



# Annual Report 2010 - 2011

President - Joe Somers

District 9810 - Victoria - Australia  
Chartered 27th October 2004



ROTARY CLUB OF  
Mont Albert & Surrey Hills

*To be at the heart of our community's well-being*

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## Our Board and History

### MASH Board members – 2010-2011

|   |  |
|---|--|
| President   | Joe Somers   |
| Vice President                                      | Robyn Pearson  |
| President Elect, Director of Service Projects       | Tony Kuc   |
| Immediate Past President,<br>Director of Foundation | Shia Smart   |
| Secretary   | Annette Kiernan  |
| Treasurer   | Nigel Cooper   |
| Director of Membership                              | Stephen Knight   |
| Director of Marketing                               | Jana Paripovich<br>(resigned from the Board in October 2010) |

### Other Club Positions in 2010-2011

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| President Nominee                   | Jenny Coburn                            |
| Sergeant                            | Rob Stamp                               |
| On The Radar Editors                | Geraldine Battersby and Jenny Coburn    |
| MASH News Editor                    | Rob Teese                               |
| Social Activities                   | Anne Teese                              |
| Club Program and Rotary Information | Robyn Pearson and Debbie Beardall       |
| Website                             | Rob Teese                               |
| Certificates of Appreciation        | Rob Teese                               |
| Social Media                        | Stephen Knight                          |
| Catering                            | Rosemary Knight and Geraldine Battersby |
| "Green Book" of club events         | Nicole Osner                            |

### Club Committee Chairs in 2010-2011

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Community Service Committee              | Anita Galileos                                       |
| Fund Raising Committee                   | Nicole Osner   |
| International Committee                  | Roger Coburn   |
| Membership Committee                     | Stephen Knight                                       |
| Marketing Committee                      | Rob Teese, Paul Galileos, Michael Crichton - jointly |
| New Generations and Vocational Committee | Fiona Kerr and Sue Pringle – jointly                 |
| Environmental Committee                  | Murray Neilson                                       |

## Club Presidents

|             |                                     |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2004 – 2005 | Phillip Pearson (Charter President) |
| 2005 – 2006 | Leonie Moran                        |
| 2006 – 2007 | Ern Hermeler                        |
| 2007 – 2008 | Michael Willis                      |
| 2008 – 2009 | Roger Coburn                        |
| 2009 – 2010 | Shia Smart                          |
| 2010 – 2011 | Joe Somers                          |

## Avenues of Service Citation

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Jennifer Coburn | 2006      |
| Robyn Pearson   | 2010/2011 |

## Paul Harris Fellows

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| David Winter*                       | 2004/2005, 2007/2008   |
| Nicole Osner*                       | 2004/2005 – recognised by RC Burwood, 2008/2009                                  |
| Robyn Pearson                       | 2005/2006  |
| John Maddock                        | 2005/2006 – community recognition Box Hill Institute & Basketball Australia      |
| Kevin Chewlun                       | 2006/2007  |
| Jennifer Coburn*                    | 2008/2009 (Previous recognitions by RC Box Hill Central, District 9810, RC MASH) |
| Roger Coburn*                       | 2004/2005, 2006/2007   |
| Greg Moran                          | 2006/2007  |
| Leonie Moran*                       | 2006/2007, 2009/2010   |
| Michael Willis                      | 2006/2007  |
| Geraldine Battersby                 | 2007/2008  |
| Graeme Battersby                    | 2007/2008  |
| Ern Hermeler                        | 2007/2008  |
| Susan Anderson – Community          | 2008/2009  |
| Marilyn Lambert                     | 2008/2009  |
| Phillip Pearson – Charter President | 2008/2009  |
| Joe Somers                          | 2009/2010  |
| Gillian Somers                      | 2009/2010  |
| Rob Teese                           | 2009/2010  |
| Anne Teese                          | 2009/2010  |
| Marlene Sinclair* - Toastmasters    | 2010/2011  |
| Nigel Cooper                        | 2010/2011  |
| Anita Galileos                      | 2010/2011  |
| Rosemary Knight                     | 2010/2011  |
| Shia Smart                          | 2010/2011  |

\* Multiple recognitions – funded through both personal and club contributions

**The Ken Scheller Award** (for a literary contribution of outstanding merit)

PDG Jennifer Coburn

2009-10 Honourable Mention for article in *Rotary*

**Awards for MASH**

In 2008/2009 MASH received the following awards:

***Rotary International Awards for Membership***

For highest number of members inducted  
For highest percentage increase in membership in the year  
For innovation in recruitment

***District 9810 Awards***

Best Club Excellence  
Public relations and marketing  
Vocational service: For the Migrant Information Centre Program titled "Cottage Business Development"  
Best Club Newsletter or Bulletin, titled "On The Radar"

In 2009/2010 MASH received the following awards:

***District 9810 Awards***

Best Club Newsletter or Bulletin, titled "On The Radar"  
Best Club Web Site



MASH at District 9810 Conference in Adelaide – recognise the visitor?

## President's Report



I feel privileged to have been the President of this very active Rotary club for the past year. As a club we achieved so much while overcoming a number of challenges. In this report I have tried to pick out the highlights while making reference to some of the regular activities. It is not possible to cover all aspects of the life of an active Rotary club in a few paragraphs.

The theme chosen by Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith for the current year was "Building Communities, Bridging Continents". This theme was very apt for our club as it fitted in perfectly with the vision of the club. Throughout the year our club was involved in a large number of projects, and I am proud to state that each one of these either helped build communities or was instrumental in bridging continents. Some of the projects achieved both objectives.

At the outset my aim was the consolidation of all the fantastic work done by Past Presidents and by the club over the six years that the club has been in existence. We had been very active in initiating projects, refining older ones, and making our mark as the most recent addition to the District's list of clubs. We had built an enviable reputation as a dynamic club that was prepared to try new ways and, on occasions, stretch the boundaries. I did not believe it would be possible to maintain this rapid growth in involvement in local and overseas projects.

How wrong was I. When I reflect on the past year I find that we participated in almost all the projects and activities that the club had been involved in over the earlier years, yet at the same time we managed to launch a number of new initiatives.

While achieving so many good outcomes, we also faced a number of challenges along the way. The main one was the shrinkage in the number of members. These people had a variety of reasons for leaving our club – moving out of the area, and finding it too difficult to undertake travelling longer distances on a weekly basis; changes in interest; or just plain loss of enthusiasm for the degree of commitment required by Rotarians.

Another big challenge was the loss of our "Rotary House" as the business owned by two of our charter members, Jenny and Roger Coburn, was fondly known. For years we had been able to rely on Rotary House as the place of storage, the place where items and deliveries were directed, and the place where we could always drop in for a friendly chat, a cup of coffee, and invaluable advice based on the vast Rotary knowledge and experience of the Coburns. This had been the venue for book fairs and other club activities. Jenny and Roger were forced to relocate their business to Burwood giving us the opportunity to assess our longer term requirements and options.

Our Rotary club showed its resilience and resourcefulness in overcoming these two massive challenges, and a number of other less significant ones. It reflects well on all our members that we have achieved so much, have been able to share the increased workload, and are looking to the future with confidence.

On a sadder note, this has been an extraordinary year for all of us, but especially for the victims of the large number of natural disasters in Australia and around the world. No amount of aid will bring back the loved ones lost or the losses suffered, nor will it wipe out the nightmares or memories. At MASH we have tried to ease the pain by making cash donations to the funds set up by the Rotary organisations. This year our donations to disaster victims have totalled \$18,000, made up of \$5,000 for Victorian flood victims, \$3,000 to Queensland flood victims, \$5,000 to Christchurch earthquake victims, \$3,000 to Pakistan flood victims, and \$2,000 to victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

We have been able to respond to these natural catastrophes and been able to assist financially because we have such a good Fund Raising Committee supported by a good spread of members. Some members turned up at the Saturday sausage sizzle on a regular basis. Some members volunteered for the Open Gardens day. We had a very strong showing of members at the Mont Albert Christmas Fair. The Antiques and Collectables Fair in May involved almost every member at some stage. A small band of volunteers raised considerable funds through the sale of fruit mince pies at Christmas and hot cross buns at Easter. For these last two activities, and many others throughout the year, we are indebted to our member David Winter who has been such a magnificent contributor for many years. We are also grateful to the Surrey Hills Branch of Bendigo Bank for their financial contribution to some of our programs.

