

## President's Report



Let me state at the outset just how much I have enjoyed being your President for this Rotary Year. The year has just seemed to go so quickly. I think we have been very productive for the community work we undertook during my term of office and that is solely because we have worked as a team and all pulled together.

#### 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 BBQ duties at the inaugural launch of the Fight Type 1 Diabetes Walk, and another animal BBQ at Hovell Tree Park.

As is known we pass on all profits to the RSPCA, and this year **they received \$750 towards the wonderful work they do**, and we did the same for the Type 1 Diabetes Foundation and they received **just over \$400** for their organisation. Hopefully we will be invited to work for them again next year.

#### **Charity Dinners**

Within the current year of office, we held three charity raising dinners with local matching wines. Two of the dinners were held at La Maison and wine, was supplied by Pfeiffer Wines for the Seriously Pink Dinner whereby beside wines being supplied and described by Chris Pfeiffer, we also had two specialist local Medical Consultants give brief talks about the field of Cancer they specialise in. Ms. Kerry Clark spoke about Breast and Ovarian cancers, whilst Jonathan Lewin spoke about Prostate Cancers and its treatments. The dinner and wine sale raised over \$2000 for the now completed Carers Accommodation Centre at the Albury Base Hospital. The second dinner – a Romantics Dinner as it was held on Valentine's Day – and also held at La Maison with wines supplied and presented by our own Wendy Killeen, and that raised nearly \$800 toward the Club funds for distribution later in the year. The third dinner was held, and a first for the club, at Murray Gardens Retirement Village to assist in the launch of a book by Dr. Harris Bede of Charles Sturt University, and we had the pleasure of Hon. Michael Kirby, a retired High Court Judge giving a talk about Reformation of the Commonwealth. Again profits were donated to their University Scholarship program and totalled just over \$2000. I understand some of that money is to be used re transportation costs of specialist goods and equipment to Orphanages within Vietnam.

#### **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 Anne McNaught who stepped in at very very short notice and completed the initial work Julie had started before she decided to trip and break her ankle and was totally incapacitated for a month or so.

#### International

I believe it is 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 this project came about through the enthusiasm and persistence of Debra and Howard Hinde, who is also our International Director. 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 solar system and accessories to a Medical facility next to the School and from that solar system we may then provide electricity to the Medical Surgery for them to then obtain a refrigerator to be able to store various drugs and vaccines, and lighting for the school rooms itself. Fingers and anything else one can think of are crossed regarding the grant application.

#### **Vocational Service**

This year we had a different Vocational Director in the shape of Dan Sawyer, and ignoring the fact that he is a Kiwi, he has done a wonderful job in the position with the various responsibilities this post entails. His enthusiasm is very infectious and his ideas are always worth consideration. One of Dan's suggestions this year which the Club has 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. Assisting Dan in this portfolio has been the skill and equal enthusiasm of Roger Beardwell, and for the second consecutive year these two were responsible for St Pauls College, Walla reaching the finals in the schools lan Murphy debate competition. Unfortunately they have yet to win the competition. It is very enjoyable listening to the various arguments for and against of all the competitors, and when listening to them, especially some of the females, one might think of being grateful one doesn't have to contend with them in the future, as some are already budding Margaret Thatcher's.!!!

Another first for the Club was the inaugural launch of the Dr. John McDonald Medical Scholarship. In lieu of cash to the two winners, we provided the overall winner of the award to Maddie Bullock from Wodonga with an Apple iPad and a set of Ophthalmoscopes, and the runner up award went to Loren Trowell from just north of Albury and we provided her with a specialist textbook on Pathology and Diseases which she requested, and an Ophthalmoscope set as provided to Maddie. Good luck to both girls in their chosen careers.

Thanks also due to Dr. Pieter Mourik who participated in the interviews of the applicants.

#### **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.

#### Treasurer

Another new Director cutting his teeth on Club matters is in the shape of Dennis Martin. Again I have been so lucky in that all of our Directors are so good in their respective roles, and Dennis has done some great work re club finances this year and getting to grips with various financial matters and introducing some different systems

#### Secretary

Yet again another new Director. This time in the guise of Justin Clancy and without him I would have been lost this past year. Considering he operates a local vetinerary business, is the President of the local Rugby Union club, and a Dad of two little uns, as well as operating 'the Joker' at meetings, I am surprised he does the clubs Secretarial duties so well. Never late with applications and distributions, copies of Minutes from our meetings and 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 sees something of him occasionally. The Club are so lucky to have him and for 2013-2014 he will be the Clubs President – Elect before becoming our President in 2014-2015.

