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## REFLECTIONS ON 2012-2013 by PRESIDENT JENNIFER COBURN

Leading the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills — what a wonderful privilege it has been!

With our Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka providing an inspiring theme "Peace Through Service", I felt privileged and humbled to welcome to our Changeover Dinner David Nyuol Vincent as guest speaker.

David is a survivor of war and now a prominent community peace leader. He shared his most personal story of his journey with his father from his village of Turalei in South Sudan to life as a boy soldier and through to his co-founding of Peace Palette.

As a club we set forth on this year with a commitment to work in areas that we hadn't before and to extend our reach that bit further, particularly more deeply into our local community. We aimed to make a very real difference and to be engaged in hands-on projects that also met the needs and desires of our members.

Our membership has an amazing skill set, so as a club we embraced many of the new ideas for the year. With all members taking on two committee roles, we were able to gain far better traction in our activities. The Committee Meetings were inspiring and a real hive of activity. Great food was always organised by Anne and the Social team.

### Our Regular Projects

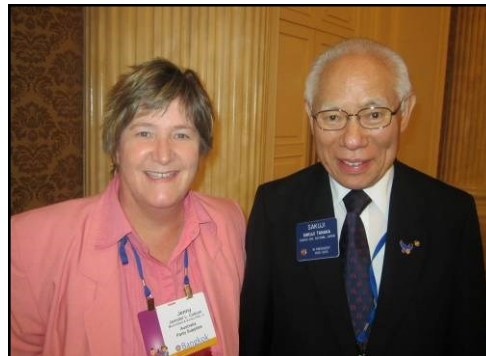
Many of our regular stable of projects continued and these serve our community well — including:

- Inala Morning Teas and Knitting Program
- Winter Woollies
- Birthing Kits
- Primary Schools Speech Contest
- Migrant Information Centre Business Program

### First Friday Dinner

The introduction of our First Friday Dinner (see page 22) has been a wonderful project for our club and it has been truly special to see so many of our members, their family and Friends of MASH happily volunteering alongside our Rotaractors.

I would particularly like to acknowledge Annette Kiernan and David Winter for their drive in bringing this project to fruition this year. I look forward to the new Interact Club also coming on board in the coming year.



*Above: President Jenny with RI President Sakuji Tanaka*  
**New Initiatives**

Other new initiatives that have been very exciting for us as a club are:

- Rotary Peace Forum: Q & A Style
- Christmas Card Writing Project
- Principals' Breakfast and Launch of Education & Leadership Book.
- Interact Club at Koonung Secondary
- Lego Collection
- Childrens' Picture Book Collection
- Nomination of Peace Palette co-founder Aya Ono as a Rotary Foundation Peace Scholar.

### Environment, Sustainability and Rural Relations

Our Environment, Sustainability and Rural Relations committee has blossomed this year and its work has gone from strength to strength.

The Tree Project's first outing was at Streatham where we planted some 2500 trees on a chilly August day in 2012. We are all busily growing the second round of trees and looking forward to the next planting on 18th August. Special thank you to Ern Hermeler and Murray Neilson for coordinating this initiative.

The Environment, Sustainability and Rural Relations committee, led by Nigel Cooper, has really thought outside the square. Examples of this include Trees for New Members; Solar Panels Projects and much, much more. It is really great to see the Environmental focus of our club has been embraced. 2013-14 promises much more again from this team.

### Project Financing

Our ability to raise funds to enable these projects to happen is vital and a special thank you to Anita Galileos and her team for the untiring work in generating funds. We have been so amazingly supported by David Winter through Bread Street. Mince Pies and Hot Cross Buns raised \$13,100, our Antiques and Collectables Fair a further \$4,400, and the Mont Albert Festival \$3,400. Additionally we earned approximately \$7,000 from the Whitehorse Farmers' Market this year.

## REFLECTIONS ON 2012-2013

### The Tongmasters

Our quiet but high achievers in the fundraising stakes are our two Tongmasters—Graeme Battersby and Rob Teese. Every Saturday morning with a team of 2 or 3 volunteers they sizzle sausages to generate income. The group raises over \$10,000 a year and we have achieved that again this year. Simply amazing! It is important to also thank Rob Stamp, Nigel Cooper, Andrew Wallace and Shane Milroy who have stepped in as the Tongmasters Deputies during the year.

### Membership

I would like to congratulate our Membership Team led by Roger Coburn as we have this year inducted ten new members—an excellent effort. We welcomed Meaghan Adams, Christopher Miller, Alex Starr, Kumar Chandrasekaran, Jo Beilby, Shane Milroy, Grace Guo, Beryl Mitchell, Theo Zographos and Archana Ranganathan.

We were saddened to hear of Kumar's passing a short time after he became a Rotarian. Our thoughts are with his wife and daughters. Please refer to Page 42.

### Meeting Speakers

We have had a wonderful speakers program this year, entertaining and from a range of sectors. We all enjoyed the thrill of Phillip Johnson winning at Chelsea Flower Show with an amazing design he showed us at the meeting. Professor Rob Moodie spoke about the Melbourne Storm story and its link to integrity and ethics. Andrea Carson updated us on the media at a pertinent time with the significant changes in that industry. Anne-Marie Baker inspired us all with her response to the challenges of life following the loss of her lower limbs. We also enjoyed the presentation on Youth Exchange with local student Lachie Wiadrowski and PDG David Anderson. We all enjoyed a fun evening with Phillip Rowell presenting "Consider Your Verdict" in June.

### International Aid and Support

Thank you to Rob Stamp and his team who again worked through potential project opportunities. We enjoyed packing Birthing Kits in January and look forward to their arrival at Goroka PNG for use by the ladies in that community. Partnering with the Rotary Club of Yea on the birthing kits is a potential new connection for our club.

