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OFFICE BEARERS 2015-16

Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran (Vanathy)

District 9800 Governor Julie Mason

Assistant District Governor Gary McClure

Rotary Club of Bendigo South Board of Directors

President	Tony Plant	Foundation	Anne Peace
Secretary	Bernie Young	Vocation	Ruth O'Connell
Treasurer	Greg Noonan	Youth Service	Matthew Scott
Membership/Marketing	Rod Spitty	Club Service	Ros Chenery
Community Service	Gary Pinner	International Service	Steven Lee
Media/Communications	Matthew Scott	Protection Officer	Bernie Young

*During August we lost our vocations director and very popular club member in Peter Ryall. (*See further tribute to follow.*) I am very grateful that Ruth O'Connell offered to step up and take on the Vocations Directorship at this very difficult time.



2015-16 Board: Gary Pinner; Bernie Young; Ruth O'Connell; Ros Chenery; Greg Noonan; Tony Plant; Anne Peace; Matthew Scott; Rod Spitty. Absent: Steven Lee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President: Tony Plant



It has been my great privilege to serve the ROTARY Club of Bendigo South in the role of President during 2015/16. The theme for this year lead by world President K. R. Ravindron, has been ***Rotary A Gift to the World***. As a relatively small club in the big scheme of things every member at some stage during the year has given up some time, provided a skill or contributed to a team effort to ensure we all have been a gift to the world. It gives me great pride and much pleasure to provide you with this report summarizing our year.

The Main Objectives of our Year were to:

- Perform some productive work for both the local and international community.
- Provide where possible to meet our member's needs.
- Have some fun along our journey.

Major Achievements.

- We attempted to meet a district aim of one new member per month. The outcome attained was seven new members which is not quite making the target but is still a much better result than in more recent times.
- We aimed to reach a financial target of \$10,000 in support of the Annie North Women's Refuge. This was exceeded with a very successfully conducted boat raffle, along with a fund raising dinner and some additional grant money provided by Lend Lease.
- A very new venture was to partner with the City of Greater Bendigo to stage a concert featuring the Victorian Welsh Choir and Marina Prior in the new Ulumbarra Theatre. The outcome was a packed house and a profit in the region of \$18,000.
- In support of the youth in our schools the Science and Engineering Challenge was again organised by our club and very successfully completed. The continuation of our schools scholarships were fully funded followed by the recipients attending a club meeting and reporting back to us.
- On the International front we partnered with the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale to obtain a Foundation Grant and support projects in Cambodia. We also assisted and partly funded a large shipment of school furniture and books to a needy school in Fiji.
- We continued to successfully fund raise using our repainted and freshly signed barbeque trailer at a wide range of community events.
- As part of the meeting program during the year we had a host of great speakers including former premier John Brumby, Peggy O'Neill the President of the Richmond football club, and local member and deputy premier Jacinta Allen, just to highlight a few.
- We initiated and hosted a Foundation Dinner for our members and the other clubs within our cluster featuring Peace Scholar Stephanie Woollard as the key note speaker.

None of these events and achievements would be possible without the hard work of all Board Directors and their various sub committees. I extend a special thank you to all for your dedication and hard work. *I would encourage all members and interested readers to read each director's individual reports to gain a more detailed overview on what this club has achieved.*

Where to from here?

Being half way through the President's journey is a new challenge. We recently conducted our second club visioning exercise after completing a three year duration guided by the directional path by those members who plotted the course at that first ground breaking event. With the help and

support of members, I will attempt to commence the implementation of the key initiatives highlighted in our newly developed three year plan. Our club has moved away from many past Rotary rituals and traditions in recent years but has aimed to identify effective processes to make our voluntary hours more effective, relevant, engaging and hopefully exciting. We are now in an environment where Rotary is encouraging change and new thinking. I would like to think that our club is embracing this opportunity to continually evaluate what it is doing and modernize where deemed appropriate but at the same time clearly identifying and retaining what have been the success stories that has made Rotary successful. Increasing membership and then retaining members by being relevant, supportive but also challenging will be our ever increasing goal in at least this next three year period we are about to enter. Seven new members this year is a reasonable outcome but with some more directed effort that number of one a month is obtainable.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our District Governor in Julie Mason for her support and especially for holding the 9800 conference in Bendigo. Also thank you to Greg Noonan and Gary McClure in their supporting roles as our local Assistant District Governors. Special thanks to Bernie Young my hard working Secretary who has tried hard to keep me on track.

