

ROTARY CLUB OF SUTHERLAND INC

Annual Report 2010 – 11



As presented
at end of June 2011

President	PP Bob Thomas
Secretary	PP David Melville
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Club Admin Director	Robbert Fox
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	and for start of year PP Paul Andersen
Public Relations Director	John Ives
Service Projects Director	John Dodson
New Generations Director	PP Graeme Boler
The Rotary Foundation Director	Chris Makomaski

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SECRETARY'S REPORT: David Melville

Congratulations and many thanks to President Bob and the rest of the Board for an interesting year. Bob has instigated some very worthwhile initiatives in our fund raising projects with changes to the ADF and involvement with Coffe@Peace. It is a great pity his health has affected him so much in these last few months, we hope for a speedy recovery.

I am sure Bob T would like to make comment and thank the individuals who made the year a special one, and we will just have to do that for him in the following pages.

We updated our Club Bylaws for conform with RI's adoption of 'New Generations' as the Fifth Avenue of Service, and the club making that its own Board Director. That has been submitted to the Office of Fair Trading as a rule change for an Incorporated Association.

We have met our legal obligations: Subscription s paid to Rotary International, District 9750, and Rotary Down Under; we submitted our Annual Return for last year as an Incorporated Association to OFT; our Authority to Fundraise is valid till July 2015; and our Child Protection Act and Privacy Act registers are up to date.

For those of a statistical mind, here is the current situation regarding members:

This is at mid-June, ie before Ron Swane and Ken Simpson move from Member to Friend of Rotary, meaning we will finish the year with 35 active members and 2 Honorary members.

We have a way to go to get that average age down, though Zoe and Perri are playing their part as the newest and youngest members of our club. Best wishes to our incoming team for the coming year.

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Club Statistics 2010-11

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Member Numbers by Age and Member Type

Age Group - Members	Active	Exempt	Honorary	Total
Less Than 30	1	0	0	1
30-39	1	0	0	1
40-49	1	0	0	1
50-59	5	0	0	5
60-69	11	1	0	12
70-79	3	9	1	13
80-89	0	5	1	6
90-99	0	0	0	0
Total Club	22	15	2	39

Average Age

60	78	81	68
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Member Numbers by Attendance Type

	Male	Female	Total
Active	18	4	22
Exempt	15	0	15
Honorary	2	0	2
Total	35	4	39

TREASURER'S REPORT: Martin Iffland

I am pleased to submit my Treasurer's report to the Club for the 11 months to 31st May 2011. A Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement is available.

Financial Corporate Governance of the Club is very good. At each monthly board meeting, the Financial Report for the previous month is presented to Directors and then made available to members at subsequent weekly meetings. In addition, of course, the accounts for 12 months ending 30th June each year are audited by an appropriately qualified Accountant.

In my opinion, the Financial Accounts indicate that the Club is in a good financial position, except for the deteriorating position of the dinner weekly meetings. But this is now being seriously addressed by the Board.

Thank you to the Assistant Treasurers for their considerable assistance each week during meetings.

Martin G. Iffland
Hon. Treasurer 2010-11

CLUB ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR: Robbert Fox**Program:** (C) Warwick Parnell/Peter Williams

Guest Speakers covered a broad spectrum of our community. Many were from organisations seeking our direct assistance and sometimes funding while there were many who presented an informative view of their particular topic and interest. Warwick handled the responsibility with great dedication. It is not an easy task to find appropriate speakers who are available on a given night. Congratulations go to Warwick for a fine effort.

Attendance: Martin Iffland

Martin kept the official records of attendance for RI requirements and submitted returns regularly – Thanks Martin.

Robbert Fox checked the apologies and guests for meetings and advised the SEC of the numbers for the weekly meeting. This requires a conscientious effort at the right time, and Robbert very nicely fitted it in his very busy daily schedule – Thanks also Robbert. There were a number of people applied for extended leave of absence. Notably Paul Andersen, who has changed jobs, sought to take off most of the year. Ken Simpson, due to ill health has taken extended leave, before relinquishing membership at the end of the year.

Bulletin Editor: (C) Graham Thom, Graeme Boler

The bulletin is one of the most challenging tasks of our Rotary year. It is like producing a tabloid paper to be recorded, typed, proof-read and out there on time. The only thing there is only one person – Graham Thom, who is unpaid, unheralded and has to produce the bulletin in his spare time. Graham has done a marvellous job in providing a bulletin every week. He has to decipher the “scribble” produced by the scribes and then translate that into a readable document.

The bulletin is a very important part of the club life blood. It communicates the “minutes and proceedings of the previous meeting, gives information on what will be happening in the future and very importantly is the link to members who are unable to present at the meeting. It also is the record for historic purposes.

Thank you, Graham for a fine effort under quite trying circumstances.

