

The Rotary Club of Canberra-Woden Inc.

District 9710



Annual Report
July 2002 - June 2003

President Robin's report

The Management Team

Members of the team that managed club business this year are listed below. All Directors tackled their portfolios with great enthusiasm and agreed action items were always handled quickly and professionally. I wish to thank all Board members for the time and effort they committed to the club, which produced the outstanding achievements detailed in this report. Special thanks to Des Pain, who took over Youth Service at short notice and carried on for most of the year. I also wish to specially thank the "support team": Gary Scott would have made a great living as a comedian, he helped us to laugh at ourselves and added tremendously to the spirit of fellowship among members; Ros Osbourne was reliable as always and produced attendance figures to three decimal places when required; Noel Hart continued to produce our Newsletter "The Raven" each week on time, with lots of information and minimal errors; Des Pain has done a great job of editing and printing our new club Brochure; John Lawrence's multiple skills were very useful at the times he was in Canberra; Janet Lawrence produced an interesting and varied program that kept members involved.



Board members

President	Robin Cromer
Immediate Past President	Neale Emanuel
Secretary (Raven 'Munin')	Eric Taylor
Treasurer	Bob Ellison
Club Service Director / Pres. Elect	Rex Hunt
Community Service Director	Piers Booth
International Service Director	John Gray
Vocational Service Director	Jacki Cauchi
Youth Service Director	Des Pain / Ross Howard

Support team

Sergeant at Arms (Raven 'Hugin')	Gary Scott
Attendance Officer	Ros Osbourne
Raven Editor / Club Pamphlet	Noel Hart / Des Pain
Web Master / Publicity / Insurance	John Lawrence
Program Director	Janet Lawrence

Towards a Presidential Citation

The 2002-03 year has been one of great achievement for Canberra-Woden Rotary and it has been both a privilege and an honour for me to lead the team that provided guidance for the club's activities. The Directors each produced a detailed set of plans and objectives for the year ahead and their reports, together with an interim financial statement from the Treasurer are presented in the following pages. The Board also agreed on a set of objectives for the club, using the guidelines set by RI President Bhichai. The objectives and our achievements towards a *Presidential Citation* were:

1. *Membership - Increase membership by five*

The Board put a great deal of effort into membership and three new members have joined (John Widdup, Val Bland and Randall Falkiner) who are already having a significant input into club activities. Unfortunately, long-standing member Tom Davies resigned. Overall a net increase of two members (total 42) was a reasonable result. We also inducted Jon Stanhope, Chief Minister of the ACT Legislative Assembly as an Honorary Member.



2. *Polio - Contribute at least US \$68 per member for Polio Eradication.*

On behalf of the club, I presented a cheque for A\$4,700 to DG Ian Sayers on 23 April 2003. This contribution was in addition to a similar amount (in \$US terms) contributed by the club for Polio Eradication during the 2001-02 Rotary year. The global objective was US\$80 M this year but it was announced at the RI Conference in Brisbane that the tally now exceeded US\$88 M, so we can feel justly proud of our contribution.

3. *Club Service - provide members with regular information about Rotary.*

This was achieved through a range of activities including information in the Raven, regular display of the four-way test at club meetings and invited speakers, both from within the club and special guests.

4. ***Vocational Service*** - develop a FAIM project to construct dormitories for the "Children of the Golden Triangle Project", northern Thailand.

PDG John Lawrence and PP Desmond Woods developed a FAIM Project and attracted funding to construct dormitories at Mae Suai. PDG John acted as manager at the site while teams from Queensland, ACT, NSW and Canada rotated to undertake construction, in parallel with local Thai contractors. Canberra-Woden contributed a team of seven (five members and two spouses). Our time on the project was truly memorable, particularly the opportunity to interact with and get to know the delightful Akha children (mainly girls). The children are able to attend a local school and receive an education that would be denied them in many hill-tribe villages. While in Thailand, volunteers also helped local medical teams from the Chiang Rai District to immunize children against Polio. The **CGT** project won the District award for the best International Project, a first for the club! Congratulations to PDG John and all the volunteers for this great effort.