Special thanks to Betty for giving me the time and space to devote the hours required to fulfil the many tasks that come with the position of President. It looks like I am going to need this environment to prevail for another year to continue in this busy role.

Tony Plant
President 2015/2016



Matthew and Cora District Conference



Exchange student Gus Peixoto



Peggy O'Neal function



Pie lady Ros at the footy night fundraiser

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Director: Gary Pinner



Committee: George Ellis Deputy Director / Volunteer Coordinator, Graham Neivandt, Ken Briggs, Glen Madden, Terry Dalwood, Ian Ellis, Max Ellis.

The 2015/16 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, Annie North Refuge fundraising target of \$10,000 was achieved and exceeded thanks to many members and partner groups selling raffle tickets for a fishing boat and motor.
- Supporting the Marina Prior Welsh Choir concert with funds returned to the Ulumbarra Theatre.
- Supporting the Camp Getaway Kitchen Development many working bees and combined working bee weekend with the Rotary Club of East Keilor carrying out garden maintenance and upgrades.
- Axedale Roadside Clean Up, 5 km west of Axedale.
- Supporting Relay for Life in volunteers, participants and cooking a BBQ breakfast for all attending was shared with the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale.
- Christmas Cakes and Puddings was coordinated by Terry Dalwood, assisted by Glen Madden, Ian Ellis and George Ellis. Although numbers in sales were down on previous years a huge effort by all concerned increased our club funds considerably.

A substantial focus falls on our clubs BBQ and Catering efforts to fund various projects. This year the Board approved a full refurbishment of the BBQ trailer which was jointly funded by our BBQ trailer partners The Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat. In this Rotary year over 35 bookings between both clubs have been completed which highlights the fact that the BBQ trailer is a great asset and source of fundraising for both clubs.

Bendigo South's Volunteer Coordinator George Ellis has performed a fantastic job arranging suitable volunteers for all our events, a job made easier by all who are willing to help.

Our club has generated over \$19,000.00 in income with expenses deducted, a healthy profit in excess of \$13,000 is 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, Bendigo Next Generation, family and friends. Thanks to Tony Hill from Hazeldenes for his support of the Easter BBQs.

The most rewarding aspect of Community Service is the opportunity to support other Directors in achieving their plans and objectives. The Community Service Committee has supported our Youth, International and Vocational Directors and committees to provide funding for Youth programs, International Aid and Vocational Scholarships.

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 for The Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director: Steven Lee



For 2015-2016 our major International Service project was a joint initiative with the Rotary Club of Bendigo-Strathdale supporting the Australian Cambodian Children's Taskforce (ACCT). The Rotary Club of Bendigo South was approached by then President of the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh, Cambodia and Project Leader with a proposal to become the sponsoring Australian Rotary Club under the Rotary Australian World Community Service (RAWCS) banner. The sponsorship was needed in order for the supporters of ACCT to receive tax deductibility status as a registered charity.

The Board of the club agreed to take over the role from the Rotary Club of Byron Bay who no longer had the capacity to be involved. Bendigo South member Anne Peace has taken on the position of Project Manager for ACCT.

ACCT supports the work of the Centre for Child Development in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This Khmer run facility improves the lives of at risk children by providing food, safe shelter, emergency relief, health care and education, literacy and skills training, medical check-ups and education on the rights of the child. ACCT was formed by a group of Australian volunteers who became committed to make a real difference in just a few little lives. With some help these children can have a future and break out of the cycle of starvation, abuse and exploitation.

Partnering with the Rotary Club of Strathdale, a District International Foundation Grant of \$2,200 was secured for the project. The traditional 'Footy Night' which has been held for the past three years in Grand Final week raised just over \$2,000. In total, the sum of \$6,860 was raised which exceeded our original goal of \$6,600.