#### **Membership**

Duties carried out with due diligence and professionalism by Gordon Shaw. Also Gordon besides interviewing prospective members gave great assistance along with Ann McNaught in assisting to arrange the Luncheon in May of this year when the Club entertained approximately 80 guests where the Keynote Speaker was Hon. Michael Kirby, a recently retired high Court judge. Also it has been discovered that Gordon is a person of impeccable taste in that he now supports the English Soccer team called Arsenal.

#### **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 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-, 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 fictitious or otherwise to justifiably 'fine' members for their 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. 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 icon competition now within local senior schools. A big thank you to you all.

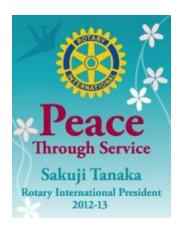
Also congratulations to our Club members who attended the new style Rotary Leadership Courses held over the past year at Euroa. The course is really enjoyable with many opportunities for networking and understanding in much greater depth the work of Rotary. Members who went this year were, Justin Clancy, Dennis Martin, Dan Sawyer and Nicole Doughty as well as myself.

Many condolences to Nicole Doughty who would have been next year's Club President had not her new employer commitments prevented her carrying out her Presidential duties to the standard she sets herself. So instead of Nicole, you are lumbered with me for another year, before Justin takes over the role. In all seriousness, I feel very honoured to be your President for a second time, and again condolences to Nicole as it really is an honour to be President of this Club.

Finally, let us not forget the wonderful work and 'mateship' done on behalf of the club and Community at large by Alan Hodge who passed away during this term of office. At the time of writing this report we are hopeful that Phyllis will be able to attend the Dinner along with Margaret McDonald, who as we know was married to John, and whom we lost late in the previous Rotary year. Both Alan and John are still sorely missed by us all.

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

President Pete.



# Secretary's Report



The year has come and gone, and as secretary I have enjoyed the role with only the occasional paper cut. 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.

Several current Board members including myself attended Rotary Leadership Institute seminars throughout the year, and I would highly encourage all members of the Club to take the opportunity to be part of further RLI sessions.

Thank-you to all for the year; in particular to my fellow Board members, those who take on many of the other duties that secretaries in other Clubs are burdened with; and to Gordon, who as the previous secretary I have leant upon from time to time for advice.

Justin Clancy Secretary



# 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 1.6.2012 and Closing Balances as at 31.5.2013 are:-

General Account	Opening Balance Closing Balance	\$7,517.87 \$6,788.67
Special Purpose Account	Opening Balance Closing Balance	\$14,631.36 \$13,760.59
Project Account	Opening Balance Closing Balance	\$292.58 \$6,325.20
Term Deposit	Opening Balance Closing Balance	\$10,376.15 \$10,604.71

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

Kitenden Preschool	\$3,000	Disaster Aid Australia	\$1,000
Dreamfields	\$2,000	Carers' Accommodation	\$1,000
PCYC – Young Offenders	\$1,000	Bravehearts	\$500
Midnight Basketball	\$1,000	Carevan	\$500

CSU Scholarship	\$1,000	Albury Gang Show	\$500
Belvoir Special School	\$1,000	COBS	\$500
Wewak School	\$1,000	Alzheimers Australia	\$500
Kalianna	\$1,000	Country Hope	\$500

Some of these donations were commitments from the 2011/'12 year, but paid in 2012/13

The board has committed to further charitable donations totalling \$3275 from the funds raised in 2021/13.

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

BBQ's	\$6,910
Members Subscriptions	\$6,850
Football Gates	\$3,000
Carols by Candlelight	\$4,446
Joker Game (net)	\$1,484
Sergeant at Arms	\$1,234

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

Rotary International	\$2266
District 9790	\$4172
RDU	\$1760
Flowers	\$840

River of Stories generated revenue of \$1,433 and had expenses of \$3,923. The Albury Commercial Club has paid \$1000 towards the next River of Stories project.

The board in February undertook to start the annual Dr. John McDonald Medical Scholarship. The commitment from the club was \$1,500 per year and this year was supplemented by a donation of \$500 from the Rotary Club of Yarrawonga. The total amount of the scholarship was \$2,209.

The board has resolved that the club subscriptions are to increase to \$100 per half year and the joining fee to increase to \$40. This increase is to cover some of the \$1,350 difference between the combined Rotary fees of \$,8200 and the member subscriptions of \$6,850.

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 has mentored me in my inaugural year as treasurer.

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

On the following pages are the Income & Expenditure Statements for both the general & Special Purpose Accounts.