This team have been working with Mick Willis on an exciting new project, a Medical Centre in The Solomon Islands. This will evolve during the coming year.

### New Generations: Linking with Education

New opportunities were offered and launched with the

Principals' Breakfast in July. This included the publication Education & Leadership @ MASH written by myself for the club. This booklet has been taken up by many other clubs through sharing at the Australian Rotary Conference in Canberra early in the year and District Presidents Meeting.

This Breakfast was very successful in that it brought together the schools that we link with and enabled sharing of ideas and opportunities. The Lego Project emanated from this Breakfast, as did further clarity on the Literacy Projects. Interact was strongly supported by Koonung Secondary College and we were encouraged to pursue this opportunity.

The support of The Berengarra School and developing the link to that school also came about through the Breakfast. The Principals' Breakfast was a great start to the year and one thoroughly recommended for the future on an annual basis.

Our Rotary Youth programs have been well supported this year particularly by Koonung which has been tremendous and this will no doubt continue with the Interact Club being a conduit in 2013-2014.

Our thanks go to Principal Peter Wright and Teachers Erika Harder and Lauren Appledore at Koonung for their commitment to working with our club.

### Our Marketing Team

Again, the Marketing team led by Rob Teese have been innovative enabling our club to be in front of the locals on a regular basis. Our club also took up the challenge for the Antiques Fair and developed new signage which was very successful and can be built on for future events of any kind.

### Social Times

This year, I was really keen to build the clubs Social connections and it has been wonderful to see the members supporting the range of activities available. Thanks to Anne and her team for the ideas and no doubt we will have an excellent continuation of this in 2013-14. The Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is now a regular fixture in the Social calendar.

### Vocational Workplace and Education

The Migrant Information Centre link has been a positive one that I have worked on with Mervat Dahdoule during the year. A huge thank you to Tony Kuc for being our coordinator for the Small Business Information Series held in the latter part of this year. It was also a great pleasure to present our scholarship to Belle Savage earlier this year.

## REFLECTIONS ON 2012-2013

During 2012-2013, we have tried new things, challenged ourselves and been strong leaders within our community. I would like to thank the board members for their support of our clubs direction, for their commitment to the role of the Board and to embracing the business focus we have evolved.

I would like to thank our Vice President of MASH, Ern Hermeler who been a tower of strength and a strong advocate of sound governance in the club. To Ern—Thank You!

This yer, Jill Turner took on the role of Treasurer and undertook to move the clubs financials onto MYOB, an excellent initiative. This has provided the club with professional quality financial statements and accounts. We also introduced electronic payments—a real time saving initiative.

Anita Galileos continued as the Director of Fundraising despite an incredibly busy life at work and with her family. She has been an excellent director and will be sorely missed., as will her husband Paul. We hope to welcome them back to MASH in the future.

Michael Crichton had been working with the Board learning more of the club's activities and preparing for the year ahead. Unfortunately, Michael has decided not to continue his membership at the club and a new President will be appointed.

Geraldine Battersby has served as Secretary of the Board and has provided excellent service despite her illness. I would like to thank Loretta Murphy for stepping in as the Assistant Secretary for Geraldine.

Tony Kuc has been a continuing supporter of the club and after he resigned from the Board, he continued with his contribution and leadership in the club.

Finally, thank you to my husband Roger for his support of the club and also in providing the time in our business for me to undertake the role of President.

On last Saturday evening at the District Governors Changeover Dinner, our club was recognized by District Governor Brian Martin with a Presidential Citation and as one of the two Outstanding Clubs in our District for achievement in Club Building, Club Projects and Club PR / Communications.

In summing up, thank you to each and every member of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills and to our Friends of MASH and Honorary Members for making this a club that we can all be rightly proud of.

*Jenny*



*Top: President Jenny at Council on Legislation in Chicago as District 9810 Delegate in April, 2013*

*Middle: With Changeover Guest Speaker David Nyuol Vincent*

*Below: With Muriel Fielding, our Shine On Nominee at Inala at Easter.*



## ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & RURAL RELATIONS

Chair: Nigel Cooper

Team: Kay Dunn, Ern Hermeler, Murray Neilson, Nicole Osner, Alex Starr, Rob Teese, Andrew Wallace

### Clean Up Australia Day: March, 2013

Another successful year - this time with 15 volunteers comprising 10 MASH members plus 5 others - Malcolm Carre-Riddell with his two sons, Alex & Tim and another young lady with her young daughter.

This year, even with a few more volunteers, the task took about an hour in perfect, sunny weather, however I suspect we focused a little more intensely in the shaded areas! It was a great turnout, followed by a yummy morning coffee with Danish pastries (courtesy of David Winter) at Battersby's.

The Gardens were looking very tidy (more so after we finished!) and since last year, an exciting new adventure playground has been added. It is comforting to look back, now our fourth year at the site - the first year produced our largest bounty, reducing in the second and third years - this year seemed similar to last year, except for a chair, a witch's broomstick and twice as many shopping trolleys! (ie 2).



### Community Centre Solar Panels Proposal

Following an idea that the club could be proactive in encouraging local Community Centres or Neighbourhood Houses to have solar power, a proposal is being considered for the Bennetswood Neighbourhood House.

Murray Neilson is coordinating the investigation phase of this project and we look forward to its progress in the coming year.



*Back L-R: Alex Starr, Anne Teese, Murray Neilson, Graeme Battersby, Nigel Cooper, Ern Hermeler  
Front: Roger Coburn, Kay Dunn, Annette Kiernan holding her dog, Madeleine.  
Rob Teese was the Photographer*

### Earth Hour

Earth Hour was held on Saturday 23rd March at 8.30 pm to 9.30 pm and our Environment team encouraged everyone to participate. While it is, of course a highly symbolic activity (like so many other things we undertake in our daily routines), it is a widely embraced global environmental campaign and individual expression opportunity.

