



Rotary Club of Box Hill Central 2006-07 Annual Report



2006-07 President's Report



"Each day, well-lived, makes yesterday a dream of happiness and each tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look, therefore, to this one day, for it and it alone is life."

This quotation epitomises the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central in 2006-07. We can look back on this Rotary year with great memories and we can all look forward to the new Rotary year with hope and confidence.

For any organisation to operate effectively and efficiently it must have a very good administration team.

Bruce McEwen, the Secretary of the Club for the past two years, has undertaken this role very effectively as well as providing advice to the Board on a number of important issues. Bruce is retiring from the Board and I would like to thank him for your service to the Club.

Greg Cooper has put in an enormous amount of time setting up the Club accounts using the Rotary Club Administration software as well as moving all the accounts to internet banking and establishing a credit card facility. All this was achieved on top of performing the demanding duties of Club Treasurer in 2006-07.

President Elect Tony Stokes has performed his administrative duties in his usual efficient and thorough manner collating and reporting the weekly attendance figures, establishing and maintaining the Club rosters, and coordinating the Membership and Fellowship "portfolios". I'm sure that Tony's business like approach will result in a very successful year for him as President and for the Club in 2007-08.

In the area of Club operations, we have produced a number of procedures that have documented the most important functions such as Introducing and Inducting a new Member, Organising the Changeover, Processing Significant Club Matters, or the Election of Office Bearers. These procedures and any new procedures created in the future will be passed on to each incoming President resulting in a consistent approach to Club operations in the years to come.

Every week we receive our Club's email bulletin on time and certainly no later than the Monday morning prior to the normal business meeting on Wednesday. Geoff Limmer has proved to be a top class Bulletin editor who has put in a real effort to make the content of each newsletter both relevant and interesting.

The "Member in Focus" column proved to be an excellent way of providing an insight into the background and achievements of fellow Club members. Geoff has also put in a lot of time being trained in Web software enabling him to very effectively maintain the Club's website. I am pleased to announce that Geoff will continue in this role in 2007-08.

Steve Bell has done an excellent job in organising the Speaker's Program for this year. In fact he has done his job so well that he has organised bookings to the end of August. The quality of the program was very high and included "The

Great Football Debate", Earl M. Irvine - US Consul General, and PP Bob Slater from RC of Carlton who was a pioneer in the work/life balance concept.

The "speakers of the year" award would have to go to Frank Moore whose talk "Clash of Cultures" (and its affect on China's role as a world power) would have done justice to any University oration and Megan Donoghue our returning Monash Medical Student Scholarship Awardee who gave a presentation on her recent medical elective in Kenya.

I would also like to acknowledge the silent "foot soldiers" who as the Roving Reporters diligently recorded the content of each meeting for the next week's bulletin. Apart from providing an accurate record, these reports enabled members who were absent to keep up to date. Thanks to PP Ken Clark, Bernie Millane, PP Ian Port, Steve Bell, PP Michael Kirk, Bruce McEwen, Tony Stokes, Ian Milton and Vici Funnell for their reporting work throughout the year.

Lindsay Mackay and his International committee has over seen a comprehensive range of projects including Operation Cleft, the Oecussi Coffee growing Pilot project, the Koko Water project in Papua New Guinea working in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Goroka and support for ROMAC, Wheelchairs for Kids, Shelterbox and PLAN.

I would like to especially acknowledge Lindsay's efforts in chairing the Operation Cleft Steering Committee and his work in the formation of Operation Cleft Australia that will set up this unique International project to expand into other Rotary districts in Australia and overseas.

Operation Cleft raised \$210,000 in 2006-07 - an excellent result that was driven by Rotarian Colin Macfarlane who introduced this very special project to our Club.

I would like to thank PP Ralston and Lorna Wood for acting as counsellors to Lawrence Gerry our Ambassadorial Scholar from Papua New Guinea in 2006. This role involved Ralston and Lorna in helping Lawrence find a house, assistance with financial matters, driving him to Club meetings, taking him on outings and providing guidance and assistance in all sorts of ways. The Club is most appreciative of your efforts.

