

# The Rotary Club



## of Bendigo South

2012- 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

## OFFICIALS 2012 - 2013

---

**Rotary International President** Sakuji Tanaka

**RI District 9800 Governor** Dennis Shore

**Assist Governor (Goldfields)** Rick Reid

### Board of Directors

**President** Wendy Learmount

**President Elect/Club Service** Helene Brown

**Vice President** Ruth O'Connell

**Hon. Treasurer** Philip Jan

**International Service** Ros Chenery

**Hon. Secretary** Gary Pinner

**Community Service** Terry Dalwood

**New Generations** Rod Spitty

**Membership & Marketing** Jim Boyer

**Foundation  
& Vocation** Sam Tayeh

### Club Officials

**Club Protection Officer** Ruth O'Connell

**Bulletin Editor & Director of Electronic Media** Matthew Scott



Induction of the 2012- 2013  
Rotary Club of Bendigo South Board of Directors

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

---

### Members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South:

Bill Ashman - Accounting Services  
Eddie Beer - Education (Primary)  
Ralph Birrell - Historian  
Jim Boyer - Engineering (Yacht Building)  
Ken Briggs - Water Supply Services  
Helene Brown - Health Professional  
Ros Chenery - Health Community & Disability  
Terry Dalwood - Manufacturing Management  
Ron Deveraux - Bread Manufacturer  
Ian Ellis - Sign Writing  
Max Ellis - Sign Writing  
Cora Fuentes- Mahnic - Community Service (Ethnic Management)  
Tom Glazebrook - Highway Construction  
Elaine Harrington - Counseling Services  
Lindsay Jackson - Engineering (Telecommunications)  
David Lea - Technical Education  
Wendy Learmount - Banking (Administration)  
Russell McGibbon - Customer Service Consultant (Lending)  
Geoff McKinna - Police Service  
Graham Neivandt - Waste Water Disposal  
Greg Noonan - Management Accountant  
Ruth O'Connell - Manager of Health Services  
Andrew Palmer - Investment Advisor  
Anne Peace - Hospitality (B&B)  
Gary Pinner - Automotive Repairs  
Tony Plant - Education (Teaching)  
Peter Ryall - Engineer (Strategic Planning)  
Matthew Scott - Media & Community Services  
Rod Spitty - Engineer (Local Government)  
Sam Tayeh - Management (Health Services)  
Bernie Young - Public Land Management

### Friends of Rotary:

Jodie Bice	Annie Palmer
Leesa Bice	Robin Gray
Margie Galagher	George Ellis
Chloe Kilcullen	Shane Milner
Maggie Merigan - James	Brock Pinner
Kathy Milner	



## PRESIDENTS REPORT

**PRESIDENT: WENDY LEARMOUNT**

---

It has been an exciting year, albeit a very fast year, with a lot of achievements, a lot of fun and hard work, and we ‘Connected to the Community’ in so many different ways.

This year was about consolidation, finalising projects, and strengthening new partnerships. To continue with the ‘Reinventing Rotary’ part 2 – Strategies for Growth and Survival. It was to support a team of volunteers going to East Timor and to find ways to support refugees in Bendigo. I had also wanted to look at ways we could partner with the Salvation Army.

My ambition, as with many other Past Presidents, was to achieve that magic number of members, 40. It will eventually happen, but not in my year. We have a vibrant club with a variety of personalities that can bring about some lively conversations, but this makes it all the more interesting. We have a club that is forward thinking and forward planning, which is why we took part in a Club Visioning session.

While talking of membership, I would like to acknowledge the Rotarians, who for one reason or another, have resigned over the last year. Together they have provided over 230 years of ‘Service Above Self’, and if you include all the time that was put in by their partners during that time, that is a lot of service to the community. I would also like to personally thank them for all the help and guidance they have provided.

Thank you Laurie O’Farrell, Alwyn Roberts, Bill Hoare, Ken Gittens, Ian Hangar, Phil Jan and last but by no means least, the person who sponsored me, David Cotton.

On the other end we have inducted 5 new members, being Anne Peace, Tony Plant, Cora Fuentes Mahnic, Russell McGibbon and Bernie Young. There were also a number Friends of Rotary inducted.

Our motto is ‘Connect to the Community’ and we did this in many of our traditional ways, BBQ’s, Christmas Cakes and Puddings, Australia Day, Swap Meet, just to mention a few, all of which did exceptionally well. We also continued our support of Rotary International D9800 project at Camp Getaway, Mensheds and Relay for Life. As a club in the Goldfields Cluster, we attended a ‘Cluster Dinner’ at the Bendigo Stadium to raise money for the Fire/Disaster Relief Fund. Then there was the National Program, Rotary at Work, where we assisted the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat in a project at Crusoe College. And not to forget, we continued our support of the Scholarship Program and awarded 5 scholarships worth \$500 each.