5. ***Community Service*** - refurbish a sitting room at Canberra Hospital.

This project was initiated and managed by Keith Avent. Many of the patients in Ward 7A have long-term and often terminal illnesses. The sitting room is used both by patients and their visitors and was rather a drab and dreary place. The club donated \$3,500 and assisted with the design aspects of the refurbishment. The end result is a tasteful and relaxing environment in which patients and visitors can feel at peace. I was privileged to open the room on 26 March. The Hospital was represented by Wayne Ramsay (General Manager), Joanna Holt (Exec. Dir.), and Kate Jackson (Nurse in Charge, Ward 7A), all of whom expressed their thanks to Keith Avent and the club for this initiative and the completed room.

6. ***International Service*** - contribute to a Rotary Australia World Community Service Project.

Funding restrictions did not enable this project to proceed.

7. ***Youth Service*** - landscape a cooking area at ACT Guide's camp-site.

Frank Sheldon, with some assistance, has largely completed this project and we aim to finish any outstanding work before the end of June.

Hosting

Global Youth Exchange Student Chakrit Takerngrangsarit came to us from Chiang Mai in Thailand. We are grateful to families which hosted Chakrit, including John and Janet Lawrence, Nola and Daryl Daley, Robin and Jill Cromer, Piers and Maureen Booth, Ros Osbourne and Mal Ferguson (Canberra Weston Creek). Thanks also to Chakrit's councilors Nola Daley and Gary Scott. While Chakrit has not become a "dinkum Aussie", he will certainly return to Thailand with a more laid-back attitude and has made some good mates. We understand that he really enjoyed *Treckaway* with other GYE students but with 20 girls and three boys, so he should have!

Ambassadorial Scholar Brittany Neal hails from Edisto Island, South Carolina in USA but her sponsor club is Winston Salem in North Carolina, where she has been studying. Brittany has been enrolled in the Music Department at ANU, doing a Masters Degree on the role of music in reconciliation. We have enjoyed getting to know Brittany over the time she has been with us and thanks to her councilor, Ian Excell.



Hosting the **Group Study Exchange Team** from Metro Manila in the Philippines was an amazing experience. They were a very lively and friendly group, with a professional presentation routine that included singing and dancing to get their message across. Many thanks to Nola Daley and John Gray who arranged the program of vocational visits while they were with our club in April. Also thanks to those who home hosted during their stay.

Fund raising

Our major fund-raising activities this year (as usual) were cleaning up after **Trash & Treasure** for Belconnen Club and **Show Parking**. Many thanks to PE Rex Hunt for organising the T&T roster and to Shukry Sahhar who was heavily involved in negotiations to purchase a trailer (with financial support from Belconnen). Ross

Howard again did a great job of organising the Show Parking, which by and large went smoothly over the three days. Thanks also to PP Neale Emanuel and Bob Ellison who undertook some of the delicate negotiations for a new contract with the Show Society. Unfortunately, the *Gala Rugby Dinner*, which had become a feature event and fundraiser over the past two years, did not eventuate this year. This caused a shortfall in the funds we had expected to have available for projects, so some activities had to be curtailed. Despite having a lower than expected income, the club's achievements this year have been remarkable.

In addition to the above, the club was involved in public appeals to support Australian and Indonesian victims of the bombing in Bali, and victims of the January bushfires in Canberra. Following an initiative by PE Rex, the club also hosted a community BBQ in Curtin, to thank members of the two Rivers Brigades (Emergency Services and Fire).

Paul Harris Fellows

The club has a history of awarding Paul Harris Fellowships to members and non-Rotarians who have given outstanding service to the community. I had the privilege of continuing this tradition by awarding three PH Fellowships this year. Our contribution to the Rotary Foundation will ensure funds are available for future awards. Congratulations to:

§ **PP Neale Emanuel.** Neale has served in a number of positions in the Club and initiated a number of programs, including the successful Driver Reviver stop at Bredbo, that operates during the ski season.