The funding has been used to provide a teacher of English, and a digital camera to enhance learning, provide a personal record for the children and to communicate with sponsors as to the progress of their sponsor child. The wonderful dance program which is part of the cultural enhancement of the lives of the children has been provided with costumes to be worn when the group is invited to dance at events.

We again supported the Phillipines Emanxis Immersion Project for the second year. This is an initiative headed by Simon Van Dillan, a teacher at Catholic college Bendigo, where twenty students do some voluntary work in the Philippines. When the students make their visit they are encouraged to interact with some of the local village people, learn about the ways they go about their daily lives and also assist in building a dwelling for the community. Prior to the students spending their week in this region they are encouraged to do some local fund raising here in Bendigo. Some of the students sold some tickets for our recent boat raffle and others worked some hours at the Bendigo

Swap meet. Our club provided them with \$800 for their efforts. Two students also followed up by reporting back to us about their experiences at a club meeting as part of the acquittal process.

We also continued our support to local multi-cultural relationships with the running of a BBQ in support of the Bendigo Festival of Cultures. The other planned activity in this area, a silent auction in support of the Dinner Dance, did not proceed as the Dinner Dance was not conducted this year.

Finally, the club supported an un-forecast project to ship donated school furniture to a school in Fiji. This involved the transport of selected items of furniture from storage in Bendigo to Rotary Donations in Kind (DIK) in Melbourne for onward shipping to Fiji. The club provided volunteer labour and vehicles to assist in the transport of items to Melbourne by road as well as a contribution of \$2,220 towards the total cost of shipping. The club also made a donation of \$1,000 to support the work of DIK.

Overall it was a successful year for International Service for the club which has built on the excellent work over many years in this avenue of service. Unfortunately, owing to other commitments, I have had to resign my membership of Rotary. I wish my successor all the best in this very important area of service.

YOUTH SERVICE

Director: Matthew Scott



This year our Club was fortunate enough to again host another wonderful ambassador of a foreign country, in Gus, our exchange student from Brazil. Arriving in early 2015, we said goodbye to Gus at our welcome back meeting hosted at President Tony's in January 2016.

Gustavo Peixoto was hosted by many Club members, their friends and families, and our Club appreciates your efforts in allowing us to continue the Youth Exchange program year after year. Gus was a regular participant at Club meetings as well as at BBQs, and fitted well into the Bendigo community, especially with his involvement in local soccer.

Unfortunately several of our Club's attempts at fielding participants for both RYLA and RYPEN fell by the wayside, with either students withdrawing at the last minute or bushfires sabotaging the planned camp site in Lancefield in late 2015. Our Club did however sponsor a District 9800 pool applicant for the RYLA program from Melbourne.

Anne Peace must be congratulated for stepping into the role of associate Youth Director while I transitioned into full time work in Echuca, regularly attending cluster youth services meetings where the programs and issues pertaining to the portfolio were discussed and organised.

Finally, for me, my greatest achievement as Director of Youth Services was to see through a \$500 donation to Father Rob Galea's Stronger Youth project. Having been a participant in the Stronger Youth program myself and through my work as a catholic school teacher, I have seen just how beneficial Father Rob's work is in getting young people involved in the community and giving youth a place where they can be supported by likeminded and supportive people. Our \$500 donation will go towards the fitting out of a youth space at the rear of St Killian's church in Bendigo, where youth will be able to be involved in activities, meetings and gather to support each other.

As I write this annual report, our Club is anticipating the arrival of another exchange student, most likely to be arriving from Japan in the middle of the year. I'm sure they'll be yet another model ambassador for both their country and our Club. Last but not least, our Club continues to receive regular updates from our current outgoing exchange student, Emmaby Barton Grace on how she is enjoying her youth exchange experience to Denmark.

I've thoroughly enjoyed my time as Youth Services Director over the past twelve months and the many options of programs that I've been able to explore. However I feel that it's time to hand the role over to someone else further able as I continue to settle into my new full time teaching career.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

Director: Rod Spitty



The Committee (Rod Spitty, Greg Noonan, Emily Mudge, Anne Peace, Matthew Scott, Steven Lee, Tony Plant) had a relatively successful year, although we did not achieve the Club's goal of twelve new members.