I would also like to congratulate PP Lesley Bell on her successful leadership of the GSE (Group Study Exchange) visit to Latvia and Sweden in April/May 2007 and congratulate our nominated GSE candidate, Suhanya Ponniah for her selection as a team member for the GSE visit to London later this year.

PP Malcolm Chiverton and his Community committee have been responsible for our Club's involvement in the very successful Whitehorse Farmers' Market, the further

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development of the Whitehorse Men's Shed, driving for the Eastern Emergency Relief Network, the Whitehorse ANZAC Schools Service (with advice and assistance for Ralston Wood) and the Bowelscan community project. The Club also took part in the Whitehorse Community Festival and the District 9810 24 Hour Meeting held in February. Malcolm is retiring from the Board and behalf of the members I would like to thank him for his service to the Club.

I would like to acknowledge the work of PP Michael Kirk who took up the Whitehorse Farmers' Market project with great enthusiasm. Michael was the Rotary representative who negotiated with the City of Whitehorse to establish the guidelines for the operation of the Market and is Secretary of this very successful joint project of the six Whitehorse Rotary Clubs. Malcolm also played an important role as our representative of the Whitehorse Farmers' Market committee providing a valuable link with Rotaract in this project.

PP Ralston Wood and his Vocation committee have been responsible for the very successful visit and lunch to the Victoria Barracks working under the guidance of Steve Bell, the funding of Roberts McCubbin Primary School students to attend the Leadership course, the funding of Our Lady of Sion students in the unique MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) held at Parliament House in Melbourne, the presentation of a \$750 Fashion Scholarship to Nadia Foti from Whitehorse TAFE and the funding of a student to attend the Siemens Science Experience.

I would like to thank PP Andrew Forgas for his work with the Shine on Awards and we were all pleased to hear that our nominated candidate, Shane Kelly received a Certificate of Commendation.

The core of any Rotary Club is the Fundraising committee and PP Ken Rice and his team has certainly "Lead the Way" with all their efforts in 2006-07. Ken in particular has put in an enormous amount of work during the year and I would like to thank him for his drive enthusiasm and his commitment to our Club and its projects, the District and Rotary in general.

We had two very successful "special hot breakfasts" featuring Bill Shorten and Peter Schwab raising \$2,200, two profitable sausage sizzles at Bunnings, the Fly Fishers Raffle that raised \$9,750 for Operation Cleft (as a result of an enormous effort by Michael Kirk, Ken Rice and their willing team of helpers) plus the \$15,000 donation from the Durran family that was received as a result of the Fly Fishers Raffle publicity.

Our Club organised our first Whitehorse Charity Golf Day in April under the professional guidance of PP Ken Rice, PN Vici

Funnell and Matthew Ety-Lehal from SCOPE raising over \$14,000 for local Whitehorse causes.

The Annual Police Band Concert raised \$8,000 for Eastern Emergency Relief and other Rotary projects and was again expertly organised by Garry Randall and Keith Rooney.

Finally the very successful Super Seminar held at Deakin University with Alan Kohler, Kevin Bailey, Helen Breier and Dominic Alafaci as MC raised over \$5,000 half of which will be going to Victorian Drought Relief projects.

We commenced the year effectively with 38 members and unfortunately we lost Alan Fry, Darrell Ellis, Dean Matchett and Libby Rice but gained Don Sweeney, Tony De Fazio and Maurice Benington.

Ian Milton and his Fellowship committee organised a very successful range of activities including the get together at the Jenkins, the District 9810 Red Faces Night, The Christmas Breakup at the Baseball Club, The District Conference at Shepparton (organised very efficiently by On To Conference Chair Brian McPhail and Sue), the boat trip down the Yarra, the enjoyable Games Night at the Miltons" and the football day in June.

It has been a pleasure being President in 2006-07 I have enjoyed the role and I have benefited from working with a very professional group of people.

