

Presidents' Report

' THE WIND OF CHANGE'

Like last year, let me again state at the outset just how much I have enjoyed being your President for this Rotary Year. Yet again the year has just seemed to go by so quickly. Again I think we have been very productive for the community work we undertook during my second term of office, and that is solely because we have worked as a team and all pulled together, despite some Club members bracing ankles, having hips and shoulders replaced or repaired, or other members having parts of one's anatomy attended to

WIND OF CHANGE

Borrowing part of a famous speech given in South Africa by the former UK Prime Minister, Harold MacMillan re what was happening in their country many years ago, the same in some aspects has taken or about to take place within our Club this Rotary Year. A wind of change is coming through.

Firstly, during this current Rotary Year the Board have been slowly progressing different aspects of a new proposed Constitution, and within that work we have also had legal advice from District's approved firm of Solicitors. The Board are now ready to present the Constitution to you for discussion and vote on the first meeting after tonight's Changeover when Justin will be the President.

The other major change regarding our Club is that we have had to change our official venue from the SS & A Club to The Albury Club. The reasons for this were basically purely financial. The SS&A were wanting to greatly increase the cost of our Wednesday meals, which would have meant, amongst other things, that our revenue for 'Community Club' projects would have been seriously eroded. The cost of an official function, e.g. Changeover Night the costs would also have been drastically increased. After careful consideration and visits, the Board of Directors decided to accept an offer from The Albury Club to hold our meetings there, and all I have heard since we moved have been praise for the quality of food, the general service and cleanliness, the aesthetics of the building, and the facility to have a quiet soft drink etc before the meal and whilst networking amongst ourselves. Also it will be nice to sit within the gardens of the club during summer and have a BBQ as the meal for the meet.

BBQ's

We performed our usual commitments in regard to Harvey Norman and Christmas Carols, RSPCA Paws Walk, and a tour of BBQ duty at Bunnings, Albury. We were also approached to do again BBQ duties at the inaugural launch of the Fight Type 1 Diabetes

Walk, and another animal BBQ at Hovell Tree Park. We even manned the BBQ for a recent Vintage Car Club whereby we provided breakfast for the crews before they visited other parts of NE Victoria.

As is known we pass on all profits to the RSPCA re Paws Walk, and the Diabetes Walk. This year RSPCA **received** approximately **\$900 towards the wonderful work they do**, and the Type 1 Diabetes Foundation received **just over \$400** for their organisation. Hopefully we will be invited to work for them again next year when Justin will be at the helm.

A possible addition re fundraising next year will be hopefully manning a BBQ for a couple of days at the Bravehearts Regatta on the Lake at Lincoln Causeway. If that comes about then we will share profits with them at a rate yet to be agreed.

Charity Dinners

Within the current year of office, we held a charity fundraising raising dinner with local matching wines for the new opening of the Parent and Baby Unit at Wodonga Hospital, and which was this years Partner of the DG project. The dinner was again held at La Maison and wine , was supplied by Wendy Killeen of Stanton and Killeen fame. Ms. Julie Wright, A/Director of the AWhA Maternity and Parent and baby Unit spoke at the Dinner advising just how important this kind of service facility is for Mothers who have just given birth and how they can assist both mothers and babies for up to 12 months post birth. The dinner and wine sale **raised slightly under \$1000** for the Unit.

Community Services.

The Club performed many numerous Community Services this year. We performed our annual Christmas Food and Easter 'Shut – in' projects for those less fortunate than ourselves and delivered various food bags to persons within Albury. Thanks here are also due to Nicole Doughty and Dennis Martin who stepped in at very very short notice and completed the initial work Julie had started whilst she was still recovering from breaking her ankle/leg. and was taking a mix of rehab and holiday.

Following a suggestion from Dennis Martin when doing some gardening and clearing for a site at Padman Drive, Dennis came up with the wonderful suggestion of approaching Council to see if we could create a form of Monument with individual plaques naming past Rotarians who have gone to higher places. Dennis and I have met with some senior officers of Albury City Council who are assisting us with possibly better locations, and discussions are continuing.

International

Whilst it was a first for our Club in that we are successfully completing in an International project with the refurbishment of the Kitende School rooms in Tanzania. The Club is currently doing all of this financing on its own and with the private financial assistance of individual sponsors, including one person who matches anything we can obtain as Club

contributions. A wonderful gesture which the Club greatly appreciates. The project has been highly successful with not only the schoolchildren having the services of a regular teacher, but also they receive two nourishing meals per day. Additionally the jungle drums have conveyed what has happened at Kitende to surrounding Massai villages, and school numbers have significantly increased, despite some of these children and parents from an outlying area having to walk them to and from school because their route could have wildlife dangers. This project came about through the enthusiasm and persistence of Debra and Howard Hinde, who is also our current International Director. Both of them visited the school this Rotary year and came back smiling at seeing how successful it is turning out to be. As stated the project has so far exceeded expectations and we are now investigating ways in which we may get a District Grant in 2014 and provide a separate area for shower and accommodation for visiting International guests to stay if they are visiting the area. Also the new works will separate the toilet facility from the kitchen and thereby greatly reduce the risk of germs being passed on through food contamination. At the time of writing we are yet to hear whether we have been successful in gaining a District grant, fingers crossed for a positive outcome.

Howard has advised that he will be standing down from Directorships for Rotary Year 2014/15, and on behalf of the Club, I would personally like to publicly thank him for all his help, assistance and advice on this project and sometimes mentoring on being a President and what to include or exclude within a diplomatic framework for certain letters etc, or what to possibly say!! I'm greatly indebted to you Howard for all your input these past couple of years.

Vocational Service

The year the Vocational Director was in the shape of Dan Sawyer, and ignoring the fact that he is a Kiwi, he has again done a wonderful job in the position with the various responsibilities this post entail and had to unexpectedly refill the position after Vicki Grey had to leave the Club for personal and business reasons. His enthusiasm is very infectious and his ideas are always worth consideration. One of Dan's suggestions from the previous Rotary year which the Club adopted is the bringing in recently disused magazines from members, friends or Surgeries etc and redistributed to local under financed residents to read and review whereas otherwise they would not be afford them. Dan advises that the project is going very well and feel sure he will be writing about it in his report. Assisting Dan in this portfolio has been the skill and equal enthusiasm of Roger Beardwell who will be re-joining the Board again for next year.

Club Projects

Managed in his usual efficient way by Roger Lescun. Roger is still working on a possible major club project re a Community Walk over toward the eastern side of Albury. Also Roger and the Club is deeply involved in the Midnight Basketball project and he and Rod Bramich make a formidable pair in getting responses from various organisations. There

are many within the Club who assist in some way during the season, and again I am very indebted to you all for all your 'Friday' night time you devote to the project.

Through Roger's efforts, we are still trying to seek a suitable course to enable us to further fundraise Club finances by the running of a half and possibly later on a full marathon within the borders of Albury and Wodonga. Talks with various interested groups and may all come to fruition during Justin's period of office.

We have been able to obtain a wide range of Speakers for our Club meetings and all have been very interesting talking about their respective fields of work. It cannot be easy always trying to find somebody, but Roger always rose to the occasion and found someone.

