
NOTES

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CABRAMATTA INC

ANNUAL REPORTS

2008—2009

AS PRESENTED AT

CHANGEOVER NIGHT

MONDAY, 6th July 2009

AT

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CABRAMATTA INC

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008–2009

We have experienced a busy year with every Director achieving good results.

We started the year with the intention of membership growth. Phuoc Vo was inducted on April 20th, unfortunately we lost Captain Gaye Day, Salvation Army Officer due to transfer, so our membership remains at 17.

We had our usual catering day for the Chrysler Club and they were a great form of club fellowship and fundraising. We were all involved with catering for Cabramatta Public School's International day. Fairfield Council used our services for many of their community projects, such as Domestic Violence Week. Whilst these were not earning us any financial benefit they are important to show Rotary is out in the community.

Bunnings now give us one day each month catering, this returns a profit of \$700 approximately and they supply the equipment.

We display our new drop banners at all functions to promote the Rotary Club.

While we are talking about catering the top Chef in the club is a Signwriter, David Butterfield who is renowned for delivering the best meal at a District 9690 Assembly, for many years with the support of our Club members David and his youngest son, Liam prepared and served 270 Rotarians morning tea and lunch. Our club has been booked for next year's District Assembly.

The Rotary Club of Cabramatta has shown its commitment to Youth with the continuing support of Youth Exchange. Jessica Grujovski is in Germany at present on her exchange trip. Youth Activities, PP Geoff Lumley has again organised our local schools to participate in the Rotary Youth Programs. Fifteen schools attended the Primary School Evening with Anthony Stimson from Australian Wildlife as the guest speaker.

For World Understanding Month our High Schools were invited to attend our special meeting with Tony Le Breton a crash survivor, speaking on the RYDA program. PP Geoff has very successfully promoted other Youth Programs, RYPEN and RYLA, National Youth Science Forum, MUNA and School Community Service Awards.

Thank you to PP Geoff Lumley for your dedication in promoting these youth programs for our students.

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YOUTH SERVICE REPORT 2008—2009 (continued)

MUNA

Bossley Park and Cabramatta High Schools sent students to the program at Werrington. The club must invite these students to a club evening to thank them and hear their stories. This June 2009 the MUNA program was again supported by these 2 schools, with our sponsorship.

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.

High School and Primary Schools were emailed with an invitation to sponsor and attend the Police Officer of the Year Award's Night.

PP Geoff Lumley Youth Service Director

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YOUTH SERVICE REPORT 2008—2009

I was pleased to be able to report to the club regarding programs for the youth in our district for 2008-2009.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Our Primary School night, 22nd September 2009 went off very well once more with Anthony Stimson from Australian Wildlife once more entreating the children to the joys of an experience with live animals. The highlight of the evening was again the snake and the crocodile. Our evening was attended by 15 of the 23 schools invited, plus children related to members. All of whom had a great evening getting up close to the wildlife.

WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Our High Schools were once more invited to attend our evening 23rd February 2009 with 2 students the Principal and one teacher from 9 of 14 local high schools attending. Our guest speaker was Tony Le Breton a crash survivor speaker with the RYDA program, also Peter Crowe from RYDA.

RYPEN & RYLA

In September 2008 2 Cabramatta students and John Grujovski's son attended and May 2009 Andy Heng & Katherine Deng students from Cabramatta High School attended the RYPEN camp, as well as Jack Satara. All reports indicate they found the camp impressive. We must invite them to a Rotary meeting to enlighten us on their experience. No candidate was found for the RYLA camp.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Our student for the January 2009 program was Chun-kan Leung from Hurlstone Park High School. He has not yet been invited to the club for his presentation.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008–2009 (continued)

The Red Shield Appeal was held 23rd and 24th May. The Club members have organized the appeal in Fairfield and Cabramatta for the last 40 years, this year 2009 was our best every with 50% over target. My personal thanks go to PDG Bill Little, the South West Area Chairman, PP David Butterfield, Zone Chairman for Cabramatta and PP George Roman, Zone Chairman for Fairfield, Ken Chapman and the 300 school children from Cabramatta and St Johns Park High Schools who were involved in the collection. A total of \$24,000 with 100% of the area covered. This was a remarkable result. Thanks again to Don Houston for cooking the BBQ for everyone.

The Police Officer of the Year Awards were again well supported with 140 in attendance on Presentation Night. We must give special thanks to PP Ray Begovich, PP George Roman and PP David Butterfield and their planning committee which was most of our Club members and our Ladies with a special thanks to Jean Howie for printing and compiling 100 programs for the evening. The raffle raised \$466 to offset expenses. Congratulations to Police Officers, Shane Rane and David Brown on their awards.

We have completed fund raising for the year of 2009 and we have supported financially:

- The Rotary Foundation POLIO PLUS \$1,380
- ANAWAH Community Living \$1,500
- Australian Rotary Health Research Fund \$1,500
- RAWCS Village aid \$1,380 giving a total of \$5,760

I must thank our partners in every aspect of our club's activities they are always ready to assist, whether it be hands on, guidance or general support. I know the Community young and old have gained by Rotary's objectives and involvement.

I wish President Elect Graham and his Board best wishes and we offer our support for the coming year, our 50th Anniversary.

Bruce Ruston OAM
President

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CLUB SERVICE REPORT - 2008—2009

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

ATTENDANCE: PP 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 and Gail 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 has 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 Margaret Favelle

This year our membership has increased to 17 with the induction of new member Phouc Vo. Members are very aware of the problem and will endeavour to increase our membership.