The Club had a mixed year. Peter Ryall passed away and Wendy Learmount went travelling and transferred from member to Friend. We did however induct seven new members. Congratulations to the mature members in the Club for their valuable and extensive contributions throughout the year and to Tom for his 90th birthday. You are all an inspiration to the Club and other members.

Friends of Rotary have been relatively active during the year and have continued to show support at major events and projects.

The role of Membership Director is very broad and covers a wide range of activities and commitments. Whether it is members' care, assisting members with a particular activity as they embark on Rotary work or continuous improvement of systems to accommodate member needs. Thank you to both Anne and Matthew with the improvement of member kits and also the Club website and development and maintenance of Facebook.

The Club also began the task of the Membership Innovation Project (MIP). This is a two year project and has proved an interesting and challenging project to accommodate members' needs and wishes. The Club has approved a MIP Working Plan to be operational on 1 July 2016. This includes:

- A drive on corporate membership with the business community.
- The capacity to have individual membership plans to accommodate needs.
- Development of information technology processes to meet future club needs.

In addition Rotary International has also recently approved a number of flexibility options to assist individual club membership and operations. These will need to be carefully considered by the Club over the next few months.

Thank you to Committee members for their work and commitment over the last twelve months.

CLUB SERVICE

Director: Ros Chenery



Thanks to all committee members for your outstanding contributions to nurture our club members and keep all informed and included. Meetings have been well attended which is a good indication of feeling included and valued. We have also been rewarded with many good speakers and social events.

Fellowship

We enjoyed many fellowship evenings with members and family such as barbeque dinners at Tony Plant & Peter Simmons homes, Peggy O'Neal Football dinner, BBQ with Rotary Recreational Vehicle Fellowship, visits to Science Discovery Centre, Herb farm

and Fire Station, Sports Dinner at Ulumburra Theatre, fun on St Patricks Day and beer making at local do-it-yourself factory. We also enjoyed many inter-club visitors and social events.

Guest Speakers

We had a wide variety of guest speakers such as Julie Homelhoff-Special Developmental school; Jeff Rigby-Coliban Water; Chris Varney-I CAN; Hon John Brumby-life outside politics; Steven Lee-Disaster Aid; Barry Secombe-Bendigo Maubisse Group; Dr Noela Foreman-Children with Disabilities; Ann-Maree Davis-AMICUS; scholarship holders and Thomas Wigney-ANZAC.

District 9800 Conference

The district conference was held in Bendigo this year which encouraged many more club members to learn about other club projects and enjoy fellowship at a district level. The event was held at the new Ulumburra Theatre complex which catered well for the breakout displays & presentations. The keynote speakers were excellent and a strong emphasis on reaching out and learning from the younger generations in maintaining & increasing Rotary membership.

Club Visioning Workshop

We moved into the second 3-year cycle of strategic planning for the club with a Visioning workshop at the Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club rooms. It was noted that the first cycle has been very successful as the targets had then been included each year in the Business Plan across all areas of service with most completed. This year's brainstorming will form the basis of our Business Plans to 2019. Areas of attention such as being more responsive to community needs, membership to represent local demographic, increase to humanitarian service, enhance public awareness of the club were all targeted.

Program

Committee: Rod Spitty, Anne Peace and Tony Plant. (Report by Rod Spitty)

The Club has had a diverse and interesting meeting program over the last twelve months. Highlights included:

- New and mature member talks
- Four vocational visits that were well supported by the Club.
- Maintenance of our scholarship and youth programs.
- Several key speakers
- Interclub visits

It is important that the meeting program accommodates member needs and be both interesting and enjoyable.

I was impressed with the response from keynote speakers to the point they will accept if asked and they are quite prepared to commit and support Rotary because of the work that it does.

Thank you to the Committee for their work and particularly Anne with her extensive knowledge and Rotary contacts.

Also thank you individual Club members for their inputs and suggestions in developing a better and more relevant weekly program.