Whilst Roger will not be on next year's Board, I would again like to publicly thank him for all the hard work and assistance he has offered to both myself and the Board over the past two years of my Presidency. Though I sometimes 'huffed and puffed' I have been very much appreciative of your invaluable guidance and assistance as a Board member. Roger, in many ways you have been our Legal Beagle when researching something for Directors / Club information from the archives and that is very much appreciated.

Treasurer

This is Dennis's second year in the position and again I think the Club has been exceptionally lucky in finding a person with his skills, energy and discretion for anything to do with the Club. Again I have been so lucky in that all of our Directors are so good in their respective roles, and Dennis has again done some great work re club finances this year and getting to grips with various financial matters and introducing some different systems. Dennis thankyou also for being a great chauffeur for me when I was unable at times to drive this current year – for Orthopaedic reasons I hasten to add.

Secretary

As I stated in last years report I would have been lost without Justin this past year. Considering he operates a local flourishing veterinary business, is the President of the local Rugby Union club, and a Dad of two little-uns, he performs his Secretarial duties so well. Never late with applications and distributions, copies of Minutes from our meetings and usually distributed within hours of the meeting finishing , as well as being a translator of some of my hurried messages, his work rate has been phenomenal . I suppose Tabatha does see something of him..... occasionally. The Club are so lucky to have him and for 2014-2015 he will be our Clubs President.

I have not the slightest shadow of a doubt he will be an absolutely brilliant President for us and will very definitely lead from the front. I have seen for myself that he has been working on various Club matters and ideas and will hit the ground running from 1st July.

Membership

A person of many talents is our Gordon. Besides interviewing prospective members, he gave great assistance to the Club in either assisting to more official luncheons, designing various advertising designs. Plus other work as and when required. He has also maintained his impeccable taste of all that matters in life, in that he now supports the English Soccer team called Arsenal and he even sometimes advises me of the scores about 6am in the morning. Still who worries about the time if they won.

Whilst membership hasn't been as much as one would have wished for, that is absolutely no reflection upon Gordon. His presentation to prospective members is excellent, but unfortunately the person interviewed didn't come up to the mark we were seeking as a Rotarian for our Club.

Last year Club 'home' project

As already advised the Board agreed to combine in a project with the Maternity Unity of Albury Wodonga Health in assisting them in raising funds to create a type of Ronald McDonald house in their proposed new Maternity Care Unit where they will be taking on the work previously done by the Baby Unit of Mercy Hospital and provide individual expert advice through specialist nurses, paediatricians, also mental health facilities. The Unit will basically assist new born babes with feeding difficulties, and sleeping problems etc. We had a special club committee to assist them in fundraising etc and report back to the club. Taking into account the workloads of our other Directors, the committee consisted of Gordon Shaw, Vicky Gray, and myself. Unfortunately Vickki had to leave the project but not before she had done some great groundwork.

In conjunction with the Unit we had arranged a fundraising dinner at La Maison, and we were going to supplement that with two Trivia nights, which unfortunately were both cancelled at the last minute through general lack of numbers, and which appeared to come about because we were following on from other Clubs Trivia nights being held just a few weeks previously.

Miscellaneous

To all members of the Board, I thank you most sincerely for all the effort and professionalism you have given me this past year. I really appreciate all the help and assistance given, so thank you all once again.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the other club members who have done tremendous club work 'behind the scenes'. Members such as Paul Armstrong – the roster guru-, and now handed over to Darrin Halcrow, Ron Haberfield and Ian Harrison , and Peter Merk – editors and producers of the weekly Club Bulletin or this end of year report booklet. Our various Sergeant at Arms for the finding of reasons, usually totally fictitious to otherwise justifiably 'fine' members for their alleged misdemeanours. To Graham Fuller, Dennis Hickey, Paul Armstrong and any other member who has lugged the BBQ trailer around the city.

Terry Simmons for all the ordering of the sausages etc wanted for the BBQ, and maintaining our excellent website. To Ian Harrison and Dennis Martin for getting Club insignia ready and stored away at our meetings. Also a big thank you to all members who stepped in at very short notice to fill an unforeseen vacancy. Barry Young for still being the Clubs leading Tenor and great work done as the Welfare Officer, and making River of Stories such an iconic competition now within local senior schools. To likes of Dan and Graham Maddox re their Creative Accounting skills re the weekly Attendance Figures. To Julie for battling on with various Club projects whilst relaxing on her backside doing her rehab. A really big thank you to you all. Though I've mentioned Ron Haberfield, I also include Barbara Haberfield for a 'special' thankyou in the opening of their house for our various Fellowship get – together, and more recently in the entertaining of our fellow Rotarians from Thailand, plus the ladies of Inner Wheel who insisted on doing the clearing up so us menfolk could carry on entertaining our guests.

Also congratulations to our Club members who attended the new style Rotary Leadership Courses held over the past year at Euroa. The course is really enjoyable with many opportunities for networking and understanding in much greater depth the work of Rotary. A truly worthwhile course for any club member wishing to progress further within the Club and Rotary movement

As is known during my previous Presidential Rotary year, we lost Hodgey as he went to 'higher places'. I am delighted to mention that during this Rotary year he was posthumously awarded the AOM for all his endeavours for the different community groups he served so well in previous years. Congratulations Phyllis and family in having such a wonderful man.

My unexpected two year period as your President has now drawn to a close, and from it one always learns. One learns about the depth of feeling members have for their club, the esprit de corp which prevails throughout it. The depth of feeling one has for a member who might not be enjoying the greatest of health. The really wonderful Board of Directors I have had to work with these past two years.

When I initially took on the role of President, one of my aims was to bring in a younger Board, and I think that has now been achieved with those who are remaining and accepted Director positions to serve Justin and following that with Gordon being the then President Elect. I know that the Club will be in good hands and that gives one a very warm feeling of achievement and satisfaction, as without doubt this is a wonderfully friendly Club.

I hope you all have a happy and enjoyable evening, as I know both Barry and Julie and another newcomer, Meredith, have put a tremendous amount of work into the event to make it so enjoyable.

*Thank you all.
President Pete.*

Secretary's Report



The role as secretary this year has involved:

- Organising Board meetings and taking minutes
-
- Organising new member dinner badges and inductions
-
- Completing Rotary reports including the semi-annual reports to Rotary International and Rotary Down Under
-
- Maintaining membership details on our internal club database and advising District of new members, terminated members and changes to members' details
-
- Disseminating correspondence to members.

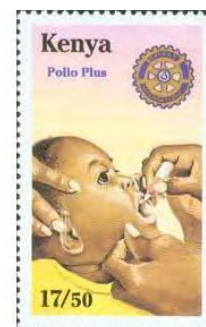
My role this year has been combined with the preparations undertaken as President-Elect, which has included PETS at both Euroa and Ballarat. I have enjoyed these opportunities to learn more about Rotary and to meet other Rotarians.

The Strategic Plan, through the efforts of the Board, and principally Gordon, will serve the Club well over the next several years and was a major accomplishment in terms of the Administration of the Club.

Thank-you to Peter, and to my fellow Board members for their hard work. Also to all the members of the Club – Rotary should be enjoyable – and I believe we are very fortunate in this Club to have wonderful people who make it so.