The Community of Rotary doesn't stop at our back door, and it was with this in mind we sent a group of volunteers to East Timor and into the mountains to Maubisse, donated a Disaster Aid Australia emergency shelter and welcomed a Rotary Friendship Exchange from D2420 in Turkey. And in keeping with the multicultural theme, we are engaging in a partnership with the Loddon Mallee Multicultural Group and the Multicultural Festival to assist in cross cultural understanding and integration.

The club again took up the Youth Exchange program and welcomed Pierre Louis Nottellet in to our club. Pierre is from France and exemplifies the stereotypical Frenchman – charismatic and confident. He has taken part in all our projects through the year, from sitting in the side of the road, by himself, for a number of hours, just to point bike riders in the right direction to cleaning up the McIvor Highway. We have seen him grow in confidence and English in the time he has been with us, and I hope that he will continue to grow and that he keeps in contact with us when he returns home to his family. We will miss him. We were also happy to sponsor Shari Mackenzie to Germany. Shari has sent a couple of reports back to us about her travels. She is enjoying her time there and learning a lot, about herself, about Germany and about the world in general. What a great opportunity for everyone involved in Youth Exchange.

Our Club supports many youth programs, not the least being the Science and Engineering Challenge that will take place June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Bendigo South East College.

With Youth/Young Adults and the continuation of Rotary into the future in mind, PP Greg Noonan, with the support of the membership committee, proposed chartering a new club, specifically targeted to the younger set. Greg was then given the honour of becoming District Governor Special Representative, the Rotary Club of Strathdale was invited to co sponsor the new club and then 'Hey Presto' (and six months hard labour) we are chartering The Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation.

The membership committee was very again very active in supplying quality, high profile and excellent key note speakers for our special 'Connect to the Community' Dinners. These dinners were organised to help raise the awareness of Rotary. We were also fortunate to have some excellent guest speakers at our normal meetings. People who were able to expand on the programs and projects of Rotary International, made very interesting by their own involvement and passion. People who could paint a picture for us, and make us see how we are all able to help, and even though it may seem to be a little, all those little bits add up to be something significant. And to round it all out, to hopefully have a bit of balance, we were able to have the occasional vocational visit to places of interest outside the club, such as a Pie and Footy night at Strategem, Bowling at the Dragon City Bowling Lanes and the Bendigo Tramways Heritage Workshop. We are yet to visit the Discovery Science and Technology Centre.

I would like to express my appreciation for the support I have received from everyone in the club. Thank You...



And a very big Thank You to each of the board members who put in their time and effort to make it all come together, who made all those last minute phone calls, who spent time cooking cleaning and listening to interminable reports, all of whom did it with aplomb. I would also like to say a special thank you to Gary Pinner. Every President should have a secretary who is as capable and willing. It was with Gary’s continued assistance that my year was so remarkable.

And now I need to hand over to President Elect Helene Brown with my sincere wish that she enjoys her year as much as I enjoyed mine. Good luck to you Helene and your board for 2013 – 2014.

The echidna asked me ‘to keep something to say for later in the year’ in last years’ Annual Report. Well, I think I managed that request very well! I don’t think anyone *really* thought that would be a problem, maybe *what* I would say, but not how much...

Rotary really is amazing, and so was my year!

Peace Through Service,

Wendy Learmount

Club President - 2012/ 2013



*A selection of the memorable moments  
from throughout President Wendy’s  
Rotary year.*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

DIRECTOR: TERRY DALWOOD

---

### Committee members:

Elaine Harrington, Graham Neivandt, Gary Pinner, Geoff McKinna,  
Max Ellis, Wendy Learmount.

### 1. Menshed

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South continued its involvement with Mensheds Bendigo for a second year with Terry Dalwood as President and Graham Neivandt as Vice President. The Long Gully shed has continued to develop equipment and programs and grown its membership considerably during the year. It is open Monday to Friday to cope with member interests. Menshed members assisted us at the Swap Meet as part of Bendigo South's labour commitment in return for a small financial reward. The Shed is providing a worthwhile service to men in Bendigo who are looking for activity and companionship. As such I recommend we continue to support with involvement at Management Committee level (though maybe not office-bearers), as well as being alert to financial support opportunities.

### 2. BBQs

Our BBQ trailer was used at record levels this year both for support of community charitable activities and as a fundraiser. Apart from the Swap Meet, 16 fundraising BBQ's raised a total of over \$13,000 with a profit of almost \$7000. \$1600 of this was donated to community groups who were either helping us or organizing the event. In addition 5 BBQ's were also run as support for various community activities.

Member support was always willing - despite the high level of activity - much appreciated and provided great fellowship opportunities. I must thank all those members who responded to my phone calls, particularly Maggie James who not only attended most BBQ's but also arranged for other Friends to come as well.