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

#### Income

Meetings Door Takings	21,063.00	
Subscriptions	6,850.00	
Joker Poker	1,984.00	
Sgt Fines	1,234.00	
Footy Tips	255.00	
Bank Interest	148.67	
Misc Income	936.07	32,470.74

#### **Expenses**

SS & A Club	20,742.85
District Fees	4,172.00
RI Fees	2,266.39
RDU	1,760.72
Flowers	840.00
Bowel Scan	592.00
Joker payout	500.00
Imprint Plastic	227.70
Misc expenses	2,098.28

33,199.94

Trading Surplus (Loss) -729.20

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

#### Income

#### BBQ's

311.55	
4,401.65	
1,450.75	
565.30	
591.75	
1230.00	
400.00	8,951.00
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Carols By Candelight Sales	4,134.60	
Albury Tigers	2,700.00	
Stanton & Killeen Gates	800.00	
Bank Interest	287.73	
River of Stories	2,433.65	
Polio Plus	74.00	
Bowel Scan	470.00	
Santa Clause	200.00	
RC of Yarrawonga .McDonald Donation	500.00	
Hume Vet Supplies Donation	300.00	
Other	2,610.25	23,461.23

#### Expenses

#### Donations

Donations			
Kitenden Pre School	3,000.00		
Dreamfields	2,000.00		
CSU Scholarship	1,000.00		
Belvoir Special School	1,000.00		
Wewak	1,000.00		
PCYC Young Offenders	1,000.00		
PCYC Midnight Basketball	1,000.00		
Kalianna	1,000.00		
Disaster Aid Australia	1,000.00		
Carer's Accomodation	1,000.00		
Bravehearts	500.00		
Carevan	500.00		
Albury Gang Show	500.00		
COBS	500.00		
Alzheimers Australia	500.00		
Country Hope	500.00		
Albury Border Rescue	500.00		
Diabetes Foundation	450.00		
Murray Darling Research	450.00		
Solar car Challenge	300.00		
Matthew Ward	100.00	18,430.00	
River of Stories		3,723.00	
John McDonald Medical Scholarship		2,209.00	
St Pauls College		600.00	

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Dennis Martin Treasurer

24,332.00

## Club Service



#### **CLUB SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT 2013**

The Club Service Projects portfolio sometimes is confused with Club Service, but it is quite different. The Club Service Projects portfolio is to help develop projects in all the categories of activity in which our club becomes involved. It embraces community service, vocational service international service as well as internal members projects.

This year again our club did undertake some new projects as well as maintaining all of our established projects from previous years. There have been four major projects undertaken this year all intending to give help and support to different communities in need of help.

Kintende School Project - Tanzania- This programme was introduced by Howard Hinde's wife Debra and with Howard being the driving force behind promoting the project it has become a very successful international project. With individual sponsors and financial support from our club and Rotary the project has raised about \$30,000. This allowed the school to open and cater for 56 children in an outback area in Africa with sufficient funds to cover the first two years of operation.

Dreamfields – Thurgoona.- This project gave support to an event designed to provide entertainment to teenage youth in a drug and alcohol free environment and to encourage them by example that they can have fun without drugs and alcohol. Physical support came from several members of our club including Dan Sawyer and Nicole Doughty as well as our financial support. This project also allowed us to involve the recently formed Rotaract club as well as other members of the community.

Padman Drive Resting Place- Albury.- Tony Brandt saw this opportunity. A start has been made on the project in conjunction with Albury City Council and Bunnings. A working bee has commenced clearing the site and it will continue into next year before completion.

Gapuwiyak School- Arnhem land

This project was brought to us by Rod Bramich and is to assist in opening an op-shop at the school for clothing . it is a simple and easy way to help a remote area indigenous school.

Some of existing projects continued through this year are:

Midnight basketball- Community Service and Education

River of Stories Education

Debating Teams Education

Easter Hampers and Christmas Cakes Community Service

Carols by Candle Light Community Service and Fund Raising

Footy Gates Members

Footy Tipping Members

BBQ's Fund raising for Community

**Donations** 

Bowel Scanning Community Service

These and other projects may be covered in more detail in other director's reports. There are some new projects under consideration at present which will develop further in the next Rotary year.

Social Fun Run- Fund Raising and Community Service

Padman Drive Resting Place- Community Service

District Governors wife project - Community Service

Projects are important to keep members and particularly new members active and involved in worthwhile activities. They also offer the opportunity of fellowship among members to keep our club vibrant.

Thank you to all club members who have helped with our many projects this year.