Why is it held in late March? This is Equinox (in 2013, virtually to the day) when every point on the planet has equal day and night - even both the North and South poles. At 8.30pm true local time (longitude-aligned), every location on earth will be in natural darkness.

### Club Environmental and Sustainability Survey

This is being undertaken in conjunction with the District team and will be a great tool for planning future club needs.

### New Tree Planting Trays

The club has been donated 50 trays of 40 trees in Tree Planting tubes, for use at our next tree planting. Thank you to Simon and Alex Starr for this donation.



## THE TREE PROJECT

### ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & RURAL RELATIONS

MASH Rotary Club has been in the Beaufort region again, this time on a Tree Planting Project. The club, as part of a pilot in Rotary District 9810, took on the leadership of this initiative. In conjunction with "The Tree Project", we sought local provenance-based seed, and then propagated and cared for the seedlings between February and August. The Rotary Clubs of Doncaster and Waverley also took part.

Beaufort Rotary was tremendous in its support of MASH with our City Coordinator Ern Hermeler liaising with their Peter Oddie. A suitable site at St Marnocks on Streatham Road was identified. As the owners, the Read Brothers, were keen to have the balance of their native vegetation belt completed, a win-win resulted. The support of Landcare was valued in this project with the supply of 2500 tree guards.

The links between MASH and Beaufort have continued to grow since its commencement in 2007. When stumps were pulled on the planting day, 2,500 seedlings were planted and guards put in place. As the MASH members headed back to Melbourne we reflected on the strength of our Clubs' relationship.

And so, the process began again in November 2012 with the start of Year 2 of The Tree Project for MASH members and friends. We welcomed Whitehorse Rotaract into the project in 2013.

Boxes were distributed and planting out began of River Red Gum and seed specifically requested by the Read Brothers. We look forward to another successful planting on 18 August, 2013.

Publicity for the project was in the Pyrenees Advocate and ABC Radio. Our thanks go to Chris Johnson and Peter Oddie from the Beaufort Club for organizing these. We also featured in the District 9810 Governors Newsletter. Congratulations to Ern and Murray for their great work with The Tree Project..



*Pictured Above: Murray Neilson & Ern Hermeler collecting the packs for 2013 from The Tree Project.*

*The Teese family trees after repotting in February, 2013.*

*Below: Rotarians and family from MASH, Doncaster, Waverley and Beaufort at the end of a great days work planting trees.*





## THE TREE PROJECT

### ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & RURAL RELATIONS



#### **Top Left, then Clockwise:**

- Nicole Osner, Roger Coburn, Annette Kiernan, Kay Dunn (rear), Shia Smart & Chris Johnston (Beaufort) on Chris's 4WD ute
- Kay took to the ute!
- The completed work site
- Graeme Battersby & Shia Smart working hard
- Ern Hermeler speaking to the group at lunch
- Rob Teese & Beaufort President Braven Byatt catching up
- Murray Neilson digging
- Pat Armstrong (RC Doncaster), Heather Sandlant (RC Beaufort) & Jenny Coburn





## THE GUMBOOTS — WHO BELONGS TO WHICH BOOTS?

At our Tree Planting at Beaufort, there were an amazing range of boots and gumboots worn by our members— we had a fun competition working out which boots belonged to which members.



*Left to right*

Top Row:

Second Row:

Third Row:

Fourth Row:

Annette Kiernan, Anne Teese, Catherine Dodgshun, Duncan Smart

Rob Teese & Kay Dunn, Ern Hermeler, Kay Dunn, Geraldine Battersby

Nicole Osner, Nigel Cooper, Graeme Battersby

Sheila Cooper, Jenny Coburn, Shia Smart, Andrew Wallace



## THE BEAUFORT SHOW AND MORE...

### ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & RURAL RELATIONS

**O**ur clubs link with Beaufort continued this year with the Tree Project, volunteering at the Beaufort Show and our annual Home Hosting visit to Beaufort.

#### Beaufort Show

With the weather just perfect, no rain and not too hot, MASH and Beaufort Rotarians were all busy with their various jobs volunteering at the Show.

Saturday arrival into Beaufort and to our respective host families and everyone got together at CrossRoads Fire Station for our Annual Dinner. Wow, so much food was provided and this year just one trifle in sight! Everyone had a fun time and enjoyed getting to know their hosts over the weekend.

Shia, Duncan and Flynn stayed with Chris and Cheryl Johnston, and Nicole stayed with Anne Beer. Jenny and Roger with Peter and Rosemary Oddie, and Geraldine and Graeme with Ian and Cara Lovejoy. Anne and Rob Teese stayed with Douglas and Pauline Ball. It was great to be joined on the Sunday by Tony and Janelle, and Paul, Anita and their boys Nathan and Anthony.

Sunday saw some very early risers with the volunteering jobs varied: Roger was at the shearing shed taking registrations; Nicole and Jenny were in the Pavilion as Stewards; Geraldine updated the result sheet for the Pyrenees Advocate; Duncan and Flynn manned the Beaufort Caravan stop on the Treasure Trail;



Jenny helped in the Secretary's Office; Graeme managed the Sausage Sizzle for the Shearers; Shia and Janelle judged the Fashions Contest; Anne and Rob were at the gate and others helped out where needed. Our club sponsored and judged the Scarecrow Competition — what an amazing eclectic collection!



#### Beaufort Visiting MASH

We were delighted in November to welcome Chris and Cheryl Johnston to help out at our Bunning Sausage Sizzle. It was fun for Graeme Battersby, resident Tongmaster at MASH to present Chris with his Certificate of Tongmanship and a special pair of MASH tongs when we visited Beaufort.

