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***THE ROTARY CLUB OF CABRAMATTA INC***

***ANNUAL REPORTS***

***2006—2007***

***AS PRESENTED AT***

***CHANGEOVER NIGHT***

***MONDAY, 23rd July 2007***

***AT***

***Oakpoint Room Liverpool Golf Club  
Hollywood Drive Lansvale***

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF CABRAMATTA INC

### PRESIDENTS REPORT 2006–2007

It seems like only a few weeks ago that I took over the helm of our great little club. We have been very busy and accomplished all we set out to do. I would like to thank Past President Boris and his board for leaving the club in good order after a very enjoyable conference year.

We started the year with the intention of raising funds to purchase a modified vehicle for Jenny Wilcockson, a teacher who succumbed to a virus while volunteering as a teacher in the Cook Islands.

With the boards agreement we approached several schools and our good friends and allies the Cabramatta Senior Citizens to see if they would be interested in selling tickets in a Christmas Trailer Raffle. They were, and it was all hands on board to organize the trailer in time for the Chrysler show and shine day. We got off to a great start selling \$510 of tickets on that day. We eventually rose over \$15,000 and the whole thing was a success. Four of the schools received monies, Cabramatta High, Canley Vale High, Cabramatta Public and Green Valley Public. The Senior Citizens also received a commission on all tickets they sold.

I would personally like to thank George Roman for his assistance and input. Thanks also to Margaret and Robert Favelle, Kay and Peter Farrell, Max Law, Warren Colless, Julie and all those who supported the project

We had our usual catering days for the Chrysler Car Club and they were a great form of fellowship and fundraising. We were also involved with catering for Cabramatta Public schools International Day. Fairfield Council used our services at many of it's community projects, such as Domestic Violence Week. Whilst these were not fund raisers they were important in keeping the name of our Rotary Club out there in the community. I would like to thank all involved with these projects as they generally had little notice. The Favelle's, Farrell's, Max Bruce and Bill were all regulars.

We inducted three new members to our club during the year, Kay Farrell, Colin Chua and Gaye Day. I'm sure that over the years they will prove to be a great asset to our club.

The Rotary Club of Cabramatta has again shown it's commitment to young people with our continued support of youth exchange. Two inbound students, Caroline Brivall (France), Ronya Hostettler (Switzerland) and one outbound student, Nerida Michell (Switzerland), the support of RYPEN, RYLAR, National Youth Science forum, MUNA, High Schools Night, Primary Schools Night and more. Special Thanks to Past President Geoff Lumley and Past President Neil Houlton for handling these programs so well and to the host families of our students. It is the impressions that you leave with these young adults that help shape them in the future.



***THE END***

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**YOUTH SERVICE REPORT 2006—2007 (continued)**

**Ski Trip 2006**

As skiing conditions this year were extremely poor, no visit to the Snowy Mountains was arranged.

Fairfield and Cabramatta High School Principals attended the Police Officer of the Year Awards night on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

**Geoff Lumley**  
**Youth Service Director**

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**PRESIDENTS REPORT 2006–2007 (continued)**

The Red Shield Appeal was held in May this year and we were, I believe very successful. Although we did not reach our official total we did in fact raise our second best result ever, falling around \$1000 short of last years record. Although the weekend ran smoothly there is a lot of preparation in the months before hand. George Roman deserves special thanks for all his many hours of work in this regard. Without his input our result would be at least 30% less. As usual the seniors were there again. We are truly indebted to them. Thanks also to Don Houston for his cooking skills, thrifty rental for their continued support with the free use of a bus And the school children who helped by collecting.

The Police Officer of the Year Awards were held again and they were well supported with around 150 people attending the presentation night. Special thanks go to Past President Ray Begovich and his committee for an outstanding job, well done. Congratulations to Mark Doubleday and Sam Cognetta on your awards.

We finished off the year with a fund raising diner for Jenny. The night was a great success considering the small numbers in attendance. Around \$10,000 profit on the night was more than we expected and we were able to present Jenny with a new Kia Carnival. Thanks go to John Weyman for driving the project and his valuable help. Scott Gibbens, Mr. Sold, for his fantastic ability to extract money, Margaret Favelle, Kay Farrell and Colin Chua for all their organizational help. The financial support of Smithfield Inner Wheel Club, Liverpool West Rotary Club, South Sydney Rotary Club, Liverpool Greenway Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Central Blue is greatly appreciated. Peter Warren Kia and especially John Mimosso deserve special thanks for providing such a great deal, saving us around \$12,000 on the regular price.

We have also supported:  
Cabramatta Senior Citizens Club  
The Rotary Foundation  
Shelter Box  
The Salvation Army youth trip to Fiji  
Vietnamese Eye Project

I would now like to thank our partners. Without your help our club could not function the way it does. Your help at the catering days, Red Shield Appeal, Police Officer of the Year and all our functions is invaluable. Your support of the club and me personally is very much appreciated.

To my board and their committee's thank you for your support and the professional way you applied yourselves to your Directorships.