With such a strong performance by our fund raisers we were able to participate in several of the District 9810 programs and to initiate new projects of our own. Our District had plans for four major programs. Unfortunately one of these did not proceed due to a number of reasons; however, MASH played a significant role in the other three. These were:

**The Primary Schools Speech Competition** - this was started in our district by MASH and has now become a district program with 13 clubs and over 50 schools participating. The concept was introduced to us by Robyn Pearson, and was implemented successfully. Robyn and Jenny Coburn then developed the guidelines and procedures to be used by other clubs wishing to introduce this wonderful program.

**Proactive Policing car** – along with the Rotary Club of Box Hill, MASH provided the funds for acquisition of a suitable vehicle for use by members of the Community Policing team in Whitehorse. The funds came from our income from the monthly Whitehorse Farmers Market. The car is badged with both police and Rotary logos and is a mobile advertising board for the good work of these organisations. We owe many thanks to AG Geoff Roberts and President Peter Cummins of Box Hill for the work they put into this program.

**Partnership with Box Hill Institute** – in an initiative of DG David Alexander the District is working with the Institute over a range of activities. The first of these is a project that sent a team of apprentices and two instructors from the Institute's trade schools to Munda in Solomon Islands under the leadership of our member Mick Willis. The group is building a Nurses Quarters at the Helen Goldie Hospital to replace a dilapidated one. In addition to the wonderful work done by Mick in setting up the project and securing very significant sponsorship arrangements, MASH made a sizeable contribution to the travelling costs of the apprentices as well as purchasing a laptop and a projector that will be used by the nurses giving them a tool for training. Mick also secured a portable ultrasound scanner for the medical staff at the hospital.

As well as being such good citizens of the District, we have also initiated some of our own programs. The most notable one is the Alcohol and Drug Resource Booklet that is provided to parents of students at intake levels at the two secondary colleges in our area. The booklet was originally developed by Trinity Grammar School. We have arranged for these to be printed locally under licence. The value of this resource (now used by over 50 schools throughout Australia) has been recognised and this is becoming a program available throughout the District.

Another project commenced this year is the Primary Schools Literacy Grant which replaced an earlier program, Dictionaries for Year Three Students. This change is in response to feedback received from the schools and gives a school the flexibility to spend it on dictionaries, library books, or other material related to the literacy program of that particular school.

With respect to the challenges mentioned earlier, we took steps to address these. With the work of our very resourceful and committed Membership and Marketing Committees we have increased the profile of the club in our community as well as throughout Whitehorse, and globally through the use of the internet and social media. We have focused our efforts on potential members who are prepared to make the commitment to Rotary. This appears to be producing results with strong interest being shown by several people.



In another marketing and public relations initiative to help further raise our profile we have acquired a marquee that is liberally badged with the Rotary logo and our club's logo to leave the public in no doubt about our identity in fund raising and community events.

Our second major challenge was resolved through establishing a good relationship with two local scout groups. One of these groups has given us the use of land with the opportunity to create a storage solution for the club's possessions. We now have a shipping container located in Surrey Hills that will help us consolidate all our equipment and will assist team leaders of many projects in finding the items they need. For this storage facility we owe gratitude to the 1<sup>st</sup> Mont Albert Scouts, and to our members James Hepi and Mick Willis for their personal efforts.

Wrapping up my report on a year full of projects, activities, and events, I would like to thank every member of MASH for their support and contribution. I have named a number of these good Rotarians in the report above, and if time and space had permitted, I would have liked to detail the invaluable contribution of so many others. A successful club like ours is the product of the ideas and effort of all its members. As Rotarians, we do not work for recognition, but for the satisfaction of giving and doing things that are beneficial to all concerned. Together we have lived up to the expectations of the theme of "building communities and bridging continents".

I wish President Elect Tony Kuc and the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills every success in the future as we all "reach within to embrace humanity".

Joe Somers  
President 2010-2011



On the way to solving the storage problem Graeme and Nigel attack a brick wall; and the bricks waiting to be transported to Battersby Manor.



## **MEMBERSHIP – 2010-2011**

By Stephen Knight

The year started with five fewer members than the peak number reached during the previous year. Three of those leaving the club cited pressures of work and changing responsibilities, while two others had moved out of the area. We hope that in time several of these will return to the club.

This year we ran our information evening in July, which is earlier than usual, and had a good response. A number of younger visitors stayed on afterwards and actively sought information. Disappointingly, by the end of the year none of these had been converted into members.

We suffered further losses early in the year with two members withdrawing due to health issues, one member succumbing to the pressures of having a responsible job and undertaking a masters course at the same time, and one other member deciding that her interests were more aligned to being able to provide hands-on care for people.

Increasing membership is a responsibility for all members and we always encourage members to invite friends, colleagues and business acquaintances to our meetings. As in our club most members are in full time work, and most work out of the area, we have not been getting many referrals.

Our membership team developed an activity plan jointly with the marketing team to ensure a greater visibility of the club, but some delays with brochures and invitation card design work has meant some projects did not come into effect early in the year. Overall as of May 2011 there have been no new members inducted into the club.

Our team has been actively exploring other means of increasing the numbers in the club. Contact was made with Probus clubs in the area to investigate sources of community minded people who may be interested in the good work being done by Rotary. Working with the marketing team we were able to ensure a better exposure of the club's activities, but these pursuits are long term investments in developing an improved profile for MASH.

An additional area of operation for the membership team was the administration of the "Safe food handling" and "Working with Children" programs. A number of members have applied and successfully obtained their Working With Children Card. Several others have participated in the "serving food safely program" recommended by the State Government for volunteer organisations.

## **MARKETING**

By Rob Teese

### **Club website and Social Networking**

We recommend that you check out our web site at <http://www.rotarymash.org.au> if you have not already done so. It has a great professional look and contains heaps of information. The site was developed by Jana Paripovic, and RobTeese has kept the site up to date throughout the year. Further enhancements are planned over the coming year. More work has also been done on our MASH Facebook presence and Twitter sites with many thanks to Stephen Knight who is now our MASH twitterer.

### **On The Radar (OTR)**

Each week MASH members and friends and interested members of the public receive their electronic copy of our informative, pictorial newsletter; filled with photos and reports from recent events and meetings, and information about upcoming events. OTR is a great way for members to keep abreast of MASH activities and we thank Geraldine Battersby and Jenny Coburn for their commitment to production of this weekly newsletter of such outstanding quality.

Copies of the newsletter are available on our web site for any interested party. As well as keeping all members up to date with the weekly operation of the club, OTR also provides a historical record of the club's activities and achievements.

### **MASH Community News**

Three editions of the MASH community newsletter have been produced this year, with printing assistance from Anna Burke's (MP for Chisholm) Office, folding by Kevin Chewlun at Kwik Kopy and distribution to 8000 homes in the Mont Albert and Surrey Hills area by A1 Distribution. Club members have also assisted in the distribution of *MASH News* to local shops. In a new initiative this year electronic copies of the newsletters have been forwarded to members and friends of the club.

*MASH News* continues to keep the community informed about and engaged with Rotary and the projects Rotary supports in the local area. Rob Teese, Michael Crichton and Paul Galileos have contributed to the production of the *News*. Copies can be found on our web site.



The Marketing Committee at work, with other committees in the background

### **MASH on the Radio**

Thanks to Michael Crichton, we have had a spot every third Friday at 7pm on the Rotary & Community Service Radio Show on radio station 3WBC 94.1FM. This has provided us with another opportunity to promote our club and our projects. Each month the program features a recent or upcoming MASH event so we can share the information with the local community. The program is based around interviews conducted by the presenter on topics that may be of interest to listeners. Many members of MASH as well as winners of the Primary Schools Speech Competition have featured on the program.

### **Newspaper Promotion of Club events**

Michael Crichton has managed to get a few articles in local Leader publications promoting upcoming events and interesting speakers. He plans to have regular entries in the events pages of local publications. He has also co-ordinated the advertisement campaign for our Annual Antiques and Collectables Fair, securing space in the daily and local papers.