Roger Lescun Club Service Projects Director

### Community Service



It is amazing how, if things are put into place, how well they can workout smoothly Nicole has been in employment where it was very difficult to have any free time for Rotary but she knew there would be lots of willing helpers to carry on with the community service

#### Our main projects - The Barbecues -

These have only been managed so well with the wonderful rostering skills of Paul Armstrong and we are continually amazed at his patience with the number of changes that happen each week. Also thanks Terry and Dennis for stock control and care of trailer

Barbecues over the last year have been

Harvey Norman – monthly

Bunnings -twice a year

Type 1 Diabetics' Day

Million Paws Walk

Pets Day for the council

Community charity day in Botanical garden

Australia Day

#### Other Major Programmes have been

Footy Gates – not sure if this is social or work

River Stories which I am sure Barry will do a report but this man is a genius at running this program almost single handed

Midnight Basketball with special thanks to Roger Lescun and Rodney Bramich

**Easter Hampers** for our "shut ins'. This is a wonderful opportunity for all members to meet and talk to people in our community who very rarely come out their front door.

Our **Christmas Cakes (** with our wonderful cook Barbara Haberfield) are placed on the trays of "Meals on Wheels" patrons who don't have family for Christmas

We also had fun on Graffiti Removal Day, cleaning up area in riverside terrace, support Country Hope, sponsoring and judging the solar car challenge, Dreamfields Festival, Rotary Hat Day and Movember (with Stan, Dan Darren and Gordon.)

We helped entertain and support a group of New Zealand Rotary Earthquake survivors

We also have some individual members who have encouraged us to support their projects;

- **1.Howard Hinde (** with Terry Simmonds help) has been successful in getting his international preschool project up and running
- 2. **Rodney Bramich** who is helping a school in Arnhem land start a Opportunity Shop Our last fundraiser for this year was the **Winery Walkabout** which was on long weekend in June.

Thank you for all the help given (especially Anne McNaught who managed to join all things together for the Easter hampers) when I broke my ankle.

Please keep the quality magazines (left in surgeries and given to places like McDonald House) and small toiletries (given to Carevan) coming in, as voluntary organisation is really grateful for these

Thank you from Nicole and myself. You are a wonderful club and you are always willing to put your hand up when asked. We are proud to be members of Albury Hume

Julie Frauenfelder & Nicole Doughty

## Vocational / New Generations



Again under the stewardship of Roger Beardwell, Albury Hume Rotary Club supported Xavier High School and St Paul's High School in the Ian Murphy Memorial Debating Competition during the year. This competition is open for students from Year 11 throughout the District and we were very proud to have St Pauls through to the District finals this year.

The Inaugural Dr John McDonald Medical Scholarships were this year awarded to first-year medical students Loran Towell and Maddie Bullock. Rather than cash awards, the Club provided the students with iPads, medical devices and text books necessary for their study. We acknowledge the support and \$500 donation from the Rotary Club of Mulwala/Yarrawonga.

Going forward into 2014, the club voted to participate in the Youth Exchange program, and a young local man James Richardson was selected during an interview process as the Club's outbound exchange student. We still need to find a Counsellor for James to help him prepare for a year away – he hopes to go to France, and has been studying French for several years. Nobody in James' family has travelled outside Australia, so he is in for a 'magnifique' year abroad. We will have plenty of chances to meet James and assist him with the preparation before he goes.

We await confirmation of our inbound student in January, and are still in need of several families to assist with the hosting.

Vocational visits were organised to the opening of the impressive new Albury St John Ambulance centre in February and the Wodonga Cube Entertainment precinct in April.

It is also great to regularly see a sizeable team of Albury Hume members participating in the regular Chamber of Commerce networking meetings. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the wider business community and wear your Rotary pins with pride.

Although the club's support of 'Dreamfields Music festival' was not a commercial success this year, it gave the club a lift in profile with the Albury Rotaract Club and an opportunity to support a worthwhile youth event that went on without any problems. The Dreamfields organisers were very appreciative of Rotary's support, both financially and administratively.

Big thanks go out to the core team running Midnight Basketball at the PCYC. This Friday night program can be very hard to find volunteers to score and act as bus stewards prepared to give up their Friday nights. I would like to sincerely thank all the MNBB volunteers over the past year.

We had no applications this year from any students wishing to participate in the school Science programs despite pushing these fantastic New Generations programs with Xavier and St Pauls High Schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to promote service above self through the past year as a Director. Thanks for the support from Directors and members. It has been an honour and tremendous pleasure to be part of the team.

Dan Sawyer Chairman



During the 12 months since 1 July 2012, we conducted 19 BBQs which provided the Club with \$8,350.95 in net proceeds. Thanks should go to all the members who helped to man these barbeques, not to mention our roster specialist, Paul Armstrong, as well as Graham Fuller, who allows us to store the Barbeque trailer at his place.