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF CABRAMATTA INC.

### PRESIDENTS REPORT 2006–2007 (continued)

To the members and honorary members of our club, thank you for all your input and support, for it is the sum of the parts that make the whole and alone we can do a little, together we are unstoppable. Have we made a positive difference to people's lives, now and in the future? Have we increased the profile of Rotary in the community? Have we had fun along the way? I believe the answer to these questions to be yes.

To Graham & Gail Shaw, your dedication to the publication of our newsletter throughout the year is most sincerely appreciated by me. I know you have had a lot to contend with in your private lives and it has not been at all easy.

I wish Margaret and her board all the best for the next year and offer my support if needed. I'm looking forward to a break and hope that after three times in the job I finally got it right.

**David Buterfield**  
President

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF CABRAMATTA INC

### CLUB SERVICE REPORT - 2006—2007

The Club has functioned successfully during this year. All committees have been active, and dedicated to their task.

#### **ATTENDANCE: Rtn Boris Satara**

Has encouraged members to attend club meetings or make up at other Clubs. Kept an accurate percentage record of members attendance, and sent our percentage monthly to the District Attendance Committee.

#### **CLUB BULLETIN: PP Graham Shaw**

This Committee has maintained a high standard of presentation and context, informing members of past and coming events, through committee reports covering the avenues of service. Diary dates appear every week to keep members informed well in advance. Each month Rotary International is featured such as "JUNE is Rotary Fellowship Month". Bulletins have been provided at every meeting and are made available to all absent members through mail or on the Internet.

#### **FELLOWSHIP: PDG Bill Little**

The club members have a strong commitment to the meaning of fellowship at meetings, social gatherings, District Conferences, working bees etc. Club guests and visitors are greeted with enthusiasm. There have been

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF CABRAMATTA INC

### ANNUAL REPORT - YOUTH SERVICES

I was pleased to be able to report to the club regarding programmes for the youth in our district for 2006-2007

#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Primary School night, on the 11th September, was attended by 14 of our local schools. Both student and teachers were entranced by the wild life officer Kelly Winnings from Australian Wildlife who spoke of the joys of an experience with live animals. The highlight of the evening was again the snake and the crocodile.

#### **WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH**

Our High Schools were once more invited to attend our evening 26th February with 2 students and one teacher from 6 of 12 local high schools attending. Our guest speakers were Carolyn Brivall and Ronya Hostettler, our Youth Exchange students from France and Switzerland, Alex Ngo (NYSF), Martin Pham (RYLA).

#### **RYPEN & RYLA**

In September 2006 and May 2007 students from Cabramatta High School attended the Rypen camp. These were Natasa Josipovic, Chheng Leand Kry and Carolyn Brivall Sept (2006), Chloe Vuong and Thanh Thao Do (May 2007). All reports indicate they found the camp impressive. We must invite them to a rotary meeting to enlighten us on their experience. Our nomination for the RYLA camp, Martin Pham, found the programme inspirational.

#### **NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM**

Our student for the 2007 programme was successful. Alex Ngo visited the club and gave us a presentation of his experience

#### **MUNA**

Bossley Park and Cabramatta High Schools sent students to the programme at Werrington. The club must invite these students to a club evening to thank them and hear their story.

#### **SCHOOL COMMUNITY AWARDS**

Awards and a \$50 prize were given to Canley Vale, Cabramatta, Fairfield and Bossley Park High Schools. Geoff Lumley and David Butterfield attended speech nights for their presentations.

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### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT - 2006—2007

Another year of International Service has come to an end with the main focus being on Youth Exchange.

Our year started with William Trinh entering the second half of his year in France and with the arrival of our inbound student Caroline Brivall also from France.

Rotary Clubs now need to be Certified to host Youth Exchange Students.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November a Certification Meeting was held at Penrith Bowling & Recreation Club and our Club was represented by President David Butterfield, PP John Grujovski ( who volunteered to be our Club Child Protection Officer ), and myself as International Service Director.

Our Club has met the criteria for future hosting.

Caroline gave her presentation to the members in November which was well received by the club.

In January William Trinh returned home from France , Ronya Hostettler arrived from Switzerland , and Nerida Michell left for her exchange in Switzerland.

Caroline & Ronya went on their Australian Safari in May and returned home on 18<sup>th</sup> June after a very enjoyable holiday.

Fiona Huynh has been selected by District for Youth Exchange in 2008 and attended her first training weekend at Blue Gum Lodge on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June and will possibly be going to Canada.

Caroline Brivall left our shores on 8<sup>th</sup> July for her return home.

I would sincerely like to thank the host families namely the Favelles, the Farrells, the Grujovski, the Trinhs, and the Michells without their help and assistance this program would not be possible. Thanks again for a wonderful job well done.

Thanks President David for a great year it has been a privilege to serve on your Board.

**PP Neil Houlton**  
International Service Director

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Monthly Fellowship evenings arranged at various restaurants with a good roll up of members and partners nearly every month.