Justin Clancy

Treasurer's Report



The Albury Hume Rotary Club finances are in a sound position after meeting our obligations to Rotary International/District and making donations to chosen charities.

The Club has four (4) bank accounts with the Hume Building Society.

The General Purpose Account contains monies belonging to the members and is used for running the Club, plus supporting charities.

The Special Purpose Account contains money raised by the Club and is used exclusively to support selected charities.

The Project Account contains monies raised from club and non-club members relating to the Kitenden Preschool project founded by Deborah and Howard Hinde. All monies raised are used for the establishment and running costs of the Kitenden Preschool.

The Term Deposit Account contains money raised by the Club and is accruing a higher interest. It is available to support chosen charities.

Opening Balances as at 1.6.2013 and Closing Balances as at 31.5.2014 are:-

<u>General Account</u>	Opening Balance	\$ 6,788.67
	Closing Balance	\$ 5,107.52
<u>Special Purpose Account</u>	Opening Balance	\$11,528.59
	Closing Balance	\$16,184.28
<u>Project Account</u>	Opening Balance	\$ 6,325.20
	Closing Balance	\$ 6,734.47
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance	\$10,604.71
	Closing Balance	\$10,883.13

<u>Cash on Hand</u>	Floats	\$	200.00
----------------------------	--------	----	--------

DONATIONS : Major recipients of donations through the year were :-

Kitenden Preschool	\$3,000	Murray Conservatorium	\$500
CSU Scholarship	\$2,000	Philippines' Disaster	\$500
RSPCA	\$1,230	End Polio Now	\$500
Bravehearts	\$1,000	ROMAC	\$500
Rotary Health	\$ 750	Mary Doyle Uganda	\$500
Kalianna	\$ 700	RAWCS	\$450

Some of these donations were commitments from the 2012/13 year, but paid in 2013/14

INCOME: to support the donations and club expenses funds came from various activities, the major sources were:-

BBQ's	\$10,553
Members Subscriptions	\$ 7,875
Football Gates	\$ 2,600
Carols by Candlelight	\$ 4,352
Joker Game (gross)	\$ 1,881
Sergeant at Arms	\$ 1,460

EXPENDITURE: The major club operating expenses for the year were:-

Rotary International	\$2,688
District 9790	\$4,200
RDU	\$1,600
Wine	\$ 660
Annual Returns	\$ 556
Training & Assembly Costs	\$ 510
Legal Costs for Bylaw Update	\$ 390

Provision has been made in the Special Purpose Account surplus to cover major commitments, money raised for specific purposes such as the Parents & babies unit which is the D.G.s wife's chosen charity and contingencies:

Paws Walk BBQ for RSPCA	\$ 900
P&B Unit	\$1,360
River of Stories	\$4,000
John McDonald Scholarship	\$1,500
Murray Conservatorium	\$ 500
Midnight Basketball	\$1,000

The board has resolved that the club subscriptions are to increase to \$110 per half year and the joining fee to remain at \$40. This increase is to cover the clubs commitments to Rotary International, District 9790 and Rotary Down Under. The breakdown of fees to these senior bodies are:

- RI = US\$27 = AUD\$30 + GST = \$33 per half year or \$66 per year
- District = \$83 + \$30 insurance = \$113 per year
- RDU = \$40 per year

I believe the Club is in a very stable financial position. I would like to thank those members who assisted me through the past year, particularly Rod Bramich who undertook the review of the financial statements in accordance with the Bylaws.

It has been a great pleasure and honour to be the Clubs Treasurer for the past year.

Rotary Club of Albury Hume
General Account
Income & Expenditure Statement
12 months ended 31 May 2014

Income

Meetings Door Takings	21,925.00	
Subscriptions	7,875.00	
Change Over Dinner	2,090.00	
Joker Poker	1,881.60	
Sgt Fines	1,459.55	
Footy Tips	310.00	
Easter Raffle	125.00	
Web Site Advertising	100.00	
Bank Interest	68.34	
Special Purpose Donations to be transferred	335.00	
Misc Income	267.00	36,436.49

Expenses

Meal Costs	20,718.70
District Fees	4,200.00
RI Fees	2,687.84
RDU	1,600.00
Change Over Meal & Entertainment	2,746.50
Wine	660.00
Joker payout & DG Wife's Charity	1,492.00
Imprint Plastic	316.80

Web Site	449.54	
Annual return	556.00	
Bowel Scan	160.00	
J & M Clothing	192.00	
Australia Post	117.00	
RFE Meals Thailand	292.85	
District Training & Assembly	510.00	
Trailer Registration	60.00	
Debating Team meals	250.00	
Legal Costs for Bylaws	390.50	
Misc expenses	717.91	
		38,117.64
Trading Surplus (Loss)		-1,681.15

Rotary Club of Albury Hume
Special Purpose Account
Income & Expenditure Statement
12 months ended 31 May 2013

Income

BBQ's

Harvey Norman BBQ's	6,518.25	
Bunnings BBQ	1,181.50	
Aust Day BBQ	1,157.60	
Paws Walk BBQ	907.80	
Pets in Park BBQ	670.20	
IGT Car Rally BBQ	170.00	
Diabetes Walk BBQ	255.85	
Carols By Candlelight BBQ	158.50	11,019.70
Carols By Candlelight Sales		4,351.70
River of Stories		3,000.00
Albury Tigers		3,200.00
Parents & Babies Unit Dinner		2,280.00
Stanton & Killeen Gates		900.00
Santa Clause		310.00
Bank Interest		198.40
Polio Plus		179.00
Hat Day		119.90
Foundation Donation D. Hickey		100.00
Other	1,221.00	26,279.70

Expenses**Donations**

Kitenden Pre School	3,000.00
CSU Scholarship	2,000.00
RSPCA BBQ Proceeds	1,230.00
Bravehearts	1,000.00
Kalianna	700.00
James McQuillan Future Fund	600.00
Murray Conservatorium	500.00
Philippines Disaster	500.00
End Polio Now	500.00
ROMAC	500.00
Rotary Health	750.00
Mary Doyle Uganda	500.00
RAWCS	450.00
Midnight Basketball	375.00
RYPEN	360.00
Border Music camp	350.00
Youth Diabetes	300.00
MICEEP	250.00
Aspect School	250.00
Lifeline	200.00
Thailand Visit	200.00
Aquabox	200.00
Carevan	200.00
PCYC	200.00

YES Youth Services	200.00		
Interplast	100.00		
Movember	100.00		
Border Cystic Fibrosis	100.00		
St Pauls Student Awards	100.00		
Disaster Aid Australia	100.00	15,215.00	
River of Stories		3,820.00	
Parents & Babies Unit Dinner Costs		1,500.00	
BBQ Costs		466.51	
Miscellaneous		622.50	21,624.01
Surplus			4,655.71

Dennis Martin

Treasurer

Reviewed by

Rod Bramich



The Club Service Projects portfolio provides club members with new and ongoing projects to become involved in and to better serve the ideals of Rotary and that is “Service above Self” . The projects cover a wide spectrum of Rotary interests including Community Service, International Service, Education and Youth as well as internal member’s projects.

This year our club did undertake and complete some new projects and other projects are still being developed to expand our range of activities. Equally important is the retention of our existing projects and their development to maintain the service our club provides to the community in many ways. For a small club the number and extent of our projects I feel sure would rank us high in the value we provide to the community.