In May, we thoroughly enjoyed the company of Kathy Pitt and son Warren, Cheryl and Chris Johnston and Anne Beer as they helped us out at the Antiques &

Collectables Fair. It was very much appreciated as we had many of our members travelling overseas at that time. A fun dinner was enjoyed at The Khyber Pass on the Saturday evening.

#### Defying the Drift

Our club has this year contributed \$1,000 towards Defying The Drift, a program held at Marcus Oldham College in Geelong for Year 9 students considering careers in the rural sector.

#### A Quiet Helping Out

With the busy traffic on the Western Highway on Good Friday, Jenny and Roger Coburn helped out at the Beaufort Rotary "Take A Break" Caravan Stop for a few hours on their way to Stawell. It was great fun and tested the logistics of everyone! They also assisted at the Steam Rally on the Rotary Caravan in November and the Art Show in Beaufort in June— all enjoyable opportunities to help out.



## NEW GENERATIONS: LINKING WITH EDUCATION

Chair: Shia Smart

Team: Geraldine Battersby, Roger Coburn, Loretta Murphy, Archana Ranganathan, Gill Somers, Jill Turner,

In addition to the projects already covered in the feature reports, the New Generations Team delivered the following outcomes in 2012-2013:

- Introduced an “E-Newsletter” to the Local Schools highlighting dates for programs, opportunities, etc.
- This year, we were provided with clear clarification of the schools we link with, being Koonung Secondary and Box Hill Senior Secondary and Primary Schools: Surrey Hills, Mont Albert Primary, Our Lady’s, Our Holy Redeemer and Wattle Park in Whitehorse and Chatham Primary in Boroondara. We have also linked up with The Berengarra School which has been a wonderfully positive experience for both the school and MASH.
- Donated \$1500 for funding of “TAFE Tasters Program” for Berengarra School students at Box Hill Institute.

### Projects Supported

#### The Science Experience

We sent five students from Koonung Secondary College to The Science Experience in 2012. They were:

- Tim Green [RMIT University]
- Grace Doherty [University of Melbourne]
- Odessa Kemp [Monash University]
- Emese Ropolyi [University of Melbourne]
- Jedidiah Bastian [RMIT University]

#### Citizenship Awards @ Koonung Secondary College

Shia Smart and Jenny Coburn had the pleasure of presenting the two recipients of the Citizenship Awards with their Certificate and Engraved Watch at the “Celebration of Year 12” at the Besen Centre at the end of 2012. The recipients were:

- Eloise Thompson
- Declan Tate

#### Model United Nations Assembly [MUNA]

The Club has this year sponsored teams from Koonung Secondary and Beaufort Secondary College for the Model United Nations Assembly held in May at Parliament House. They represented Brazil and Australia respectively. Please refer to Page 15 for the full story.

#### Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment [RYPEN]



This year, we were invited to sponsor our candidate from 2012 who was returning to the program as a Leader. Ana Tinc [pictured at left] was this candidate and a Year 12 student at Koonung Secondary College.

We also sponsored two students to attend the RYPEN Seminar from Koonung Secondary. Sophie Magrath and Lauren Vienet enjoyed the experience of RYPEN on the weekend of 24 to 26 May, 2013.

#### Literacy Grants for 2013

Primary Schools were again the beneficiaries in 2013 with Literacy Grants up to \$500 were available for each of the six local Primary schools. Two Schools took up this invitation and the projects funded were:

- Senior Dictionaries x 5 for Surrey Hills Primary School —Value \$450.00
- Chatham Primary School —Books to the value of \$500.

#### National Youth Science Forum [NYSF]

The club was thrilled when its applicant in 2012 Purani Kumar was successful.

Following this success and Purani’s obvious enjoyment of the program [refer to page 15], our club has again nominated candidates for the 2013-2014 Program.

Applications have been received from three students and all have been forwarded to the District Committee for consideration.

The applicants are:

- Johnny Xu Koonung Secondary
- Yue (Cherry) Shi - Koonung Secondary
- Aashritha Kumar—Korowa Anglican Girls’ School

## PRINCIPALS' BREAKFAST

### NEW GENERATIONS: LINKING WITH EDUCATION

Thursday morning 27th July, 2012 was chilly to say the least, but only as far as the weather was concerned.

On arrival at The Tudor Inn in Whitehorse Road, our team were looking forward to hosting our guests for a Breakfast Meeting. The aim was to share our programs, discuss current opportunities and to gain an insight into new ideas that the schools had.

The New Generations Team was represented by Chair Shia; Roger; Loretta and Jill and Jenny joined the group. Young Flynn also joined us and prepared the welcome on the Whiteboard for all.

Our Guests included:

- ◆ Stephen Rothwell, Principal, Chatham Primary
- ◆ Megan Ganter, Assistant Principal, Wattle Park Primary
- ◆ Craig Crouch, Assistant Principal, Mont Albert Primary

- ◆ Trish Cotter, Assistant Principal, Koonung Secondary
- ◆ Steve Cook, Principal, Box Hill Senior Secondary
- ◆ Peter Heffernan, Principal, Berengarra School, and
- ◆ Andrea Read, Schools Relationship Manager, Box Hill Institute.

Apologies were received from Surrey Hills, Our Lady's, Roberts McCubbin and Our Holy Redeemer Primary Schools.

One of the exciting parts of the day was to launch the new booklet which has been developed to bring together all Rotary programs which involve the schools—both Primary and Secondary. Titled: "Education & Leadership @ MASH Rotary", the publication includes the full range of programs and opportunities for "our local schools" to engage with MASH.

Following the Breakfast, we have continued to build on the excellent start to the year and built strong partnerships with our school communities.