Bulletin Scribes: Graeme Boler, Peter Williams, Martin Iffland, David Beslich

All of the scribes above participated with a person filling in when another is unavailable. It helps the bulletin editor to not have to devote his/her time every week to the recording of the events of the night. Thanks go to all!

Bulletin back-up, printing and postage: Bob Stevens

Bob Stevens continues to support from behind the scenes by getting the hardcopy to people when required. He is so reliable and does the work without fuss. Thanks Bob! And the club also thanks Karen Stevens who very quietly contributes without the accolades she so richly deserves

Photography: (C) Graham Thom, Graeme Boler

Lots of photos have been taken over the year and it is hoped that a gallery of photos will be available later for President Bob's year book. Graham Thom did the vast majority of the photos.

Fellowship and Social Events: (C) Robbert Fox, David Melville, Bob Thomas, Bob Bayles

Trip to Ulludulla

A group of around 15 enjoyed a very convivial weekend at Lake Tabourie Motel, with a combined dinner on Saturday night with 10 members of the Rotary Club of Milton-Ulladulla, the club that Brian and Denise Morrison now belong to, and it was great to catch up with

them. The weekend ended with a BBQ lunch in Rotary Park with some of the RC MU members. The intended boat trip to coincide with this weekend didn't get past the National Park due to rough seas (pass the Dramamine please Captain Stevens).

Orange Trip

A significant contingent journeyed to Orange for a weekend of fellowship and vocational interest. The driving purpose was to visit the new Orange Base Hospital that was being built by Hansen Yuncken at Bloomfield area of Orange. This lies on the southern fringe of the city about 3 kilometres from the city centre.

We were privileged to have a tour of inspection through the maze of a large provincial hospital while still under construction. It is quite a credit for our club to have such skilled and influential members such as Ron and David Beslich who are part of the Hansen Yuncken management team. The tour was very well organised with several staff and doctors available for professional information. The size and complexity of modern hospital was clearly brought home when we were able to get behind the scenes of the workings of such a large hospital. It would appear that the outstanding success of the build has accelerated Hansen Yuncken up the ladder of preferred tenderers in the hospital field of construction.

The Sydney Welsh Choir recital was held on 6th March 2011 which allowed members to gather for some fellowship.

Melbourne Cup luncheon was run by Gymea Rotary Club and held at "Waterbrook" on the "second Tuesday of November" and was attended by some of our members.

Gymea fair – This was held on the 31st October where we sold raffle tickets and talked to the public about Rotary. It was a spectacular result by George Bouteris who sold and sold to gain a great result.

Welfare: Bob Bayles

Welfare became a significant player in the weekly functioning of the Club.

Our Bob Bayles was one of the sufferers of ill health and therefore handed the reins of welfare reporting to Stan Nurthen. Both have done a wonderful job of keeping us abreast of health and welfare.

Sister Rotary Clubs

Members from this club attended the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of Petaling Jaya Rotary Club, Malaysia. Martin and Ann Iffland were two of our club who made the trip and on their return were ecstatic about the reception they received. They bore gifts from their club to our President Bob.

Vocational visits and talks: Ron and David Beslich,

Visit to Orange and the new Bloomfield Hospital. As described under fellowship a very worthwhile industry visit was held by travelling to Orange to the fine new hospital under construction. Industry visits are so much part of a healthy, vibrant Rotary club. This is the basis of Rotarians getting together – Vocations – The "glue" to the Fellowship!

Club History & Birthday/Anniversary Cards: Bede Goodman

The ever reliable Bede Goodman with his able assistant Jean provided cards to all members for their birthday and anniversaries. This is no mean feat to get it right and to take the time to organise it. Well done Bede!

District Conference Liaison: (C) Bob Bayles, Bob Thomas

The District Conference was held at Campbelltown and the program was interesting and informative. Many members attended at the Cube, a brand new venue.

International Toast: (C) Bert Rogers, Bob Richards

The international toast was a recent addition to our weekly program. It was always interesting to hear of a new place, a connection that someone had with the place or in some cases expressing our deepest sympathies for a disaster that had beset the town where the club met. Four significant natural disasters occurred in four weeks in the first quarter of 2011. The floods in Queensland, followed by a cyclone in Cairns, Queensland and across the "ditch" to Christchurch, where a massive earthquake destroyed much of the city, and over to Japan where the devastation was incredible, had us all passionately expressing sympathy.

Rotary Information: (C) Bob Richards

Rotary information has been disseminated by various ways throughout the year. The legislation changes have been actively pursued by Jack Dalton who is a significant player in the world of legislation.

Rotary Legislation: Jack Dalton

By-laws revised and approved by the club. This was achieved by firstly Robbert Fox taking on the role of revising and simplifying the by-laws. David Melville gave great support the process and debate was held at two meetings before the final approval by the members completed the task. Thank you to the leaders as mentioned and the members for their considered opinions which shaped the final result.