Projects that came to fruition this year included

Padman Drive Resting Place

Work continued with working bees on this site and liaison with Albury City and Bunnings is ongoing for this development.

West Albury Pre-School Cubby House

A simple request for help led to help being given to erect a cubby house at the pre-school. Dennis Martin volunteered and completed the request.

Mother and Baby Unit – Wodonga Hospital

This was the DG’s wife’s project this year and several efforts were made to organise fund raising events. The proceeds from the “joker competition” will go to assist this unit.

Projects still being considered and developed are

Social Fun Run

We have been in contact with Parks Albury Wodonga who are keen to assist but progress is slow because one of the present routes requires approval from Victorian Railways.

South Albury Community Centre

From the Padman Drive project a further project is emerging to create a memorial area for past Rotarians in an area where we have already donated a water fawcett. This will require Council co-operation and probably involve other Rotary clubs.

Other ongoing projects that have been maintained this year are

<i>Kintenden School Project –</i>	<i>Tanzania – International</i>
<i>Midnight Basketball-</i>	<i>Community Service and Education</i>
<i>River of Stories-</i>	<i>Education</i>
<i>Debating Teams-</i>	<i>Education</i>
<i>Easter Hampers and Christmas Cakes</i>	<i>Community Service and Fundraising</i>
<i>Carols by Candlelight</i>	<i>Community Service</i>
<i>Footy Gates</i>	<i>Members</i>
<i>Footy Tipping</i>	<i>Members</i>
<i>BBQ's</i>	<i>Fund raising for Community Donations</i>
<i>Bowel Scanning</i>	<i>Community Service</i>

These and other projects may be covered in more detail by other director's reports.

Projects are the lifeblood of the club as it provides fellowship for members as well as active involvement in worthwhile activities. We can all be proud of the contribution our club makes to the betterment of our community, by our participation in and development of these projects.

I would like to thank all those members who have helped to make this a successful year for our club projects.

I would like to wish the incoming board every success for the next Rotary year.

Roger Lescun
Club Service Projects Director.



Community Service is one of the four avenues of Rotary encouraging Rotarians to offer their services to their community.

Current Community Service Programs:

Kitenden Project in Tanzania

Many donations from both community and individuals have made this International Community Service a great success under the guidance of Howard and Debra Hinde. A report will be given by Howard.

River Stories

Barry again has had a successful year with his literacy program. Many hours and great thought has continued to make this program a great success.

Midnight Basketball

Now in its 4th year, Roger and Rodney continue to give sport, education and a meal to some of our many teenagers in the district

Christmas Carols

This program involves all members of our club and besides being a great social event for Albury, it also supplies funds to be given to a local charity.

Movember

Some of our members spend November growing moustaches (some with great difficulty, some with ease) to help raise funds for charity.

Football gates

Continues to be one of our winter projects , but has the added advantage of members being able to be kept up to date with their football tips by quizzing spectators at the gates and a great socializing day.

Barbecues

Barbecues continues to be our most lucrative money raiser.

We are rostered on monthly at Harvey Norman

Other Barbecues – Bunnings

Christmas Carols

Million Paws Walk

Italian car rally

Pets Day Out

Diabetes Week

Australia Day

Having our wonderful barbecue trailer has made things very easy and I thank the Rotarians who are always ready to tow the trailer to functions even when they are not rostered on.

Easter Program (hampers)

Collecting food and delivery hampers to Albury's lonely at Easter is again a program that all of our club are involved. It has been so important as some of our recipients can go weeks without a visitor.

Christmas Cakes

These are made by our wonderful extended family, Barbara Haberfield and Phyllis Hodge and are delivered to Meals on Wheels who presented them to their clients on Christmas day.

Graffiti Day and Clean up Australia Day:

These programs (although not well attended) remind us that even a small few can be a great help.

Mother and Baby Unit

We are endeavouring to give some help to the Mother and Baby Unit.

Wine and Food Night

We had a fun wine and food night at Le Maison with wines from our fellow Rotarian, Wendy Killeen.

Some ventures have had to be cancelled due to other commitments.

Pending projects:

Cubby House

We are awaiting to hear when the cubby house will arrive at west albury Pre –school, then following instructions, our members will attempt to put it together correctly ?

As I will be changing hat next year, I thank all that helped me during the year

A special thanks to Nicky who seemed to always available to fill in when I was not available.

Julie Frauenfelder

Community Service Director

2013-2014



Including New Generations

This past year we didn't get to see our schools advance to the District finals in the **Ian Murphy Memorial Debating Competition** – however both Xavier and St Paul's have come back more positive to do better this year. With debating wizard Roger Beardwell now taking his retirement seriously and seeing the world, Peter Lee has been enthusiastic in taking the club liaison role with the schools going forwards. Please do try to attend a school debate this year, the students and schools really do appreciate the effort and support. It is also heart-warming to see this young talent stand up and communicate – these school debaters are very often our future community leaders, which is why Rotary's involvement is important.

Applications for the **Dr John McDonald Medical Scholarships** are open now, and we have been fortunate to have been supported last year by other clubs in the area for this fabulous opportunity for Medical Students to receive practical items to enable them to one day fix our aging bodies.

Rod Bramich has kindly offered to coordinate our **Youth Exchange** program. The club has supported James Richardson who is loving life in Marburg, Germany. Now we are looking for families please to host our inbound Swedish student arriving in July.

Albury Hume members play a great part in our community, wearing Rotary pins at events such as Chamber of Commerce networking nights. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the wider business community, look for new members and wear your Rotary pins with pride.

Finding applicants for the abundant Rotary programs for school students has been difficult despite our marketing efforts with teachers at the schools. Our one Board approved application during this year got a better offer from another Rotary Club following his multiple online applications.

Dan Sawyer

Chairman



KITENDEN PROJECT

This year our Club continued the project to organize the funding of the Preschool in the Tanzanian Village of Kitenden. Kitenden is a Maasai village situated at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Through this project the Preschool building was renovated late in 2012 and reopened in February 2013.

The Preschool is a vital first stage for the education of Maasai children. The Maasai language is Maa, verbal but not written. The national language in Tanzania is Kiswahili, and unless the Maasai children are taught Kiswahili they face enormous difficulty with further education. The children are also taught numeracy skills and basic English.

The children are feed two nourishing meals each day, which in many cases is an incentive for parents to take them to school. The preschool children can be required to walk many kilometers to attend school and as they are very young they require an escort. Each child brings a piece of wood each day for the cooks to use in their cooking fire.

In the 2013 year the preschool had an average of 53 children enrolled. They are aged from 3 to 5 years.

40 children graduated from the 2013 preschool class and are now attending Primary School. We all should be very proud that our support has contributed to this achievement.

The 2013 expenditure was within the budget of \$12,300. This budget funds the wages for the Preschool staff, consisting of two teachers, two cooks, a gardener and a security guard. It also funds the food for the children's meals, classroom requirements and building repairs.

This year there are 50 or so children enrolled – enrollments vary according to parental circumstances. This number includes the 13 younger children who attended the Preschool last year but who were too young to progress to Primary School.