Specific outcomes from this event include:

- Lego Collection Project
- Interact Club @ Koonung
- Chatham Primary Hosting of Group Study Exchange Team from Malaysia

Thank you to the New Generations: Linking With Education team for embracing this new initiative and hosting our guests at the Breakfast.

This was a real win-win and so important in building our relationships with the schools.





## INTERACT @ KOONUNG

### NEW GENERATIONS: LINKING WITH EDUCATION



The first Interest meeting of the Koonung Interact Club was held on 7th May at Koonung Secondary College.

With the decision that the School Community Captains Louisa Lowe and Edward You would be Co-Presidents of the Interact Club, this enabled the organisation to commence holding its Interest Meetings.

The initial meeting attracted 25 students, with the second meeting some 18 attending. With membership forms at the meeting, all 18 signed up and nominated for roles in the club. All students nominating were interviewed by Miss Erika Harder (Teacher) and Louisa and Edward.

At the meeting held on 28th May, the appointments were announced as follows:

**Co-Presidents:**

Louisa Lowe and Edward You

**Secretary:**

Sophie Magrath

**Treasurer:**

Cecile Castellano

**Project Manager—International:**

Stephanie Clare-Cover

**Project Manager—Local:**

Zoe Diakouloukas

**Events Coordinator:**

Bridgette Mulhern

**Resources:**

Johnny Xu

The formal date for the granting of the charter of the Interact Club @ Koonung is expected to be on 27th

June, 2013. Planning is underway by the students in the Club for the Charter Celebration.



*Above: Co- Presidents Louisa Lowe and Edward You with teacher Erika Harder of Koonung.*

*Below: The students discussing opportunities for projects for the club.*





## LEGO COLLECTING FOR OUR SCHOOLS

### NEW GENERATIONS: LINKING WITH EDUCATION

The Lego Collection Project originated at the Principals' Breakfast in July 2012 when Berengarra Principal Peter Heffernan highlighted this as something his school needed for their students. Mont Albert Primary then added that they utilise Lego in their Lunch Club format for children with Aspergers Syndrome and difficulties with socializing in the playground at lunch. Chatham were added as they utilise both Lego and Duplo at the school.

Once the project was underway, our promotion included the local press—Progress Leader, Whitehorse Leader, Eastern Weekly and Your Child — Whitehorse.

We also had coverage with several radio and web based announcements for the project and many posts on Facebook. The Facebook post with the flyer had 189 views. 254 people saw the post of our Farmers' Market collection with the photo of the collection and 278 saw the post promoting our Lego meeting on Tuesday. Facebook has been a great way to spread the Lego and MASH story.

The Progress Leader article [February, 2013] — shown below — resulted in a call from Rob Deakin who is involved in Lego full time as a Lego fanatic. He saw Lego as an inexpensive way to help the socialisation skills of autistic children.

When Rob spoke to the club as our Guest Speaker, he shared that social activity and play is critical in child development but children with autism spectrum disorders often having difficulties with social situations and activities. These children are however attracted to structures and systems which makes Lego an ideal vehicle for involvement

About a year ago he set up his business "Inside the Brick" — Building Togetherness and started running a construction club for these children at the Abbotsford Convent.

We collected a large amount of Lego through our drop off at the Whitehorse Farmers' Market and at Balloons! Parties! Hire!.

Both Chatham & Mont Albert Primary spoke passionately about the benefits of this resource, all gathered through the support of our local community. It was great to divide up the amazing collection and to share it between Mont Albert Primary, Chatham Primary and Berengarra School. Late deliveries were given direct to Rob Deakin for his projects.



### SURREY HILLS

## Let go your LEGO

YOUR unwanted pieces of LEGO could find a new home at a primary school thanks to a collection being run by the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills.

President Jenny Coburn said the group was seeking donations of LEGO to be delivered to schools in the area for students with special needs.

"It will be used by students who may have Asperger's disorder or who may be challenged in other ways," Ms Coburn said.

The club will collect the LEGO at their stall at the Whitehorse Farmers' Market on Sunday, March 10.

Pieces can also be left at Balloons! Parties! Hire! in Burwood Village.

Details: 0450 472 723.



Bryce, 15, with Jenny Coburn from Rotary and LEGO that's being collected.

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## PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPEECH CONTEST

### NEW GENERATIONS: LINKING WITH EDUCATION

Source: *On The Radar Vol 9-9*

How can you describe the sensational Primary Schools Speech Contest on Tuesday evening?

- ♦ Wow!
- ♦ Amazing!
- ♦ Superb
- ♦ Excellent
- ♦ First rate

I thought it would be a good idea, given the students have undertaken so much research for their presentations—that I took a visit to my trusty thesaurus for some suitable descriptors: These all work:

- ♦ Superlative
- ♦ Great
- ♦ Elevated
- ♦ Super, and so many more

All the teachers and family members had every right to be justly proud of the students who took the time to build up their presentations, practice them and present them on the night in front of their fellow students, family members, friends, school teachers, Principals, members of our club and our guest parliamentarians.

There were twelve students representing six Primary schools:

- ♦ Chatham Primary
- ♦ Our Holy Redeemer
- ♦ Our Lady's
- ♦ Roberts McCubbin
- ♦ Surrey Hills, and
- ♦ Wattle Park

Mont Albert were an apology for the event.



The students presenting were simply fabulous—with the speeches being really positive in their outlook. Thank you to Shia Smart who MC'd the evening on behalf



of our club. It was great to also have Honorary Member Robert Clark, Victorian Attorney General speak to the students on his experiences with Public Speaking.

Our Toastmasters Judging Panel of Sue Forster, Sarah

Forster and Mel Palmer are wonderful how they give their time so freely to assist our program. Sue & Sarah have been at every one of our events as judges!