Child Protection Officer: (C) Peter Williams

Peter was relieved when nothing that required his intervention arose during the year. An excellent result for both Peter and the Club.

Public Officer: Robbert Fox

As public officer Robbert was required to sign off on our Annual Return and the form notifying our change of rules (Bylaws), both lodged with NSW Office of Fair Trading.



SERVICE BEYOND THE CLUB LEVEL:

We are grateful to the following members and partners who have assisted our Rotary District and beyond in some way:

- PP Bob Thomas (DG nomination committee).
- PDG Jack Dalton (Governors Council, MUNA).
- PDG Peter Williams (CoL 2013 rep).
- PDG Bob Richards (ROMAC).
- PDG Ron Beslich (Australian Rotary Health).
- PP Ron Sommers (RAWCS, Adopt a PNG Province Project).
- Graham Thom (Training).
- PP Graeme and PP Pam Boler (New Gens and RAWCS Furniture Goodwill Program).
- PP Martin Iffland (Finance).
- PP Boman Kalapesi (ARH).
- PP Bob Bayles (Seniors).
- Bronwyn Melville (District Directory and District Conference printed material, even though not a member, assisted by David).

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR: John Ives**Event Publicist and PR in general: John Ives**

For the year 2010-11 the Public Relations section of the Club was very fortunate in having Club Menai as its partner for the Australian Day Function. The club provided its own in-house professional with an allocation of resources that the Rotary Club of Sutherland could not have possibly matched without impacting on the fund raising.

We contributed to our events as they arose and provided the stickers for placing surplus RDUs in professional waiting rooms.

Over the last 6 months I have been researching and have provided the membership director with a list of some 35 potential members. This list is now being acted upon early in the coming year to culminate in a special membership night to bring new blood into the club.

Four Way Test: (C) Jack Dalton, Ron Beslich

Members have been reminded of the importance of the Four-Way Test during the year:

THE 4 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?

Mental Health Forum: (C) John Barker

This is still being examined.

Sutherland Early Support Service: (C) Stan Nurthen, Martin Iffland

Stan Nurthen gives tremendous support to this support group and must be recognised for his wonderful efforts for little children, too small to yet be able to think and decide for themselves and for the mother of those children who are in need of help. This program addresses the needs of struggling mothers in the first year of a baby's life.

REPORT ON THE SUTHERLAND EARLY SUPPORT SERVICE 2010 - 11

Stan Nurthen, President of Sutherland Early Support Service (SESS) furnished the following report. Stan has been a tower of strength for SESS providing wonderful leadership and representing our club. Along with his distinguished service others such as Martin Iffland, Peter Pidoux, Jennifer Pidoux and Jennifer Dalton have given greatly to produce a wonderful year and our Club is very proud of these people. He has been able to present and convince the state politicians to financially support the Service and to recognise the great work that is being done and the splendid results achieved.

On behalf of the Co-ordinators, Volunteers and the Advisory Committee the following is a brief report on our activities for the year ending the 30th June 2011. Once again we have come through a year, made difficult by funding for the Service. This is our fifth year of successful operations in developing an intervention program to help mothers coming home from hospital with new babies.

Some of the areas covered are: Multiple Births: Post Natal Depression: Mother/ Child Disabilities: Reflux Babies: Premature Babies: Culturally and Linguistically Diverse: plus others referred to us by the various Community Partners. These partners include the South East Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service through to DOCS and welfare groups. Some of these families needed practical support in the way of meals and nappies. We have an arrangement with a church to assist with meals.

A lot of the mothers do not have family support because of distance, farther away in the services, single mothers etc. Many of our families require more than one volunteer and the time line can vary from one to several months. At the end our service, the families are asked to complete a survey and in most cases, they also submit a personal letter praising the service and the volunteer.

The volunteers are fully trained in house and must meet the standard set by our Co-ordinators. They also have to pass a police check and then will be given an ID card. We have 85 volunteers on the books having just trained another sixteen. We have a high "retain rate" of volunteers and our Co-ordinators hold regular additional training sessions, usually with a guest speaker.

I must thank our Co-ordinators, Lina a highly trained and skilled in social worker and Anne, a fully trained nurse and midwife. They constantly increase their knowledge by attending in-service courses. A special thanks to the Advisory Committee including, from our club, Martin Iffland, Peter Pidoux and from Inner Wheel, Jennifer Pidoux and Jenny Dalton. Thank you also to Ron Beslich who gave me some help when I needed it through-out the year.

Of the cases (65-68 monthly total) set out above approximately 45 - 50% are new mothers with post natal depression. There are clinical and social reasons for this and we may be able to research this later in the year. The Rotary Club of Sutherland can stand proud for the community work involved in this service, now in its fifth year. It costs approximately \$ 108,000 per year to run.

We are restricted to the amount of help we can give to new mums who feel they are alone in the world, by the amount of funds we raise each year.