#### Events were:

• Au	ustralia Day	\$1,	,140.15
• Ri	ver of Stories	\$	233.65
• Di	abetes Walk	\$	438.20
• Pe	ets in the Park	\$	591.75
• Bu	ınnings	\$	565.30
• Ch	nristmas Carols	\$	311.55
<ul> <li>Pa</li> </ul>	aws Walk	\$	749.80
• Ha	arvey Norman (12)	\$4	,320.55

Terry



This year, our Club commenced the largest International project undertaken for many years.

The project was to organize the funding to reopen a preschool in the Tanzanain Village of Kitenden.

Kitenden is a Maasai village situated at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro and has a population of about 800. The preschool was built a number of years ago but had been closed because the East African drought had reduced the income of the village to the point where the village community could not fund the preschool operations.

The Maasai children speak Maa which is a verbal language but not written. In Tanzania the language for Primary and Secondary schools is Kiswahili and unless the children are taught Kiswahili at an early age,

they will face enormous difficulty with further education. Thus our project was very straight forward – to provide funding for a period of two years to restore the preschool building and reopen the educational facilities and employ the staff necessary to educate and nourish an initial class of 40 children.

The costs involved for the project were –

- Repair and renovate the building at a cost of \$4000. This funding was provided by the family of one of our members.
- Annual Operating Costs of \$12,300, about \$310 for each child. Our Club has committed \$3000 for each year. The balance will be provided by 34 Class Sponsorships of \$310 each committed by 9 individual Club members and one individual member matching the commitment of those 9 Club members. The other 16 commitments have been made by friends and family of club members.

The fundraising result is an outstanding result for our Club. The Villagers of Kitenden have expressed their utmost gratitude to all involved.

The operating funding will support the employment of 2 teachers, 2 cooks, a gardener and a security guard. The children will be given two meals each day to help alleviate malnutrition.

The program is overseen by the Future Warriors Project which is a charity for the advancement of Maasai people, based in Brisbane and registered in Tanzania. Future Warriors provided us with a report on the refurbishment and will provide a report at the end of each quarterly preschool term.

The teachers and other staff commenced on 4<sup>th</sup> February and the preschool opened with 35 children on 25<sup>th</sup> February. The success of the project can be measured by the fact that there are now 54 children attending the school, some of whom are from other villages and they walk up to 30 minutes to school.

The additional children in excess of the budget of 40 will cost about \$100 each for the rest of this year for their food which will be covered by the budget contingency allowance.

Our Club has applied for a District Grant of \$3000 to match our contribution. If successful this grant will be used fund an increase in students or to partially fund Solar Power for the village Health Clinic. All our club members and class sponsors are delighted with, and justly proud of, the success of this project and look forward to the future reports of the progress of the first year of the preschool.











Membership of the club stands at 40. This year we have welcomed 5 new members to the club. Unfortunately, we have said goodbye to 4 members. We have two 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 - Stan Somers, David Gordon, Vicki Gray, Nikki Grae and Marianne Warren.

It is clear that the best conduit for the attraction of new members is through the friends and acquaintances of existing members. Also, it is apparent that prospective members benefit from being visitors to one or two of our meetings so that they can see what we do and meet some other members. This helps ensure that new members know what the club does, how they can be involved and whether this is something they can commit some time towards.

To assist efforts in attracting new members, the club's membership booklet was finalised and a number of copies have been printed for distribution to prospective members. Thank you to Barry Young, Julie Frauenfelder and Steve McKewen for this.

We have enjoyed great fellowship throughout the year. Having stabilised our membership base at the magical 40, we look forward next year to surpassing this number!

Gordon Shaw Membership director



## Attendance



I must admit sitting and feeling quite smug amongst other club officers at the Rotary Leadership Institute District forum last December. Albury Hume was quite steady at 40 financial members with good attendance ratios and most of the other clubs were voicing concerns over their membership and ability to engage. Some clubs were even talking about some pretty drastic measures to build their club numbers, and shared the pain they were facing when trying to get numbers to club and community service projects.

Times have caught up with us. Maybe the GFC or the fact that we are all ageing has caught up with us? Entering 2013 our attendance at club meetings has tailed off to the point of concern from our SS&A hosts who have embarrassingly over-catered for us on many occasions. Even the biggest appetites couldn't make a dent on some of the lunches.

I have tried to keep on top of your Make Ups, which often does mean sifting weekly through the BBQ rosters, Midnight Basketball and footy gates attendances and other service activities. Apologies to those who may have not been counted, but I have asked to receive Make Ups from you at the door and via emails.

The Board accepted Leaves of Absence over 2012-2013 from Nicole Doughty, Stan Somers, Nikki Grae, Rod Bramich, Ben Brnudusic, Anne McNaught and Gary Woods.