PROGRAMS: PDG Bill Little

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.

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT - 2008—2009

Our French Exchange Student Caraline returned home. Then followed by our Sweden Exchange Student, Rona. Both had 12 months each with us and enjoyed their stay in Australia with our two host families (we need more hosts).

Our return exchange Student, Jessica Grujovski is now in Germany.

The GSE team from Brazil were hosted by PP Margaret and Rtn Robert Favelle and Rtn Kay and Peter Farrell. They were nice people and we enjoyed having them stay with us.

The RAWC’s ShelterBox program. Rtn Kay did eight presentations to groups plus schools promoting the ShelterBox funding.

PP David, Julie and Rtn Kay attended the Vietnam Eye Fundraiser at Canley Heights representing our Club where they raised \$75,000.

The Walgett Indigenous Children received a truck load of goods collected from various donors, stored at “Rumbriah” our mini DIK warehouse.

Rtn Kay Farrell
Director

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COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT - 2008—2009 (cont'd)

Just! There were problems with the timeline and I got a bit flustered towards lunch time. Thank you for putting up with me. I was a bit upset that I was thanked at the Assembly and not the club. This event was a club effort and as such should have been recognized as such. So thank you from me to those who helped. We must have done a good job because we have been requested to do the same for Marilyn Mercer, who was most impressed. I feel that this is a good way to make a little money for our club and at the same time give real value for money to the district and therefore all members of the district, after all it's the members money. I would like to make a special mention to my son, Liam, who worked hard all day and his chopping and cutting speeds certainly helped. Helen, Gail and Julie were also standouts. Thank god for our partners.

During the year we were also well assisted by our friends in the two Senior Citizens Clubs. Their help at The Red Shield time is fantastic. They always show great enthusiasm and are an inspiration to me.

Rtn Kay Farrell and PP Margaret Favelle carried out an indigenous Literacy Program and also supplied bikes, computers, toys and toiletries to Walgett. It is good to see that Rotary programs help our own less well off people.

Don Houston also needs a special mention. Don is already ready to help with the Red Shield Appeal even though he has long retired from the club. Thanks Don.

Our President, Bruce has been like a man possessed. He has worked with the vigor of a man far younger than he is. He has always been supportive and eager to be part of any program. It has been a pleasure to be your Community Service Director. I'm sure that the funds we have raised will be disbursed in an appropriate manner, as they are not known at the time of this report.

I look forward to next year and will do my best for President Graham.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jules for all her assistance and guidance throughout the year. Julie is a very busy woman with running a house, working with me, raising 3 young men and her father, working at All Saints canteen, running the football canteen and volunteering at our children's old school canteens from time to time, Julie is always there ready to help me. A BIG thank you Julie.

David Butterfield
Community Service Director

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CLUB SERVICE REPORT - 2008—2009

Changeover Night Dinner is again 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 has also been combined Club meetings.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: PP George Roman

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 Max Law

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 Graham Shaw

PP Graham kept the decorum at the meetings and tried to start the meeting on time and extracted money from members at meetings, with fines for all the bad things they had been caught out on and conscious money.

PP Max conducted a Trivia Session also.

I would like to thank President Bruce for his contribution to making this year another successful one for the Rotary Club of Cabramatta Inc.

PP Graham Shaw
Club Service

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VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT - 2008—2009

I am pleased to present my report.

During the year we have had members give 'Job Talks' on what is happening within their business.

We had a factory visit to Castlewood Products at Moorebank where we were shown around the factory and served a very nice dinner courtesy of my wife, Margaret.

Last week we held our Annual Police Officer of the Year Awards evening with Shane Rane and David Browne winning the awards.

Congratulations to these two worthy recipients.

Rtn Robert Favelle
Vocational Service Director

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COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT - 2008—2009

I would like to thank all the members and their partners for the great support I received during the year. Without your assistance our club would cease to exist.

Our club has, over the last few years tried to raise funds in many ways, however it seems that catering is becoming a major source of funds. During the year we raised funds through the following events.

The Chrysler Swap Meet and Show Day

Bunnings Community BBQ's

A Garage Sale

The Red Shield Appeal

As in previous years The Chrysler days were very busy and of course very successful. These are very long days for most people and a special thank you to those who helped set up the day before.

We were able to hold several community BBQ's at Bunnings over the year and these have proven to be quite good as they provide the set up of equipment and all we need to do is provide the stock. The day can be broken up into two shifts and easily handled by three people per shift. We are building a good relationship with Bunnings and I feel we will be offered more days next year. These days are good to spread the word about Rotary as many people we enquire as to who and what we are.

We held a garage sale at Rumbriah Hall and raised funds. The day was not as successful as anticipated however we ended up with more money than we started with.

The Red Shield Appeal was a great success this year with us covering all our areas for the first time. We also exceed our target by over 30%. Well done to all those who helped, especially George Roman, who not only helped me greatly also helped Fairfield with their appeal. George is a tireless worker and I appreciate his efforts. He is also a good friend to everyone.

During the year we had other opportunities to serve the community. We cooked at the Cabramatta Public School International Day, The Domestic Violence Day BBQ, the V.A.B.A.T. Thank You Day and Fairfield Council Eastside BBQ. These days do not actually raise funds for us as a club but do raise our profile in the community and are therefore very worth while.

We also catered for the District Assembly which was a very busy day for the members that were not tied up with the assembly itself. We pulled it off well in the end.