PP Stan Nurthen, President SESS Advisory Committee

Chapel Night: (C) Ron Beslich

The Chapel Night was not held this year for want of support by the other Shire Rotary clubs. This is a disappointment when one might think that the Shire is a united group with common interests and yet we are unable to get together for a single occasion in the year. This may be resurrected or revamped in coming years.

Ron Beslich strived valiantly to engage other clubs but was unable to muster the required numbers.

Excellence in Workmanship Awards: (C) Boman Kalapesi, Aldo DiMartino

Another Excellent awards night. Master of Ceremonies was Dr Boman Kalapesi; 80 people attended and the awardees were: Lynne Hunt, Cultural Planning and Events Co-Ordinator, Sutherland Shire Council, nominated by President Bob Thomas; Janine Maloney, Air Cruise Manager, nominated by John Ives; Sarah Hearn, Special Olympics, nominated by Norm Maroney, FOR; Alan Lenthall, Maintenance Facilitator, Cheslon Nursing Home, nominated by Boman Kalapesi; Matthew Weedon, Site Manager, nominated by Phillip Hunt; Karen Blacker, Pharmacy Assistant, nominated by Pam Boler; Rebecca Zammit, Physiotherapist, nominated by Bob Richards & Pam Richards.

Perri Calderwood gave a short and very interesting talk on why she joined Rotary and talked of her GSE experience.

Paul Andersen gave a key note address espousing the virtues of Rotary. Paul's theme was ethics and the quality of work we do. Giving the early history of Rotary and The Four Way Test, one of the key themes of Paul's speech was how we can apply these in our everyday lives both at work and away from work. Following the presentation of the awardees, Janine Maloney spoke on behalf of the awardees followed by Brad Whittaker, from Sutherland Shire Council, spoke on behalf of the employers.

Boman Kalapesi and Aldo DiMartino put in a wonderful effort to get this event to its successful conclusion. Thank you to both for their fine efforts and thanks go to each person who nominated an awardee.

Webmaster: David Melville kept the web site up to date, particularly with notices about changes in any coming meetings. David would like to transition the web site over to the RotaryNews.info site and save on hosting fees, but suggestions on updating the site were scarce. Our package for pointing our domain (sutherlandrotary.org.au) to the web site combined with email administration has seen our domain email addresses become better identified, directed and spam filtered.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Paul Andersen / Warwick Parnell**Member Recruitment Strategy & Member Development & Retention:**

(C) Graham Thom, Peter Williams, Warwick Parnell, Paul Andersen, Bob Thomas

A team of members met to develop a strategy of determining all the potential of people within our catchment area. From this a letter has been written to invite prospective members to an interest meeting. Paul's change in employment required taking leave, with Warwick taking up the position. Old Rotary Down Under Magazines were collected and distributed to the waiting rooms of businesses and professional practices within our boundaries.

Recruitment

In August two new female members were inducted into our club - Perri Calderwood and Zoe Panto (nee Terpening). As past GSE team members nominated from our club, they had already developed a good understanding of Rotary, and have since proved to be great addition to our membership.

In October the club booked a stall at the Volunteer Expo 2010 at the SEC.

The stall was manned by Warwick Parnell and John Ives throughout the day, and there was considerable interest in community volunteering. A great deal of hand out material was provided, and it is hoped we can gain membership enquiries from a repeat event this year. Invitations to join our club were extended to several of our locally based guest speakers, during the course of the year. Regretfully, current business or Wednesday evening commitments prevented them from attending at this stage. However it is intended to follow up many again this year.

A major Membership Night is being planned early in the new Rotary Year. Many thanks to John Ives for providing us with approx 35 names of local business professionals. We hope they will join us as guests on the night and as possible future members. We would also encourage the entire club membership to assist, by inviting a friend or business acquaintance as well.

We would again remind club members that growing our membership is a responsibility for all members of our club.

Young Rotarians Project: B Thomas, P Andersen, Z Panto, P Calderwood, G Thom, P Williams

This new and revolutionary project is ongoing and yet to develop, and will need significant Board and Club support.

An approach to present the programme to the Sutherland Police LAC by Pres. Bob and John Dodson is hoped to initiate future activity and support.

Vocational Awareness & Classifications: (C) Ron Beslich

Ron has continued to be the arbiter of acceptable classification descriptions.

Police Officer of the Year Awards: (C) John Dodson, Norm Maroney (FOR)

The night was an outstanding success with the added new category of High School Citizenship Awards.

Membership

Sadly, we recently received and accepted the resignation of our friend and long term Rotary members Ron Swane and Ken Simpson, effective from Changeover. Both have taken up a Friend of Rotary membership. Ron has served the club well and been President in 1994-1995. Ken was President of Sutherland Civic in 1978-79. We wish them well.