§ **Jacki Cauchi.** Jacki has also served in a range of club and District positions (particularly where counting money is involved) and is always ready to volunteer when there is work to be done.

§ **PP Janet Lawrence.** Janet was awarded a PH Fellowship previously for her work with the District so she was awarded a Sapphire Pin for her work for the community within the club.



Fellowship

Fellowship is one of the main reasons people join Rotary and we tried to ensure there was ample opportunity for members and partners get together socially. A social weekend away in Kosciusko National Park was planned for February but unfortunately the bush fires put an end to that activity. Members who had booked for the weekend had an enjoyable gathering at President Robin and Jill's home instead.

Although partners are welcome at any time, they were specifically invited to many functions during the year including: The DG's Official Visit (21 July); a joint meeting with Belconnen at the Cedars Restaurant (with belly dancer, 18 September); a BBQ with Woden Lions Club at Youthhaven (6 November); our Christmas party (4 December); the New Year get together at the Yacht Club (8 January); the GSE Team's visit (23 April); and a grand sausage-sizzle at Pamela Best's place (7 May). All in all a very sociable year that will be wrapped up at the club Changeover night on 25 June.

We tried a few changes to the start of meetings early in the year but a vote of members showed that the great majority favoured tradition with the National Anthem, toast to the Queen of Australia and Rotary Grace.

I wish the incoming President Rex and the new Board all the very best for another great year for Canberra-Woden.

Yours in Rotary

President Robin Cromer

Club Service (Director - Rex Hunt, Deputy - Peter Evans)

Club Service has had a busy and eventful year as it has sought to keep the club 'running' smoothly. Club Service has focused on the following areas of our Rotary life.



Fundraising activities: Our two major fundraising activities again this year were assisting Belconnen Club each Sunday with Trash & Treasure cleanup and three days of Show Parking. Both activities provide important sources of income for our club. Parking duties at Canberra Stadium ceased at the end of 2002. Ten new high visibility vests have been screen-printed with the club logo for use at club activities.



To assist with T&T, we negotiated with Belconnen Club to purchase a much-needed new trailer. Our thanks to Trend Trailers, which worked closely with Shukry Sahhar in the design and building of the trailer at a very reasonable price, and to Belconnen Club for their donation towards its cost.

After all the negotiations, planning and effort involved in preparing for Show Parking, the days of actual parking are always 'eventful'. Thanks to Ross Howard, Neale Emanuel, Bob Ellison and Robin Cromer who talked, argued, planned, and managed the event, and to the Rotary Club of Canberra City, Apex and Inner Wheel that also provided valuable support.

Due to matters beyond our control, the Gala Charity Dinner featuring the head coaches of the ACT Brumbies and the Canberra Raiders, did not proceed. This caused a substantial hole in our fundraising budget which will be addressed by next year's Board.

Rotary information: In most weeks, Club Service sought to educate both new and long-term members about the continuing story and ideals of Rotary. The framed Four Way Test was displayed at meetings and printed in *The Raven* from time to time and interesting facts about Rotary International were also published. We should not take our history and ethos for granted so an information pamphlet about the club was produced for distribution to guests.

Each week Noel Hart produces our weekly newsletter, *The Raven*. Most members now receive this via e-mail and the number of printed copies has been reduced. In keeping with past years, Des Pain will have two copies of each weekly Raven bound as a permanent record, one for the Club president and the other for the National Library.

Membership, attendance and venue: The Club has welcomed three new members this year: Val Bland, John Widdup and Randall Falkiner. Each of them is now beginning to make a new and important contribution to the Club. Unfortunately, Tom Davies, resigned due to pressure of business, giving us a net gain of two members over the year. The willingness of existing members to introduce new people to Rotary, is a matter which each member needs to take seriously all the time.

Our thanks to the following people: Keith Avent, Public Officer, who keeps our membership records up-to-date; Ros Osbourne who is always there with a smile each week to welcome us, take our dinner money and keep the attendance records; Janet Lawrence who planned such stimulating and successful weekly programs; Gary Scott who has a unique way of extracting money from our pockets; and all those who acted as Transporter each week, thus ensuring our valued member, Colin McLear, can attend and participate in Club activities.