Sub-Committees

- Program/Fellowship: Rod Spitty, Anne Peace, Ruth O'Connell, Tony Plant.
- Attendance/Roster-Ros Chenery
- Club Bulletin-Sue Hawking, Matthew Scott
- Pastoral Care-Tom Glazebrook, Anne Peace
- Innovations Project-Rod Spitty, Matthew Scott, Tony Plant, Greg Noonan
- Protection Officer-Bernie Young
- Library/historian/archives-Ian Ellis, Bill Ashman, Graham Neivandt
- Property-Graham Neivandt

VOCATION

Directors: Peter Ryall (deceased) / Ruth O'Connell



Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South continued with the annual awarding of scholarships valued at \$500 each to students attending Girton Grammar, Crusoe Secondary College, Catholic College, East Loddon P12 College, Bendigo South East College and Bendigo Senior High School where the Music Scholarship was recently introduced.

At a presentation to members at a Rotary meeting each scholarship holder highlighted their appreciation of winning their respective scholarships and the difference the scholarship had made together with their commitment to their future studies and aspirations for the future.

Bursaries

Two Bursaries, each valued at \$1000, have again been presented to eligible first year students attending the Rural Health School at La Trobe University Bendigo Campus.

Vocational Visits

The reason for vocational visits is to enhance members' knowledge and understanding of accomplishments of a variety of businesses and service providers within our community. We undertook four very interesting vocational visits this Rotary Year including tours and presentations from:

1. Bendigo Fire Station followed by dinner at the House of Khong;
2. B&B Basil Pty Ltd in East Bendigo then dining at the recently renovated Botanical Hotel 'Wellington on Botanical';

3. Bendigo Discovery Science and Technology with members ambling across to the Groove Train at the Marketplace to dine;
4. True Brew Bendigo where some members made a brew whilst others sampled a few of the large variety of ales available. A meal at the Newmarket Hotel followed.

Science and Engineering Challenge

Committee: Rod Spitty, Tom Glazebrook, Emily Mudge, Steven Lee, Ken Briggs, Tony Plant. (Report from Rod Spitty.)

During the last twelve months some 400 students were exposed to Science and Engineering in Central Victoria. The Club hosted two events this Rotary Year. The first event was held in August 2015 at Bendigo South East College and was attended by eight school and some 190 students. The second event was held in May this year at Girton Grammar and was attended by five schools and seven teams. Both events were successful.

A big thank you to La Trobe University, Coliban Water, VicRoads, Lendlease, City of Greater Bendigo, and the former students of the Bendigo School of Mines for their continued financial support. The Club undertook all the administrative works associated with both events, which are considerable. The cost to run each event is approx \$11,000. Thank you to Steven Lee for taking the lead role at the May Event.

Vocational Services Committee

I wish to thank the vocational services committee comprising Tom Glazebrook, Lindsay Jackson and Ken Briggs who supported, encouraged and assisted with the activities required to ensure this year goals, established by the late Peter Ryall, were all achieved.



Vocational visit to Bendigo Discovery Science and Technology Centre

MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS

Director: Matthew Scott



It's been another big year in the Communications department at the Rotary Club of Bendigo South, as we recognise the second year of this portfolio before it is rolled into the Club Services domain.

We started off the Rotary year by obtaining significant media coverage of our Marina Prior concert on the local WIN nightly news, with both myself and Terry Dalwood giving expert comments on how the event went. This topped off an already successful event, by letting everyone in the viewing area know just how capable our humble Club is when it comes to staging a major event.

We also made a break in the Bendigo Weekly, having a news piece on our fishing boat raffle published just after Rochester Rotarian, Heather Watson took out the major prize.

Moving towards the beginning of 2016, our Club christened its new pull-up banner at the Australia Day celebrations at Lake Weeroona. Thanks to Ian Ellis for manufacturing this latest piece of Club promotional material. The banner also made an outing at District Conference up at the Ulumbarra theatre, and stood out impressively amongst all of the other generic looking Rotary banners.

Our Club Facebook page has continued to obtain the 'likes' and we sit at just under 200 people who constantly receive news from our Club from having liked the page. Of course, the more members we have using Facebook means the further our message can spread through having them sharing our Club's news on their own Facebook pages.

Throughout her year as DG, Julie Mason asked me to fulfil the role for her as Regional Correspondent for the D9800 biweekly Networker newsletter. In this role I regularly submitted stories about Club's in our cluster, as well as promoting our own Club's events, projects and speakers.