There is a plan to construct an additional building to house the kitchen area and separate it from its current location joined to the toilet block. This new building will accommodate visiting volunteers who will assist in the educational process, village activities and perhaps

building maintenance. The cost of this building will be in the order of \$8000 and we will be applying for a Rotary Foundation District grant to support this construction.

The Kitenden project is undertaken and managed through Future Warriors Project Inc – a registered Australian charity, based in Brisbane and headed by Sianga Kuyan and his Australian wife Melanie.

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

During May this year our Club hosted 10 Rotarians from District 2360 in Thailand. They arrived on Monday May 19th and departed on Thursday May 22nd.

Their program was meticulously and dare I say – very enthusiastically - organized by Roger and Judy Snell. The visitors were accommodated by 9 of our members and their families. Our visitors were greeted at Albury airport on the Monday by many of our members. Then on Tuesday Roger and Judy took them on a full day tour of the Beechworth and Bright area, followed that evening attending the Rotary Club of Albury North meeting, where they gave an extensive presentation. They attended our Club lunch meeting on Wednesday and that afternoon visited the Albury Library for an Indigenous welcome, visited St Mathews Church and the Commercial Club. That evening Ron and Barbara Haberfield generously opened their home for the evening meal with about 40 members, guests and our visitors present.

On Thursday morning the group travelled to Benalla for the changeover to their hosts the Rotary Club of Yea. They will then visit Tatura before going to Sydney for the International Conference.

PHILIPPINES DISASTER

We contributed \$500 to the Rotary Club of Banilad Metro to assist in relief for the cyclone disaster in the Philippines last year.

Howard Hinde
International Director

Youth Exchange



After a couple years having a rest from the Youth Exchange program, we are now back into it with an outbound student in Europe and an inbound due in July. We decided to take a rest from the program due to the difficulty in obtaining host families. I am pleased to say we have had a positive response to our request for host families for our inbound exchange student.

With so many new and younger members, I do hope Youth Exchange becomes a regular commitment of our club again. The rewards of hosting are numerous, particularly contributing to the growth in character and maturity of a young person. It is also very much an experience the whole family shares and enjoys. I encourage Rotary members to be involved.

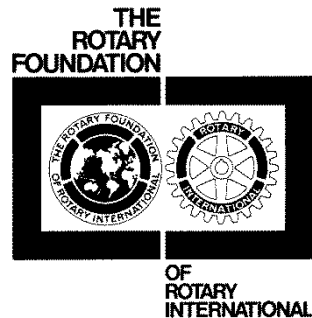
We currently have James in Marburg Germany and from all reports he is having a wonderful time. He is now half through his exchange year and will return early January 2015.

On the 18th July, Agnes from Sweden will arrive in Albury for her Rotary exchange year. She is enrolled to attend Albury High School and her host families are currently being finalised. It will be great to again have an exchange student within our club and attending our meetings.

At the International conference in Sydney we had the pleasure of catching up with Bertrand from France. Bert was an exchange student 4 years ago and was selected for the international RYLA in Sydney. He had dinner with us and was clearly delighted to be back in Australia and particularly with Rotarians of his host club.

Rodney Bramich

ROTARY FOUNDATION



The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International and is supported solely by contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation. Through Foundation grants, Rotarians are able to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Areas of focus are

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

Our club give annually to Foundation and this year has also seen contributions for Polio Plus and funding for the International Project Kitenden Pre-School in Tanzania, East Africa.

With further outbreaks of Polio in Pakistan and Syria it has again become an international public health emergency. There is opportunity for our club to up the ante on raising awareness and funds and I feel confident our new board will accomplish this in 2014-15.

I would also like to remind our members and member's family and friends of the Centurion program. This program allows Rotarians in Australia to start the process of personal giving. It's simply a commitment to contribute a minimum of \$100 Australian or U.S. dollars a year, for as long as you choose to. Your contribution then becomes part of your district's Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund meaning half of it comes back to the district to support Foundation programs that may involve our club. Your contribution is fully tax-deductible. It is not a program restricted to Rotarians so work colleagues, friends and family members can all participate. This is another area to give some thought to coming into our new year.

Thank you all for the year, I look forward to a great year ahead of us and welcome my new role as Secretary.



BORDER MAIL Oct 24, 2013

Polio sufferer Julie Frauenfelder with community members supporting World Polio Day, NSW Fire and Rescue members Steve Hayes, Simon Huggett, Brett Arundel, and Sean Scalon; The Scots School students Declan Dempster, 17, and Emily Cope-Williams, 17; Rotary Club of Albury Hume members Alice Glachan, Nicole Doughty and Julie Frauenfelder.

Nicole Doughty
Foundation Director

Sgt at Arms



A new leader of this year's Sgt team was Bradley Hayden, thrown in the deep end I fear, however after a slow start, he performed as expected. Geoff and Dennis made up the rest of the team.

Each of the team have for personnel reasons, been absent from Rotary for an extended periods during the year, however the other team members covered for their absence. I thank them for their contribution.

It is worth stating in part the duties of this office so as to let members be the judge of our performance. These duties vary from club to club due to the format and structure of their meeting, however some common themes prevail.

In summary some of the duties of the sergeant-at-arms are: -

1. Helps maintain orderly and effective Rotary club meetings.
2. Works to prevent any occurrences that might detract from the dignity or prestige of the club.

Included in this is the **Fines Session**

Most Rotarians believe this is all the Sergeant-at-arms does. As can be seen he/she does much more than that. Of course, the fines session is the most visible. This session should always be conducted with the correct decorum.

At times the truth could have been stretched a little and embarrassment may have been felt by some members. If this is the case please accept our apology. No offence was intended.

Another important function not always noticed is to **handle the physical preparations** for, and the mechanical part of, a meeting and, unobtrusively, to guide its general conduct. In particular I must thank the attendance team including Denis Martin and Ian Harrison for their efforts in this area. They do it time and time again without being asked.

Finally, an important factor in our club's reputation is the completion of our meetings in a timely manner. This is controlled mainly by the chairperson of the day but should be reinforced by the Sgt.

One version of more detailed duties of the Sergeant can be found at

<http://www.rotary9790.org.au/info/ftp/SergeantAtArms.pdf>

Dennis Hickey

Club Welfare Report



Comings and Goings

The overseas trips enjoyed by our members are far to many to list suffice to say wonderful times were had by all which we were privileged to hear about at our club meetings.

A feature was also the number of members who took part in the "Friends of Rotary" program being hosted by other country's Rotary clubs. A reciprocal visit by the Thai contingent complimented this popular program.

General Information.

On a sad note following the recent loss of two wonderful Rotarian's -Alan Hodge and John MacDonald. this Rotary year we sadly lost ex member and regular visitor Peter Isbister.

I also have to report an increase in nagging health problems and operation to members and members families. I trust 2014/15 will be a better year in this respect.

On a lighter side our club was very proud to receive on Australia day two members who received the honour of an O A M. Order of Australia. I refer to Alan Hodge post posthumously and to Chris Chant current member.

Also of note were the many members who outside the square of Rotary gave of their heart, mind and capacity to other organizations

Another great year of outstanding Rotary service work and club fellowship and fun.

Barry "Baz" Young

Welfare Officer.