The Embassy Motel continues to offer satisfactory meals, a good venue, and obliging and friendly staff. The Rotary Club of Canberra East is currently talking to the Embassy about moving to Deakin for their Monday night dinner meetings. We hope that next year this will give Canberra-Woden an opportunity to meet with another club and still be 'home'.

On the 'cultural' side... who can forget the splendid performances of the Rex Hunt All Stars - singers that is, if you can't remember!

Interaction with other clubs: It has been good to relate to several other Rotary clubs during the year, and to other service and community clubs. This is always a rewarding experience as stories are swapped, fellowship enjoyed, and projects planned. Our thanks to both Lions and Apex with whom we have worked side-by-side on projects, and to other Rotary clubs where together we have not only offered a community service but raised some much needed 'charity' funds as

well. Of special mention was the 'Rotarians for a Sustainable Future' dinner, when several other Rotary clubs joined us to hear of this important project.

Bushfire Appeal, BBQ for Fire Brigade & Emergency

Services: A special project this year following the bush fires in Canberra (January 2003) was to assist in establishing the Rotary Bushfire Appeal with DG Ian. In addition, and following Rex Hunt's role as an ecumenical chaplain at the Ground Support base in Curtin during the bush fires, the club sponsored a "Thank you" community BBQ in Curtin for members of The Rivers Emergency Services and The Rivers Rural Fire Brigade. During the event, President Robin presented a cheque of \$1,000 to each brigade (\$1,000 each from Rotary Clubs of Sussex Inlet and Canberra-Woden).



A Club social event, held at Pamela Best's place, arose from this community event. Funds raised were donated to Open Family and the Armed Forces Overseas Fund (through ACT RSL). Peter Evans reports the ACT Branch of the RSL was extremely grateful for this generous donation from the Club and individual members, which provides parcels for members of the ADF serving overseas. Special thanks to Pamela Best, Ajit Banerjee and their band of many willing helpers (cooks and hospitality) on the day and at the social evening.

Club History & Archives project: Keeping the historical records of Canberra-Woden up-to-date is a time consuming project. At the time of writing, we are expecting the return of our updated honour-roll boards, which are the everyday record of leadership and awards within the Club. A more undercover operation is the effort now being undertaken by a small committee to collate our written history into a working archive. As we will be celebrating our 35th anniversary next May, it is important that the Canberra-Woden story can be told. In order to get our history right, the Board has agreed that our records should include photographs of projects as well as those of members.

Many thanks to Murray Crowe, who has preserved our photographic records and memorabilia over many years, and to Keith Avent, Des Pain, Ken Goard, Murray Crowe and John Gray who are now getting the material in order.

Finally... We hope all members felt welcomed and involved during the year. As Rotarians, we are called upon to share both our time and our resources in various ways, but Rotary is also about fellowship and enjoying the company of others. We have tried to ensure that again this year.

As we celebrate another year and offer congratulations to all who have made it a success, the Club Service committee of 2002-03 wishes to especially thank Club president Robin Cromer for a great year of leadership, helpful guidance and example throughout the year, Eric Taylor for his graciousness and gentle good will as Club secretary and Bob Ellison for his care and skill as Club treasurer.

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think say or do:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

Community Service (Director-Piers Booth, Deputy-Bruce Hall)

Ward 7A Canberra Hospital – Refurbishment of sitting room: This project was initiated by Keith Avent, who has also been managing the donation of art works to the hospital with funds derived

from the wishing well in the hospital foyer. After discussions with Kate Crowe, the Sister in Charge of the ward, Keith proposed the project to the Board and \$3,500 was provided to the hospital to turn a very drab space into a pleasant sitting room.



President Robin Cromer officially opened the room on Wednesday the 26 March. Wayne Ramsay, General Manager of the Hospital, together with Joanna Holt (Executive Director, Medical Services) and Kate Jackson

(Nurse in Charge) were fulsome in their praise of the club's efforts. It will be of particular value for long stay patients and relatives.