Some highlights of this role included writing about the Rotary youth conference I attended in Canberra last September, as well as writing about our Marina Prior concert and the MEC project we assist Bendigo Strathdale with. It was a pleasure to be asked by DG Julie to take on this role, recognising my journalistic talents, and all I asked for in return was an official district badge with my name and new title on it which I could wear with pride.

In summing up, what many members may not be aware of is that the City of Greater Bendigo has supplied us with a grant of \$1,500 to update our Club webpage and add more modern features to it. At the time of writing this annual report piece, our website provider, the wonderful staff from GOOP in Geelong, are currently working on transferring the relevant content from our old website onto a newer template. This should be completed soon, which will again allow our Club to be the standout Club amongst the many others in Bendigo.

It's been great fun serving as Director of Club Communications within the Club over the past few years, a role that I have thoroughly enjoyed. Together with Sue Hawking who has continued to do a great job producing the SignPost bulletin in a punctual manner each and every week, Communications is an integral part of any organisation, where continuity and constant innovation are key aspects of the role.

FOUNDATION

Director: Anne Peace

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is the charity of choice for Rotarians. The Foundation is supported with personal contributions, club financial commitments and bequests.

The aim of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South is for 100% commitment to Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY). Five club members contributed in 2015/16. Personal invitations were given to each member inviting them to become Centurions (EREY members). The club also currently has a member in the Bequests program.

The Foundation District Committee asks that each club allocates an amount each year and in the Rotary year 2015-16 \$3,000 was contributed by the Rotary Club of Bendigo South.

District International Grants

The first Grant was applied for in partnership with the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale to support the Centre for Child Development in Phnom Phen. The funds were used to employ a teacher of English, to provide a digital camera which will be used to enhance learning programs, to provide a personal photographic record for each child and to provide information to sponsors who support the children. Costumes were also purchased to enhance the dance program. Previously these were hired for special performances.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale applied for a grant in partnership with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South. The funds supported the work of Dr. Jim at the Children's Hospital in partnership with the Rotary Club of Phnom Phen. The funds provided life-saving and life-changing operations for patients with MEC (meningoencephalocele), facial deformities caused by the failure of the neural tube to seal in the early stages of embryonic development. Twenty seven operations were able to be carried out and the report received indicated that all were successful.

Foundation Dinner

Traditionally held in Foundation Month, November with all clubs in the Goldfields Cluster being represented in this Rotary year. The guest speaker was returned Peace Scholar Stephanie Woollard who spoke of her experiences studying in Sweden and of her work with her program 'Seven Women' in Kathmandu, Nepal. The dinner is held to showcase and celebrate the work of The Foundation and to provide awareness to members, partners and friends.



Peace Scholar Stephanie Woollard with District Foundation Director John Wigley

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 2016.

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

Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc	
Donations made during 2015-16	
Name	\$
Annie North Women's Refuge	\$ 18,000
Bendigo Access Employment	\$ 1,000
Bendigo Foodshare	\$ 1,000
Bendigo Senior College	\$ 500
Bendigo South East College	\$ 500
Bendigo Special Developmental School	\$ 1,000
Cancer Council Australia - Daffodil Day	\$ 1,000
Catholic College	\$ 1,300
CCD Cambodia	\$ 6,860
Central Victorian Women's Choir	\$ 900
City of Great Bendigo	\$ 12,363
Crusoe College	\$ 500
Discovery Science & Technology Centre	\$ 300
Donations in Kind - Fiji Project	\$ 2,220
Donations in Kind	\$ 1,000
East Loddon P12	\$ 500
Girton Grammar	\$ 500
ICAN Network	\$ 500
McGrath Foundation	\$ 1,000
Otis Foundation	\$ 1,000
Rotary Club of Bendigo-Strathdale-Cranial Facial Operation Project	\$ 1,500
Rotary Foundation	\$ 3,000
RYLA District 9800	\$ 790
Scots Day-out Committee	\$ 600
Stronger Youth Project	\$ 500
Vahland Foundation	\$ 4,000
World of Difference	\$ 783
	\$ 63,116

VALE PETER RYALL



Peter William Ryall
20 May 1948 – 11 August 2015

Some tributes from Peter's Rotarian friends

Peter was a gentleman who, in retirement dedicated his life to worthy pursuits within our community. To all of these organisations he will be remembered for his genuine qualities being:- dedication to the cause; meticulous in detail; reliable and efficient; knowledgeable; unselfish and ready to share; congenial; and a willing contributor.