In conclusion I would like to wish Tony and his team all the best for a productive and successful 2007-08 Rotary year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian'.

The 2006-07 team

President	Brian Martin
Secretary	Bruce McEwen
Treasurer	Greg Cooper
Imm. Past President	Michael Kirk
President Elect	Tony Stokes
International Director	Lindsay Mackay
Vocational Director	Ralston Wood
Community Director	Malcolm Chiverton
Fundraising Director	Ken Rice
Fellowship Director	Ian Milton
Membership Director	Kerry Barrett & Craig Hoath
Program	Steve Bell
Newsletter/Website	Geoff Limmer
On To Conference	Brian McPhail

Club Service Report 2006-07



As at:	Members	New members	Withdrawn Members	Month End	Meetings	Attendance
30.06.06	39		Alan Fry	38		
01.07.06	38	Don Sweeney		39	4	87.01%
01.08.06	39	Tony De Fazio		40	5	80.72%
01.09.06	40			40	4	82.01%
01.10.06	40			40	4	82.09%
01.11.06	40		Daryl Ellis	39	5	84.97%
01.12.06	39			39	3	76.70%
01.01.07	39			39	3	73.58%
01.02.07	39			39	4	75.36%
01.03.07	39			39	4	86.92%
01.04.07	39			39	3	90.63%
01.05.07	39	Maurice Benington		40	5	82.69%
01.06.07	40					
30.06.07	40		Libby Rice	37	4	75.63%
			Geoff Barnes			
			Dean Matchett			
					AVERAGE	81.53%

Overall attendance for the Rotary year 2006-07 was 81.53%. Attendance at club meetings was around 23 members on average. A significant number of make-ups were achieved by members during the year, which helped lift the overall attendance figure.

Members with 100% attendance for the whole year are: Malcolm Chiverton, Brian Martin, Ken Rice, Ralston Wood.

A notable feature of the year was the large number of members who were on Leave of Absence; apart from work related reasons, many members took extended travel during the year.

Once again, Geoff Limmer did a fantastic job with the club Bulletin and website management, and a huge vote of thanks to Geoff for this important role in ensuring that communication within and beyond the club was up to date and informative.

The club meeting program, in the hands of Steve Bell, saw some interesting speakers, with the highlights being the Bill Shorten breakfast in August, from which over \$1,500.00 was raised for the Whitehorse Men's Shed, the Peter Schwab Grand Final Breakfast and the US Consul General, Earl M. Irving's visit in November. Brian McPhail ably led us "On-to-Conference" in Shepparton in March 2007, with 32 club members and friends attending.

Tony Stokes
President Elect 2006-07

Membership Report 2006-07



Club membership has declined slightly in 2006 – 2007, although there have been some “ups” and “downs” during the year. At the start of the 2006 – 2007 year there were 39 members, although the number recognized by RI was 40. This occurred because the resignation of Yvonne Lawrence and the termination of Mei Yu Tsai’s membership were not confirmed by the Board until the July meeting, even though they were effective in the prior Rotary year. Further, Steve Bell’s membership was not brought onto the RI records until after July 1.

Later in July, Alan Fry indicated he was unable to attend morning meetings due to his business commitments, and resigned from the club, with the intention of transferring to RC MASH. His resignation was confirmed at the August Board meeting, and this brought club membership down to 38 members. On the positive side, Don Sweeney was inducted as RCBHC’s 39th member in July 2006, followed by Tony De Fazio in August 2006, taking total membership back up to 40. The next change was in November when Daryl Ellis advised he could no longer continue in membership due to relocation to a new job at Knox, and his resignation took membership back to 39 members.

This number remained static right through until May 2007 when Maurice Benington was inducted into membership, taking the number back to 40 again.

Unfortunately, the club lost three of its longer standing and valued members at the end of the year, with the resignations of Libby Rice, Geoff Barnes and Dean Matchett, each of whom indicated they would not be renewing their memberships for 2007 – 08 for personal reasons. A big “thank you” to each for their contributions to the club during their years of membership, and the best wishes of the club go to them for the future. The club membership at the end of the year was 37, a drop of 2 members versus the start of the year.