### 3. Cakes and Puddings

This traditional fundraiser again lived up to expectations. We sold 1282 items for over \$15000 in sales resulting in a profit of almost \$4000. Again, this effort would not be possible without the help of many members. Keeping track of items, sales and money with this wide spread of involvement is not an easy task. Some improvements in this area will be trialled next year.

### 4. Camp Getaway

Support from individual members on the Camp Committee continued. The annual combined working bee and social with RC of Keilor East was poorly attended this year, but is a good opportunity to work and mix with another club and should be better promoted next year.

### 5. Relay for Life

Once again the club participated in this annual event in support of cancer research, this time initially under the organization of Elaine Harrington, and then Tony Plant after Elaine met ill health. Supporting plant sales continued from last year with help from Maggie James.

### 6. Highway Cleanup

A cleanup was conducted on Nov 4th, followed by a very pleasant lunch at the Dalwood's house.

A further cleanup was held on Saturday June 1st, 2013, with lunch enjoyed afterwards at the McIvor Hotel.

### 7. Member Support

Following Elaine Harrington's bout of ill health, we were able to assist her with a working bee to do some much needed grounds maintenance at her property, prior to a family reunion.





## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

**DIRECTOR: ROS CHENERY**

---

**Committee Members:** Ros Chenery, Peter Ryall, Lindsay Jackson, Andrew Palmer, David Lea, Cora Fuentes-Mahnic.

### **Humanitarian Trip to Maubisse, Timor Leste**

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South sent a team of eight people to East Timor in July/August 2012, to continue the work of the Bendigo Maubisse group in fitting out a Women's Community House (Centro Feto Maubisse) and developing training programs for the women of the community.



### **Disaster Aid Australia Kit**

\$800 was donated to Disaster Aid Australia for emergency shelter, water and light to rebuild basic lives of people who have lost everything in a major disaster.

### **World of Difference Humanitarian Aid**

Bronwyn Stephens visited our club to talk about trips Rotarians and non-Rotarians can join to visit a range of Rotary projects in Cambodia. Visitors will spend 50% of their time volunteering at the

various sites. Rotary members may wish to join one of these tours individually or we have an option to form a Rotary team.

### **Rotary Friendship Exchange: 28th October - 1st November 2012**

Our club hosted 10 Turkish Rotarians from Istanbul for five days. The visitors stayed with a number of our Rotarian families. During their stay they visited East Loddon P12 school, an emu farm, local history sites, Deborah gold mine and travelled the talking tram and attended a combined Rotary dinner. The cross cultural exchanges were enlightening and entertaining for all. A return exchange to Turkey is planned for 2014.



### **Multi-Cultural Partnerships**

Work has progressed with a partnership between Rotary and the Loddon Mallee

Multi-Cultural Group both in being involved in the Multi-Cultural Festival to be held in October and exploring other ways we may assist cross cultural understanding, integration and support for Bendigo ethnic groups settling in Bendigo.





## VOCATION & FOUNDATION REPORT

DIRECTOR: SAM TAYEH

---

Our ‘Connect to the Community’ year started in July with a Seminar presented by Kevin Pittman, from Care Beyond Measure, on the state of Aged Care in Victoria and how we are heading towards a ‘train wreck’ with a reducing financial base and an ageing population. It will impact the ‘Baby Boomers’ quite significantly in the coming years. We were able to get a good insight into the problems from real life stories of those already affected. We then brought up the other end of the spectrum in August with our Scholarship night. This is where the local secondary school students who have received a scholarship come along and introduce themselves and their aspirations.

In September we had our first ‘off site’ vocational visit at Strategem. We combined this with our annual Footy and Pie night. The club was introduced to the inner workings of this company and how they provide their financial services. November saw us having another vocational visit combined with another fellowship evening at the Dragon City Bowling Lanes. Much laughter and sledging.

March saw us at the Bendigo Tramways Heritage Workshop for our next vocational visit and dinner on the tram. The Workshop has all the necessary resources to undertake tram project in their entirety, from providing the smallest components to a complete tram restoration. The Bendigo Tramways have been in operation since June 1890.

In April the club had the fortune of having Dr Daniel Lavery as a guest speaker letting us know about Interplast, a Rotary International program. Interplast is where qualified dentists and practitioners, in conjunction with dental students and hygienists travel to various locations in Cambodia to perform minor dental work on impoverished youngsters. This was followed in May with Gerry Philips telling us about ROMAC. A Rotary project that began right here in Bendigo at the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat. According to those that know, legend has it that Barrie Cooper founded ROMAC after he was approached by a Fijian native for help for her daughter while on a RAWCS project. Nearly 30 years later Rotary and ROMAC are still helping disadvantaged children from Oceania and the Pacific to live more fulfilled lives. May also saw us hosting another scholarship night with our 5 local secondary school scholarship awardees.