MASH on the radio 3WBC 94.1 FM

## This Month @MASH

A new innovation this year (great idea Robyn Pearson) was the introduction of "This Month @MASH", a monthly flyer setting out our speakers and activities for the month ahead. Copies are distributed at our weekly Saturday sausage sizzles and at other club events with the view to promoting our activities. A copy of this flyer is also added to our web site.

## Other promotional work

Our small but enthusiastic team of marketers, Rob, Paul and Michael have assisted with flyers, posters, brochures, mail-outs, real estate advertising boards, on-line advertising, etc to help promote club events and build the club's presence in our local community. Jana has continued to assist with the web site and with design work, utilising her substantial knowledge and skills in this area.

The club also had good exposure through the Proactive Policing program that was undertaken in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Box Hill. Local papers and politicians supported this initiative of Rotary District 9810 with a lot of publicity at the photo-shoot and the subsequent launching at the March 2011 Whitehorse Farmers Market. This vehicle is on the road every day, carrying the Rotary Wheel alongside the logo of Victorian Police and the names of the two clubs that provided the funds to make this possible. The following article was taken from *Whitehorse Leader*, our local paper.



Proactive Policing Unit car jointly funded with RC Box Hill

## ROTARY GIVE WHITEHORSE POLICE A NEW CAR

15 Feb 11 @ 08:00am by Bridie Byrne



Rotary club presidents Joe Somers and Peter Cummins hand over the new vehicle to Senior Constable Judy Leibel. Whitehorse police have a new set of wheels to drive away crime on the city's streets.

The Rotary clubs of Box Hill, Mont Albert and Surrey Hills have united to supply the Community Policing Unit with a \$25,000 vehicle.

The money was raised at the popular Whitehorse Farmers Market, which is held every second Sunday. It took two years to collect the money to buy the hatchback.

Rotary Club of Box Hill president Peter

Cummins said the unit was under-resourced when it came to transport. "We want to reduce crime in the community and make people feel more comfortable in their surrounds," he said.

Mr Cummins said its focus would be on helping younger people get back on track.

The vehicle will be presented to Victoria Police at the farmers market in the grounds of the Nunawading Civic Centre on February 13.



## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

by Anne Teese

We had a quiet year on the formal social front this year as we were busy with projects. However, there was plenty of social interaction whilst running many of our activities such as the weekly sausage sizzles, packing of birthing kits, sorting of the winter woollies, picking up rubbish on Clean Up Australia Day, working at the Whitehorse Farmers Market, Running the Mont Albert Festival at Christmas, setting up and working at the Antiques and Collectables Fair, etc.



Sorting the winter woollies collection; some had an easier time!

### Christmas Breakup: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December



This is always a good night. Our end of year breakup was at Gill and Joe's home and a lovely setting it was. About 45 members, friends of MASH and family had an enjoyable night and a wonderful meal.

Gill and Joe cooked the meat to perfection and other members brought along very tasty salads followed by a tempting array of sweets. Santa wasn't able to make it this year to hand out the Kris Kringle, but nevertheless we enjoyed seeing what everyone received.

### Dinner after Committee Meetings

In a change of format to committee meetings, this year it was decided to have pizzas delivered to our meeting room to enjoy towards the end of the meeting. This approach has worked well as it has allowed more time for committee discussions as well as socialising without having to rush off for dinner.

### Tennis at Bluebell Hill

As everyone knows Melbourne weather has been quite wet this year so we were not able to hold our tennis night.

### Jazz in the Gardens

As with the tennis it was another wet night so the Jazz was cancelled, however a few members managed to find their way to Sophia's Pizza Restaurant in Camberwell.

## FUNDRAISING – 2010-11

by Nicole Osner

This year the fundraising committee has worked tirelessly with all club members to raise funds through the following ways:

|                                |        |                |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Weekly sausage sizzles         | \$7910 |                |
| Hamilton Street Festival       | \$9772 |                |
| Fruit Mince Pies               | \$6068 |                |
| Open Garden Catering           | \$ 480 |                |
| Hot Cross Buns                 | \$2890 |                |
| Antiques and Collectables Fair | \$6492 | (2010 figures) |



Selling Fruit Mince Pies at the Whitehorse Farmers Market

The project coordinators each put in significant effort to achieve the above outcomes and I would like to thank:

- Graeme Battersby and Rob Teese for their ongoing commitment to the sausage sizzles, and in particular to Rob Stamp who is always willing to help out when either of the others was unavailable.
- David Winter, Greg Moran, Bev Winter and Rosemary Knight for another great family event - the Hamilton Street Fair
- Shia Smart for maintaining the high level of sales of mince pies established by Leonie Moran in 2009
- Geraldine Battersby and Rosemary for the coordination of catering at the Open Garden
- Sue Pringle, Debbie Beardall and mentor Leonie Moran for stepping in to coordinate the Hot Cross Bun sales

This year Fundraising also had the responsibility for coordinating rosters for the Whitehorse Farmers Market. Once again our MASH members have shown their willingness to assist making it possible to fill the rosters each month, even during the months when MASH was responsible for the "Egg and Bacon" stall at the market. Our club's share of the income from the market for the period 1 July 2010 to 31 May 2011 was \$ 7448.

Special thanks go to Shia for her willingness to step in and be a 'co-chair' of the fundraising committee due to the challenges I have faced this Rotary year.

My thanks go also to the other committee members, Tony, Rosemary and Nigel for their ongoing support.

Nicole Osner  
Fundraising Chair 2010-11



David and Bev Winter enjoying the Mont Albert Festival while Santa and his little helper take a break and the children are enthralled with the large variety of entertainment



## FUNDRAISING – 2010-11 in PICTURES



A lovely day at the market – selling Hot Cross Buns and collecting entrance money



Some members of the Fund Raising Committee at work



Expert cooks at the Whitehorse Farmers Market "Egg and Bacon" stall



The Third Annual Antiques and Collectables Fair preparation, catering and the stalls



## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE – The 2010/11 Story

By Roger Coburn

This year has been one of great challenges throughout the world with natural disasters in Pakistan, New Zealand and Japan in addition to significant flooding challenges in our home state of Victoria and in Queensland.

Early in the year, Pakistan was hit by major flooding and our club responded with the donation of aid boxes through Disaster Aid Australia. We distributed collection tins throughout the community for this cause.

Shortly after the terrible earthquake, our club donated \$5,000 to the Disaster Appeal for Christchurch.

During the year Geoff Gartley of Aqua Boxes, a new District 9810 initiative in 2010/11, was one of the speakers as part of our weekly program. Subsequently we provided funds for the purchase of Aqua Boxes which produce clean drinking water for victims of disasters.

Our International Service team of Andreas Klieber, Michael Willis, Graeme Battersby and Chair Roger Coburn were busy all year organising a range of projects.

The team successfully organised the Birthing Kits project for the third year running, and with thanks to a great working bee and the hospitality of Sandy and Mick Willis, we packed 970 Birthing Kits bound for Papua New Guinea.



Birthing Kits – a hive of activity as packing proceeds, but one can't work on an empty stomach!

Whilst this year the club was unable to host the Group Study Exchange team from California due to a change in programming for the team, a group attended the Whitehorse and Manningham Clusters' welcome dinner for that team. Jenny and Roger Coburn home hosted David Vo, a member of that team.

The International Committee has also been busy, actively organising the club's second volunteering visit to Nabukeru, Fiji which is occurring in August 2011. Earlier in the year the club was successful in its application for a Matching Grant from Rotary International to refurbish and re-equip the school library, and to provide computer equipment and power generation equipment that will enable the students to gain skills that are taken for granted in more developed countries. MASH and the six other participating clubs have all contributed the funds they pledged.

Grant monies have been remitted to a special account enabling us to proceed with acquiring the necessary material and items. As part of implementation of the project, a team of 18 will be visiting the village of Nabukeru and will be undertaking the work at the Ratu Nemasi Primary School installing the computers and upgrading the library facilities. In preparation for this trip, representatives from the team visited the Donations In Kind store run by District 9800 where they discovered a treasure trove of equipment, stationery and furniture that would make a big difference to the villagers in Fiji. The Committee approached the club board and obtained funding to send a container of selected goods to Fiji in advance of the volunteering team. It was planned to have the container packed during May, 2011.