Driver-Reviver: During 2002, this project was again co-ordinated by the club, under the direction of Neale Emanuel. This club was only directly involved at the beginning and the end of the ski season. The club will be organising the activity at Bredbo again this ski season. Accident statistics from the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW indicate that the facility has had a positive effect in reducing the road toll in the vicinity of Bredbo.

Blood Donations: The club became involved in competing for the *The Plasma Plate*, for the greatest number of blood donations by members of a Rotary club or those associated with a club. The Rotary Club of Woden Daybreak initiated the competition, and this club provided a donation towards the purchase of the trophy. Unfortunately the club was handicapped, due to the advanced age of members and/or time spent in the UK so many members were ineligible to donate. During the past year, donors have included Jacki Cauchi, Tom Davies, President Robin and his wife Jill.

Support to Community Groups: Although our fund-raising activities were well below budget, the club as able to provide financial support to the community organisations Galilee, Project Saul, Fusion



and Open Family. Each of them provides support in one way or another for youth at risk in the community and the club is committed to assisting such organisations where we can. Members also provided donations in kind to refurbish the Galilee school at Youth-Haven, which was lost during the fires in January 2003.



Representatives of the above organisations and several others, spoke to club members at meetings during the year.

Community Service Award: The Bruce Drake award is to be presented to Spiral ACT, which for 33 years has brought together and entertained senior citizens each Thursday morning, at the St James Church's Centre, Curtin. Spiral ACT, organised by Gwyneth George and Sue Murray, involves many volunteers who collect senior citizens from their homes and return them after meetings. So as to involve as many of the volunteers as possible, the club will present the award to Spiral ACT at their regular meeting on 19th June.

Bali Appeal: Members of the club were responsible for looking after one of the collection points in the Woden Plaza on 26-27 October 2002. In addition to victims and their families in Australia, much of the donated money is being used to help Bali residents, who also suffered greatly as a result of the bombing.



Community Expo: This event was organised by St James Uniting Church, Curtin, to allow members of the general public to become aware of the wide range of community groups, which function in the Woden Valley. Several members of the club looked after the stand.

Christmas: A Community Lunch was held on Christmas Day at St John's Anglican Church in Reid for the homeless and lonely. The club donated 2 Christmas puddings for the lunch. Several members of the club also assisted the Smith Family with the delivery of Christmas hampers to needy families on Sunday 15 December.

Handy Help: This program is organised by the Rotary Club of Burley Griffin and aims to assist elderly or incapacitated members of

the community who cannot afford help, to maintain their gardens. Four members of the club assisted with Handy Help on 19 October 2002 and two on 12 April 2003. The number of Rotary clubs now contributing to Handy Help has risen to six plus the Rotaract Club of Canberra. In the order of 40 households were assisted in April 2003, a significant increase from October 2002. After a hard but enjoyable morning's work the Rotary Club of Burley Griffin hosted a relaxing and enjoyable barbecue on both occasions.

International Service (Director - John Gray, Dep. - Nola Daley)

In pursuit of our international objectives, our Club sought firstly to achieve a range of talks and reports with an international emphasis at Club meetings, secondly to contribute financially to deserving international projects, and finally to encourage personal commitment to international service activities.



Talks and reports: These were remarkably diverse and reflected the deep interest of Rotarians in peace and world understanding. They included: Brigadier Swann on the progress of the Peace Monitoring Group in Bouganville; DGE Anne Louttit on the GSE visit to Venezuela which she led; Aparna Nanayakkara & Angela Tah with their report on attendance at the Model United Nations Assembly; Canberra Hospital's Dr Deepa Srinivasan on her experience as a volunteer in a hospital in Zambia; John O'Neill on the Rotary Foundation; Past Ambassadorial Scholar Minako Sakai on contemporary Indonesian politics; Charles Tambiah on the involvement of local people in international conservation strategies; John and Janet Lawrence's reports on their attendance at the Kenyan and Indonesian Rotary Presidential Conferences on Peace and Development; and Des Pain with his remarkable story about Catherine Hamlin who has been providing medical services to women in Ethiopia for over 40 years. Two talks merit special attention. Who can forget the outstanding presentation by Bernie Rodgers, Past President of the Rotary Club of Hall, himself a polio victim as a child, on Rotary Foundation's Polio Eradication campaign, and the reports by John & Janet Lawrence, Shukry & Helen Sahhar, Piers Booth and Robin & Jill Cromer, on their

successful involvement in the Children of the Golden Triangle Project in Thailand?

