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

***ANNUAL REPORTS***

***2007—2008***

***AS PRESENTED AT***

***CHANGEOVER NIGHT***

***MONDAY, 30TH JUNE 2008***

***AT***

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

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF CABRAMATTA INC

### PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007–2008

I am very proud to have been given the opportunity to serve the Rotary Club of Cabramatta as President and the first female President of the Club. I found the beginning very daunting as I have had “big shoes” to follow. The previous Presidents have been members of the Club for a great number of years and plenty of experience which I am still learning. I must say I have learnt quiet a lot this year. I do know that I did not get to accomplish all I started out to do.

I was keen to get together with a country club and work with this club so that the country folk would know that in hard times that the city people do care. Through a friend who was a Past District Governor for District 9700 we came up with the small town of Boorowa. I made contact with the President of the Rotary Club, Mr Geoff Mackney and also the community nurse Kay Nash. We had been asked to help the Rotary Club put on the Carols by Candlelight, their sponsors had pulled out, so we decided at a board meeting to donate \$1,000.00. this was not necessary as another sponsor came up with the money.

On 16th December 2007 PDG Bill and Irene Little, Ronya Hostettler our Swiss exchange student and Robert and myself visited Boorowa with a trailer full of Qantas blankets, men's pyjamas and shave kits. We met up with Kay Nash and were taken through the aged care facility of the hospital hostels and units. Here we gave out the blankets, shave kits and to the men pyjamas. We donated 10 food hampers that had been purchased from the Salvation Army along with a cheque for \$500.00 towards food hampers that we felt would be of more need after Christmas when the families would have overspent at Christmas.

This was greatly appreciated. Saturday night we met with the Rotarians in the local Chinese café for a great night of fellowship and then on the Sunday morning met at a Rotarians for breakfast. Many friends were made that weekend.

Kidsmatter, this was funded through the Australian Rotary Health Foundation. Harrington Street Public School was one of the schools involved in the pilot scheme to educate the students in many facets of mental health. Mr Alan Grady and myself presented the school with a plaque on behalf of the ARHFR.

National Youth Science Forum was held in January and we were represented by Ken Chen a student from Hurlstone Agriculture School who has been a guest of the club to report on this event and what he achieved. Ken found this week so rewarding and made many friends.

Primary School Night with Anthony Stimson saw the children enjoying the Australian wildlife. Not so much the President who made herself scarce when the snake appeared. Not only the President but also the reporter from the Champion Newspaper.

Varbat: Vietnamese Australian Buddhist Assistance Trust fundraising night was held together with Liverpool West and this year RAWCs have come onboard and

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### ANNUAL REPORT - YOUTH SERVICES 2007—2008

I was pleased to be able to report to the club regarding programmes for the youth in our district for 2007-2008.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Primary School night, on the 29th October, was attended by 13 of our local schools. Both student and teachers were entranced by the wild life Anthony Stimson 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 25th February with 2 students and one teacher from 8 of 12 local high schools attending. Our guest speaker was Phil Smith from ShelterBox.

#### RYPEN & RYLA

Students attended these camps who said that these camps were very interesting and helpful. We must invite them to a rotary meeting to enlighten us on their experience.

#### NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Our student for the 2008 programme was successful. Ken Chen 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. Representatives from the club attended speech nights for their presentations.

**Geoff Lumley**  
Youth Service Director

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### PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007—2008 (continued)

all the funds to go through RAWCs. It was a very successful night raising close to \$100,000. Dr Ve and his team, work very hard doing close to 100 cataract operations a day. Liverpool West Rotarians also help look after equipment and other logistics involved.

The High School Night was held again this year and our guest speaker was from ShelterBox challenging the schools to see if they could raise funds to go towards ShelterBoxes. Not sure how far this project went, but our club was involved with Vera Eberie, our exchange student along with other exchange students raising money for a ShelterBox.

Red Shield Appeal Cabramatta was again successful and with the help of the students from St Johns Park and Cabramatta High School we were able to meet our target.

The Police Officer of the Year Awards night continues to give recognition to the hardworking officers within the Cabramatta and Fairfield Area Commands. Along with our distinguished Members of Parliament, representatives of the Police Force our sponsors and nominated Police Officers it was a good night.

This year thanks to John and Jean Howie we have had our "Nosh Up" nights where we have travelled the gourmet world trying out many types of food. This was held on the 3rd Friday and we have tried Lebanese, Greek, Italian, Chinese, Hungarian, German, Indian, Austrian and others I cannot remember. Great night with friends and fellowship and "food" washed down with wine.

We had a Thank you dinner to recognise those who have assisted the Rotary Club of Cabramatta, the Senior Citizens of Cabramatta who have assisted us for the past 2 years with our fundraising Christmas trailer raffle. The Canley Vale Seniors who assist with the Red Shield Appeal. John Weyman who got behind the Rotary Club with the Jenny Wilcockson Benefit night that we raised the funds for her car and it was great to have Jenny and her family present and to see Jenny starting to improve with her health. Also members of Liverpool West who have supported us when needed.