Continuing from the club's programs from previous years, again this year we have shipped blankets to the Rotary Club of Shillong in India for distribution amongst the needy in the colder climes of northern India. This program is managed by the Community Service Committee through our links with Alawarra Hostel at the Inala aged care facility.

In another major undertaking the club is supporting the joint program of District 9810 and Box Hill Institute to re-build a Nurses Quarters at the Helena Goldie Hospital in Munda in the Solomon Islands. Our club has contributed funding of \$3,500 from its meeting monies account towards the expenses of sending a team of apprentices and their instructors to Munda where they will work under the leadership of our member Mick Willis, who is also the District Chair for RAWCS. Mick has travelled to Solomon Islands on a number of occasions on personal Rotary Volunteering trips to manage various projects. On this occasion he has secured donations from several building materials suppliers and power tool manufacturers to ensure the project can be carried out successfully. Our club has provided further support for this project by purchasing a laptop and a projector that will be used in training the nurses.

## NEW GENERATIONS AND VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

By Fiona Kerr

2010/2011 has been a hive of activity with the New Generations and Vocational Committee team being involved with various local primary and secondary schools within our area.

### **Primary School Speech Competition**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Primary Schools Speech Competition was held in August 2010 at Our Holy Redeemer Primary School. Five of the local primary schools attended the event with ten grade six students providing us with an outstanding night of entertaining, humorous and well written presentations. A large crowd of parents and friends of the competitors, together with a group of MASH volunteers, the judges from Toastmasters, and our own Tony Kuc as MC, filled the school hall as we listened to some wonderful speeches by a group of talented and dedicated students.

This year's winner was Lucy Pollock from Surrey Hills Primary School for her speech on "I like day-dreaming". At the end of the night President Joe Somers presented Rotarian Marlene Sinclair with a Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow award for many years of support for this program and her assistance in providing judges from Toastmasters. We at MASH are very proud to be the organisers and sponsors of this competition that gives so many students the challenge and experience of writing and delivering a speech in public. We congratulate all the schools for their active participation, and the MASH catering volunteers for their scrumptious supper for all to enjoy. This outstanding program has now been picked up by twelve other Rotary clubs in our district with over 50 schools taking part.

### **National Youth Science Forum**

The purpose of the National Youth Science Forum is to introduce the scientists of the future to Australia's most distinguished scientists of the present and provide them opportunities to participate in group discussions and forums as well as working alongside those scientists in a hands-on role. The candidates are Year 11 and 12 science students who show outstanding potential in their field of science. Candidates from schools in District 9810 are selected on a competitive basis based on their interview.

MASH was proud to sponsor two students for the NYSF camp held in Canberra in January 2011. Thomas Gross and Chloe Yap both thoroughly enjoyed their experience at the camp and were very appreciative of MASH Rotary Club for sponsoring them to attend.

We wish them both all the best for their future within the world of science.

### **MUNA**

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is an initiative that commenced in Canada in 1980, and was taken up by an Australian Rotary club in 1997. Rotary District 9810 is privileged to have the opportunity to host MUNA in the chambers of the Legislative Assembly at the Victorian Parliament House in Spring Street, Melbourne.

This year we were fortunate to have the opportunity to sponsor three teams. Koonung Secondary College (in our local MASH area) came on board and were very keen to participate. The other two teams came from Beaufort Secondary College and Trinity Grammar School. Jordan Bunphin and Veronica Deutsch from Koonung represented North Korea, Cantona Borg and Jocelyn Crick from Beaufort represented Mexico, and Jamie Clarke and Sam MacFarlane from Trinity represented Kenya. All participants got into the spirit of the weekend and were active in debates putting forward the views of their respective "nations" and voting for resolutions that favoured those nations.

MUNA helps to foster friendships with students from other schools within Melbourne and beyond. The opportunity provides young people with a real insight into understanding the workings of the United Nations whilst building confidence in public speaking and engaging in debates and resolutions.



Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

## **RYLA**

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is held annually. Each year MASH aims to sponsor one candidate. Last year we sponsored Max Lavery. For this year's weeklong camp, scheduled for early July, we have selected Andrew Reid from the Whitehorse Rotaract Club. Andrew was nominated by President David Barry of that club. Andrew is a very keen participant with Rotaract who is extremely eager to attend RYLA.

The New Generations and Vocational Committee has also considered sponsoring a RYLA team leader in future years. RYLA recognises future youth leaders and motivators aged 18-26. The successful candidates attend a camp in July where they interact with other people their own age and learn to network and share ideas of how to achieve and look for opportunities to succeed through effective communication and leadership whilst building their own self esteem and confidence.

## **RYPEN**

RYPEN aims to provide young people aged 14 to 16 years with the opportunity to develop their leadership potential, alongside their peers in a supportive environment. RYPEN encourages awardees to explore their ideas in problem solving, team and group activities, and gain experiences that will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards. As a part of this, RYPEN is about building confidence and developing skills to cope in a range of situations. RYPEN covers topics on communication, tolerance, drugs and alcohol, police, ethics and social skills.

In our district a three day camp is held in May for participants sponsored by Rotary Clubs throughout District 9810. This year MASH sponsored two candidates from Koonung Secondary College, Kiri McGrath and Jarod Thompson who were recommended by the College staff for their potential to progress to a leadership role with added confidence and training.

## **Literacy Grant – Primary Schools**

Responding to the feedback from a number of the schools, the New Generations and Vocational Committee have introduced a Primary Schools Literacy Grant program for local primary schools. This program replaces the Dictionary program that had been successful for the last couple of years. The Grants program invites schools to nominate their own programmes, or areas in need of funds, relating to literacy for all year levels to a maximum of \$500. The New Generations and Vocational Committee will then review the applications and select the most suitable to enable the Grant presentation to be made to the school by one of our MASH representatives. This project will enable all year levels to take advantage rather than restricting to year three students. We believe this is a great way for the whole school to be involved and will provide assistance where it is most needed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue Pringle (co-chair), Geraldine, Debbie, Leonie and President Joe, for their ongoing contribution and support to all the projects undertaken by our committee. Without your assistance we would not have achieved what we have. Thank you.

Fiona Kerr  
Co-Chair of New Generations and Vocational Committee



# COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

By Anita Galileos

## Winter Woollies

The annual Winter Woollies collection was again held at the April Farmers Market. Despite the inclement weather on the day, the local residents of Whitehorse donated generous amounts of winter clothing and blankets. The items were sorted and distributed to various needy groups in our community, with some being destined for Mongolia.

## Inala



Our ongoing association with the Alawarra Hostel at Inala Aged Care Facility was again a great success this year. Our partnership involves us delivering stocks of wool to the keen knitters at Inala who then produce the most wonderful blankets, kids' clothing and toys. We have collections twice a year by hosting morning teas at Christmas and Easter.

At Christmas we were delighted to have the children from St Lukes Primary School Choir join us to sing carols and follow up with a chat with the charmed and most appreciative residents.

Our Easter morning tea saw us entertaining the residents with a game of "Pass the parcel". And for those who missed out on a prize, the Easter Bunnies were not too far away, with every resident receiving chocolate Easter Eggs.



The many wonderful items knitted have been distributed throughout the community, and we were able to send a box of knitted children's jumpers to Shillong in India where they were distributed to patients at The Children's Hospital in the BPL (Below the Poverty Line) ward.

The Inala knitting program is very rewarding and beneficial to all involved and we look forward to maintaining our ongoing relationship with the residents of Alawarra Hostel.



## Whitehorse Spring Festival 2010

The annual Whitehorse Spring Festival was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October on the lawns of the Whitehorse Civic Centre. The fabulous day saw thousands of people come along to enjoy a great variety of stalls, entertainment and food.

MASH was again responsible for coordinating the Rotary/Rotaract Cluster marquee, showcasing the many projects Rotary is involved with both locally and internationally.

The brightly coloured show bags were a big hit with 300 distributed throughout the Whitehorse community and hopefully generating people's interest in their local Rotary Club.