International contributions: Member commitment to international service projects has been high throughout the year, however, funds available were below budget and some of our intentions were not realised. However the Club has been able to contribute to the **Polio Eradication Program** the sum of A\$4,700 being the equivalent of US \$68 per Rotarian, thus doubling the amount contributed in the previous year. This is a significant achievement in Rotary's worldwide fight to rid the world of polio. In addition A\$500 was contributed to the Australian indigenous programs of the **Fred Hollows Foundation**. A number of Club members are concerned there are no avenues available for Australian Rotary clubs to contribute in some way, through the Rotary Australia World Community Service, to Aboriginal communities in genuine need. The intention is to monitor the effectiveness of this program so as to assess whether further funds could be channelled in that direction. In



addition to the above, two projects funded last year have been in progress this year. The A\$2,000 **School Lunches Project** at the Wat Silamoon Primary School, Thailand is now complete, while the US\$12,000 matching grant **Waste Sorting and Disposal Project** in association with the Rotary Club of Santa

Rosa, Philippines (our contribution was US\$1,200) is still in progress.

International hosting: Information about Chakrit Takerngrangsarit, our **Global Youth Exchange Student** from Thailand appears under Youth Service. Ian Excell has been counsellor to visiting **Ambassadorial Scholar** Brittany Neale who was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Winston Salem, District 9690, North Carolina, USA. Brittany together with Tom Davies and John Lawrence attended the Rotary Foundation and Polio Eradication Seminar in August 2002. She also gave an outstanding talk at the District Conference in Nowra. The five-member **Group Study Exchange** team from District 3810, Metro Manila, Philippines was the responsibility of our Club for five days in April 2003. Robin & Jill Cromer, Neale Emanuel, John & Janet

Lawrence, and Val Bland generously hosted team members. Nola Daley, assisted by John Gray, prepared an outstanding program for their week and many other Club members contributed to the delivery of that program – a remarkable team effort.



Thanks: Finally I place on record my grateful thanks to Nola Daley, Tom Davies, and Jim Grainger for their assistance with the execution of our international service program this Rotary year.

Vocational Service (Director-Jacki Cauchi, Dep.-Shukry Sahhar)

FAIM Project: This year was a big year for vocational service with the club undertaking it's first vocational/ FAIM project in 10 years. The Club gave both financial and personal support to the project to build



dormitories for the *Children of the Golden Triangle* Refuge near Mae Suai in northern Thailand. With PDG John Lawrence as project leader, the club partnered with RC of Chiang Mai to plan, manage and participate in the project. Five club members - Pres. Robin, John and Janet Lawrence, Shukry and Piers, plus Jill Cromer and Helen Sahhar, went to Thailand as FAIM volunteers to work on the project.



All the members had opportunities to use their vocational skills (John as project manager, Piers as a doctor, Shukry and John as engineers, Robin as a forester capable of scaling to impressive heights, Janet as a writer/ communicator to tell the story afterwards). They also learnt some other crafts such as laying blockwork and painting. The five dormitories were completed in eight weeks – a credit to the Rotarians and associates from five countries. The project also won for Canberra Woden the District Award for Best International Project.

Vocational Service Awards: During the year, our *George*

Paulus Award was presented to Christopher Nunn from the Australian Institute of Sport. Chris is the head coach for track and field and has had great success with disabled athletes. He has also provided this rotary club with great assistance with the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program. Chris is an excellent motivator and his community service, beyond his AIS commitments, has deservedly won him



this award. A *Vocational Service Award* was given to Michelle Wiggins of Woolworths in Mawson for her cheerful and friendly service to customers.