SERVICE PROJECTS DIRECTOR: John Dodson

Christmas Raffle: (C) Graham Thom, Chris Makomaski, Ron Swane, Aldo DiMartino
Under guidance of Graham Thom and the continued support of Aldo DiMartino and Chris Makomaski the Christmas raffle was again a success. The funds raised are always a welcome addition to the required funds to pay for our youth programs.

Australia Day Festival: (C) Martin Iffland, Stan Nurthen, Bob Bayles, Paul Andersen, George Bouteris, Ray Wheeldon, Graeme Boler

The ADF had a change of scenery this year. Sutherland Council decided that Miranda Park was not suitable and that Parc Menai, just south of the parking area for the Menai Market Place was more appropriate. Bob Thomas led from the front liaising with Council, organising attractions and driving the program to a very successful first time event with our Rotary Club being mainly the organiser and outsourcing others to do most of the stalls.

Australian Rotary Health: (C) Ron Beslich, Boman Kalapesi

With Ron Beslich at the helm we again had a successful year. We have a sergeant's fine free badge which allows the holder to be exempt from fines for the period held. A modest sum is raised each year from this process.

ARH Indigenous Health Scholarship: (C) Ron Sommers

Ron Sommers will be the club contact for Jessica Webb, attending UNSW as our new Indigenous Health Scholar. The sponsorship shared between the club and Ron Beslich due to his long and abiding interest in Australian Rotary Health, which runs the scheme.

It should be noted that the Beslich family has contributed over \$100,000 to Australian Rotary Health over the years, this combined with Ron's history of committed community service led to him being awarded an AOM earlier on – congratulations Ron.

ROMAC/ Interplast: Bob Richards, Boman Kalapesi

In a 5 minuter Bob Richards reported on two ROMAC patients which illustrate the great work that ROMAC has been doing. Bob steps down this year from the national chairman's role after three very successful and rewarding years. Bob's continued involvement in ROMAC has been rewarded with a "Sapphire Pin", well done Bob.

Bob spoke of one of the latest recipients of ROMAC, a 12 year old girl from Fiji who has severe burns from kerosene, and the difficulty and frustration of bringing her to Australia to operate. A surgeon is now planning to go to Fiji for the weekend to operate.

This case really is a testament to the excellence of our paediatric hospitals and the skill and dedication of their medical teams - something they could never get overseas, and the whole reason for the ROMAC program.

Barbeque Team: (C) Warwick Parnell, John Barker

Warwick Parnell organised and participated in several events requiring our input with the assistance of many members. It did make a pleasant change not to have to do that at the ADF though.

Coffee at Peace

Coffee at Peace – Held on Sunday 11 July, the inaugural day was an outstanding success and a great initiative of Sutherland Council. On a beautiful sunny day, our club manned a barbeque which kept us very busy, and made a significant profit. The day was a fine family, community, and social gathering with thousands of people strolling through the avenues of stalls tasting coffee and other delights.

Bunnings Barbeque

As a fund raiser the club held a BBQ at Bunnings, which provided a handy income for the club. The BBQ team of Warwick Parnell and John Barker did a great job.

Relay for Life: (C) Ray Wheeldon

The responsibility of organising people to support the Relay for Life organisers was handed to Warwick Parnell to pull it into shape, he got lots of volunteers and the weekend was an outstanding success. The Sutherland Relay for Life has retained its title as the biggest and best in the state, having so far raised a whopping \$470,000 for the Cancer Council NSW. Heavy rain did not dampen the spirits of the 2500 walkers and runners who took part in the overnight community event at Sylvania Waters athletics track on the weekend.

Concert / Recitals: (C) Bob Thomas

Bob Thomas organised the Sydney Welsh Choir to entertain a reasonable crowd at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre. They are a very accomplished choir and is much travelled. Their performance was very good and the funds raised were very acceptable to help meet our commitments and provide funds for clubs projects.

Minerva School: (C) Joe Staudinger (Past Member)

From time to time members have assisted the school with general maintenance of the school grounds and particularly of the overhanging trees.

Bowel Scan: (C) Chris Makomaski (*Mr Poo*)

The 2011 Bowelscan this year has achieved slightly better results and higher sales. All the chemists in the Shire participated and the results were that we sold 4,210 kits in the stipulated period. These kits had a return of 77%. The program enabled us to a public Rotary face in the Shire. Unfortunately there were 41 positive cases which showed up in the samples, or 1.5%. The age distribution was as follows: in the 30's -1; in the forties -3; in the fifties - 9; in the sixties - 14; in the seventies - 9; and in the eighties - 5. This has shown that all the people in the age over fifty should have a Bowelscan every year so that it may be diagnosed in time to prevent the cancer. We are at the present moment waiting on the advice about a new testing kit, (an immunological) which Rotary is hoping to introduce next year. This new kit may prove to be superior to the kit that is used at the present moment. This will depend on the approval by TGA (Government regulator).