A big thank-you to MASH Rotarians for their assistance in coordinating flyers, gathering displays, assembling show bags and on the day with setting up, manning and packing up the marquee.



Manning the Rotary marquee at the Whitehorse Spring Festival handing out showbags.

## Alcohol and Drug Resource Booklets

The club was once again successful in its application for a District Simplified Grant, this time focusing on the theme of a Drug and Alcohol project targeting adolescents through to young adults. Our project involved linking with Trinity Grammar School to promote and make available its Alcohol and Drug Parent Resource Booklet to secondary schools within our community.

The booklet, created by The Trinity Grammar School Parents' Drug & Alcohol Committee, was put together to offer parents of adolescents some useful strategies and helpful information to guide them through the secondary school years in a way that promotes positive adolescent health and well-being. The information presented in the booklet has been gathered from current research and practice and was written with the support of Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg and Associate Professor John Toumbourou, PhD.

Parents of all Year 7 students at Koonung Secondary College and Year 10 at Box Hill Senior Secondary College received the booklet with the Club committing to further supporting the project for the next three years. The positive influence of such a program has seen it expand into a District 9810 program.

## Motherhood Unmasked

Motherhood Unmasked is a community project initiated in 2010 by two new mothers living in the City of Whitehorse. They recognized that through the use of Art Therapy they could seek to empower women from a variety of backgrounds to have a voice and connect with others in similar situations.

The project focuses on first time mothers who are at a higher risk of isolation and post-natal depression due to the demands of caring for their newborns. Our club was able to support this project through a \$1000 contribution to assist with the Art Therapy workshops, culminating in an exhibition held at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre during the week ending in Mother's Day.

## Rural Relationship

Our close links with the Rotary Club of Beaufort and the township of Beaufort continued through the year. Members of our club made numerous trips to Beaufort and were always met by smiling faces and willing hosts. In November, a sizeable contingent of MASH Rotarians trundled along to help out at the Beaufort Agricultural Show. Some members entered competitions while others helped out with judging of events, manning the information caravan and selling tickets at the gate. MASH also provided prizes to the owners of best of breed in several categories of livestock. Remembering the outstanding role played by the CFA around Beaufort during bushfires over the past several years, MASH once again made a financial contribution to seven CFA units to help them with minor equipment purchases.



Beaufort Show weekend  
– helping the judges at shearing of sheep



Beaufort Show weekend  
– presentation of awards to the owners of best of breed



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

While the work of this committee does not easily fit into one of the Avenues of Service, it is a very important topic for all of us in Australia and overseas. The focus is on finding ways of doing things in an environmentally less harmful way, in promoting initiatives and issues that increase environmental awareness, and in co-operating with other organisations that are also concerned about the same issues. The topics that were discussed and pursued include:

- Environmental Sustainability Surveys
- Cooperation with City of Whitehorse about Environmental Sustainability events and their Whitehorse Transition Communities program
- Sustainability Expo organised by Year 8 students at Koonung Secondary College
- Collaboration with District 9810 Sustainability Committee and development of a MASH Sustainable Communities Strategic Action Plan

The Committee organised the involvement of MASH on Clean Up Australia Day with nine MASH members and five other volunteers joining in to clean up Kingsley Gardens. We were proud to be able to leave the place in excellent order ready for Jesse Battersby's (Geraldine and Graeme's daughter) farewell barbeque later in the day.

The Committee plans to continue its work with the District 9810 Sustainability Committee that is investigating a number of potential projects such as "Cateret Islands Community Relocation" and "nurturing and planting of tree seedlings for future planting".



Clean Up Australia Day – the job's done. Our corner of Australia is clean

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2010-2011

Treasurer – Nigel Cooper

I am pleased to present a copy of the Club's Financial Statements for the 11 months to 31/5/11. Audited accounts will be provided at the conclusion of the financial year as at 30/6/11.

We continue to raise funds on a regular and well organised basis with our Fundraising account showing a balance of \$15,531 after funds donated of \$53,179. A further \$11,738 has been donated from our Farmers market funds making \$64,917 in all donated to date.

Funds raised to date total \$77,746. This includes \$7,448 from the Farmers market.

Our Administration account has a balance of \$14,251. \$12,555 of these funds are held on term deposit and could be used towards fundraising donations if required.

Total funds on hand are \$29,782. This is \$10,647 lower than the previous year as we work towards ensuring funds are used for worthwhile causes rather than being held unutilised in our bank accounts. Sufficient funds are still held for any special urgent causes that may arise.

Details by account are shown in the following table:

| Bank accounts as at 31/5/11        | ADMIN           | FUND            | TOTAL           |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Community Bank Account             | \$14,201        | \$15,431        | \$29,632        |
| Petty Cash                         | \$ 50           | \$ 100          | \$ 150          |
| <b>Closing Bank Balances</b>       | <b>\$14,251</b> | <b>\$15,531</b> | <b>\$29,782</b> |
| Funds at Beginning of Year 30/6/10 | \$20,236        | \$20,193        | \$40,429        |
| Change +/-                         | - \$ 5,985      | -\$4,662        | -\$10,647       |

Overall the financial position of our Club remains very strong.

[Farmers' Market](#) – since the commencement of the Farmers' Market in 2005 our share of profits from this has been \$29,700.

We have distributed \$26,176 to community projects leaving us with a current balance of \$3,524. Donations this year from these funds have been \$10,950 to assist with the purchase of a Community Policing vehicle and \$786 contributed towards Queensland and Victoria flood relief.

[Fiji Project](#) – our contribution of \$1,020 to a matching grant has meant we have received funds totalling \$18,564 for use towards the Fiji project. These funds are held separately to club funds.

Major fundraising activities during the year and the amounts raised from these are:

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Antique Fair         | \$ 6,599 |
| Hot Cross Buns       | \$ 3,606 |
| Mince Pies           | \$ 6,065 |
| Mont Albert Festival | \$10,053 |
| Sausage Sizzle       | \$ 9,124 |

**Distribution of Funds Raised** – the table below shows the beneficiaries of our Club's fundraising activities during the year. Further donations have been approved and will be made prior to 30/6/11.

**Funds Donated for 11 months to 30/5/11**

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Alkira                                 | 701           |
| Aquabox Australia                      | 1500          |
| Australian Rotary Health Foundation    | 1000          |
| Birthing Kits                          | 702           |
| Breast Cancer                          | 33            |
| Cameron Close Retirement Village       | 30            |
| Chatham Primary School                 | 162           |
| Christchurch Earthquake                | 5000          |
| Citizenship Awards                     | 200           |
| Community Policing Vehicle             | 10950         |
| DEBRA                                  | 1000          |
| Disaster Aid Australia                 | 1600          |
| Donation in Kind                       | 300           |
| Fiji Matching grant                    | 1020          |
| Inala                                  | 653           |
| Japan Earthquake                       | 2000          |
| Joyville Childrens Home                | 300           |
| MND                                    | 500           |
| Mt Pleasant Primary School             | 84            |
| MUNA                                   | 1442          |
| NYSF                                   | 2240          |
| Operation Cleft                        | 1000          |
| Pakistan Disaster                      | 3000          |
| Queensland Flood Relief                | 3000          |
| RAWCS                                  | 300           |
| RI Polio Plus Challenge                | 350           |
| RD9810 Fistula Fund                    | 1000          |
| Rotary Foundation                      | 4446          |
| Rural Relations                        | 3800          |
| RYPEN                                  | 360           |
| School Drug & Alcohol Booklets         | 2415          |
| ShelterBox                             | 884           |
| Simon Rhoden Foundation                | 150           |
| Solomon Islands Project - BHI          | 4240          |
| Professional Writing Scholarship – BHI | 1000          |
| Surrey Hills Primary School            | 57            |
| Unmasked                               | 1000          |
| Victoria Flood Relief                  | 5000          |
| Wheelchair for Kids                    | 1300          |
| Zoos Victoria                          | 198           |
| <b>TOTAL DONATED</b>                   | <b>64,917</b> |