And Marlene Sinclair was again great with the students—briefing them so well and her introductions all so consistent. The positive feedback for every participant is such an important part of the evening.

The MASH team all swung into action having everything ready for the arrival of our guests from 6.30 pm. A special thank you to the guys who worked outside in the cold, the Farmers' Market jackets certainly increased visibility.

And to the MASH Greeters, well done in enabling the signing in to all happen so well Our Timekeepers Nigel & Ern undertook their duties with due diligence. To Rob and Paul for photography—thanks so much. It was great to showcase that our club has a great blend of members and thank you to Shia for being our MC this year—great job.

Everyone who bought along a contribution for the supper—and to Anne and the Social Team and others who volunteered in the

kitchen and catering. To everyone who packed up at the end of the night, it all just happened. Well done!

Winners of this years Primary Schools Speech Contest were

1st: Freya Parr [Wattle Park]  
2nd Lily Jackson-Martin [Our Holy Redeemer]  
3rd Jack McLaren [Our Lady's]

*Photos below show:*

*Top: Lily, Freya & Jack on the night of the Speech Contest.*

*Middle: After their presentation at the club meeting, and*

*Bottom: Being interviewed on 3WBC*





## STUDENTS LEADING

### NEW GENERATIONS: LINKING WITH EDUCATION

#### Purani Kumar - National Youth Science Forum

Purani attends Korowa Anglican Girls School and lives in Box Hill South.

She shares with us:

144 students, 17 staff members, 13 days, 12 nights and an endless surprise of ice cream- this made up the National Youth Science Forum, one of the most memorable experiences for all who attended it. Our flight arrival into Perth on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January was filled with mixed emotions: excitement, fear, nervousness, fatigue and enthusiasm. No-one knew what to expect as most of the events of the NYSF are kept a secret for future students to enjoy.

Every day proved to be different and more exciting. On the first day, we were split into our Interest Groups. We spent most of the day time in these groups, for Lab and Perth site visits. I was in Doherty, a group for people interested in Biomedicine.

Our lab visits were centred on medicine and medical research, which was very exciting for all of us. Because of the credibility of the program, we were invited to numerous state-of-the-art medical facilities to try out their \$450,000 “gadgets”, and to interact with Australia’s leading medical researchers. This included visiting Curtin’s Dentistry School, where we drilled holes in teeth using proper equipment, the Telethon Institute for Child Research, UWA’s Medical School, the Hollywood Fertility Clinic, and CTEC, a school for upcoming

surgeons. This was probably our most favourite lab visit; we learned to suture and played with their keyhole surgery devices. As most medical students don’t get that opportunity until their 3<sup>rd</sup> year, we were very privileged and almost freaked out the professors with our eagerness.

Of course, science wasn’t the only focus of the camp. The daytime was a mix of science and leadership activities, where we learnt to work effectively in group situations, and to step up to the task of being a leader. In the evenings, we were treated to an array of activities. There was the Science Relay Challenge, where Floor Groups competed against each other, the Science Disco - one of the most fun nights all of us have ever had. Evening activities (including Laser Tag and Bowling) and Midnight Movie night. There were also several occasions to dress up and increase our height, wearing 13cm heels, - the Opening Ceremony, the Rotary Dinner and the Science Dinner. The exposure we gained at these events was phenomenal. Some of the highlights are the Chief Scientist of Western Australia, a leading archaeologist and a Group Executive of CSIRO, whose speech inspired everyone present.

The NYSF proved to be one of the best 13 days I have ever experienced, and I encourage any Year 11 student to consider

applying for it!

#### Model United Nations Assembly



MASH sponsored two teams for Model United Nations Assembly [MUNA] held in May, 2013. They were:

- Johnny Xu and Andrew Della Gatta from Koonung Secondary College [represented Brazil]
- Hannah Bruty and Peta Goode from Beaufort Secondary College [represented Australia]

Andrew shared his thoughts on attending MUNA:

*“I would like to express my thanks to MASH for sponsoring Johnny and myself. MUNA was a great experience: I learnt a lot, about Brazil, about different countries and about the United Nations, and I also made many friends. I am really grateful to have been given such a great opportunity, even if it was at the last minute.”*



## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

### Giving

Our Giving to The Rotary Foundation for 2013-2014 was A\$4,000.

In addition, the club raised a further \$892.50 for Polio Eradication through the sale of Mince Pies.

### Centurion Fund

We are pleased that in 2012-2013, several members have taken the opportunity to contribute to The Rotary Foundation as Centurion Fund members. This is a contribution of A\$100.00 per annum and is fully tax deductible.

### Grants

#### District Simplified Grants [DSG]

What a great opportunity to have funding support through the District Simplified Grants. As a club who contributes to The Rotary Foundation, we feel it is appropriate to submit applications for grants through The Rotary Foundation.

In 2012-2013, we applied for a DSG towards the cost of holding our Peace Forum: Q & A Style and also for Mentors & Mediators Training @ Koonung. These were for \$378.62 and \$352.00 respectively.

### Matching Grant

The club has offered to be a partner in the Matching Grant for Water Wells in Muradabad, India. Our contribution offered is \$1,000. We are awaiting advice of confirmation of the Grant approval and will provide the funds when requested.

### Peace Scholar

Ms Aya Ono has this year been nominated by our club for a 3 Month Peace Scholarship at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.



Aya attended our Changeover in 2012 with David Vincent. She is the Co-Founder of Peace Palette, a NGO operating in South Sudan.

A volunteer with the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre, C8 and Peace Palette, she is a lecturer in International Affairs at RMIT University. Aya was born in Japan and speaks four languages.

We look forward to hearing The Rotary Foundations outcome of her nomination later this year.