#### **MAGAZINE: PP Graham Shaw**

Members are now receiving their R.D.U. magazine regularly.

#### **MEMBERSHIP: PP Geoff Lumley**

This year our membership is 18. We increased our membership by 3 with the induction of Kay Farelle, Colin Chua and Gaye Day but we were sad to accept PP Warren Colless's resignation.

#### **PROGRAMS: PE Margaret Favelle**

We have set programs such as Police Officer of the Year Awards Launch as well as Police Officer Awards Night, Exchange Students Caroline Brivall and Ronya giving us talks. We also have our High School Student's night and our Primary School Evening which are both represented by the local schools.

Changeover Night at Oakpoint Room Liverpool Golf Course Lansvale.

There were many partners nights to hear guest speakers, students or to celebrate the club's birthday. There were also combined Club meetings.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS: PP Ray Begovich**

The public have been well informed on all Rotary activities during the year through our schools program, catering, Police Officer of the Year Awards and Fairfield Council involvement etc.

#### **ROTARY INFORMATION: PDG Bill Little**

The Committee has given members and visitors information about Rotary. Members have been informed re developments in the administration and operation of Rotary International through the bulletin and District Governor's Newsletter.

#### **CLUB HISTORY: PP Bruce Ruston**

PP Bruce continues to update the club history and any news items or photos please forward onto him for inclusion.

#### **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: PP Max Law**

PP Max has had no trouble extracting money from members at meetings, with fines for just about anything and fines that he can't remember what he was fining you for. Often very amusing, thanks Max.

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**PP Graham Shaw**  
Club Service

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## **RUMBRIAH Hall**

The Rotary Club of Cabramatta became the custodians of the hall around 1974 after the original committee The Canley Heights Progress Association, decided to sign the hall over to the Rotary Club to ensure that it would continue to serve the local community as a meeting place. Originally it was an ex-army hut moved to the site around 1950 by the Progress Association.

The Rotary Club re-furnished the hall in 1977-78 with a new brick front entrance, new internal wall lining and landscaping etc. Over the years general maintenance work has been carried out to keep the hall going such as removing the old stage area and kitchen to give the hall more floor space.

The construction of a new storage area at the rear of the hall including concrete slab and pavement etc. Times are changing, as with the new laws of today's society such as OH&S we find the hall "Rumbriah" is no longer a viable proposition. After a lot of discussion the Rotary Club Board of Directors made the decision to close the hall to the public as from 1.7.2007, all tenants were advised to find other accommodation.

The future of the property is yet to be decided on. May we thank all those who have contributed much of their time and energy over many years to keep the hall operating such as Plumbers, Electricians, painters and handymen etc, and a special thanks to Vivian for her sterling effort as booking agent and caretaker for the past 20 + years.

## **PP Bruce Ruston**

### **THE ROTARY CLUB OF CABRAMATTA INC**

#### **VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT - 2006—2007**

In a small club such as ours it is difficult to become involved in some programs of a Vocational nature and to do them justice.

However, once again we organized a very successful Police Officer of the Year with the launch night held at the Cabramatta Bowling Club and the Awards night being at Club Marconi.

The roll up to the awards night was most encouraging with the Police Minister, Police Commissioner, Local State Member and the Mayor of Fairfield together with 47 nominees and their families and a strong representation from our club.

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Once again many thanks to PP George Roman for his hard work and invaluable assistance and also to Jean Howie for the production of the Program

## **PP Ray Begovich Vocational Service Director**

### **THE ROTARY CLUB OF CABRAMATTA INC**

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT - 2006—2007**

This year we were busy doing the usual catering for the Ford V8 Club at Silverwater Park and Chrysler days at Fairfield markets. We also catered for Fairfield Council Community Services with a Bar-B-que for the school children from Cabramatta Primary School to encourage the different cultures to mix. We cooked the sausages and the police organized the games. Other than being a very windy afternoon it was well organized by the council.

We helped by cooking a Bar-B-que for White Ribbon Day for the International Women against Domestic Violence at Canley Vale. I would like to personally thank the members and their partners for their continued support on these catering days with the early rises.

We participated with Bowelscan kits in three Pharmacies in Canley Vale and Canley Heights. We were well represented with the Red Shield Appeal again this year.

The Police Officer of the year was launched in May at Cabramatta Bowling Club and the Awards Night was held at Club Marconi and was again proven to be popular with the policemen and women themselves. We had a good responses from the sponsors with a couple of new ones coming on board.

The Club undertook a couple of bigger efforts during the year with the Christmas trailer raffle which bought in approximately \$12,000 with the help of the local schools and the Senior Citizens.

Then the Jenny Wilcockson's Benefit night which netted about \$7,000. Jenny was presented with her car on the night and it makes the effort worthwhile to see the joy on her face when given the keys.

Thank you to all the members and their partners for their continued support given to the club and the activities that have been carried out this year. Without your continued support and commitment the club would not be able to continue with service to the community and raise money for much needed organizations.

## **Margaret Favelle Community Service Director**

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