The year was then rounded out by a guest speaker on Foundation, our very own Anne Peace, explaining how Foundation is the ‘Engine Room’ of Rotary. Foundation was adopted by Rotary International in 1928. Foundation supports programs through grants, ambassadorial scholars, peace scholars, group study exchange, vocational training teams. Our club has a goal of achieving 100% Every Rotarian Every Year for the members. This is a simple way to contribute to the Foundation and all the worthwhile programs and projects.

And finally, our last vocational visit in the next couple of weeks is to be at the Discovery Science and Technology Centre.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

DIRECTOR: JIM BOYER

---



So ends the three year term of the current Membership Committee. Many thanks to its members over the journey who were Jim Boyer, Greg Noonan, Gary Pinner, Ruth O’Connell, Ken Briggs, Sam Tayeh, Matthew Scott,

Ralph Birrell and Wendy Learmount.

During the 2012/13 Rotary year a number of ‘*Connect to the Community*’ Dinners were held. The purpose of these events was to invite the public to a Rotary event to listen to interesting speakers speaking on a variety of topics. This interaction it was hoped would allow people to find out about Rotary and create the opportunity for club members to create a relationship with guests and invite them to a meeting. The Committee was able to attract a number of top class speakers including:

- Senator Michael Ronaldson and Kevin Pitman - What about Care in Years to Come
- Ken Lay, Victoria Police Commissioner
- Hugh Norris, CEO Hip Pocket Workwear
- Dr. Peter Dingle, Motivational Health Speaker
- David Nyoul Vincent, “The Boy Who Wouldn’t Die”.

In addition to those attending the Dinner the Club received much publicity through press releases promoting these events in the Bendigo Advertiser and on the Club’s web-site and Facebook. We achieved one of our aims i.e. our club created a presence and awareness in the market.

A second initiative introduced was the publication of a ‘flyer’ to promote the ‘Friends of Rotary’ group. The purpose of the Friends of Rotary is to get people involved in Rotary in a semi-formal way and if they are made to feel welcome, communicated with and involved in the club they may take the next step and become members. During this year Robyn Gray, Marietta Taylor, Anne Palmer, Shane Milner and George Ellis became members of the *Friends of Rotary* group.

In terms of communication club members had the opportunity to participate in a *Q&A* session in November, 2012. The purpose of this was to communicate to members what the Membership Committee’s philosophy and what is trying to achieve. The club’s web-site has been economically revamped and updated during the year by Matthew Scott and Philip Jan as has Facebook. It is recognised that the having an informative and up-to-date web-site is essential to attract members whose often first introduction to the Club is through the web-site.

A key decision of the Board was accepting a recommendation from the Membership Committee to charter a new club aimed at generation x & yers. A focus group type session was held in October, 12 with members of the target age group to seek their views and opinions on a range of issues. The Committee concluded that it is very difficult to attract younger people to join our Club as the age of it

members is not inviting to them. There is too big a generation gap and a lack of common interest. The Board accepted this recommendation in August 2012. Greg Noonan was appointed as the DG's Special representative and *The Rotary Club of Bendigo-Strathdale* was invited to be joint sponsor of the new Club. *The Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation* was chartered on 6 June, 2013.

The Charter dinner was attended by approximately 150 people who witnessed 23 people being inducted as Charter members and one person being inducted as a new member. The event was attended by the District Governor, Dennis Shore and a significant number of District 9800 2012/13 Board.

Now that action has been taken to help assure the future of Rotary in Bendigo, the club can now concentrate on targeting the over 50s age group.

A total of four new members were inducted during the year including Cora Fuentes-Mahnic, Bernie Young, Russell McGibbon, Tony Plant (a former member who re-joined). Unfortunately, we had a number of long-serving members who resigned. These included Bill Hoare, Laurie O'Farrell, Ian Hangar, Alwyn Roberts and David Cotton.

Other recommendations from the *Reinventing Rotary for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Part 2* which were given attention from the Committee included:

- Adoption of the slogan, *Connect to the Community*, to be used in all marketing;
- Publication of a promotional flyer for *Friends of Rotary*;
- Business relationship established with the manager of the Golden Star Chinese Restaurant
- Presentation to members on an overview of commonly used technology including Facebook, web-sites and the Rotary International Web-site
- Setting up Google Analytics to monitor usage of the Club's web-site

At the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 the club will have a membership of 32 Rotarians. Of this 15.5% are female. The percentage for the District is 22.6%. The average age of the club member is 65.7 years which decreased slightly from June, 2012 (66.2 years) which is very similar to that of our the District.

Thank you to the members for the Committee and the Club for their support of the significant changes that have been implemented over the past 3 years to ensure that Rotary and our Club remains relevant to our community in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I am hopeful that through the Committee's work over the past 3 years we have helped to make Rotary relevant to younger generations to ensure its crucial work can continue and that it will still be able to *make a difference*.