ATTENDANCE



The club financial membership has remained fairly steady during the whole year at 40 members give or take, but as we know that does not equate to meeting attendance, which averaged at 72.2% during the year (or 29 members per meeting taking into account Make-Ups).

Low attendance numbers and catering cost pressures resulted in the club voting to shift the weekly meetings from the SS&A Club to The Albury Club this year.

During the year the Board approved Leaves of Absence to Stan Somers, Ben Brndusic, Anne McNaught, Marianne Warren, Darrin Halcrow and Wendy Killeen. Tony Brandt remains unavailable for club activities.

Interestingly we do not seem to attract many other clubs' Rotarians as Make Ups to our meetings, with less than ten (non-organised) visiting Rotarians during the year. Members' guests remain at a level that could do with a little help from members next year. Let's have an effort to lift our attendance from visiting Rotarians and new guests.

Those who have attained 100% for the year and the number of consecutive years they have maintained this level are as follows ...

Barry Young 12, Julie Frauenfelder 12, Roger Lescun 9, Terry Simmonds 7, Alice Glachan 5, Justin Clancy 3, Peter Lee 3, Dan Sawyer 2, Dennis Martin 2, Ian Harrison 2, Stephen O'Connell 1.

Congratulations to those fine Rotarians for their attendance efforts, as we all know just how hard it can be.

Dan Sawyer

Attendance Officer



Program

I would like to start by thanking all those members who assisted me by suggesting and referring guest speakers to me to ensure each week we had informative and entertaining speakers.

In particular I wish to thank Graham Fuller who looked after the programme in my absence. And of course we would all like to thank all those members who gave presentations at times through the year.

Each year I have commented on the depth of talent within our own ranks and this year is no exception. Several members have spoken to us about their interests, their business, their travels and their Rotary involvement.

Graham Fuller told us about his passion for "Toastmasters"

Karin Tremonti gave us a tour of her jewellery studio which brought a smile to the faces of the partners who attended.

Graeme Maddox made everybody envious with his reflections of cruising the Rhine

Meredith Ashton provided an informative thumbnail sketch of her history and interests in Albury.

On Rotary subjects we had presentations from

AG Steve McKewen on current rotary topics

Debra and Howard Hinde gave us an update of the progress of the wonderful project the club has supported at the kindergarten in Kintenden Africa.

Roger Beardwell facilitated a visit from the RFE team from Turkey.

Roger Snell and Judy promoted the RFE programme with their story of their visit to Thailand.

Other rotary presentations came from PDG David Cooke informing us of the progress of polio plus and Rotary Foundation.

DG Phillip Clancy outlined his year's programme.

Providing quality guest speakers is an essential part of our club activities as it provides an incentive to be regular attendees to hear interesting and entertaining speakers to keep our attendance records high. It is also a means of encouraging new members to join Rotary to get something back for being a Rotarian.

This year I believe we provided some outstanding guests and covered a wide variety of topics which were of interest to everyone. To name just a few of these we heard from

Mark Byatt	Mayor of Wodonga
Professor Alan Curtis	Charles Sturt University
Lance Boswell	on the history of the Albury Club
Sandra Moon	2AY breakfast presenter.

and many more. Please refer to list attached.

Next Rotary year it is intended that the chairperson for the week will arrange the guest speaker for that meeting. Could I suggest that members give plenty of consideration and plan well ahead when it is your turn to arrange a speaker. It is important to ensure continuity each week of quality speakers to retain member's interest in attendance and confidence in bringing guests and potential new members.

Thank you again to all those who have assisted and participated in the programme and I wish you all the best for the coming year.

Roger Lescun
Programme Organiser

Date	Meeting Guest Speaker / Subject
Wednesday, 3 July 13	Julie Wright - Nursing Maternity Services Wodonga (Greg Pearl)
Wednesday, 10 July 13	Club Speakers on Rotary Subjects.
Wednesday, 17 July 13	DG Philip Clancy Official Visit.
Wednesday, 24 July 13	Sandra Moon 2AY radio presenter- Breakfast Radio
Wednesday, 31 July 13	Mark Byatt - Mayor of Wodonga - Development of Wodonga
Wednesday, 7 August 13	Jenny Tanner Friends of Cumberoona/Saving Uiver
Wednesday, 14 August 13	Peter Glenister (Aust Expat) British Red Cross Middle East & East Africa
Wednesday, 21 August 13	Peter Cerexhe Border Music Camp
Wednesday, 28 August 13	Anthia Packer Parklands Albury Wodonga
Wednesday, 4 September 13	Kerryn Arnold Northside Chamber of Commerce.
Wednesday, 11 September 13	Michael Curtin CSU. Vietnam Health Project
Wednesday, 18 September 13	Club Assembly - Strategic Planning

Wednesday, 25 September 13	Strategic Planning Meeting
Wednesday, 2 October 13	Nathan Mackay - Albury Youth Council Mayor
Wednesday, 9 October 13	Kerryn Arnold - Albruy northside Chamber of Commerce
Wednesday, 16 October 13	Graham Fuller & Sue Honey - Speak Up Toastmasters Club.
Wednesday, 23 October 13	Fellowship Lunch
Wednesday, 30 October 13	Scatter Meeting - Members visiting other clubs
Wednesday, 6 November 13	Reports from members on other club meetings they attended
Wednesday, 13 November 13	AG Steve McKewen - thumbnail update.
Wednesday, 20 November 13	Kim Strachan & Browyn Bruce - MICEEP Youth Mental Health
Wednesday, 27 November 13	Karin Tremonti Talk and visit to her Studio
Wednesday, 4 December 13	Annual General Meeting.
Wednesday, 11 December 13	PDG David Cook - Polio Plus and Rotary Foundation.
Wednesday, 18 December 13	Christmas Fun & Frivolity
Wednesday, 25 December 13	No Meeting
Wednesday, 1 January 14	No Meeting
Wednesday, 8 January 14	Informal meeting at Julie & Arthur Frauenfelders.
Wednesday, 15 January 14	Discussion on Venue and possible changes occurring
Wednesday, 22 January 14	Graeme Maddox - Cruising the Rhine
Wednesday, 29 January 14	Howard & Deborah Hinde - Kintenden Project Africa
Wednesday, 5 February 14	Club Assembly and venue discussion
Wednesday, 12 February 14	Tania Hargraves --Walk to cure Diabetes
Wednesday, 19 February 14	Howard & Deborah Hinde - Kintenden Project Africa continuation.
Wednesday, 26 February 14	Last meeting at SS&A Club after 17 years as our venue
Wednesday, 5 March 14	Kellie Comans - Gateway Community Health
Wednesday, 12 March 14	Lance Boswell - History of Albury Club our new Venue
Wednesday, 19 March 14	Mary Doyle from Wodonga Hospital- Midwifery in Uganda
Wednesday, 26 March 14	Martina Appleman- Heart Lung Transplant Trust
Wednesday, 2 April 14	Visit by RFE Team from Turkey
Wednesday, 9 April 14	Roger & Judy Snell - Friendship Exchange Thailand.
Wednesday, 16 April 14	Prof. Allan Curtis CSU - Regional Natural Resource Management
Wednesday, 23 April 14	Members review of the District Conference at Shepparton
Wednesday, 30 April 14	Meredith Ashton Thumbnail
Wednesday, 7 May 14	Barie Barolli - Senior financial planner CBA
Wednesday, 14 May 14	Kathie Heyman Albury Northside Chamber of Commerce
Wednesday, 21 May 14	Thailand RFE Team presentation
Wednesday, 28 May 14	Ben Quick Reconnect Communications NBA
Wednesday, 4 June 14	Doug McRae CEO Albury-Wodonga Private Hospital
Wednesday, 11 June 14	Sydney R.I. Convention Report
Wednesday, 18 June 14	Club Discussion on Projects
Friday , 27th June 14	Annual changeover

Barbeque



For the 2013-2014 Rotary year the club conducted 20 BBQ's which raised a net total of \$10,553.19.