# **PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT FOR FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT – 31/5/2011**

|                                       | <b>Actual 2010/11<br/>11 months</b> | <b>2009/10<br/>Full year</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                         | <b>\$</b>                           | <b>\$</b>                    |
| Antique Fair                          | 6599                                | 6840                         |
| Bendigo Bank                          | 2420                                | 875                          |
| Book Sale                             | 0                                   | 2874                         |
| Christmas Cakes & Plum Puddings       | 0                                   | 762                          |
| Christmas Cards                       | 0                                   | 170                          |
| Clothing Sales                        | 0                                   | 420                          |
| Dictionaries                          | 0                                   | 4000                         |
| District Simplified grant             | 4000                                | 0                            |
| E Bay proceeds                        | 1050                                | 0                            |
| Emergency Medical Books               | 34                                  | 59                           |
| Headphones                            | 0                                   | 150                          |
| Hot Cross Buns                        | 3606                                | 4812                         |
| Interest Income                       | 513                                 | 355                          |
| Mid Eastern Dinner                    | 0                                   | 325                          |
| Mince Pies                            | 6065                                | 7580                         |
| Miscellaneous                         | 32                                  | 33                           |
| Mont Albert Festival                  | 10053                               | 8532                         |
| Movie Night                           | 0                                   | 200                          |
| Open Gardens                          | 480                                 | 444                          |
| Operation Cleft                       | 809                                 | 1406                         |
| Pakistan Flood Relief                 | 758                                 | 0                            |
| Sausage Sizzles                       | 9124                                | 10877                        |
| Sergeants Fines                       | 819                                 | 1195                         |
| Wizzpegs for Joyville                 | 10                                  | 60                           |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                   | <b>46,372</b>                       | <b>51,969</b>                |
| <b>OUTGO</b>                          | <b>\$</b>                           | <b>\$</b>                    |
| Alkira                                | 701                                 | 1000                         |
| Aqua Box                              | 1500                                | 0                            |
| Bank Fees                             | 310                                 | 183                          |
| BHI Thankyou Function                 | 0                                   | 147                          |
| Birthing Kits                         | 702                                 | 610                          |
| Blackburn Lake                        | 0                                   | 500                          |
| Christmas Cakes & Plum Puddings       | 0                                   | 974                          |
| Christmas Cards                       | 0                                   | 205                          |
| Christchurch Rotary Earthquake Appeal | 5000                                | 0                            |
| Citizenship Awards                    | 200                                 | 0                            |
| Contribution to ARHRF                 | 1000                                | 1,200                        |
| Contribution to The Rotary Foundation | 4000                                | 5670                         |
| DEBRAA VIC                            | 1000                                | 1,000                        |
| Schools Dictionaries/Literacy Grants  | 2415                                | 7630                         |
| Disaster Aid                          | 1600                                | 0                            |
| Donation In Kind                      | 300                                 | 500                          |
| Donation - Meldra Berzina             | 0                                   | 500                          |
| Defying the Drift - Drought Relief    | 0                                   | 1000                         |
| Fiji Grant                            | 1020                                | 5030                         |
| Flood Relief - Queensland             | 2463                                | 0                            |
| Flood Relief – Victoria               | 4464                                | 0                            |
| Inala                                 | 653                                 | 894                          |
| Japan Rotary Appeal                   | 2000                                | 0                            |
| MND Association                       | 500                                 | 1000                         |
| MUNA                                  | 1442                                | 1290                         |

**OUTGO cont...**

|                                  |         |        |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|
| National Science School          | 2240    | 915    |
| Operation Cleft                  | 1000    | 2,606  |
| Pakistan Flood Relief            | 3075    | 0      |
| RIPolio plus Challenge           | 350     | 1809   |
| RAWCS                            | 300     | 0      |
| RD9810 Fistula Fund              | 1000    | 0      |
| ROMAC                            | 0       | 1,000  |
| Rotarians Against Malaria        |         | 2000   |
| Rural Relations                  | 3800    | 3500   |
| Salvation Army - Joyville        | 0       | 1000   |
| ShelterBox                       | 884     | 1200   |
| Speech Competitions Expenses     | 212     | 0      |
| Solomon Islands Project          | 740     | 0      |
| Sponsorship - BHI                | 1000    | 1500   |
| Sponsorship - RYLA               | 0       | 650    |
| Sponsorship - RYPEN              | 360     | 0      |
| SWSL Vehicle                     | 0       | 1,000  |
| The Science Experience           | 110     | 0      |
| Transfer between accounts        | 2063    | 0      |
| Unmasked                         | 1000    | 0      |
| Warrawa College Matching Grant   | 0       | 5008   |
| Wheelchair for Kids              | 1300    | 600    |
| Winter Woolies                   | 330     | 375    |
| <hr/>                            |         |        |
| <b>TOTAL OUTGO</b>               | 51,034  | 52,496 |
| <hr/>                            |         |        |
| <b>OPERATING SURPLUS 2009/10</b> | (4,662) | (527)  |

# **PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT - 31/5/2011**

|                                    | <b>Actual 2010/11<br/>11 months</b> | <b>2009/10<br/>Full year</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                      | <b>\$</b>                           | <b>\$</b>                    |
| Centurion Fund Contributions       | 1100                                | 1300                         |
| Changeover Dinner                  | 370                                 | 3132                         |
| Christmas Dinner                   | 136                                 | 375                          |
| FHY Black Tie Ball                 | 0                                   | 900                          |
| Fifth Birthday Dinner              | 0                                   | 2184                         |
| Friends of Rotary Fees 2009/10     | 200                                 | 250                          |
| GSE Dinner                         | 648                                 | 315                          |
| Interest                           | 724                                 | 703                          |
| Meeting Monies                     | 6172                                | 7730                         |
| Members Subscriptions Joining Fees | 9270                                | 11412                        |
| Social Functions                   | 135                                 | 0                            |
| Sundry Income                      | 0                                   | 138                          |
| Whitehorse Spring Festival         | 0                                   | 120                          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                | <b>18,755</b>                       | <b>28,559</b>                |
| <b>OUTGO</b>                       | <b>\$</b>                           | <b>\$</b>                    |
| Advertising Costs                  | 289                                 | 43                           |
| Allowances - President             | 0                                   | 220                          |
| Asset Purchase                     | 3369                                | 129                          |
| Bank Charges & Merchant Fees       | 1                                   | 17                           |
| Centurion Fund                     | 1100                                | 1300                         |
| Changeover Costs                   | 3926                                | 627                          |
| Christmas Party                    | 250                                 | 0                            |
| Club Planning                      | 350                                 | 0                            |
| District 9810 Assembly Fees        | 304                                 | 240                          |
| Donation to BHI – Solomon Islands  | 3500                                | 5900                         |
| 5th Birthday expenses              | 0                                   | 2378                         |
| Family of Rotary Support Expenses  | 200                                 | 0                            |
| Functions - RC Dinners             | 332                                 | 400                          |
| Gifts                              | 65                                  | 350                          |
| GSE Farewell Function              | 576                                 | 0                            |
| Marketing                          | 179                                 | 0                            |
| Membership Expenses                | 348                                 | 212                          |
| New Member Kits                    | 0                                   | 46                           |
| PETS                               | 150                                 | 180                          |
| Post Office Box Rental             | 86                                  | 80                           |
| RI district 9810 Levy              | 4634                                | 4275                         |
| RI Fees                            | 2742                                | 3278                         |
| Rotary Down Under Levy             | 1253                                | 711                          |
| Secretarial Expenses               | 250                                 | 62                           |
| Shirts & Badges                    | 0                                   | 480                          |
| Speech competition                 | 0                                   | 382                          |
| Sundry items                       | 2                                   | 95                           |
| Tea & Coffee                       | 122                                 | 100                          |
| Website Expenses                   | 247                                 | 91                           |
| Whitehorse Spring Festival         | 465                                 | 31                           |
| <b>TOTAL OUTGO</b>                 | <b>24,740</b>                       | <b>21,627</b>                |
| <b>OPERATING SURPLUS 2009/10</b>   | <b>(\$5,985)</b>                    | <b>\$6,932</b>               |



### **Whitehorse Farmers Market Account**

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Opening balance 30/6/2010 | \$7,812 |
|---------------------------|---------|

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Income to 30/5/2011 | \$7,448 |
|---------------------|---------|

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Sub Total</b> | <b>\$15,260</b> |
|------------------|-----------------|

#### **Expenditure**

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Community Policing Vehicle | \$10,950 |
|----------------------------|----------|

|                        |       |                 |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| QLD & VIC flood relief | \$786 | <b>\$11,736</b> |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------|

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Balance of Funds</b> |  |
| <b>31/5/2011</b>        |  |

|                |
|----------------|
| <b>\$3,524</b> |
|----------------|

Note: the funds are retained in the Whitehorse Farmers Market Account managed by the Market Committee and released to the member clubs when a request is received for a specific project that is to be implemented within the Whitehorse community.