I wish to acknowledge PP Greg Noonan for organising meetings and running our committee meetings, also his tireless work and enthusiasm in setting up the *Rotary Club of Bendigo Next Generation*.





## CLUB SERVICE

DIRECTOR: HELENE BROWN

---

### **Sub-committee:**

Fellowship – Helene Brown

Club Protection Officer - Ruth O’Connell

Club Library – Ian Ellis

MND - Vacant

Pastoral Care – Tom Glazebrook

Bulletin Editor – Matthew Scott

Attendance Officer – Matthew Scott & Ros Chenery

Property Stewart – Graham Neivandt

Club Auditor – Allan Bright

Trailer Maintenance - Gary Pinner

On to Conference – Helene Brown

### **Fellowship:**

Events throughout the year were included in many different Rotary ways.

The Footy and Pie night held at Stratagem where the members enjoyed a vocational experience along with excellent Fellowship, food and fun.

Member Elaine Harrington’s numerous activities at her home involving potting up and selling plants afforded a great opportunity for members to participate in a fun and satisfying activity for both raising funds for ‘Relay for Life’ and getting to know each other and catch up! Several Friends of Rotary participated in the various days, and it was really successful with the fund raising.

The visiting Turkish Fellowship Team from District was also a wonderful experience with many friendships established and great activities undertaken. The farewell dinner held at Gary Pinner and Sharon’s home for the hosts was a fantastic night where some of our members let their hair down and participated in an impromptu Turkish/Aussie dance display.

One of the fellowship activities that the Club members participated in involved Ten pin Bowling. Three lanes were used to run a very competitive competition! The evening was a great fun and we were realized that some of our members have been hiding their talents where bowling is concerned! Trivia nights, Joint Goldfields’ Cluster dinner at the Bendigo Stadium to raise funds for Tasmanian Fire Relief, a further vocational visit to the Bendigo Tram Museum, and our Club Anniversary Dinner at Rotary Gateway Park with the Rotary Club Kangaroo Flat, Breakfast at Café Twenty2 for ANZAC Day morning and attending the Memorial service, all featured as successful and fulfilling fellowship activities enjoyed by the members.

Finally, the District promotional activity ‘Rotary at Work’, held Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, whereby our Club assisted the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat to create a new garden landscape and memorial at the recently completed Crusoe Secondary College, Kangaroo Flat, was an exceptional way of working with community to achieve an outcome that is certainly a showcase of Rotary at Work. The



two Clubs, assisted by the students, teachers and families, worked tirelessly over the day to complete the new garden landscape, along with the Vietnam War memorial ‘Lone Pine’ tree. The day was a memorable one during which great fellowship was experienced by all who attended.

**Guest Speakers:** Many and varied, our guest speakers for the year have been interesting, topical and informative. Continuing with the Club theme of ‘Connect to the Community’, we started the year with the Commissioner for Police: Ken Lay. A great night enjoyed by all who attended. Talks presented to the Club covered areas such as Aged Care and the impact the growth in ageing people, and their management will have in the future direction of aged services and implementation. General health and Wellbeing evening presented to us by Dr Peter Dingle, where our own PP Ken Briggs was presented as a perfect example of how we should manage our health, and the live a healthy, active, and involved life in retirement. The talk presented to the Club by Hugh Norris founder of the ‘Hip Pocket’ franchise stores was also very well received. The Club has enjoyed a very full year of excellent speakers.

**The Signpost Bulletin:** Matthew Scott has continued to produce an excellent weekly bulletin that has evolved into a very popular read in all our homes and on the internet. Matthew’s layout is easy to read, and contains up to date information for all members to keep abreast of Club activities and ‘going ons’! His friend the Echidna has many interesting and topical comments most weeks. Matthew has also been involved in updating our Club website, and has been very active on our Club’s face book page which promotes our Club to many people.

**Pastoral Care:** Once again Tom Glazebrook attended to his business with wonderful commitment, assisted by several members of the Club to keep in touch with our members who do not keep the best of health and are unable to attend our Club meetings. One of the wonderful ‘Community’ events involved the organizing of a working bee and fellowship day to assist Rotarian Elaine Harrington, who has been having health issues, with her beautiful garden, in which we, as a Club, have spent many wonderful events, from Bon Fires to plants sales.

**Club development:** Two members attended Rotary Club Leadership Institute this year: Ros Chenery and Matthew Scott. Both found the process extremely informative and further assisted them in gaining valuable Rotary knowledge which will enable them to expand their activities within the Club structure.

District 9800 President Elect training was a four part process this year, which included a Multi District President Elect Training weekend held in Ballarat. It was equated to a ‘mini conference’, and was valuable in developing associations with other PEs from District 9800 and surrounding districts, and also networking whereby gaining ideas for future consideration for Club development and projects. I enjoyed the weekend and found it to be very thought provoking!