To all members a big thank you for your efforts in manning the barbecues, and a special mention to the small cadre of members who were responsible for delivery and return of the trailer. As well as all those who attended and cooked all those sausages.

A particular mention goes to Graham Fuller for allowing the club to house the trailer at his business in David St.

Events were:

• Harvey Norman (13)	\$6 051.74
• Bunnings (2)	\$1 181.50
• Australia Day	\$1 157.60
• Paws Walk	\$ 907.80
• Pets in the Park	\$ 670.20
• Diabetes Walk	\$ 255.85
• IGT Rally	\$ 170.00
• Christmas Carols	\$ 158.50

Regards
Dennis Martin



Wine and Food Night

We had a great night at le Maison for a wine and food night which was also a fund raiser for the Mother and Baby Unit

Movie Night

Backyard Ashes (the movie) made its premier in Albury and was attended by an enthusiastic small crowd.

We are now waiting (9 months later) to hear about its success.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Lots of hiccups but also lots of fun made this a memorable night for all

Social Night

We always start the New Year with a social night and this was at the Frauenfelders with everyone contributing to the meal. It is a great time to socialize with members and their partners

Changeover and Christmas lunch

Always a great success with Barry looking after the finer details and costs. Thank you, Barry. We are sorry to say goodbye to Barry this year as he is handing over the reins to Meredith due to his work commitments (what is retirement age- never?)

Cake Wrapping

Another fun night where it takes ½ hr. to decorate the cakes and 2 hours to socialize

Thank you all for your help and commitment

Julie Frauenfelder

Fellowship Director

Membership



Membership of the club stands at 40, the same as last year. This year we have welcomed 3 new members to the club, including a previous member who has re-joined. Unfortunately, we have said goodbye to 3 members. We have three honorary members.

The introduction of new members into the club is always special as each new member brings their own capabilities and enthusiasms to our activities which help keep the club fresh and vibrant. So we make special mention of our new members - Stephen O'Connell, Chris Chant (a former member) and Meredith Ashton.

The activities of the club in all areas create the 'package' which new members sign-up for. Each new member has differing priorities in terms of the areas of the club which are most appealing to them, and offer particular areas of expertise which maybe useful in achieving the club's aims. We endeavour to engage new members and ensure that they enjoy the fellowship of members and gain a sense of satisfaction from contributing to the community in a variety of ways.

Next year, the club has adopted a new structure which incorporates Public Relations for the first time at a Director level. This will be a great opportunity for the Membership and Public Relations portfolios to work in tandem to generate awareness in our community of the great things that Rotary does, and to get the message out that Rotary is for everyone and is a wonderful means of contributing to your local community as well as to other countries and people less fortunate than us.

*Gordon Shaw
Membership Director*



Rotary Club of Albury Hume

Weekly Bulletin

Wednesday 4th June 2014

Meeting 1835



Rotary Club of Albury Hume
District 9790 Club No 18258
Chartered 26th August 1977
PO Box 852 Albury NSW 2640

International President
Ron D Burton
District Governor
Philip Clancy
Assistant Governor
Steve McKewen

Albury Hume President
Peter Lee
Albury Hume Board

Pres. Elect. Justin Clancy
Secretary Justin Clancy
Treasurer Dennis Martin
Community Service .. Julie Frauenfelder
Membership Gordon Shaw
Service Projects / Club Admin
Roger Lescun
Foundation Nicole Doughty
International. Howard Hinde
New Gen. Vocational ... Dan Sawyer
Other Officers ...
Sgt. at Arms ... Geoff Owen,
Dennis Hickey & Bradley Hayden

Bulletin Editors -
Ron Haberfield ron@haberfield.net.au
Ian Harrison iwedu@ianharrison.com.au

This week's editor is Ian

Welfare ...Barry Young
barryhyoung@bigpond.com

The Four Way Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Grace
O Lord, and giver of all good,
We thank Thee for our daily food,
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our day

Thanks to all who have participated in sending in reports, articles and photos for our weekly bulletin, President Peter Lee for his weekly report ... Barry Young never misses a week with his welfare report ... Darrin Halcrow now supplying the club rosters and member information that has been included on the back page of each issue. Secretary Justin Clancy has provided items from the clubs mail and Roger Lescun is an amazing source of programmes/ guest speakers throughout the year..

As well as the bulletins being emailed to all members, the bulletin can also be read on line on the 9790 District Web site and on our club's web site [rotaryclubofalburyhume.com.au](http://www.rotaryclubofalburyhume.com.au) commenced in early 2012 by our member AG Terry Simmonds. At our Club's website all bulletins can be accessed by just clicking on the bulletin date listed and imputing the password.

We have aimed to provide in the bulletin a mix of interesting information that hopefully keeps members informed. At any time feel free to provide your feed-back as to what can be done to improve it.

Finally thanks to the bulletin committee for their dedication Ron Haberfield (who is really the 'boss' !) and Peter Merkesteyn, for their willingness to step in during my absence. I have approached a couple of members with an invitation to join the committee next year so as to spread the workload and suggest new ideas for the future.

My best wishes to Justin for his 2014-15 Presidential term ... I'm sure all members are looking forward to working with him throughout the year ... also to his board, for an enjoyable and rewarding year in Rotary.

Ian Harrison
Chairman

On to Conference



The promotion of both the District Conference Shepparton in March 2014 and the Rotary International Convention in Sydney in June 2014 commenced at the start of the Rotary year but no real action started until the end of 2013.

It is pleasing to report that 10 members, 8 partners and two children attended the District Conference in Shepparton. They thoroughly enjoyed the excellent speakers, a Friday night dinner and the Saturday night Conference dinner with its stirring coral group interactive entertainment. Several of our group were first time conference attendees and from their glowing reports presented to club members will be eager starters in the future.

Next years District Conference is being held at Wangaratta so now is the time to look at booking your accommodation, as it will be at a premium.

The 2014 RI Conference in Sydney was a once in a lifetime opportunity for our members to attend an International Convention, as it has only been held in Australia 3 times in the last 100 years.

Seven members and 6 partners attended the 4-day convention at the excellent Olympic Park facilities, which were well able to cater for the 18000 plus attendees.

Most of our group stayed at the Meriton Apartments on the river at Parramatta and took the ferry each day to the Convention. Our group enjoyed a number of social get togethers, some fine meals and took in the sights of the Sydney light show on the Opera House from the Overseas Shipping terminal and the lights around the Rocks and Martin Place. Travel was very easy as the State government granted all Convention goers free transport for the duration of the Conference.