In all, quite a lot of membership activity during the year, and again this highlights the importance of both membership growth through recruiting new members, and of membership retention, especially of our newer members. It is significant that of the 7 new members recruited in 2005 – 06, only 4 remain as members currently. While it is inevitable that resignations will happen for personal or business reasons, it is important that all members play an active role in not only recruiting members, but also in assisting and mentoring newer members to help them settle into the club, and remain for the long term.

Craig Hoath
Membership Director 2006-07

MEMBERSHIP OF CLUB COMMITTEES

Vocational Service

Director: Ralston Wood

John Maddock, Lin Martin, Lesley Bell, and Michelle Hart.

Community Service

Director: Malcolm Chiverton

John Cybula, Jim Killeen, Rob Collier and Don Sweeney.

International Service

Director: Lindsay Mackay

Bernie Millane, Andrew Forgas, Colin Macfarlane and President Brian Martin.

Family and Fellowship

Director: Ian Milton

Geoff Barnes, Libby Rice, Owen Jenkin and Garry Randall.

Fundraising

Director: Ken Rice

Peter Enlund, Dean Matchett, Michael Kirk and Vici Funnell.

Membership & PR

Directors - Kerry Barrett and Craig Hoath

Ken Clark, Trevor Dalziel and Ian Port.



OPERATION CLEFT

In Rotary Year 2006/7, Operation Cleft raised \$210,000 and conducted 1,100 operations, each of them life-changing for a young person. This has been a truly outstanding year for Operation Cleft as a result of the tireless efforts and unbounded energy and enthusiasm of Colin Macfarlane. Operation Cleft has been strongly supported by our "Operation Cleft Ambassadors" Brian Martin, Don Sweeney and Lesley Bell, by the fundraising efforts of Michael Kirk with the Flyfishing raffle and Ken Rice and the hard-working members of the fundraising committee, by members of the Operation Cleft planning group, and in so many ways by all members of the Club. This has been a critical year for promoting Operation Cleft within Rotary, and the success of this promotion is evident in the fact that sixty-four other Rotary Clubs have supported Operation Cleft during the year. In the new Rotary Year, Operation Cleft Australia Inc. will be established to take over responsibility for Operation Cleft. The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central will remain closely associated with this new body and will provide the majority of members of its Committee of Management. As it commences the new year, Operation Cleft will have a balance of \$55,000 available to commit to operations.

MONASH MEDICAL STUDENT TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP

Megan Donoghue was selected to receive the inaugural \$2,000 scholarship towards the cost of undertaking her medical elective in 2007 at the Kiambu District Hospital in Kenya. The scholarship was presented to Megan at a Club meeting in February 2007, and Megan gave an outstanding address on her experiences to the Club in May 2007.

GAWA COMMUNITY PROJECT ELCHO ISLAND

In August 2006, Bill Godbehere reported "the successful commissioning of the Box Hill Rotary Central, solar powered Mono pump. This is performing amazingly well even in subdued light conditions. The old Grundfos pump would only work on totally cloudless days. We have watched the new pump perform well during light cloud and drizzle. As the wet season approaches there will be many cloudy days. In the past the community runs out of water. I am more than confident that this will no longer be the case. It exceeds my expectations and those of the Elders."

OECUSSI

1. Solar Lighting Project

The Solar Lighting Projects to which the Club provided \$1,000 culminated in the three Solar Power Units in OECUSSI being

supplied and installed in October 2006, by Bill Bennett and his colleagues from the Alternative Technology Association (Australia).

2. Food and Health Nutrition Project completed.

The Nasila Women's Project towards which the Club provided US\$1,000 resulted in two Nutritional and Health forums or 'training sessions' being conducted for three months - Feb, March and April, 2006 involving a total of twenty mothers and twenty-four children. The related Food feeding Program was undertaken twice a week supervised by a nutritional nurse assisted by the Oecussi regional hospital. The result shows that babies under this program have gained weight. This result is translated as an achievement in the program plan that's to add nutrition for babies who are notably lacking of vitamins and certain food nutrition.