District Assembly was held at Tabcorp Park Melton on May 19th, and was well represented by our Club. Members were encouraged to break in to small groups, to attend sessions that showcased Rotary District projects. The various District Leaders were introduced to all in attendance, and the business of Rotary was undertaken by the PEs, Secretaries and Treasurers in the afternoon sessions. Membership development was a major feature and provoked some interesting comments and ideas.

**District Conference:** Three Club members, and one friend, attended the District 9800 conference in Albury, held in April. The venue, accommodation, Conference program and presentation were all

excellent and very enjoyable. The fellowship was as only Rotarians can be; warm, welcoming and inviting! The people of Albury City were also very accommodating, and we all had a great conference. There were World recognised speakers, who were able to inspire. And, the young people representing the Youth Exchange program certainly created a desire to expand this

wonderful program through their impeccable presentation and representation of the values of Youth exchange. Other areas of focus at the conference were Rotary Foundation, Membership and support of District projects.

All in all it has been a great year in Rotary.

President Wendy,  
Matthew & Ros, upon  
completing the Rotary  
Leadership Institute.



Maggie Merigan - James, Anne Peace  
and Helene Brown, enjoying our ‘Footy  
Night’ visit to Strategem Financial.





## NEW GENERATIONS & SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

DIRECTOR: ROD SPITTY

---

### 1. SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

As a result of lack of clarity with respect to federal funding, the year advanced with no Science and Engineering activity planned nationally.

The Science and Engineering challenge took place in Bendigo on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 with some 200 students some 7 schools participating. This program is well supported by schools in the region as well as industry by way of sponsorship and attendance and support on the day. It currently costs the club approximately \$2500 per annum to participate in partnership with Latrobe University and Newcastle University.

The Challenge will take place this year on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 with 8 schools currently attending. The cost to the Club is approx. \$3000 which includes a \$500 donation to Bendigo South East College for venue hire with Latrobe University and Newcastle University paying for the other two thirds. During the year planning took place with respect to a new venue at Bendigo South East College and \$1800 of sponsorship was obtained from industry as follows-

North Central Catchment Management Authority	\$300
Vic Roads	\$500
Coliban Water	\$500
Thales Group	\$500

Available funds include club contributions of \$500/year is approx \$4300. In the next Rotary year the Club will need to continue seeking sponsorship from industry in order to run the event in 2014.

Thanks to the Local Planning Committee and their contributions who meet quarterly and Latrobe University for their commitment to the Science and Engineering Challenge.

### 2. NEW GENERATIONS

During the year the Club has had a steady and continued involvement with the cluster concerning New Generation activities in the district.

The Club took on support for youth exchange with Pierre Louis coming from France and Shari McKenzie representing this Club in her visit to Germany.

Bendigo South has not been involved in Youth Exchange for some time and it was great to see the club committed to both exchanges and also committed to future exchanges. Not only do the students benefit but Club members benefit also.

During the year it was interesting to see the development of the Rotary Club of Next Generation, which will be charted on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

It has been interesting to meet new members at combined working bees and to talk to them about their ideas and aspirations for their new Club. As a club we will need to provide support whenever and wherever it is requested.

I was also interested to see members' views on Club direction at the recent Vision Planning Day where New Generation activity was given a relatively high priority in support for youth and school scholarships, rotary youth exchange in future operations of the Club. Thanks to Greg Noonan and Club President Wendy for arrangement of the day that was extremely productive and beneficial to the Club.

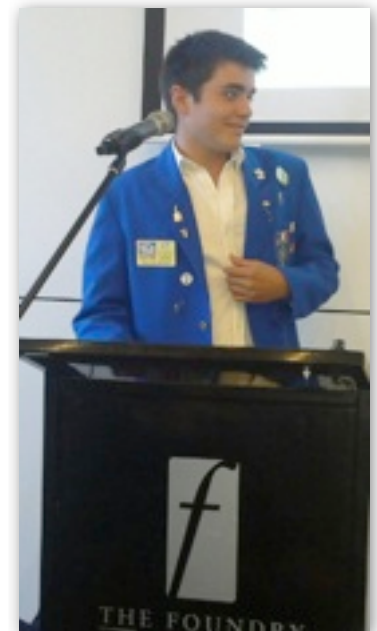
Thank you to Helene Brown for her support with this portfolio when I was away for a two month period at the start of the Rotary year.

Thank you to sub Committee members for their contributions during the year.

### 3. SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The sub-committee members for the year are listed below. Thanks to Committee Members for their contributions, interest and involvement throughout the year.

- Rod Spitty
- Peter Ryall
- Tom Glazebrook
- Ken Briggs



Our two club exchange students, Pierre Louis- Notellett (inbound) and Shari McKenzie (outbound) pictured with her family and President Wendy.