The new kit will be more expensive but we have not been informed of the cost. The Commonwealth program is continuing after the government increased the amount of money for it in the recent federal budget. The Rotary program is going very well, the representatives of the Rotary clubs have delivered and collected the kits from the chemists twice a week and delivered them to the Sutherland Hospital to the Seals laboratory for testing and recording their results. Every person who has sent the kit for testing receives a letter informing as to the results. Bowelscan is a major PR initiative for Rotary. Every home owner in the Shire receives a brochure with the rates notice informing of the Rotary Bowelscan program for the year. The Bowelscan program generates a very positive comments and words of appreciation for Rotary clubs as the program is improving the health of the Sutherland Shire. This is quite an arduous task and requires constant action, which Chris carries out very well, and a great service to the community, thank you to Chris.

Rotary Park

Work on the railway line has not released the park for general use yet. The Rotary sign there disappeared and none of the authorities could locate it, so Sutherland Council's Engineering Department have undertaken to get a new one, and the artwork for that has been approved.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DIRECTOR: Chris Makomaski

The Rotary Foundation: (C) Boman Kalapesi, Bob Richards, Warwick Parnell

We enjoyed a visit from Suzanne Campbell as Guest Speaker – The Rotary Foundation District Committee Chair.

Group Study Exchange: (C) Bob Bayles

With Bob Bayles having challenging times with illness Peter Williams and Warwick Parnell filled the role of chairman. Our club hosted the very popular Vocational Training Team from D7070 from around Toronto Canada. VTT being a new slant on GSE being trialled by RI. Our Club has always shown great support to the program and was proud to know that Mark Speakman, one of our past GSE team members was elected to State parliament

Ambassadorial Scholars: (C) Peter Williams

We had John Grisham, a Scholar, along as a very interesting guest speaker.

Stamps for Polio Plus: (C) Ken Simpson

Ken continues to accumulate and trim when necessary (please do that before you pass them on to him). These are passed on and make a continuing supply of funds for this important project, and will continue when Ken is a Friend of Rotary.

RAWCS & PNG projects (Adopt a Province): (C) Ron Sommers, Peter Williams, Paul Andersen

Dr Ron continues to provide support to Kundiawa Hospital and area, sending surplus equipment via Donations in Kind. The establishment of the Rotary Club of Kundiawa makes that significantly easier. The Rotary Club of Sutherland pays the club's RI fees to help them get established.

RAWCS – Rotary Furniture Goodwill Program

Sutherland Rotary Club in conjunction with Hansen Yuncken, a large building company created a global project that dispatched 110 containers of school furniture to ten developing countries around the world. Some 1,100 classrooms of furniture or 27,500 student places were sent in this Rotary year. This equates to about \$11 million of value in the furniture but cost the Department of Education and Training approximately 7% of its replacement value. Australia schools are linked with overseas schools.

RAWCS – Hansen Yuncken/ Orange Hospital Furniture Goodwill Program

From the generosity of Hansen Yuncken and the need to dispose of medical equipment and furniture from the old Orange Base hospital it was proposed to ship the goods overseas in a similar manner to the Rotary Furniture Goodwill Program – It became an extension of that program with the different funding model.

NEW GENERATIONS DIRECTOR: Graeme Boler**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards:** (C) Graeme Boler, Zoe Panto, Perri Calderwood

The annual RYLA week long seminar occurred from 15 to 22 January 2011. The awardees were Allison Koln and Jennifer Hamby. Jennifer's parents made a \$2,000 donation as a gesture of thanks for providing Jennifer with a life changing experience. The two ladies gave a fine presentation to our club on their return. It should be noted that both ladies have taken up membership of Como Jannali Rotaract Club.

Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment: (C) Pam Boler, Perri Calderwood

Due to some confusion of the times with school holidays, school spectacular and trip to the snow country, suitable applicants were not available. It was unfortunate that time had eroded the opportunity to follow other leads. We will be there next year for this worthwhile program.

School Debating Competition: (C) Robbert Fox, Graham Franks, John Dodson, Bob T

Graham Franks has been such a wonderful supporter of this program over the years and this year was no exception. Graham organised the schools, attended and judged most of the debates and organised a very successful finals night. It is known that Graham is struggling to continue with this program so we certainly congratulate him for a fine effort and wish him all the very best. Maybe he could be the coach for the coming year's team of adjudicators.

Caringbah High School was the winner and a continued association developed from two of the team members - Tim Leavold and Paige Burton. Tim was elected to represent Australia in the Hague International MUNA (Thimun) in January / February 2011. Tim sought funding for his trip. Paige also travelled to attend the UN Pacific Project. Both students each received \$350 to defray their costs. They both have spoken at the club on their return with many tales of their experience. Inspiring young people.

Model United Nations Assembly: (C) Graeme Boler

Graham Thom very ably stepped in and organised the MUNA team from St Patricks College, Sutherland. The team, with the responsibility of representing Indonesia, competed at the Nan Tien Temple, Wollongong on 13th May. Jack and Jennifer Dalton, Graham Thom, Pam and Graeme Boler attended this great event. The venue is superb the debating matching the venue and our team finished a handy fourth on the day while they were voted the best dressed team. It is always an entertaining and informative day.