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

Justin Clancy 2 Julie Frauenfelder 11 Dan Sawyer 1
Alice Glachan 4 Ron Haberfield 21 Peter Lee 2
Roger Lescun 8 Dennis Martin 2 Terry Simmonds 6
Barry Young 11 Ian Harrison 1 Dennis Hickey 1
Howard Hinde 1

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

Dan Sawyer Attendance Officer



This year started with great plans to have an organised year but circumstances made it impossible

With all this we still managed to have a fairly productive year socially and many of our fundraising functions ended being more social than work

Activities organised this year included a visit to the cinema to see **Mental** followed by dinner at Lal Pachette

**Stanton and Killeen** (with our own member Wendy Killeen) provided us with a fun filled night tasting her wines and eating some fine food with plenty of social chit chat

**Christmas breakup** is always full of surprises and fun at the S.S.A club with the wonderful organising from Barry Young. Presents for young and old are often a surprise and give a hint to our Rotarians behavior outside of rotary. Also our **1**<sup>st</sup> **meeting back** after Christmas is held a Hovell tree park with this year's surprise being Roger Snell and his lovely lady Judy's announcement of their engagement

**District Conference** at Ballarat also provided a fun weekend away for some members and spouses as well as chance to network and compare ideas

Another wine and food night at Le Maison for **Valentine's Day** saw us eat delicious food and have great company as was our **Seriously Pink** night which was a fundraiser as well as social. Our guest speakers were Dr. Kerrie Clarke and Jonathon Lewin

Howard put on a **barbecue** at his property to thank all who helped in his project "Kitendi". Besides being a wonderful day weather wise, it also was a great family day

At our latest function we were able to host a luncheon for the honorable Michael Kirby which was held at Murray Gardens Retirement Village

I would like to thank all the members who helped in putting on these functions during the year especially Barry Young who continues to come up with bright new surprises for both our Christmas and Changeover Dinners each year.

Julie Frauenfelder



## River of Stories Secondary School Writing and Poetry Competition

#### **Co-coordinator – 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 endeavor 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

!4 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Budge for 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

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) - traveling 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 11th year and still growing.

Barry Young Coordinator



Each year when I look back over the list of guest speakers we have had through the year I realise that some of our best presentations have come from our own members.

It is always interesting to hear the history and interests of our members and to share some of the enthusiasm they have for what they do. This year we had eight of our members make presentations on their special interests and thumbnail sketches of their history. Our new members were Nicki Grae, Dan Sawyer, Karen Tremonti, Ben Brndusic, David Gordon and Marianne Warren. Our "old" members were Howard Hinde, Kintende and Tony Brandt –Wodonga TAFE. Unfortunately we did not hear from some of our world travellers this year but I am hoping we can encourage them next year.

We have also had some outstanding guest speakers through the year, too many to name but they are listed in the year's activities. Most notable of course was the special lunch and address from Michael Kirby at Murray Gardens. Recently our guest was the new general manager of Albury City Council, Frank Zaknich informing us regarding the city budget 2013.

Our guest speakers have provided a wide variety of interesting and informative topics and this will continue next year.

Also included at various intervals through the year have been Rotary specific topics to keep members informed of the work of Rotary nationally and internationally. For example Interplast, the District Governors visit, Polio Plus and the local cancer centre.

A new inclusion in our programme this year was more frequent mini-club assemblies. Unfortunately this did not prove to be popular and feedback from members has been that they would prefer quality guest speakers rather than more assemblies.

Providing a good programme of weekly information on club activities and reports as well as quality guest speakers is an essential part of our club. It provides members with an incentive to be regular attendees to hear the interesting and entertaining guest speakers that are arranged each week, and to keep involved in club activities.

Finally I would like to thank those members who have suggested guest speakers through the year and in particular those who have agreed to be our guest speaker when asked, including our new members. Your assistance is appreciated and has contributed to a successful programme during this past year. Thank you all.

Roger Lescun Programme Director.