## Presidents of Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills 2004/2005 to 2011/2012



Left to Right:

Phillip Pearson [2004/2005]; Leonie Moran [2005/2006]; Ern Hermeler [2006/2007]; Michael Willis [2007/2008]; Roger Coburn [2008/2009]; Shia Smart [2009/2010]; Joe Somers [2010/2011]; Tony Kuc [2011/2012]

*Photo taken at 2012 Changeover Dinner*



## PEACE FORUM: Q & A STYLE

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills held a Peace Forum with a thought provoking panel of speakers who spoke of their work in helping individuals and groups in their community deal with perceived differences and racism, to recover from the effects of war and to build a stronger and more harmonious multicultural society.

The Forum participants were

Panellists were:

- Dr Helen Szoke: Australian Race Discrimination Commission
- Mr Chin Tan: Chairman—Victorian Multicultural Commission
- Mr David Nyuol Vincent: Co-Founder, Peace Palette and Former Boy Soldier
- Superintendent Charlie Allen: Victoria Police and Rotary Foundation Peace Scholar, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
- Dr Melika Sheik-Eldin: AMES Settlements Manager and Founder, Community Guides Program

Moderator:

- Mr Murray Baird, Assistant Commissioner (General Counsel), Australian Charities and Not For Profits Commission

Unfortunately, Sarah Bond who was invited to provide the perspective of an Indigenous Australian was unable to be on the panel due to illness.

The Forum was held in Box Hill Lower Town Hall and was attended by an estimated eighty attendees. The event was videoed and has been edited and posted to You Tube. [You Tube Search: Rotary MASH Peace Forum 2012]

A key question posed was What is Peace? The variety of responses were pertinent and interesting and are shared in this Annual Report.

#### Dr Helen Szoke



An aspect that affects peace is racism. We will not be able to sustain a peaceful society if we have a fear of difference or prejudice towards refugees; if we don't work to overcome fear of race. People that have experienced racism often have a lower threshold of feeling it, whereas people who not think

it is bigger things that make racism. "Racism is quiet and insidious, it may be about exclusion and can be institutionalized or an unconscious bias."

People that experience racism are not at peace. As a positive step the program "Racism: It Stops With Me" campaign is being launched. It calls out the problem we want to fix and is looking for partners from corporations and organisations that can endorse the campaign and support it with specific initiatives.

#### Charlie Allen



The absence of war is a negative definition of peace. It is more useful to define peace in positive terms of a just and secure society that respects human right, that lawfully protects its citizens that can work to earn an

appropriate income and raise their children, and that can express its views freely. A great many Rotary projects support this mission of peace through, for example, food and water security and community development.

#### Chin Tan



We have done a good job over the last 30 years in building a peaceful community through multiculturalism. This is not because this is a beautiful thing to do, or because the food is great, but because we actively wanted to build a harmonious future for the next generations. In this context, we need to see ourselves as Australian and build our own version of

cultures, religions in our own context. Ethnic communities must take responsibility of who they become. Peace begins with each of us.

*At right:  
David Winter posing a  
question to the panel*



## PEACE FORUM: Q & A STYLE

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

#### Dr Melika Sheik-Eldin



For refugees, not having peace is not a concept but a reality. This is particularly so in refugee camps. The people of the world though keep ignoring the suffering of millions all over the world that become forced refugees. Dealing with this issue is everyone's responsibility. Anyone around the world can become a refugee regardless of race, culture, age or religion and leaving one's homeland is not a choice. Australia has been successful due to its acceptance of migrants and refugees. Refugees continue to bring initiative to their new home given the opportunity. Australia is leading the world with a program of community guides through AMES that helps new arrivals by linking them with previously settled refugees. This is important as peace is mental not just physical, we want to feel that we are contributing and are respected.

#### David Nyuol Vincent



The essence of peace for a refugee is being accepted by the traditional owners of the land. As to whether Australia is peaceful, there are two answers—yes and no. For someone who has experienced

war since childhood, Australia seems peaceful. However, do Australians feel at peace when looking at a dark skinned person in some situations or do they feel fear? It is only a society that accepts and

celebrates differences that becomes peaceful.. *"If you want to discover me and I want to discover you, we together discover peace."*

#### Murray Baird—Moderator



The evening was moderated by the experienced and very articulate Murray Baird, Assistant Commissioner (General Counsel), Australian Charities & Not For Profits Commission. Murray has been a private legal practitioner practicing in not for profit and charity law and governance. He

has served as Chairman of Ansvar Insurance, First Samuel Ltd and the National Housing Ltd. He was Senior Partner at Moores Legal, Box Hill for many years.



*Above: Andreas with the panelists*

*Below: Some of the lighter moments during the Forum*





## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE: HOSTING TEAM FROM D3300—MALAYSIA

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

On Tuesday, 5th March, 2013 —our club was privileged to host the Group Study Exchange Team from Malaysia. The team members were:

**Ananda Pillai Sundram** (Team Leader) who recruits and places foreign labour and is involved in the Insurance industry.

**Eric Chan**—a Sales & Marketing Engineer; a Rotaractor and the current District Rotaract Representative.

**Crystal Hew**—a Consultant in the Oil & Gas Industry with Accenture Malaysia. She is also a Rotaractor.

**Shankar Shanmugam**—a Supply Chain Executive at Papa Johns Pizza. Joined Rotaract on return from Australia

**Vilasini Niar**—Executive Student Services at International Medical University.

With an 8.30 am start, it was off to **Chatham Primary School** where Principal Stephen Rothwell provided the group with a tour of the Sustainability features of the school environment. The school is focussed on environment and sustainability and have invested in this aspect of the school. From the chicken shed to vegetable garden, water tanks and convertible classrooms, etc.—there was so much to see. We were accompanied throughout the tour by the School Captains Zoe & Christian who were fantastic in their chatting with our visitors.