3. Pilot Coffee project

The Coffee Pilot Project in Buqui-Naimeco Village funded by the Club has been successfully completed. A reported positive impact from this project is that after one acre of coffee is grown, there are many people in the SUCO of NAIMECO are now interested and feel encouraged to grow coffee for themselves. The Club is considering a proposal to fund a water container/reservoir in order to water the young coffee trees during the dry summer months.

PNG WATER PROJECT

A successful Matching Grant application was prepared in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Goroka, PNG to provide a secure, safe water supply to Koko Village in the Highlands of PNG. The Club's contribution of \$4,610, \$1,000 from Rotary Club of MASH and \$120 from the Rotary Club of Goroka has been leveraged to obtain a total of \$19,800 for this project which is about to commence.

BRENDA BOOK PROJECT

The Club has donated US\$750 to the Brenda Book Project to partner with RCMASH and other clubs and District 9810 with the RC of Grahamstown Sunset in South Africa as a Matching Grant.

OTHER PROJECTS supported included Wheelchair For Kids (\$700 donated following the Peter Schwab breakfast), a Shelterbox was funded following the situation in the Solomon Islands at a cost of \$1,200, \$1000 was donated to ROMAC, \$500 to INTERPLAST and we continued to support PLAN in 2006-07.

Lindsay D. Mackay International Director 2006-7

Community Report 2006-07



The Club through the Community Service Committee was involved with the following projects:- EASTERN EMERGENCY RELIEF, MEN'S SHED, ANZAC DAY SERVICE, SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY, WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET, CPR PROGRAM, BOWEL SCAN PROGRAM, DROUGHT RELIEF/ ADOPT A TOWN PROJECT.

EASTERN EMERGENCY RELIEF

Many members once again (with occasional help from Rotaract and past members) picked up household goods and furniture to assist the Eastern Emergency Relief Network to dispense the items to the many charities operating in the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

MEN'S SHED

The Shed was officially opened on Tuesday 1 August 2006. It operates two days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm) under the supervision of Barry Phillips. On Tuesday 21st November 2006 the Shed was visited by President - Elect of Rotary International Wilfred J. Wilkinson and his wife Joan who were very impressed with the Project. During May 2007 the participants of the Shed built 7 Food Donation Bins for Eastern Emergency Relief to be placed into shopping centres around the City of Whitehorse.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Thanks to Ralston Wood and Rob Collier who both organised the successful day attended by invited dignitaries, members of the RSL and many of the students/pupils from the local schools.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Club once again for the second year running agreed to sponsor Our Lady of Sion Girl's College in their entry to the RACV Energy Challenge for the construction and racing of a human powered vehicle (HPV). This the sponsorship was for \$250.00.

WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET

The City of Whitehorse was looking for an organisation/ service Club in the City to run and organise a Farmer's Market. Through the direction of PP Michael Kirk the Rotary Presidents from The Whitehorse Cluster and Whitehorse Rotaract were called together to discuss the possibility of working together to establish the said Market. A proposal was put forward to Council that was finally accepted where the Whitehorse Rotary Clubs and Rotaract would be the custodians for the Whitehorse Farmers' Market. The agreement reached was that all profits would be invested back into the Community of Whitehorse by the Clubs as a

whole or individually as they saw fit. The first market was held on Sunday 12th November 2006 and thereafter every 2nd Sunday of the month. To date profits have exceeded \$41000.00 while the Presidents and their Clubs are still deciding on suitable community projects. This has been and is still a successful and exciting Rotary project that has seen the 6 Rotary Clubs and Rotaract work together for the common good of the local Community.

CPR PROGRAM

The Club enrolled Ambassadorial Scholar Lawrence Gerry into the Level 2 First Aid Course run by Ambulance Victoria so Lawrence could take this experience and knowledge back to his local community in Papua New Guinea.