Member talks: The club had several *vocational talks* from members. Shukry Sahhar and Colin Hughes entertained the members with their caravanning antics to the Warrambungles, Mount Kaputar, Hills End, and Coolah Tops. John Widdup spoke to the club about his work in overseas aid projects in Eritrea and the Philippines. Carlo Binuti, Gary Scott and Wagdy Hanna gave a sterling performance as “The Three Tenors” Gary spoke about changes that were taking place in the TAFE system of education particularly the impact of training advisory boards setting up courses and course content. Wagdy spoke about the underground communications building he designed for the Department of Foreign Affairs. Carlo spoke about the stabilizing (stage two) works of the Yarralumla brick works chimney, (apologies if I have missed mentioning any members).

Youth Service (Director - Des Pain, Deputy - Frank Sheldon)

RAIC: The Club's involvement with its Youth program continued to be substantial this year. The year began with a focus on the *Rotary Adventure in Citizenship* program, which was considered by many to be the "best ever". Forty-five delegates from around Australia attended. The week for Year 11 students was held from 17th to 24th August and was arranged by a committee comprising members of Canberra and Canberra-Woden Rotary Clubs, the National Capital Authority and the Parliamentary Education Office, with Gary Scott as Chairman. The week which included "role plays" (such as the Senate Committee of Inquiry into



salinity) was very effective and instructive in helping the delegates understand many Parliamentary processes. The associated social and activities programs such as the visit to the Australian Institute of Sport followed by dinner with the athletes and a motivational talk by Chris Nunn,

also went well with obvious support and enthusiasm from the group. Preparation for the 2003 Program has commenced under the Chairmanship of Gary Lee of the Canberra Club and applications from potential delegates close on 15th June.

GYE: Chakrit Takerngrangsarit sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai, Thailand was our *Global Youth Exchange* student this year. Nola Daley and Gary Scott were his club counsellors and five of our Rotary families and Mal Ferguson of Canberra-Weston Creek kindly hosted him during his stay. He took an active part in the GYE presentation at the Nowra District Conference. He had a marvellous experience on the combined three-week Trekaway for students from this District and D9700 (to the northwest of Canberra), visiting Central Australia and the Queensland coast.



MUNA: The Club again supported the *Model United Nations Assembly for Youth* (MUNA) which is run to provide students with an insight into the issues and workings of the UN. Our two attendees, Aparna Nanayakkara and Angela Teh, together with their teacher from Canberra Girls Grammar, Sue Lasko, gave short talks to the club on their experiences from the weekend Assembly. Both girls felt they had learned a lot from attending the assembly and hoped it would continue.

Youth Haven: On 13th November, we were guests of Woden Lions, which is a major supporter of *Youth Haven* on Kambah Road. We were informed how *Galilee* and *Fusion* assist disadvantaged youth in areas of self-esteem, education and employment. Special programs are run for indigenous children. Significant funding for Galilee comes from both Government and non-government sources. President Robin presented cheques to support the work that we all agreed is extremely worthwhile.

Other youth support: We were delighted to hear of the enthusiasm with which our nominee, Mark Hassal applied himself to the *Siemens Science Experience*, held at the ANU from 30th Sept to 2nd Oct. His program included psychology, new age electronics, group dynamics on DNA, and global warming.

The *National Youth Science Forum* is a two-week programme for students who have just completed year 11, and who are thinking about a career in science, engineering or technology. The Forum is fully residential, taking place in January of each year at the University of Canberra where all facilities are provided for 14 days. Club members attended the Forum on 22nd January and hosted a number of students on the following Sunday for their well deserved R and R.

Two candidates recommended by Ellen Picard of Melrose High were accepted for *RYPEN* (*Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment*). Unfortunately one boy was smitten with flu, and the other was not prepared to attend by himself. However, many young people at the school have been asking for information and should be a good source of candidates next year. No candidates for *RYLA* applied this year.