We have had joint functions this year with guest speakers where we had Dr Graham Gumley a hand surgeon who spent 7 years in Cambodia spoke about his work and through this both clubs assisted in a container going to Cambodia. Liverpool West paid for the container and we put together about 200 Literacy kits and labour to pack the container.

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**PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007–2008 (continued)**

We had the Prostrate Education Night with Dr Eiser and his nurse and this was a very educational night.

Liverpool West and Cabramatta clubs have tried to have a few fun nights, the first being mini golf at the Liverpool Catholic Club. And when it was our turn to host the night we had to accept defeat as the greens were 6 inches under water, so we just enjoyed the fellowship over a dinner.

The Rotary Club of Cabramatta did win the Tri Club debate between Greenway, Liverpool and Liverpool West.

We were represented and won by not saying one word.

Thanks to DGN Paul Reid. Paul was the judge for the night and had a tough time trying to pick which team debated the best.

Our Rotary Toy boxes are now at Cabramatta Police Station and 2 are in waiting areas at Fairfield Hospital. The 4th one is waiting to go into Fairfield Police Station.

We have enjoyed many a night with the 3 Liverpool Clubs and hope this will continue in the future.

I must say a heartfelt thank you for the support that I have received this year.

**Margaret Favelle**  
**President**

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**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT - 2007—2008**

This has been a great year for our club with our Directorships main focus being in Youth Exchange.

Thankfully we have had excellent support from our members which has enabled us to give good service to the program.

Switzerland has been the flavour of the year.

Nerida Michelle arrived home after her year in Switzerland.

A sad Ronya Hostettler returned home to Switzerland.

Nerida Michelle visited our club and welcomed our new inbound student Vera Eberle also from Switzerland who took no time settling in with hosts Robert and Margaret Favelle.

We also farewelled another outbound student Fiona Huynh who went to you guessed it Switzerland.

A good thing to see this year was the inbound YEP Students committing to try to fundraise to purchase a ShelterBox.

This was achieved thanks to their efforts and a cheque was presented to DG Jennifer with funds left over to go to the Polio Plus Program.

PP John and Geneta Grujovski's daughter, Jessica has been selected for Youth Exchange and at the time of writing this report the host country has not yet been announced.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the program for their help and support throughout the year with a special thanks to the host families.

President Margaret it has been a pleasure working with you this year. Your help and support has made my job so much easier thank you.

**PP Neil Houlton**  
**International Service Director**

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT - 2007—2008**

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.

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.

**Rtn Kay Farrell**  
**Community Service Director**

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**CLUB SERVICE REPORT - 2007—2008**

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: PP John Howie**

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

**MAGAZINE: PDG Bill Little**

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

**MEMBERSHIP: PP Boris Satara**

This year our membership is 17. During the year we lost member, Colin Chua

**PROGRAMS: Rtn Kay Farrell**

We have set programs such as Police Officer of the Year Awards Launch as well as Police Officer Awards Night, Exchange Students, awardees to National Youth Science Forum, MUNA etc 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 Dinner is again at Oakpoint Room Liverpool Golf Course Lansvale.

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**CLUB SERVICE REPORT - 2007—2008**

**PROGRAMS: Rtn Kay Farrell (continued)**

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: PDG Bill Little**

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: PP Bruce Ruston**

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.

**CONFERENCE: PP David Butterfield**

The conference was held at Mudgee and was well represented by members and partners where excellent fellowship prevailed.

**PP Graham Shaw**  
**Club Service Director**

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**VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT - 2007—2008**

Once again our major Vocational Program has been the Police Officer of the Year Award to our local Area Commands of Cabramatta and Fairfield.

Funding the program was through the generosity of 12 major companies. This year we had a total; of 43 general duty police and plain clothed officers nominated in two categories, 17 peer nominations and 26 public nominations.

The Police Officer of the Year Award was publicized to the general public through the distribution of 25,000 pamphlets/nomination forms via letterbox drops, retail outlets, business houses, police stations, schools and the Fairfield City Champion newspaper.

The awards presentation dinner was held at the Club Marconi on 23rd June 2008.

This is the time and the place to record and acknowledge the sterling efforts and contributions made by PP George Roman, PP Ray Begovich, PP John and Jean Howie.

A Vocational visit to the office of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) New South Wales at Gladesville Hospital was scheduled, unfortunately the early meeting time was not convenient to members, so a combined meeting with Liverpool West Rotary Club was arranged at the Liverpool Catholic Club with an excellent speaker from MND attending.

A Job Talk or This is Your Life program has proved very successful and informative learning about our family of Rotary.

We have had from about half the members so far and would like to see the program continue into next year.

I would like to thank all members for your participation and support during the year.

**PP Bruce Ruston**  
**Vocational Service Director**