As a Rotarian and a friend Peter was loyal, friendly, well respected and considerate. His death is a loss to our Club, the community and a personal loss to me. Thank you Peter - I will miss you.

We will greatly miss Peter our caring and sincere friend. Peter's loyalty and commitment to the many tasks he undertook leaves a lasting legacy. We will miss his friendship and will fondly remember him on cold frosty mornings in Strathfieldsaye. We extend our loving and sincere sympathy to Peter's family.

Everybody who knew Peter Ryall knew him as the epitome of a gentleman. Always friendly, courteous, respectful. Always well prepared and well presented, no matter what the occasion. Everybody who worked with Peter knew him as a loyal friend, a trusted colleague and a highly respected worker. All of us were glad to have him on our team in any project because we knew his role would be done reliably and with the utmost thoroughness.

I will remember him as one of the people in my life that I am truly glad to have known.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2015/16

July 9 th	Guest Speaker: Jeff Rigby – Managing Director. Coliban Water
July 16 th	Guest Speaker: Chris Varney – Chief Executive I CAN NETWORK
July 23 rd	East Loddon Students – Anzac Trip to Turkey
July 30 th	Guest Speaker: Hon John Brumby
August 4 th	Science and Engineering Challenge.-Supporting local schools.
August 13 th	Guest Speaker: Dr. Bryan Ashman, Re Hospital Operations
Sept 10 th	Guest Speaker: Barry Secombe & Heather Ridge – Bendigo Maubisse Group
Sept 17 th	Guest Speakers: Pam Gunn Trust - Hector and Lex Johnstone. Principal Axedale Primary School. Also Mr Curpreet Bhatti – Health Science Bursary – La Trobe Uni
Sept 19 th	Camp Getaway Social – Camp oven meal with Keilor East Rotary Club
Sept 27 th	Welsh Choir/Marina Prior Concert - Fundraiser Project
Oct 1 st	Football Social Night at QEO grandstand. Speaker Carol Mc Kinstry chair of Bendigo Football/Netball League
Oct 8 th	Out and About with Ian Ellis. Central Fire Station visit plus dinner after.
Oct 22 nd	Guest Speaker: Lady Teviot Re Family History and Genealogy.
Oct 27 th	Guest Speaker: Peggy O’Neal, Chairperson Richmond Football Club. Re Football operations and Women’s Violence Awareness Project (with Bendigo Rotary Club)
Nov 5 th	Guest speaker: Marica Sevudredre re Aid for Remote Fijian Schools Project.
Nov 12 th	Guest Speaker Chris Kyle - Standby Response Service.
Nov 26 th	Foundation Dinner. Speaker Ambassadorial Peace Scholar Stephanie Woollard
Dec 3 rd	Drawing of the Boat Raffle.
Dec 10 th	Gathering at Peter Simmons home - Social BBQ
Dec 17 th	Christmas Function – Foundry Hotel
Jan 7 th	New year Informal dinner meeting at Tony’s place. Good bye to Gus (exchange student)
Jan 14 th	<i>Be the best you can be</i> Guest Speakers - Alex Morgan – Cycling and Caitlin White - Piano
Jan 21 st	Out and About – Local Herb Farm visit followed by dinner.
Jan 26 th	Australia Day BBQ Lake Weeroona
Feb 4 th	Guest Speaker - Trevor Budge -Residential Strategy City of Greater Bendigo
Feb 18 th	Guest Speakers – Dr. Leon Lewi (District Chair of International Fellowships) and Jeanette Lynch (District Chair of Fellowship Exchange), and Brian Thomas - Recreation Vehicle fellowship
Feb 21 st	BBQ at Golden Nugget Park with Recreational Vehicle Fellowship
Feb 25 th	Scatter Week and Sports Dinner hosted by district 9790 at Ulumbarra Theatre featuring Carolyn Wilson and Graeme Smokey Dawson
Feb 28 th	BBQ Lunch Project for District 9790 in Rosalind Park