BOWEL SCAN PROGRAM

Organised through District 9810 the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, Box Hill, Mont Albert and Surrey Hills (MASH) and Forest Hill worked together to promote this program in the local community for the early detection of bowel cancer through the cooperation of local chemists who would sell the kits. The same chemists would receive returned kits which through the Rotary Clubs were forwarded to a laboratory in Geelong which undertook the testing at no cost as a community service. Box Hill Central looked after 9 chemists of which more than 60% of the kits were sold and a return rate of approximately 70%.

DROUGHT RELIEF/ADOPT A TOWN PROJECT

Introduced to the Club by President Elect Tony Stokes after participating in the Ride to Conference to Shepparton. On their journey throughout the country districts of Victoria the group were made aware of the devastation and heartache being experienced by our country cousins through the effect of drought and bushfires. It was decided the Club would investigate helping the farmers in the region around and within the township of Benalla. PE Tony Stokes, and Past Presidents Ralston Wood and Malcolm Chiverton went to Benalla and learned first hand through the Mayor and local Rotarians the hardship being experienced throughout the community. The Club decided to spend \$5000.00 over twelve months to help the farmers and townspeople of Benalla. Also in a similar vain to the Whitehorse Farmers' Market a new committee was set up again with all the Whitehorse Cluster Rotary Clubs and Rotaract to do a group project/s (greater amount of funds to stretch) that would support the Benalla region.

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Already a majority of the Clubs have agreed to purchase a commercial refrigerator for the Town's foodbank and a football family day to Melbourne to view an AFL game at the MCG is being investigated along with ladies pamper days etc.

Thank you to all the Committee members who contributed in the different projects and special thanks to ALL the Club members (Eastern Emergency Relief), Brian Martin, Jim Killeen (Men's Shed), Ralston Wood (Anzac Day Ceremony), Brian Martin, Michael Kirk (Whitehorse Farmers' Market), Tony Stokes and Ralston Wood (Drought Relief Project).

*Malcolm Chiverton
Community Director*

The Vocational Committee had an extremely active year summarised as follows:

VOCATIONAL VISIT

Luncheon and tour of the Victoria Barracks.

LITERACY

Contribution (via a Matching Grant with the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills) to the Brenda Book project in South Africa.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarding of a Fashion Scholarship to Nadia Foti from Box Hill Institute.

SPONSORSHIPS

- *Siemens Science Experience:*
Julian Soh (Box Hill High School) attended the course at Melbourne University.
- *National Youth Science Forum:*
Matthew Skelt from Kingswood College has been interviewed and his application forwarded to District for final selection.
- *Young Leaders Forum:* Sponsorship of eight House Captains from Roberts McCubbin Primary School to attend a State-wide Forum held at Vodaphone Arena.
- *MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly):* Erin and Camilie from Our Lady of Sion College participated in the weekend event held at Parliament House (their allocated country was Russia).

AWARDS

Shane Kelly was nominated to participate in the "Shine On" Awards program for the disabled and received an award for his contribution to the community.

*Ralston Wood
Vocational Director 2006-07*

Fundraising Report 2006-07



We certainly had a diverse range of fundraising projects throughout this year – a mixture of the traditional and some innovative, probably more challenging events.

On 2nd August we had the Bill Shorten Breakfast where Bill described his involvement with the Beaconsfield Mine collapse. A memorable event and we raised over \$1,500 which went to supporting the Whitehorse Men's Shed project. The traditional Footy Week Breakfast on 27th August enjoyed a presentation by Peter Schwab and raised over \$600.

For three months – September, October and November – we took on Michael Kirk's unique concept of selling 1,000 \$25 tickets in a Fly Fishing Raffle to raise funds for Operation Cleft! Individual Club Members underwrote the risk involved, but their generosity was not called upon because miraculously, and not without a little effort, we sold exactly 600 tickets (\$15,000) netting a profit in excess of \$9,700. By luck or providence, a benefactor who was offered tickets chose instead to donate \$15,000 directly to Operation Cleft, so all in all a hugely successful fundraiser. Thank you Michael and the Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Centre.