Responding to a request from *ACT Guides*, the Club, through Frank Sheldon and a friend/volunteer, Graeme Dowling, repaired the gravel surrounds of the open, roofed, cooking shelter at the Majura Camp Site "Annanana". It is expected that a brick protection wall around the steel furnace will be completed shortly.

The club provided \$400 to help Alison Proctor purchase a laptop computer. Alison was selected as an ***Australian Youth Ambassador for Development*** with AusAID. She will provide Occupational Therapy and specialist educational advice for children with physical disabilities in Apia, Samoa, from March 2003. We hope she will speak to club members about her experiences after her return in 2004.

Finances (Treasurer - Bob Ellison, Deputy - Ajit Banerjee)

An interim Financial Statement to 31 May 2003 is presented below, with full year figures to 30 June 2002 for comparison.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Club Members for their cooperation and Ajit for banking club funds throughout the year and I wish the Incoming Board and particularly the Treasurer Bob Harvie an enjoyable and successful year.

NOTE 1 - Statement of significant accounting policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use of the Club Members. The Board has determined that the business is not a reporting entity. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following applicable Australian Accounting Standards:

AAS 5: Materiality

AAS 8: Events Occurring After Reporting Date

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report is prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

Property, Plant & Equipment: The Trailer purchased during the year is including in the Balance Sheet as a non-current asset at cost and depreciated over its estimated useful life.

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Balance sheet as at 31 MAY 2003

<u>Current assets</u>	31-05- 2003	30-06-2002
	\$	\$
Cash		
Cash at Bank - General Account	4,987	5,315
- Project Account	6,987	10,705
- Wishing Well Account	631	1,503
Sundry Debtors	-	1,705
Prepayments	-	667
	12,605	19,895
 <u>Non-current assets</u>		
Trailer at Cost	1,188	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(200)	-
	988	-
 <u>Total assets</u>	 \$13,593	 \$19,895
 Represented by		
<u>Club Funds</u>		
Opening Balance	19,895	15,064
Less (Deficit) Plus Surplus	(2,700)	1,365
General Account		
Less (Deficit) Plus Surplus	(3,602)	3,466
Project Account		
	\$13,593	\$19,895
 Club funds	 \$13,593	 \$19,895

**Statement of receipts and payments
for the period ending 31 May 2003**

	31-05-2003	30-06-2002
<u>General account</u>	\$	\$
Receipts		
Fines, Raffles, Donations etc	1,227	1,330
Interest Received	8	12
Membership Subscriptions	7,070	6,945
Trash & Treasure Income	-	4,976
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	\$ 8,305	\$ 13,263
Payments		
Bank Charges	75	88
Dinner Costs	610	1,056
Donations	1,250	-
General Expenses	52	428
Printing, Postage & Stationery	967	1,521
Presentation Expenses	107	361
Rotary Subscriptions - RI, DU etc	6,253	6,374
Rotary Supplies	680	728
Rotary Signs & Aprons	825	-
Sergeant at Arms Expenses	186	-
Trash & Treasure Expenses	-	1,342
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	\$ 11,005	\$ 11,898
Net (deficit) surplus	(\$ 2,700)	\$ 1,365

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	31-05-2003	30-06-2002
<u>Project account</u>		
Income		
Sales Cards Cakes etc -	834	532
Net of Purchases		
Show Parking	24,266	72,419
Interest Received	32	25
Donations Received	12,484	525
State of Nation Football Dinner (net)	-	7,853
Trash & Treasure Income	9,200	7,888
Bruce Parking	950	1,450
Wishing Well Canberra Hospital	279	485
	\$ 48,045	\$ 91,177
Expenses		
Bank Charges	130	89
Depreciation	200	-
Donations & Sponsorships -		
- International Service	5,131	
- Community Service	13,215	
- Youth Service	3,862	
- Vocational Service	<u>12,867</u>	
	35,075	25,517
General Expenses	12	95
Show Parking Expenses	14,256	61,610
Trash & Treasure Expenses	1,974	400
	\$ 51,647	\$ 87,711
Net (deficit) surplus	(\$ 3,602)	\$ 3,466