## 2012 - 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

TREASURER: PHILIP JAN

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc.

### 1. Club Project Accounts

1st June 2012 - 31st May 2013

#### Club Projects

##### Income

Membership Promotion Dinners

\$ 8,492

##### Expenditure

Membership Dinner Costs 6,636  
Membership Promotion Advertising 1,458

\$ 6,636  
1,458

8,094

Cakes and Puddings

15,034

Cakes & Pudding Purchase

11,162

Relay For Life

639

Relay For Life

609

Barbecues - Catering

16,090

BBQ trailer Insurance

193

SWAP Meet

4,500

BBQ / Catering expenses

6,284

Barbecue / Catering Expenses

6,477

Wine Sales

3,464

Wine Purchases

2,416

Chocolate Sales

2,500

Chocolate Purchases

2,184

New Club Charter Dues

184

Dues Paid - RC Bendigo Next Generation

384

(1/2 share from RC Bendigo-Strathdale)

RI D9800 - New Club formation

539

New Club formation costs

691

Foundation Donations

539

**Rotary Foundation Grant**

3,539

##### Donations

Blue Ribbon Foundation

155

Australian Rotary Health (MND Scholarship)

500

##### New Generations:

Scholarship Fund

3,500

Margaret Roberts MND Scholarship

135

Secondary Schools Scholarships

2,500

RI D9500

990

Catholic College Bendigo VCAL project

600

(sale of Li Cunxin tickets)

Limelight Sports (Wiggles concert)

200

Youth Exchange

1,419

Other Donations

59

**New Generations Grants Total:**

8,019

Fines (donated to ROMAC)

213

Echidna (= 4,540 x 5 cent pieces)

227

##### International Service:

Rotary Merchandise Sales

8

Disaster Aid Australia

800

East Timor Working Party

200

Interplast Australia

1,000

ROMAC

2,000

(Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children)

East Timor Working Party

232

Peace Palette (David Nyoul Vincent)

1,000

2012 Project Moneys not spent

(2,558)

**International Service Grants Total:**

2,474

##### Community Service:

Science & Engineering Challenge

2,154

Blue Ribbon Foundation

155

Friends of Bendigo Oncology

500

Golden City Pipe Band

600

Camp Getaway

1,299

Rotary Club of Bendigo New Generation

1848

Women of Note Choir

700

Bendigo Chorale

700

Mensheds Bendigo

1,450

Inner Wheel Club of Bendigo South

500

Disability Sport & Recreation

500

EasyGrants Newsletter

55

**Community Service Grants Total:**

10,461

**Total Income**

57,390

**Total Expenditure**

57,010

**Balance of Projects Funds**

380



## 2012 - 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

### CONTINUED...

The Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc.

### 2. Club Administration Accounts

1st June 2012 - 31st May 2013

#### Club Administration

Income	\$	Expenditure	\$
Dues & Subscriptions	8,910	Dues & Subscriptions	6,801
Dinner Meetings	27,464	Dinner Costs	22,784
Changeover Dinner (2012)	2,600	Changeover Dinner (2012)	2,483
Changeover Dinner (2013)	525	Changeover Dinner (2013)	95
Fines	1,051	Accounting & Bank Fees	580
Raffle	1,199	Club Service Expenses	984
Rotary Merchandise Sales	288		
Other Income	170	Rotary Merchandise / Badges/ Plaques	1,691
		Presidential Allowance	2,000
		Office Supplies	219
		Postage & Shipping	114
		Condolence Flowers	197
		Newspaper Advertising	70
		On-Line Marketing	132
		Printing	1,014
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>42,207</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>39,164</b>
		<b>Net Proceeds</b>	<b>3,043</b>



## 2012 - 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

### CONTINUED...

**Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc.**

### **3. Balance Sheet** as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013

#### **Assets**

##### **Current Assets**

##### **Cash On Hand**

General Cheque Account	18,728	
Olive Fiesta Account	3,306	
Change Float	100	
Cash Management Account	9,449	
MND Scholarship Account	400	
Scholarship Fund #2	38,000	
Term Deposit - MND	12,054	
<b>Total Cash On Hand</b>		<b>82,037</b>

Inventory		2,636
Trade Debtors		1,469
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>86,143</b>

##### **Fixed Assets**

Furniture & Fixtures		
Barbecue Trailer at Cost	3,050	
Barbecue Trailer Accum Dep	(3,050)	
PA System at cost	1,933	
PA System Accum Dep	(1,933)	
Total Furniture & Fixtures	-	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>-</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>86,143</b>
---------------------	--	---------------

#### **Liabilities**

Trade Creditors		5,777
Storage Facility		4,000

##### **Other Liabilities-Projects**

Swap Meet Capital	2,500	
Major Projects Capital	10,000	
Science Challenge	2,500	
Scholarship Fund	30,400	
Margaret Roberts Memorial MND	11,736	

<b>Total Other Liabilities-Projects</b>		<b>57,136</b>
---	--	---------------

Customer Deposits		460
-------------------	--	-----

<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>67,373</b>
--------------------------	--	---------------

<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>18,770</b>
-------------------	--	---------------

#### **Equity**

Administration Account	6,401	
Projects Account	7,526	
Current Year Earnings	4,843	
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>18,770</b>

## Club Awards

### Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

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 Foundations' humanitarian and education programs.