## **Weekly Club Program and Guest Speakers – 2010-2011**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 22.6.10  | Committee meetings   |
| 29.6.10  | John Harvey – 30 Days Homeless   |
| 6.7.10   | Claire Parsons – District Literacy Projects  |
| 13.7.10  | Vocational Visit to Box Hill Institute Nursing Simulation & Clinical Skills Facility – with Irwyn Shepherd |
| 20.7.10  | Committee meetings   |
| 27.7.10  | Membership Information Evening   |
| 3.8.10   | Tania Miletic - Rotary Peace Scholar   |
| 10.8.10  | Club Assembly  |
| 17.8.10  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Primary Schools Speech Contest  |
| 24.8.10  | Committee meetings   |
| 31.8.10  | Speech Contest Finalists   |
| 7.9.10   | Michael Crichton – Neighbourhood Houses<br>Malcolm Chiverton – District 9810 Conference Adelaide 2011      |
| 14.9.10  | Jenny Davies – Celebrating 100 Years: Flinders Street Station  |
| 21.9.10  | District Governor David Alexander and Denise's official visit  |
| 28.9.10  | Committee meetings   |
| 5.10.10  | Paul Herrmann – UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles)  |
| 12.10.10 | Briony Croft – Personal Stylist  |
| 19.10.10 | Committee meetings   |
| 26.10.10 | MASH's 6 <sup>th</sup> Birthday: Visit to Box Hill Cemetery  |
| 2.11.10  | No meeting – Melbourne Cup Day   |

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 9.11.10  | Club Assembly and AGM  |
| 16.11.10 | John Brenan & Lois Peeler – Worawa Aboriginal College  |
| 23.11.10 | Committee meetings   |
| 30.11.10 | Geoff Gartley – Aqua Box (Rotary project)  |
| 7.12.10  | Richard Raudon – Social Media  |
| 14.12.10 | Christmas Function   |
| 11.1.11  | Barbeque and tennis  |
| 18.1.11  | Andrew Guest – Journey's End at Frommelles   |
| 25.1.11  | Colin Read & Bob Pitts - Wheelchairs for Kids (Rotary project)                                 |
| 1.2.11   | Vocational visit to Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Hospital<br>Sensory Garden – with Steven Wells |
| 8.2.11   | Steve Haylock – Box Hill Hospital update   |
| 15.2.11  | Committee meetings   |
| 22.2.11  | Dr Robert Barnett – chief biomedical engineer, Alfred Hospital                                 |
| 1.3.11   | Dr Gary Presland – Pre European Surrey Hills   |
| 8.3.11   | John Sfinas – Are Your Feet Fit?   |
| 16.3.11  | Dinner Meeting for the GSE Team from California  |
| 22.3.11  | Committee meetings   |
| 29.3.11  | Jenny Coburn – This Close to Polio Eradication   |
| 5.4.11   | Club Assembly  |
| 12.4.11  | Brynna Rafferty-Brown – Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar   |
| 19.4.11  | Committee meetings   |
| 26.4.11  | No meeting – ANZAC Day holiday   |

- 3.5.11 Winter Woollies sorting project at the Galileos' home
- 10.5.11 Brad Drury - Growing Your Business and Minimizing the Risk
- 17.5.11 Dr Bronwyn Morkham & Elly Gardner - Young People In Nursing Homes
- 24.5.11 Antiques and Collectables Fair – final preparations
- 31.5.11 Inspector Michael Sayer – CATCH Crime & Traffic Connecting on Highways
- 7.6.11 Steve Cook – Principal Box Hill Senior Secondary College
- 14.6.11 Committee meetings
- 24.6.11 Changeover Dinner

## **5 Minute Segments**

Members were rostered to speak for 5 minutes about either Rotary Information or "My Vocation" or WYDKAM – What You Don't Know About Me.

### *Rotary Information*

The purpose is to ensure ongoing education of all members

### *My Vocation*

The purpose is for members to share their vocational skills with others and talk about the work they undertake on a daily basis, or new changes / current issues in their profession.

### *WYDKAM*

Our members come from many different parts of the world; they have had a wealth of experience and have faced a variety of challenges. In this segment the presenter shares some of their memories and interesting facts, revealing some aspect of their life that the rest of the club does not know, or knows little about.

Robyn Pearson & Debbie Beardall

Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills was chartered in October, 2004

|            |              |    |
|------------|--------------|----|
| Membership | At charter   | 28 |
|            | 1 July 2005  | 28 |
|            | 1 July 2006  | 31 |
|            | 1 July 2007  | 32 |
|            | 1 July 2008  | 32 |
|            | 9 June 2009  | 47 |
|            | 1 July 201   | 43 |
|            | 14 June 2011 | 38 |

**Membership of Club as at 14 June, 2011 - included 16 of the Charter members**

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Meaghan Adams (December 2008)   |   |
| Geraldine Battersby (Charter)   |   |
| Graeme Battersby (Charter)      |   |
| Debbie Beardall (January 2009)  |   |
| Kevin Chewlun (April 2005)      |   |
| Jennifer Coburn (Charter)       | Past District Governor, President Nominee 2012-13 |
| Roger Coburn (Charter)          | Past President                                    |
| Nigel Cooper (August 2007)      |   |
| Michael Crichton (January 2010) |   |
| Jeremy Desmier (June 2007)      |   |
| Anita Galileos (November 2008)  |   |
| Paul Galileos (November 2008)   |   |
| James Hepi (November 2008)      |   |
| Ern Hermeler (Charter)          | Past President                                    |
| Fiona Kerr (September 2008)     |   |
| Annette Kiernan (June 2009)     |   |
| Andreas Klieber (May 2008)      |   |
| Rosemary Knight (April, 2008)   |   |
| Stephen Knight (April, 2008)    |   |
| Tony Kuc (December 2005)        | President Elect 2011-12                           |
| Greg Moran (Charter)            |   |
| Leonie Moran (Charter)          | Past President                                    |
| Loretta Murphy (October 2005)   |   |
| Murray Neilson (Charter)        |   |
| Nicole Osner (Charter)          | Past President                                    |
| Jana Paripovich (June 2009)     |   |
| Philip Pearson (Charter)        | Past President                                    |
| Robyn Pearson (Charter)         | Past President                                    |
| Susan Pringle (November 2008)   |   |
| Della Reilly (Charter)          |   |
| Shia Smart (Charter)            | Past President                                    |
| Gillian Somers (Charter)        |   |
| Joseph Somers (Charter)         | President 2010-11                                 |
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## Connecting With Rotary and Rotarians

### 5 Minute Segment - Rotary Information or WYDKAM

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| 29 June      | Michael Crichton | What You Don't Know About Me (WYDKAM)                      |
| 3 August     | Jana Paripovich  | Hints and tips on using our website                        |
| 31 August    | Robyn Pearson    | Recent trip to Scotland; Phil looking up his ancestry      |
| 7 September  | Robyn Pearson    | Using the District Handbook and Hamlin Fistula Relief Fund |
| 14 September | Max Lavery       | Experiences of MASH's 2010 RYLA candidate                  |
| 21 September | Andreas Klieber  | What information you can access on the RI web site         |
| 5 October    | Annette Kiernan  | My vocation as a Project Manager in IT                     |
| 12 October   | Nigel Cooper     | Australian Rotary Health (previously ARHRF)                |
| 1 March      | Robyn Pearson    | ROTARACT   |
| 10 May       | Rosemary Knight  | Rotary programs for Indigenous Communities of Australia    |
| 7 June       | Roger Coburn     | Defy the Drift – options for youth for life in the country |