Two Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, in October and January, made a combined profit exceeding \$1,500 and a Sausage Sizzle organised at Blackburn Lake in March raised in excess of \$550 for the Melbourne Community Foundation. Thanks to Michael for organising each of these events.

A total in excess of \$900 was raised in Wine Sales with thanks to Dean Matchett and Ken Clark.

Over \$700 was raised from sales of the usual Christmas fare – Whisky Cakes, Plum Pudding and Christmas Cards. Thank you Ken Clark and Vici Funnell.

In November the Whitehorse Cluster of six Rotary Clubs started what has become an amazingly successful monthly Whitehorse Farmers Market. The proceeds have yet to be distributed but it is estimated that our Club's share so far will be in the region of \$5,000+. Again, Michael has been the driver ably assisted by Malcolm Chiverton, and of course the four Club Members who are rostered on each month.

Garry Randall, Rob Collier and Peter Enlund once again organised a hugely successful, sold out Police Band Concert on 16 February. Over \$7,700 was raised and a cheque for \$4,000 was presented to the Eastern Emergency Relief Network through our tireless honorary member Keith Rooney.

Malcolm Chiverton in his usual enthusiastic way sold most members an Entertainment Book and raised over \$500 as a result. Another great effort!

Bruce McEwen organised Footy Tipping online this year, has 29 tipsters involved and as a result over \$300 will be going to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. Well done Bruce.

Over \$600 was raised through weekly donations into the PLAN box. Thank you one and all!

We took over the running of the annual Whitehorse Charity Golf Day from the Rotary Club of Forest Hill. It was held on Monday 23rd April at the Box Hill Golf Club and by all accounts was hugely successful, not only because it was a beautiful day weather-wise but also by the contribution from a large number of Club Members and the organisational input by Ken Rice, Vici Funnell and Matthew ETTY-Leal from Scope. The resulting profit of \$14,700 was distributed to Scope, Nadrasca Inc, Karinya Counselling Centre and Blackburn English Language School.

Finally, and from an idea I had when attending a series of investment seminars a couple of years ago run by The Age in the ASX Theatre, we organised a DIY Super Investment Seminar, held at Deakin University's main lecture theatre on Saturday 26th May. The presenters were Alan Kohler, Kevin Bailey, Helen Breier and the MC was Dominic Alafaci and over 200 attended. A nett \$5,300+ was raised, the majority of which was donated towards Drought Relief in country Victoria. Highly successful and likely to be repeated in future.

Very satisfactory overall and many thanks to each and every Club Member – all of whom contributed one way or another.

*Ken Rice
Fundraising Director 2006-07*

Family & Fellowship Report 2006-07



Another great year of fun and fellowship has been enjoyed by the best Rotary Club in the world! Again, we were able to participate in a varied programme of events which added considerably to putting the "fun" into Rotary in accordance with the directive from DG Bob Richards.

Highlights of the fellowship year included opportunities to attend:

- An extremely pleasant "soiree" at Owen and Pili Jenkin's home in August, the highlight of which was listening to Laurence (our Ambassadorial Scholar) singing his PNG National Anthem.
- Red Faces run by the RC MASH in October– always a fun night and full of surprises.
- October saw the 50th anniversary dinner for our parent Club, the Rotary Club of Box Hill. A great time to celebrate significant Rotary achievements and friendships made.
- In December many members enjoyed a most convivial Christmas bbq at the Melbourne Baseball Club – thanks go once again to Malcolm Chiverton for making this venue available to us.
- "Come Celebrate" Carols by Candlelight was also a wonderful Christmas highlight enjoyed with the wider Whitehorse community.
- How could we forget the amazing Vocational (and fun!) visit to Victoria Barracks in February, organized by Steve Bell. A most interesting and informative day, followed up by well earned refreshments in the Officers' Mess.
- A Deborah Conway concert in the Fitzroy Gardens was also a summer highlight, especially as it concluded with delicious cake and coffee at the Rice's apartment overlooking the Gardens.
- February also saw many of us gathering for the Police Band Concert at the Whitehorse Centre – a great fund raiser, but an excellent night of fellowship too.
- As usual, the annual Conference at Shepparton was a terrific time of fun and fellowship. The gathering of members around the motel pool before the grand Conference dinner, in silver gear and glitter, had to be seen to be believed!
- A most unusual event was the Tram Boat tour down the Maribyrnong River in April. Those who participated enjoyed a wonderfully different view of this part of Melbourne, with expert commentary and local knowledge added by Geoff Limmer.