A contribution of US \$1,000 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 Foundations goals of world peace and understanding.

### Paul Harris Fellows

1979 Jack Bright	1999 Margaret Roberts
1983 George Symons	2001 Ken Briggs
1984 Don Allen	2002 Gary Pinner
1987 John Parsons	2003 Max Ellis
1987 Bill Rodd	2004 Graham Neivandt
1988 Bill Ashman	2004 David Cotton
1988 Tom Glazebrook A.M.	2005 Ken Gittins
1988 Bill Hoare	2006 Elizabeth Allen
1989 Frank Budge	2007 Ken Briggs (Sapphire)
1989 George Ellis	2007 Ron Twitt
1994 George Dawson	2008 David Cotton (Sapphire)
1995 Graeme Norris	2009 Gary Pinner (Sapphire)
1996 Eddie Beer	2009 Greg Noonan
1997 Geoff Holland	2010 Ralph Birrell
1998 Laurie O'Farrell	2010 Terry Dalwood
1999 Ron Deveraux	2011 Ian Ellis
	2013 Greg Noonan (Sapphire)
	2013 Maggie Merigan - James

## Royce Abbey Award

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 internally.

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.

2006-07	Helene Brown
2007-08	Peter Ryall
2008-09	Marie Jenkins
2009-10	Wendy Learmount
2011-12	Ros Chenery
2011-12	Matthew Scott

## Max Ellis Award

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 that 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		
1994-95	Keith Inglis		

## Past Presidents

### 1959-60 to 2012-13

1959-60	Les Harris	1986-87	Ralph Birrell
1960-61	Alan Fraser	1987-88	John Hewitson
1961-62	John Corbett	1988-89	Rod McLeod
1962-63	Ian McHardy	1989-90	Rob Aitken
1963-64	Bill Ashman	1990-91	Brian
Thomas			
1964-65	Jack Bright	1991-92	Colin Walton
1965-66	Len Knox	1992-93	Geoff McKinna
1966-67	Alex Fraser	1993-94	Neil Zantuck
1967-68	George Ellis	1994-95	Eddie Beer
1968-69	Harold Macdonald (dec) George Ellis	1995-96	Geoff Holland
1969-70	Neville Howell	1996-97	Gary Pinner
1970-71	Don Allen	1997-98	Kay Branson
1971-72	Colin Sheumack	1998-99	Jenni Hillman
1972-73	Jim Osborne	1999-2000	Dean Shirley
1973-74	Bill Rodd	2000-01	Paul Blacker
1974-75	Max Ellis	2001-02	David Cotton
1975-76	Ron Twitt	2002-03	Ian Ellis
1976-77	Bryan Milne	2003-04	Ken Briggs
1977-78	Bob Johns	2004-05	John Steele
1978-79	Ray Foley	2005-06	Terry Dalwood
1979-80	Brian Thomas	2006-07	Bev Ormerod
1980-81	Tom Johnson	2007-08	Greg Noonan
1981-82	Graeme Elvey	2008-09	Frank Cinquegrana
1982-83	John Parsons	2009-10	Philip Jan
1983-84	George Dawson	2010-11	Geoff McKinna
1984-85	Bill Hoare	2011-12	Ruth O'Connell
1985-86	Laurie O'Farrell	2012-13	Wendy Learmount

## Officials 2013-2014

**Rotary International President**  
**RI District 9800 Governor**  
**Assist Governor (Goldfields)**

Ron D. Burton  
Ross Butterworth  
Grant Hocking

### Board of Directors:

**President**  
**President Elect/Club Service**  
**Hon. Secretary**  
**Hon. Treasurer**  
**Community Service**  
**International Service**  
**New Generations**  
**Membership & Marketing**  
**Vocation**  
**Foundation & Fellowship**

Helene Brown  
Rod Spitty  
Peter Ryall  
Jim Boyer  
Ian Ellis  
Ros Chenery  
Tony Plant  
Andrew Palmer  
Geoff McKinna  
Wendy Learmount

**Program Coordinator**

Anne Peace

### Club Officials:

**Hon. Auditor**  
**Club Protection Officer**  
**Bulletin Editor**  
**& Director of Electronic Media**

Alan Bright (Philip J Eddy & Partners)  
Peter Ryall  
Matthew Scott



*Rotary International logo  
for 2013 - 2014*