The Opening, Closing and Plenary sessions were held in the All Phones enclosed stadium which were all very well choreographed with precision timing spectacular audio visual effects. The Breakout sessions after each plenary session were held in the various rooms of the ANZ Stadium.

The House of Friendship and the various other offices necessary for such a large Convention were located in the adjacent Royal Agricultural Show buildings.

It was a well run Conference that certainly show cased the work being done by Rotary International.



RI Conference Sydney attendees in the House of Friendship L to R: .Ron Haberfield, Roger Beardwell, Pres. Peter Lee, Julie Frauenfelder, Dennis Hickey and Rod Bramich. (AG Steve McKewen missing)



We have completed our 4th year of Midnight Basketball in Albury. The program commenced in Albury mostly due the support and commitment of Rotary and our club, but also Albury City, the PCYC and Kalianna.

Midnight Basketball Australia provide a significant cash contribution to local tournaments usually on the basis of a 2 year commitment by the community. We have now completed our 2nd 2 year commitment and for Midnight Basketball to return to Albury we must apply for another 2 year commitment. I know that Midnight Basketball Australia are supportive of the program continuing in Albury, but before they can consider our application we will need to demonstrate the community remains supportive and we have the basics in place (i.e. committee, volunteers, participants, logistics and financial). To gauge community support and provide an update on the program we held a community meeting on 25th June. Subject to sufficient community support and approval by Midnight Basketball Australia, it is proposed to hold our next tournament in term 4 2014 (i.e. October to December).

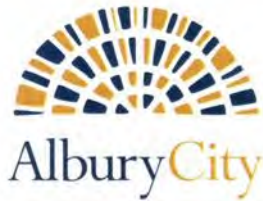
The program has been very successful and the kids are keen for it to return. It provides great benefit to the kids involved but also the many volunteers find it rewarding and fulfilling.

Rodney Bramich

River of Stories

Secondary School Writing and Poetry Competition

Co-ordinator – Barry Young



To compliment Rotary International's quest to eradicate illiteracy worldwide the Albury Hume Rotary Club became aware of kids not reading and writing due to their addiction to computer games, internet, text messages etc.

The Rotary Club of Albury-Hume visited all Secondary schools and after meeting with school principals and English masters it was decided to aim the project at year 7 & 8 year Secondary school students (now also yr 9 & 10) and for them to participate in the writing competition (now also Poetry) and attend workshops at all schools conducted by professional children authors.

The objective of the project:

- 1 - To provide a positive opportunity for young school students to enhance their literacy learning and skills and the underlining of the importance of literacy in our community.
- 2 - The encouragement of inspiring of literary creativity underpinning the celebration of our regional literary talent.

Benefit to the community

The encouragement of school children and students to express in writing, their pride in our regional and multicultural heritage thus strengthening the development of literacy through creative writing.

The encouragement of inspiring of literary creativity

The objective to assist young people to develop and increase their literacy skills.

The celebration of regional literary talent.

Description of Project

Brief history

In 2003 the Rotary Club of Albury Hume initiated a writing competition for year 7 & 8 students of Albury and Wodonga Secondary Schools. This was to compliment International Rotary's quest to endeavour to wipe out illiteracy worldwide.

The initiative also complimented the concern of Federal and State Governments in respect of children not reading and writing due to the popularity of email, internet, text messages, internet games etc.

The competition took the form of a short story of not more than 1500 words.

In 2003 - 10 Albury-Wodonga secondary schools were approached and 6 participated.

The prizes were -

Each individual winner from their respective school to receive a \$50 book voucher on Dymocks. The outright winner - \$250 cash funded by Rotary and the winning school -\$750 towards their Library funded by Rotary.

78 entries were received and were judged by a professional panel.

The outright winner came from Wodonga High School and Wodonga High School received \$750 towards their library.

In 2004 - 12 schools came on board and 97 entries were received.

The winner was from Scots School – Albury.

As an additional initiative two visiting authors were invited who carried out workshops at the Wodonga, Albury and Lavington Libraries.

The workshops were extremely well supported by all schools as the cost is normally out of the reach of most schools. All prizes were presented at a Family Day in conjunction with the Albury Library

2005 saw 13 schools come on board with 147 entries and the first prize was shared by Wodonga West High School and Scots School, Albury. The winning students received \$125 each and the schools \$375 each towards their library. Approx 500 students attended the workshops conducted by the two visiting authors now an important feature of the competition but very costly. Due to the number of students participating the authors conducted the workshops not only at the libraries but also at the schools.

The Principals and English Departments of all schools are high in praise of the project and support the competition with great enthusiasm.

2006 – saw 13 schools participating – 278 entries were received - 6 Wodonga Secondary schools and 8 Albury schools plus St Paul's from Walla Walla and Billabong High school from Culcairn.

The workshops an important part of the competition was extended to three days due to the number of students participating. These were held at the Albury, Lavington and Wodonga Libraries and selected schools because of volume of participants.

2007 saw 14 schools participate this year with the added section of poetry and the competition expanded to include year 9 &10.

378 short Story and 78 poetry entries were received. Michael Pryor a noted children's Author conducted workshops at Albury and Wodonga libraries.

2008 - 14 schools participated and once again year 9 & 10 were included plus the poetry section.

Outstanding author and illustrator Mandy Ord has been be invited to conduct workshops at the Albury and Wodonga libraries where over 500 students attended

The competition was launched during the "Write Around The Murray Festival" and concluded in conjunction with The Albury City Library and Museum at a family fun and prize giving day during "Children's Week" on Saturday 18th October.

.A record 530 entries were received and judged

Our thanks to Jill Aplin and Peter Cerexhe who judged the poetry section and to John McDonald who joined them to judge the short Story section.

2009

16 secondary schools were invited and 14 schools participated – 7 from Albury – 6 from Wodonga

Nearly 600 entries were received. A writing workshop was held by author Robyn Young. .

The prizes were presented to the winning students and winning schools at the Albury Library Museum.

2010

14 schools took part with 7 from Albury and 6 from Wodonga. 625 entries were received. The workshop was well attended. The family fun day and prize giving held at the Albury Library museum was a great success with all winners being in attendance and school principles and English teachers from Albury and Wodonga schools.

2011

14 schools took part and over 600 entries were received . A further 300 students attended the workshops. The prize giving day held at the Albury Library Museum was attended by a

winning students, teachers, school principals and teachers, family members and the media.

2012

14 schools participated - 600 entries - Prizes to students – including individual school winners short story and poetry sections – outright school winners short story and Poetry sections – prizes to winning school libraries

2013

13 schools participated with 32 prizes awarded to Students and Schools. The workshops were extremely well attended. A wonderful attendance at the Prize Giving Day held at the Albury Library Museum.

2014

The project is well under way and grants from the Albury City Council and The Commercial Club total \$3000.

Budget to cover prize money and workshops = \$6000.

Albury-Hume Club Member's Contribution.

Liaison with schools, appointment of judging panel, arranging visiting author, administration costs (printing, tel, mail, email etc) - travelling to schools costs - raising money for prizes through 22 sausage sizzles, participation in Family fun and prize giving day.

The River of Stories is in its 12th year and still growing.

Barry Young

Co-ordinator