UTTW (U Turn The Wheel): Anne Iffland

Ann has taken to this school age driver program with her usual exuberance. Ann attended a demonstration and awareness day. \$100 was given as support for the presentation dinner.

National Youth Science Forum: (C) Graham Thom, Zoe Panto

Our candidate for NYSF 2011, Lauren Lee, was not successful at District selection. Graham Thom organised the selection of Kieran Geraghty as our nomination for NYSF 2012.

The Science Experience: Bede Goodman

Ross Sedra was our representative who enjoyed the enlightening TSE experience held at the UNSW. Ross enjoyed the weekend and showed great enthusiasm about what he had learnt at his return speech to the club. These programs do have an impact on the young people.

Gynea High Interview Day: (C) Bede Goodman, Ron Swane, Sue Crowe (FOR)

This program for Year 10s had been organised via Sue Crowe who works at the school. Unfortunately a change in direction at the school has seen this style of day terminated, and we hope that more directed interviews with Year 11 students will eventuate soon.

Rotaract Liaison: (C) Graeme Boler, David Melville.

Como Jannali Rotaract Club has gone through a substantial change in recent times, with several members reaching the retirement age of 30. The new generation have taken up the running with gusto and have reformed, to be a force again.

The tenth annual trivia night was held on Saturday evening, the 14th May. It was a great success, and our club had two tables. We have attended every one of their trivia nights.



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ADDENDUM 1**RAWCS – Rotary Furniture Goodwill Program**

This is the biggest project ever for the Rotary Club of Sutherland. Although it involved only a small number of members – PDG Ron Beslich, PP David Beslich and PP Graeme Boler – it represents a significant new direction for Rotary in funding very worthwhile international projects.



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**ROTARY FURNITURE
GOODWILL PROGRAM**



RAWCS
Eastern Region

**Rotary Furniture Goodwill Program (RAWCS Project 8/2010-11) - A Global project
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Sutherland**

SUMMARY

Sutherland Rotary Club in conjunction with Hansen Yuncken, a large building company created a global project that dispatched 110 containers of school furniture to ten developing countries around the world. Some 1,100 classrooms of furniture or 27,500 student places were sent in this Rotary year. This equates to about \$11 million of value in the furniture but cost the Department of Education and Training approximately 7% of its replacement value. Australia schools are linked with overseas schools.

DESCRIPTION**SCHOOL FURNITURE FROM AUSTRALIA TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH GOODWILL**

How did this happen? From the embryo of an idea from PP David Beslich (RC Sutherland and director of Hansen Yuncken) came this enormous push to send the furniture. The Department of Education and Training (DET) saw the wisdom of sending furniture as against recycling it. It proved to be the cheaper than recycling. They funded the cost of transport, packing and shipping. This meant that the furniture containers were delivered to the foreign country wharf with all costs being born by DET.

The results mean a win for common sense, a win for our environment and certainly a win for the recipient countries who have gained the goods. It is estimated that a half a million student years will benefit from this massive project. The concept was bold and for DET it was a bold step as this is much different to anything previously done. DET NSW gave great support to the program while the Federal Government provided the funding through the BER Program.

The project was spawned out of the Government stimulus program of the Building Education Revolution. This program was centred round the primary schools across Australia where new buildings were to be built. This in turn required new furniture which left still sizeable furniture redundant. Through Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS) and the Donations in Kind (DIK) arm and the collective involvement of many Rotary clubs seeking furniture for their special project in foreign countries the furniture was sent. It was PP Graeme Boler (Sutherland Rotary Club) who coordinated the program from schools, packing, transport, shipping and the added process of multiple managing contractors building schools. Graeme and wife, Pam travelled to PNG and Solomon Islands to investigate the delivery phase and to ensure that the furniture was being put to good use. It was heartening to see so many people overjoyed by the gift of furniture. Crowds of up to 800 people came to school celebrations at graduation time which was spectacular. PDG Ron Beslich gave added support to the program and played a dual role of Rotarian (Sutherland RC) and director of

Hansen Yuncken. The logistics of packing containers, transporting them to the wharf and shipping them was challenging for such a short timeframe. This was Graeme Boler's domain. Linking of schools further enhanced the benefit of the furniture which provided a social and humanitarian interchange. The schools in Australia have been linked with the recipient schools in other countries. This, it is hoped, will continue for years to come providing a two way flow of understanding – one of Rotary's four objectives – World Peace, Goodwill and Understanding.

BENEFITS AND OUTCOMES

Over one thousand people have played a role in this project. Hundreds of schools are engaged at both ends of the process and tens of thousands of students worldwide will gain the benefit. Many non-Rotarians have also been involved and have seen Rotary at work and in a very favourable light.