March 3 rd	Guest Speaker: Jacinta Allen – Member for Bendigo East.
March 11 th	13 th District 9800 Conference, Bendigo
March 17 th	Social Meeting, St Patrick's Day Celebration
March 31 st	Guest Speaker Paul Banks - Fortuna
April 9 th	Club Visioning Workshop
April 14 th	Out and About – Science Discovery Centre followed by dinner.
April 21 st	Guest Speaker: Bronwyn Stephens – World of Difference
April 28 th	Guest Speaker: Dr Noela Foreman, Aging Parents with Children with disabilities.
May 2 nd	Science and Engineering Challenge Project
May 5 th	Guest Speakers – Philippines Emanxis Program Catholic college students
May 12 th	Scholarship Night. Recipients gave their talks.
May 19 th	Guest Speake: Thomas Wigney, Crusoe College Re ANZAC
May 21/22	Two Musical Soiree Fund raisers featuring Merlyn Quaife.
June 9 th	Vocation Visit – Beer making and tasting
June 23 rd	End of Year function - Celebration of achievements.

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 AUS \$1,000 through the R.I 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

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDS

1979	Jack Bright	2003	Max Ellis
1983	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	2010	Ralph Birrell
1996	Eddie Beer	2010	Terry Dalwood
1997	Geoff Holland	2011	Ian Ellis
1998	Laurie O'Farrell	2013	Greg Noonan (Sapphire)
1999	Ron Devereaux	2013	Maggie Merigan- James
1999	Margaret Roberts	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 launched the Paul Harris Fellowship in memory of the founder as an expression of appreciation for those who have contributed to the Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs. A contribution of US \$1,000.00 is made to the Rotary Foundation in the name of each individual to be honored. The recipients receive a pin, medallion and certificates that identify them as advocates of the Foundation's goals of world peace and understanding.

After more than forty years, recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow remains a respected and prestigious honour for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

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

PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS

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

CLUB MEMBERS 2015-16

Bill Ashman	Accounting Services	Geoff McKinna	Police Service
Ken Briggs	Water Supply Services	Mark Gordon Mott	Business Services
Helene Brown	Health Professional	Emily Mudge	Civil Engineering
Ros Chenery	Disability Services	Graham Neivandt	Waste Water Disposal
Terry Dalwood	Manufacturing Mgt	Greg Noonan	Management Accounting
Ron Deveraux	Bread Manufacture	Ruth O'Connell	Community Services
George Ellis	Emergency Services	Andrew Palmer	Investment Advisor
Ian Ellis	Sign Writing	Anne Peace	Primary Education
Max Ellis	Sign Writing	Trevor Phillips	Engineering Consultant
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic	Ethnic Management	Gary Pinner	Automotive Repairs
Tom Glazebrook	Highway Construction	Tony Plant	Catering
Sue Hawking	Office Mgt Financial Plan	Maureen Plant	Retail Sales
Trevor Hawking	Building Supplies Sales	Merlyn Quaife	Music Education
Clive Hughes	Carpet Laying	Jim Rinaldi	Primary Education
Jennie Hughes	Sales Consultant	Peter Ryall (deceased)	Engineer Strategic Plann'g
Lindsay Jackson	Tertiary Education	Matthew Scott	Education
Lindsay Jolley	Environmental Mgt	Peter Simmons	State Emergency Services
David Lea	Technical Education	Rod Spitty	Local Govt Engineer
Steven Lee	Information Tech Military	Wendy Tagliabue	Profess'l Educ'n Training
Glenn Madden	Primary Education	Craig Wright	Solar Installation
Russell McGibbon	Banking Services	Bernie Young	Public Land Management
Eddie Beer (Hon)	Primary Education		

FRIENDS OF ROTARY

Jodie Bice	Leesa Bice	Daniel Giles	Cora Gyger
Chloe Kilcullen	Wendy Learmount	Maggie Merigan-James	Val Payne
Brock Pinner	Mercedes Saddul-Priest	Robin Shepherd	