk visiting members.
Thurs Dec 14	Christmas dinner. Norm Roberts, former chaplain, Yuendumu Mission, N.T. Victor Saelen's half year update.
JANUARY THEME – VOCATIONAL SERVICE	
Thurs Jan 11	Social night at Tony and Betty Plant's home
Thurs Jan 18	Directors' half year report and second half plans

Friday Jan 26	Lake Weeroona Australia Day family day BBQ catering
FEBRUARY THEME – PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION	
Thurs Feb 1	Rayleene Harradine, CEO, Bendigo District Aboriginal Cooperative
Thurs Feb 8	Annie North Women's Refuge - new centre visit
Thurs Feb 15	Senior Sergeant Leesa Johnson, Victoria Police, Bendigo
Thurs Feb 22	David Stretch, Capital Theatre management
Sat Feb 24	Donations in Kind visit
Sun Feb 25	Social night with Victor Saelens' family at Gary and Sharon's home
MARCH THEME – WATER & SANITATION	
Thurs Mar 1	Tony and Glenn talk on their Rotary cricket tour to India.
Thurs Mar 8	Bendigo Community Health Service visit
Fri Mar 16 – Sun 18	District Conference
Thurs Mar 22	La Trobe Uni Health Science scholarship winners
Fri Mar 30	Bendigo Easter Festival Good Friday BBQ, Rosalind Park
APRIL THEME – MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH	
Thurs April 5	Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee film night fundraiser
Sat April 14	Progressive dinner fundraiser for Timor Leste university scholarship
Thurs April 19	Quarterly Directors' reports to members
25 Thurs April	Anzac Day week - Steven Lee, Bendigo Legacy
MAY THEME – YOUTH SERVICE	
Thurs May 3	Tom Campbell – new member talk.
Thurs May 10	Presentations from secondary schools scholarship winners
Thurs May 17	Scatter week visits to other clubs
Sun May 20	District Assembly
Thurs May 24	Matthew Scott – Cambodia Vocational Training Team experiences
Thurs May 31	Bendigo Foodshare - Cathie Steel
JUNE THEME – ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS	
Sunday June 3	Social lunch in Castlemaine - Das Kaffeehaus
Thurs June 7	New member talk - Kylie Mc Calman.
Thurs June 14	Tashara Roberts, Bendigo TAFE Indigenous Liaison Officer
Thurs June 21	Victor Saelens final Farewell presentation
Thurs June 28	Changeover Dinner

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 Ryal
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	2003 Max Ellis
1982 George Symons	2004 Graham Neivandt
1984 Don Allen	2004 David Cotton
1987 John Parsons	2005 Ken Gittins
1987 Bill Rodd	2006 Elizabeth Allen
1988 Bill Ashman	2007 Ken Briggs (Sapphire)
1988 Tom Glazebrook A.M.	2007 Ron Twitt
1988 Bill Hoare	2007 Lindsay Jackson
1989 Frank Budge	2008 David Cotton (Sapphire)
1989 George Ellis	2009 Gary Pinner (Sapphire)
1994 George Dawson	2009 Greg Noonan
1995 Graeme Norris	2009 Ralph Birrell
1996 Eddie Beer	2010 Terry Dalwood
1997 Geoff Holland	2011 Ian Ellis
1997 Trevor Phillips	2013 Greg Noonan (Sapphire)
1998 Laurie O'Farrell	2013 Maggie Merigan-James
1999 Ron Devereaux	2013 Paul Gibbons
1999 Margaret Roberts	2014 Erma Hoare
2000 Rob Hunt	2014 Bill Ashman (Double Sapphire)
2001 Ken Briggs	2014 Verna Ashman
2002 Gary Pinner	2017 Tony Plant
2002 Lindsay Jolley	

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	1997-98	Bill Ashman
1975-76	Bill Rodd	1998-99	Tony Plant
1976-77	George Symons	1999-2000	Marilyn Botwood
1977-78	Alan Williams	2000-01	Gerald Kavanagh
1978-79	John Parsons	2001-02	Graham Neivandt
1979-80	Graeme Norris	2002-03	Ken Gittins
1980-81	Les Pascoe	2003-04	Bev Ormerod
1981-82	Gordon Hellyer	2004-05	Ruth O'Connell
1982-83	Don Allen	2005-06	Ken Briggs
1983-84	Frank Monti	2006-07	David Carbury
1984-85	Vic Wodetski	2007-08	Andrew Palmer
1985-86	Graham Neivandt	2008-09	Wendy Learmount
1986-87	Bill Hoare	2009-10	Ian Ellis
1987-88	Darrel Walker	2010-11	Elaine Harrington
1988-89	Bob Forbes	2011-12	Greg Noonan
1989-90	Ken Gittins	2012 -13	Tony Plant
1990-91	Laurie O'Farrell	2013-14	Bernie Young
1991-92	John Grylls	2014-15	Anne Peace
1992-93	Tony Britt	2015-16	Sue and Trevor Hawking
1994-95	Keith Inglis	2016-17	Jennie and Clive Hughes
1995-96	Gerald Kavanagh	2017-18	Heather Nixon
1996-97	Jenni Hillman		

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	2017-18	Bernie Young

CLUB MEMBERS (at 30 June 2018)

Bill Ashman	Accounting Services	Kylee McCalman ¹	Real estate
Elizabeth Bell	Nursing	Geoff McKinna	Police Service
John Bergbauer ¹	Food Importation	Emily Mudge	Civil Engineering
Ken Briggs	Water Supply Services	Graham Neivandt	Waste Water Disposal
Thomas Campbell ¹	Rural Banking	Heather Nixon	Nursing
Ros Chenery	Disability Services	Greg Noonan	Management Accounting
Terry Dalwood	Manufacturing Mgt	Ruth O'Connell	Community Services
Ron Deveraux	Bread Manufacture	Andrew Palmer	Investment Advisor
Sue Duncan ¹	Property Management	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
Richard Epskamp ¹	Police Service	Maureen Plant	Retail Sales
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic	Ethnic Management	Zoe Pocock	Environmental Planning
Paul Gibbons	Education	Merlyn Quaife	Music Education
Trevor Hawking	Building Supplies Sales	Jim Rinaldi	Primary Education
Clive Hughes	Carpet Laying	Matthew Scott	Education
Jennie Hughes	Sales Consultant	Peter Simmons	State Emergency Services
Lindsay Jackson	Tertiary Education	Rod Spitty	Local Gov't Engineering
Lindsay Jolley	Environmental Mgt	Wendy Tagliabue	Profess'l Educ'n Training
Glenn Madden	Primary Education	Bernie Young	Public Land Management
Honorary Members			
Ken Gittins	Sheep Grazing	Ian Hanger	Pharmacy
Tom Glazebrook	Highway Construction	Laurie O'Farrell	Law
2017-18 departures			
Bill Hoare (Honorary)	Died 26 August 2017	Jane Robson	Resigned
Sue Hawking	Died 13 September 2017	Maureen Cronin ¹	Resigned
Ron Twitt (Honorary)	Died 18 May 2017		

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

Name¹ indicates Member joined in 2017-18.