



**ROTARY CLUB
OF
PARKWOOD Inc.
President's Report
District 9640
Australia**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2004-2005

This centennial year, a year of celebrations, I would like to thank all the members of the club for their support and efforts during the year.

In particular I would like to thank the members of this Rotary Centennial Board, John Smith as President Elect, Maxine Cooper as Secretary, Mark Kent as Community Services Director, Doug McClelland as Treasurer, Sel Hardy as Youth and Rotary Family Director, Allison Apps as Vocational Services Director and Peter Richards as International Services Director.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to Doug Thomas for his continued support in keeping the club informed assisted by Mike Coghlan during his time of absence.

It has been a difficult year both personally and professionally for me, which has required a special effort from the Board and I appreciate it very much.

I would like to wish John Smith and his Board the best of luck for the first year in the new Century of Rotary International.

Klaus Mikschi
PRESIDENT
2004-2005

CLUB SERVICE REPORT 2004-2005

We welcomed new members, Mark Twyford, David Hickie and Honorary Member Councillor Rob Mulhoek.

Doug Thomas has continued doing an excellent job as our bulletin editor ably assisted by Mike Coghlan.

Bill Pavey maintains our very popular Rotary website. During the year we had Bill speak on our website and that of Rotary International to familiarise members with the benefits and links Bill has incorporated into the site. Bill's service to the club in this regard is exemplary.

In response to the State Government Legislation on child protection all members were encouraged to complete an application for "Blue Card Registration" during the course of a club assembly.

Through President Klaus and his wife, Susan, we were entertained by a very high quality of guest speakers throughout the year. Mark Twyford has recently taken over the organisation role for our guest speakers.

From a personal point of view I once again gave a presentation at the request of Volunteer Gold Coast in respect of the law and how it relates to volunteers.

John Smith
CLUB SERVICES DIRECTOR
2004 -2005

TREASURER'S REPORT 2004-2005

We have had a very active year including the a Youth Exchange Student, an increase in District and International dues, donations to local community groups, our participation in centennial projects, our participation in raising funds at the Domayne Sausage Sizzle and our support of other youth and international programs.

All in all the club finances remain strong with a total income for year of \$29,582.51 and total expenses for the year of \$29,693.45. The closing balance in our Community for is \$9,063.25 a small decrease of \$110.95.

We look forward to the club supporting the activities planned by the incoming Board in raising and donating funds.

Doug McClelland
TREASURER
2004-2005

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT 2004-2005

The focus of this year's community directorate was to make endeavours to have our club become more involved in the local community and enhance its presence on both an individual and at a public level.

Discussions with the Arundel State School ensued and we learned that they are in need of ground works and the required construction of a small garden area for the special education unit within the school grounds. Plans were drawn by the students and materials sourced. With the assistance of Dave Rolle we have determined the most effective way of commencing the project and expect to make a start in a few weeks. The club has decided to "adopt" Arundel State school to enable works to be carried out on an ongoing basis.

The club has also proceeded with the Community raffle again this year but with a little more intensity. The raffle is sponsored by Harvey Norman with first prize being a \$25000.00 shopping spree at Harvey Norman. Each member has received 50 tickets and the club receives \$1.00 per ticket. If all are sold, hopefully around \$1000.00 will be raised for the club with all other proceeds going to Gold Coast charities.

At this launch I met David Jones, a local man with 5 children the youngest of which suffers from autism and leukaemia necessitating a bone marrow transplant. The donor was his 17 year old brother. David has had to give up work to support the family and approached the club with a request for a TV/Video combination unit. The club is still endeavouring to source same as their manufacture is limited.

The Community Service Committee and the entire club have also been involved in fundraising barbeques at Domayne at Bundall every eight weeks or so. Through Brian Knowles' connection with Ashmore Rotary who runs the operation, we have secured a place on their roster which is expected to continue into 2006. These barbeques not only provide the club with much needed funds (around \$300.00 each time) but they are also are a great source of camaraderie for members and their families. A special thank you to Ken Bonython who orchestrated most of these events this year for me.

Thanks to my committee and all members who have given up their weekend time to assist in these projects.