Date	Speaker-Subject
6/07/2012	Changeover
11/07/2012	Niki Grae - Country Hope
18/07/2012	DG John Gatt - Offfical District Governors Visit
25/07/2012	Club Assembly
1/08/2012	Sup't Beth Stirton- Albury Police- The Law In Albury
8/08/2012	Paul Bell - District 9790 Chairman of Interplast
15/08/2012	Matthew & Sally Ward - A quite achiever
22/08/2012	Dan Sawyer - Social media
29/08/2012	, Mini Club Assembly
5/09/2012	Ian Murphy Debate Xavier High v Wodonga Senior Secondary College
12/09/2012	NZ Christchurch Group - Hand of Friendship
19/09/2012	Keith martin - Alb/Wod Carer Accommodation fund raising
26/09/2012	Mini Club Assembly - Kitende Pre School and other issues
3/10/2012	Members Thumbnails - Karin Ttremonti and Darren Halcrow
10/10/2012	David Dart - CEO of Medicare Local
17/10/2012	Aqua Box Presentation (Ian Thomas - Eltham) and Hat day
24/10/2012	Greg Pearl - Project Manager Cancer Centre
31/10/2012	Dr Peter Vine - Medical School
7/11/2012	Clayton Wood - Wod. Saints Football and Netball Club
14/11/2012	Marg Docking - Wise Choices for Life
21/11/2012	Annual General Meeting
28/11/2012	Sergio de Marchi Manager Blood Collection Centre
5/12/2012	Dr Stuart Spring - CEO Albury Wodonga Health
12/12/2012	Colin Darts _ Pres. RSL, Director SS&A, Chair Legacy
19/12/2012	Christmas Luncheon with guest entertainer.
26/12/2012	No Meeting
2/01/2013	No Meeting
9/01/2013	Social Evening Picnic Meeting Hovell Tree Reserve
16/01/2013	Colin Darts RSL and 50th Anniversary Vietnam War
23/01/2013	Tony Brandt - Wodonga TAFE
30/01/2013	Scatter Meeting -Visit other clubs to experience making up-
6/02/2013	Club Assembly
13/02/2013	Craig Dent - Dreamfields Festival 2013
20/02/2013	Martin Williams - The Red Cross Organisation
27/02/2013	Ben Brndusic - Thumbnail
6/03/2013	David Thurley - Astronomy Albury Wodonga and the Universe
13/03/2013	Sylvia McAra - Podiatrist - Diabetes research
20/03/2013	District Conference Reports by Attendees
27/03/2013	Mini Club Assembly
3/04/2013	John McDonald Medical Scholarship award presentation
10/04/2013	Kedar Bhutanese Community leader
17/04/2013	Tour of the Wodonga Cube prior to Lunch
24/04/2013	PENNY & GABBY (Mother Daughter) Value of Rotary Youth Exchange
2/05/2013	Michael Kirby Luncheon
8/05/2013	Marrianne Warren - UPA Homes
15/05/2013	Ashley Aragon - Head Space
22/05/2013	Club Assembly
29/05/2013	Caddie Russell - Albury Supported Accommodation Services Inc.
5/06/2013	Dominic Sommers- Mentoring Youth with learning difficulties
12/06/2013	Frank Zaknich- General Manager Albury City - Budget 2013
19/06/2013	Trank Zakilicii: General Manager Albury City - buuget 2013
28/06/2013	Change over
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#### Midnight Basketball

Midnight Basketball Albury is part way through its 4th year with tournament 7 concluding on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013. The program continues to grow with >70 kids participating in this tournament

#### **Background**

Midnight Basketball is held on a Friday or Saturday evening, the most at risk time for youth. This is because typically there is a lack of services and activities on these evenings. Each tournament runs for 8 weeks and there are 2 tournaments per year. Midnight Basketball commenced in the USA in the 1980's. The first Midnight Basketball program in Australia was launched in Redfern Sydney in 2007 and was such a success the program spread nationally. There are now 19 locations' running Midnight Basketball throughout Australia and growing. This includes Albury which commenced its first program in February 2010.

The introduction of Midnight Basketball to Albury was an initiative of the Rotary Club of Albury Hume. Partners include all rotary clubs in Albury and Lavington, Albury City, Carevan, The PCYC, Kalianna and YES Youth Services.

#### **The Program**

Through a combination of basketball tournaments and life skills workshops, we aim to offer an intervention that:

- Contributes to community and individual capacity building,
- Engages a diverse social mix of young people in its programs,
- Is sustainable over time.

In meeting these aims Midnight Basketball Australia believes it will make a positive contribution to:

- Providing young people with a safe, healthy and positive environment at times when they may be vulnerable to harmful and anti-social behaviour;
- Combating drug, alcohol and other physical abuse by young people;
- Supporting the learning needs of young people and providing them with encouragement to participate in mainstream society and their local community;

- Providing positive role models and reinforcing the importance of self esteem among young people;
- Diverting young people in areas of need from the risk of anti-social and criminal behaviour.

#### Why basketball ??

The most common question and a good one.

Basketball is a fast and inclusionary game. While the actual sport is not important per se, Basketball is actually the only sport that caters for all our requirements and fits with our inclusionary culture: it caters to all areas of sporting ability (some sports require a high level of skill which would exclude some players), is a magnet to both genders and ages, provides great mentoring opportunities (the older players mentor the younger players in their team), is played on basketball courts (which are small enough to house indoors), and is held inside which is important from a safety and climate (eg, rain, darkness) perspective - given we are looking after 60 youth till midnight these are all important to creating our happy, high energy and safe environments.