Benefits from this project have been:

- Gave enormous benefit to the overseas schools raising their standards, expectations and profile which allowed them to attract better teachers and encourage students to attend school.
- Disposed of redundant furniture in the best possible way – **re-use** with financial assistance of both Federal and State Governments
- Involved 20 Australian Rotary clubs as senders, in many cases, augmenting existing club programs
- Became the catalyst for linking schools from Australia to recipient schools in 10 countries
- Freed up Rotary funds that might else have been used for such a project.
- Sent goods at a cost less than 7% of value – which is 1700% return on investment
- Supported by Hansen Yuncken as a significant force as a wonderful corporate citizen
- Created a model that will one day become the norm for re-use of redundant goods from Australia
- It covered:
 - Different religions; Different cultures; Different political systems; Different languages; Different socio-economic levels; Different countries

CONCLUSION

The Rotary Furniture Goodwill Program stepped outside the usual method of raising funds from the community to carry out worthwhile projects. It put the onus back on the owners of the responsibility for disposal of redundant goods and has opened up a new, bold future for Re-use of redundant goods in Australia.

Kind Regards, Graeme Boler - Co-ordinator

ADDENDUM 2***RAWCS – Hansen Yuncken/ Orange Hospital Furniture Goodwill Program***

From the generosity of Hansen Yuncken and the need to dispose of medical equipment and furniture from the old Orange Base hospital it was proposed to ship the goods overseas in a similar manner to the Rotary Furniture Goodwill Program – It became an extension of that program with the different funding model.



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HANSEN YUNCKEN/ORANGE HOSPITAL FURNITURE PROJECT**PROJECT REPORT****The Plan**

The management of Hansen Yuncken had agreed to take up to 12 containers of medical equipment and hospital furniture from the decommissioned Orange Base Hospital and ship them to five countries – Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vietnam, Philippines and Samoa.

Hansen Yuncken, a very significant national building company had built the new hospital at the old site of Bloomfield Hospital about 3 km south of the centre of Orange. Hansen Yuncken has so generously sponsored the transport and shipping of the containers to foreign ports.

There is a mammoth amount of furniture, fittings and equipment (FFE) available in the hospital. The Western Health Network had given Rotary the opportunity to take all the remaining FFE.

The Process

PDG Geoff Bargwanna (PDG Orange Rotary Club) took on the role of co-ordinator of the decanting the 12 buildings within the hospital, assembling the cargo and packing it into containers which were trucked to and from Sydney. The method of decanting and packing the containers would be volunteer labour. Semi-trailers with two 20 foot containers would bring the containers from Sydney.

The Challenge

We were frequently challenged to meet difficult conditions and insufficient information. Firstly, we were not able to obtain any inventory of any sort. This meant the first opportunity survey the potential cargo was Monday, 4th April. We were given one week to pack all ten containers. Prior to the main onslaught we were two days' notice that goods were on the lawn in front of a building and there were about 2 containers of goods. Geoff assembled a team in one day and met that challenge in trying and wet conditions. Because of the distance from Sydney the side-loader container semi-trailer was only available every second day. This was not part of the understanding prior to starting the project. Our only solution was to hire a crane to take the containers off the semi-trailer in the morning and back on in the afternoon.

The Benefits, Observations and Thanks

1. This whole operation could only have been undertaken because of the benevolence of the community minded Hansen Yuncken and the high ethical standards of its Director, David Beslich. The funding of this was totally accepted by Hansen Yuncken which is no small contribution. Congratulations and thanks are extended to Hansen Yuncken and David Beslich for their vision and generosity.
2. It is estimated that FFE sent overseas was worth upwards of \$1.5 million. This is quite a spectacular achievement and should be continued under a different funding arrangement.
3. It is estimated that the cost of sending goods is less than 6% of its value
4. It should also be noted that the cost of disposal in a proper and responsible manner would be considerably greater than the shipping overseas. This has been avoided by NSW Health by this operation.
5. It is noted that the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001 No 58 (WARR Act 2001 (NSW) applies to this disposal and should be adhered to.
6. It was heartening and rewarding to see the multitude of Rotarians take on the task of such a physical operation in packing a total of 12 containers and succeed. Congratulations go to the four Orange Rotary clubs – Orange, Calare, Orange North and Orange Daybreak. They turned up every day and produced a sterling effort
7. The media exposure was again a very worthwhile thing. From my vantage point I find it unfathomable to understand why Sydney media cannot present stories of this type when offered. The country media seems more sympathetic to charitable organisations.
8. It has been my pleasure to serve as co-ordinator of this project. It has given me the opportunity to serve our community in Australia by disposing of redundant goods in the best way possible and saving the environment; to give an enormous opportunity to five countries in helping save lives with better medical equipment; work with a great Australian company in Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd.

Kind Regards, Graeme Boler - Co-ordinator