Mark Kent
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR
2004-2005

YOUTH SERVICE & FAMILY OF ROTARY REPORT 2004-2005

Parkwood Rotary Club has again excelled in promoting Rotary's services to youth to help our young and fine citizens excel and help them to progress and become future leaders in our Community.

This year the Club nominated Billie-Jo Colman who attended RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) from 29th January to the 4th February at Camp Bornhoffen.

The Club sponsored an attendee nominated by Margaret Grummit to RYPEN at Camp Bornhoffen in April 2005. RYPEN

Yet again the Club and Rotaract members from Griffith University Rotaract Club collected for the Qld Cancer Fund raising over \$1400-00.

The Club also promoted the District's Public Speaking Competition by conducting a public speaking competition in November 2004 and selected Natasha Bosanac, a student from Somerset College as the Club's nominee at the District finals. The Club was very impressed with the standard of presentations by the six public speakers."

The Club also participated in Rotary Exchange and have only recently said goodbye to Krissy Siegfried who spend 12 months with our Club and thanks to the families who took care of Krissy during her stay in Australia.

The Club also sponsored Emila HO who attended the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. The attendee spent two weeks living in and being exposed to a balanced program showing modern developments in Science and Technology in such a way as to assist them to solve their career options. The Forum assists develop potential future leaders of Australian Science and a sense of personal commitment and understanding of opportunities and an excitement about their futures.

I thank the members for the support I received this year and wish Mike Bottomley and his Committee for another successful year in 2005-2006.

Sel Hardy
YOUTH/FAMILY DIRECTOR
2004-2005

VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 2004-2005

During the last 12 months the club has enjoyed a couple of interesting visits organised by the Vocational Director.

Firstly, a tour of the Gold Coast Institute of Tafe, Tourism and Hospitality School. The head chef in the Institute's 5 star restaurant hosted members of the club and allowed us to tour the kitchens and back of house facilities. Club members were introduced to a number of apprentice chefs – one of whom is a deaf student who was assisted during her course by a volunteer "signer". The club members then enjoyed a three course

meal served to us by the wait staff that is in training at the school. Some of these students are combining their love of surfing and golf in tandem with a tourism and hospitality course.

Our next factory visit was to the Carlton United Brewery site at Yatala. Club members were transported around the large ultra modern site and our young and very informative guide proudly showed us the latest multi million dollar renovations that have only recently been completed. We were treated to a few free beverages prior to a delicious meal.

Our fund raiser has been a Joker Raffle which although only proceeding for a couple of months has raised over \$800.00. Hopefully, the jackpot will continue with a large pot of money to be won in the future by a lucky Rotarian and equal funds poured back into the club for distribution to our various projects.

Alison Apps
VOCATIONAL SERVICES DIRECTOR
2004-2005

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 2004-2005

This year we were fortunate enough to have a very close experience with Group Study Exchange (GSE). From here we were fortunate to find Colleen Fish through Mike Coghlan at the Gold Coast Airport who was interested in applying to become a GSE team member. Colleen was successful and travelled as part of the District 9640 GSE Team to Switzerland. Our club enjoyed a couple of wonderful presentations by Colleen prior to her departure and again upon her return. The GSE Team visiting from Switzerland District 1980 also presented at the club on 3rd May 2005.

The District 9640 Youth Exchange Program (YEP) has been well supported by the club over the past year. We welcomed Krissy Siegried from Illinois, USA who had a great time during her visit which included her playing in the Orchestra for the Jeckyl and Hyde performances at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. We were also fortunate to be able to support Jacob May in his application to travel abroad as part of YEP. Jacob is already in Germany and we hope to hear from him soon.

Last but by no means least our club's contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Brian Knowles continues to organise the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" function which raised more than \$1,000 recently sent to the Rotary Foundation.

Peter Richards
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES DIRECTOR
2004-2005



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The Incoming Board for 2005 – 2006 are:

President	John Smith
President Elect	Mark Kent
Treasurer	Doug McClelland
Secretary	Lisa Murdoch
Community	Ken Bonython
Youth & Family	Mike Bottomley
Vocational	Alison Apps
International	Karyn Joyner
Past President	Klaus Mikschi

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