- The highlight for May was the games night held at Ian and Lyn Milton's home. What a sight to see several "more mature members" sitting around a table playing "Beetle".

All in all, another great year of fun and friendship for our Club and thanks go to the Committee and all those involved in organizing, hosting or supporting events.

On a more serious note, several members experienced illness or bereavement during the year and it was encouraging to see so much care and support offered to those members. This is such an important and wonderful aspect of caring for our Rotary Family.

*Libby Rice on behalf of Ian Milton
Family & Fellowship Committee*

Club Accounts 2006-07

Unaudited Financial Statements

Hon Treasurer: Greg Cooper



Balance Sheet for period ending 30 June 2007

Charity

Balance at beginning of year	\$22,334.04
Excess (Deficit) for period	-\$13,093.43
Balance to Date	\$9,240.61

Club Funds

Balance at beginning of year	\$8,470.12
Excess (Deficit) for period	\$230.27
Balance to Date	\$8,700.39

ASSETS

Maxi-Internet	\$16,445.56
Main Bank Account	\$1495.44

NET ASSETS **\$17,941.00**

Income from major charity projects

Whitehorse Charity Day	\$14,527.88
DIY Super Seminar	\$5,347.55
Fly Fishing Raffle	\$9,837.91
Police Band Concert	\$7,714.37

Other major income

Sausage Sizzles	\$1,520.30
Wine Sales	\$940.00
Interest	\$1,721.59

Income & Expenditure for period ending 30 June 2007

INCOME

	Balance
Annual Subscription	-\$9,912.00
Breakfast Fees	-\$18,882.50
Miscellaneous Income	-\$984.00
District Changeover	\$208.00
Changeover Dinner	\$2,231.00
Total Income	-\$27,339.50

EXPENSE

Sponsorship	-\$200.00
Credit Card Fees	-\$530.95
Flowers & Gifts	-\$165.00
Dues paid to RI	-\$1,559.11
Dues paid to District	-\$5,959.65
District Assembly	-\$274.00
Bank Fees	-\$161.45
Badges & Engraving	-\$199.96
Meal Costs	-\$15,525.00
Miscellaneous Expense	-\$1,797.84
Post Office Box	-\$176.00
President's Changeover	-\$39.92
Printing & Stationery	-\$388.95
Purchase Regalia & Banners	-\$131.40

Total Expenditure **-\$27,109.23**

Excess (Deficit) **\$230.27**

Club Accounts 2006-07

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Hon Treasurer: Greg Cooper



Significant Charity Donations

Charity

Eastern Emergency Relief	-\$4,000.00
Interplast	-\$500.00
Lawrence Gerry	-\$460.00
Monash Medical Scholarship	-\$2,000.00
Mens Shed	-\$2,444.06
MUNA	-\$420.00
Oecussi Coffee Project	-\$2,120.00
Plan	-\$718.00
PNG Koko Water Project	-\$5,610.00
Brenda Book Project	-\$1,000.00
ROMAC	-\$1,000.00
Rotary Foundation	-\$3,600.00
Shelter Boxes - RAWCS	-\$1,200.00
Wheelchairs for Kids	-\$700.00
Operation Cleft	-\$12,117.08
Blackburn English Language School	-\$1,800.00
Karinya	-\$1,800.00
NADRASCA	-\$3,700.00
Scope	-\$7,300.00