### International Recognition

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| 22 June      | RC Saanich, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada                     |
| 29 June      | RC Jacksonville, Florida, USA                                      |
| 20 July      | RC Amiens, France  |
| 3 August     | RC Barry, Wales, UK  |
| 10 August    | RC Mumbai North Island, India                                      |
| 24 August    | RC Mashpee, Massachusetts, USA                                     |
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| 7 September  | RC Christchurch Sunrise, New Zealand                               |
| 14 September | RC Ulaan Bataar, Mongolia  |
| 5 October    | RC New Delhi, India  |
| 12 October   | RC Bali Seminyak, Indonesia  |
| 19 October   | RC Koh Samui (aka ROCKS), Thailand                                 |
| 23 November  | RC Greymouth, New Zealand  |
| 30 November  | RC of the Island and the Royal Manor of Portland, Dorset, UK       |
| 7 December   | RC London, UK  |
| 18 January   | RC Carshalton, UK – (the club of visiting Rotarian Andrew Barnard) |
| 25 January   | Seattle, Washington, USA   |
| 8 February   | RC Chelmsford Mildmay in Essex, UK                                 |
| 22 February  | RC Waiheke Island, Auckland, New Zealand                           |
| 1 March      | RC Lyttleton and the other clubs in District 9970 in New Zealand   |
| 8 March      | RC Moscow, Russia  |
| 12 April     | RC Roubaix East, France  |
| 19 April     | RC Little Rock, Arkansas, USA                                      |
| 10 May       | RC Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  |
| 17 May       | RC Belgrade, Serbia  |
| 24 May       | RC Joplin, Missouri, USA   |
| 31 May       | RC Newcastle upon Tyne, UK   |
| 7 June       | RC Bergen, Norway  |



## ROTARY CULTURAL AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ambassadorial Scholarships program supports the vision of The Rotary Foundation to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by:

- Increasing awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill to study in another country
- Instilling in scholars the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self through active participation in Rotary service projects
- Encouraging scholars to dedicate their personal and professional lives to improving the quality of life for the people of their home communities and countries
- Developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community
- Impacting all areas of the world through a balanced geographical distribution of scholars
- Encouraging Rotarians worldwide to increase the educational opportunities for scholars from low income countries
- Fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars

During the study period, scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums. After study has been completed, scholars share their experiences with the people of their home countries and Rotarians who sponsored their scholarships.

Under this program each scholar is assigned a sponsor and host Rotarian counsellor / mentor. In 2010 our District 9810 sponsored an Ambassadorial Scholar to Morocco, her studies taking place during the period April to July 2010. The Ambassadorial Scholar Brynna Rafferty-Brown had two mentors, Nicole Osner and Shia Smart, both members of MASH. In fulfilling her commitment to Rotary, Brynna was one of our guest speakers during the year. Following her visit to our club she submitted a short report on her experiences as a Scholar. This report follows..

# Report On My Ambassadorial Scholarship

By Brynna Rafferty-Brown

I had the pleasure and privilege of studying at the *Qalam wa Lawh* (Pen and Tablet) Arabic Language School in Rabat, Morocco for three months last year thanks to a Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship. As someone who has dabbled in language learning a few times over the years, I can unequivocally say my experience at *Qalam wa Lawh* was one of the most rewarding learning experiences I am yet to have.

A normal day in Rabat would see me waking up bright and early in my apartment in the trendy suburb of Agdal. After an hour long walk through the streets and beautiful green parks of Rabat I'd arrive at the school, just in time for a glass of water before heading into class. Over the course of my three months in Rabat I was taught by three different but equally enthusiastic and skilled local teachers. First off, the jokes and good humour of Acrhaf helped bring me back into the world of language learning as I settled into the day-to-day rhythm of life in Rabat. My confidence slowly built up over the month, just in time to be challenged by the intense but incredibly rewarding schedule of Hafida. Finally, as my time in Rabat drew to an end, I had the pleasure of wandering through the joys of Arabic linguistics and history with Hassan.



Brynna and fellow students outside *Qalam wa Lawh*



Brynna and Hafida at the school

Outside of classes the school became a second home. Together with teachers and students from all over the world – France, the USA, Chile and Japan, just to name a few – we would sit in the school's garden, chatting over a glass of Morocco's famous mint tea. When lunch time came around, the wafting aromas of the school's kitchen drew us back inside for a hearty meal of Moroccan cuscus, *tagine* and salad. Our classes were also complemented by weekly guest lectures on everything from the traditional importance of bread in Moroccan life, through to the famous folk tales of *Kalila wa Dimna* and a brief history of Moroccan rap. For those keen to explore the city the school also had weekly excursions to places like the king's palace and the ancient ruins of the city of Chellah.

Aside from my studies, the incredible opportunities being in the northern hemisphere entailed were not lost on me. With these in mind, I saved up my pennies and extended my

three month scholarship to a full year away. With many twists and adventures, I ended up taking full advantage of my time away and finished the year with some unforgettable memories...



The central courtyard of the *riad*

After two months of study in Rabat, some friends and I decided to take the opportunity to attend the annual ten day *World Festival of Sacred Music* in Fes. We based ourselves in a traditional three-storey traditional Moroccan house or *riad*, where I was sorely tempted to skip the Festival and spend a full two weeks soaking up the beautifully intricate mosaics and delicate wooden carvings of the *riad*. After a delicious breakfast, leisurely eaten under the rays of sunlight streaming into the *riad's* central courtyard, I managed to pull myself

away and began to weave through the maze of Fes' old city in search of the Festival.

As I had hoped, the Festival did not disappoint... I saw a bit of everything, from traditional Buddhist Cambodian ballet, through to Southern US gospel singing, cross-dressing sacred Indian Hindu acrobats and the resonating sounds of traditional Korean drummers. Two of my personal favourites were the Baghdad Jerusalem Ensemble and a local women's *sufi* group. The Ensemble brought together Jewish musicians from Iraq, Israel and Morocco who together sang songs in Hebrew and Arabic, accompanied by the beautiful sounds of the

Arabic *oud*. The incredible power and depth of their singing left many of us with goose bumps, a profound sense of sadness for the troubles that divide the region and a deep appreciation of the rich spiritual tradition that the entire region shares.



Lalla Rhoum Tarika, one of the Moroccan women's *sufi* groups at the Festival

The local women's *sufi* group was something else altogether. Part of the Festival's public midnight 'Sufi evenings', these women were serious about their music and clearly didn't need the microphones they'd been given. Led by a woman with a short modern haircut and a mean beat on the tambourine, they were pumping out the praise and blessings with gusto. Groups such as these reinforced once again my impressions of Morocco as an open, diverse

and cosmopolitan country with a wonderfully rich religious and musical history – in which strong Moroccan women most certainly play a role!

After my time in Morocco I decided to head onto Syria where I spent almost four months putting into practice some of what I had learnt at *Qalam wa Lawh*. Although I had come away from Morocco with strong friendships, it was in Syria that I really felt like I was able to get out in the streets and talk to people – not because they were more friendly, but rather because the Arabic dialect spoken there is much closer to what I'd been learning and is spoken at a much more leisurely speed than the rapid pace of Moroccans.



A road-side nut stall in Hama, Syria

I used my time in Damascus to let things sink in and reveled in the joy of being able to strike up a conversation everywhere from the local vegetable and fruit juice stalls (a



Brynna and a good friend at *Souq al-Hamidiyah*,  
Damascus

compulsory feature of every street), to the local mini-buses and religious shrines and mosques. As with Morocco, I have come home with many fond memories and Syrian friends I hope to visit again.

Back in Melbourne, I have been inspired by my time away and am determined not to let the Arabic I learnt fade away. I'm keeping in touch with friends as much as I can and am hoping to develop a curriculum resource highlighting the incredible opportunities

and adventures that learning another language can provide. I am eternally grateful to Rotary for making all of this a possibility and sincerely hope that like me, others will have the opportunity to enrich their lives with similar experiences in future.

Brynna Rafferty-Brown  
Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar  
Morocco, April-July 2010

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