#### Why Midnight ??

The second most asked question and also a good one.

The program commences at 7.30pm and the kids are taken home to their door by at midnight. Our experience is that the youth participants of Midnight Basketball go home exhausted and happy. This is a benefit to all. If the program were held to finish earlier in the evening the youth may end up back out on the streets, benefiting no one.

The Albury program has had some significant highlights.

- The workshop program is amazing and focuses on healthy bodies and teamwork. The kids are engaged each week
- Reece Mastin, the X-Factor winner, made a surprise appearance when in Albury. Many of the kids will remember this for a long time.
- Lauren Jackson and the Canberra Capital also made a surprise appearance, and were great as they mixed with the kids all night.
- There are some great examples of kids that have grown during the 4 years of the program.
- Some participants are now participating in mainstream basketball teams.
- We have more volunteers than ever before.
- Midnight Basketball has now been established in Wodonga, which is a positive reflection on the Albury experience.

## Rotary Club of Albury Hume Weekly Bulletin

#### Wednesday 29th May 2013

Meeting 1784 website ... http://www.rotaryclubofalburyhume.com.au/

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 ... Paul Armstrong continues to supply 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 progammes/guest speakers throughout the year.

It is disappointing that all board members don't use the bulletin to its advantage to explain or advise of the work they are doing. The exception is Roger Beardwell who always keeps us fully informed about our debating teams.

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 clubs web site rotaryclubofalburyhume.com.au that was commenced in early 2012 by our member AG Terry Simmonds. At our Clubs website all bulletins can be accessed by just clicking on the bulletin date listed and imputing the password.

We have aimed to keep the bulletin interesting with a mix of information that will keep members reading it. Unfortunately not everybody does read it and if you are one of those members we would appreciate your feedback as to what can be done to improve it.

Finally thanks to the bulletin committee for their dedication ... "apprentice" lan Harrison and Peter Merkesteyn for their willingness to step in during my absence. We still need a couple more members to come onto the committee so as to spread the workload and bring new ideas for the future.

My best wishes to Peter Lee as he steps into a second presidency, also to his board, for an enjoyable and rewarding year in Rotary.

Ron Haberfield Chairman



The comings and goings of our members are far too many to report but we had some wonderful feed back at our club programs from the travelers.

The Club was devastated after facing both, the loss of a fine Rotarian John McDonald, and then we lost a long serving and wonderful Rotarian, Alan Hodge. We miss them.

A number of members and their loved ones have had health problems during the year but thankfully all are coping well and I am so thankful in my capacity as Welfare Officer that our club devotes so much caring and love to all members and families.

Our member achievement outside the square of Rotary has been outstanding complimenting the character of our members and our Rotary standards and beliefs. You survey the list of our members and in every case you find that members give something of their heart, mind and capacity to other organization all reaching out to the needs and the betterment of our community.

The volume of activity has been a highlight of the year supported by excellent meetings, programs, community service fun and fun and fellowship. President Peter Lee and his hard working board are to be complimented for a great year in our Club History.

Welfare Officer Barry Young





Ticket sales for the year \$1984

50% of the prize pool \$992

25% to Rotary Foundation \$496

25% to District Governors Lady's charity \$496

The balance to Club's 'General Account' to pay prize monies.

The Joker was won once this year, with Vicky Gray winning the maximum payout of \$500.

Thank you to all for your contribution to the Joker Poker this year. My thanks also to those who have helped out as the stand-in Joker and to all those who have dipped into their pockets for such a worthy cause!

Justin Clancy
Joker Poker





This year the duties of Sgt at Arms were carried out by the same team as last year Steve, Geoff and myself. Whilst I may have delivered the session on most occasions, always there were input and support from the other members of the team and I thank them for their contribution.

Apart from raising money from fines, the sergeant's session is aimed at providing some humour to the meeting and to show that all of us have imperfections in our character or actions either real or imaginary. The four way test of Rotary doesn't always apply to the accuracy of the sergeant's session. In exposing these issues, 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.

An examination of the accounts will no doubt reveal that total fines collected are less than expected. Low attendance at weekly meetings makes it difficult to meet fine expectations and I urge all members to try and make it to the weekly meetings. Rotary needs your money.

The other unnoticed part of the sergeant's duties is to prepare the meeting room and pack the equipment away afterwards. I must thank Denis Martin and Ian Harrison for their efforts in this area. They do it time and time again without being asked.

Dennis Hickey

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