From Chatham to **Alkira** for Morning Tea and an enlightening video on the diverse range of activities and programs available to the clients of Alkira. We were looked after very ably by Meaghan & Chris.

As we were going past the Bus Bay—guess what? The MASH & Bendigo Bank Bus was there, so the perfect opportunity for a photograph [see at right]

A focus on the Art Space at Alkira provided us with an understanding of

the production of cards and other items for sale which generate income for the clients.

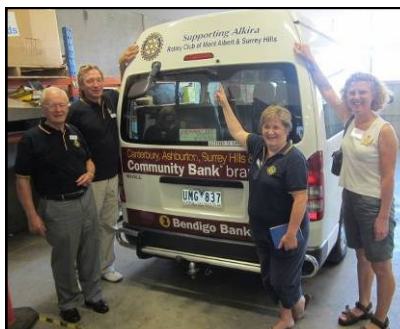


An area where MASH members (other than Chris & Meaghan) had not been before was the Residential facilities in Churchill Street. This very special home provides a safe and secure place for the clients / residents to live on a permanent basis. They also have a respite facility on the original property which has undergone a full refurbishment.

Our Third Stop was at **Mia Mia Gallery** at Westerfolds Park (pronounced Myer Myer) with Curator and Business Owner Colin McKinnon. Colin shared his amazing stories of the place of art in the Aboriginal community and how he has been able to develop education programs through this.

We are disappointed to learn that this facility has since closed due to change in leasing arrangements of the building.

We continued to **Box Hill**



**Community Arts Centre** and with the assistance of Kree, had a most interesting tour of this truly inspirational arts facility right here in the City of Whitehorse (located in Station Street). From the amazing tiling in the Mens Toilets to the Pottery / Ceramics Studio, quirky paling fence and art space—this is a valuable community asset owned and operated by the City of Whitehorse.

Jenny prepared and presented a Certificate for each Team Member with a photo taken during their day with MASH.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Chair: Annette Kiernan

Team: Michael Crichton, Jeremy Desmier, Grace Guo, Fiona Kerr, Robyn Pearson, Parijha Selvan, Anne Teese, David Winter

### Inala

Always a highlight of our year at MASH, this year was no exception. We enjoyed Christmas with the St Lukes Primary School singing carols to the residents and at Easter, Michael entertained the residents with balloon twisting.



Whilst our blankets haven't been as many as in the past, we are pleased to be a conduit to the knitting and keeping the fingers nimble at Allawarra. It was also our pleasure this year

to nominate Muriel Fielding for a Shine On Award and she was recognized for her contributions to the Inala community and beyond. We have also initiated a new project writing Christmas Cards [see page 23]

Thank you to Shia for her purchasing of wool on an ongoing basis and to Annette for coordinating the days and the little gifts for the residents.

### Whitehorse Spring Festival 2011

*Pictured below are: Tony Stokes [Box Hill Central], Doug Berwick [Forest Hill], Rob Teese and Roger Coburn [MASH] Right: Roger & Rob setting up stand*



With the theme of Tropicana, this years Festival was again a very successful event for the City of Whitehorse. The sun shone and the Rotary marquee was a joint effort

of the clubs in the City. Thanks go to Rob Teese for his involvement in planning and set up and to our volunteers on the day, Annette Kiernan, Parijha Selvan, Anne Teese, Jenny Coburn, Roger Coburn and Rob Teese. Jenny & Roger filled the Farmers' Market van with balloons to generate some fun and a competition to guess the number. Doug Berwick of Forest Hill did a great job on taking photos and setting it up. The

theme of the stand was the Whitehorse Farmers' Market.

### Neighbourhood Houses

Bennetswood purchased a Data Projector this year with funds donated in June 2012 and have recently purchased Playground Equipment totaling \$472.78 Alison Yiu joined us for the presentation.

Box Hill South have purchased an ipad for use at the Centre for courses thanks to support from our club and were provided with \$433 for the funding. It was great to have Pam Mills visit the club for the presentation.

Both Surrey Hills and Burwood Neighbourhood Houses have purchased ipads for use with programs at the House totaling \$498 and \$398 respectively.

### Alkira

MASH has this year supported the Momentum Program at Alkira through the Delegated Donations program with the funding of a Samsung Galaxy Tab and Protection Cover valued at \$500.

### Scouts Christmas Trees

This year, we again assisted with the sale of Christmas Trees for the 1st Mont Albert Scouts. Unfortunately we weren't able to arrange a lot of volunteers, but helped as best we could this time. We look forward to scheduling early for 2013/14 to help out.

### Grant Applications

The club has this year submitted a Grant application to the City of Whitehorse for a Commercial Grade Food Processor for the First Friday Dinner project as well as a further Volunteer Grant Application. The outcomes will be advised later in 2013.





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Sun Shades in Beaufort

Following Chris and Cheryl Johnston's visit to MASH to help out with the "Bunnings Sausage Sizzle", Chris was keen to promote the Vehicle Sun Shields at Beaufort as he was certain they would be popular.

We delivered eleven prior to their Christmas get together and all were snapped up—very quickly. A further twenty were delivered on the June Long Weekend. At the Beaufort Breakfast for the start of 2013, the members purchases were displayed outside Columbine Cottage. See the picture at right with all the vehicles lined up.



### Rotarians At Work Day—April 21st, 2013



With the opportunity to partner with our counterparts in District 9800 for the Inaugural "Rotarians at Work Day", our numbers were small, but very effective. The owner of the property we worked at was in hospital

and in the past had needed a lot of assistance with his yard and garden. North Balwyn Rotary have been assisting this resident as part of their gardening program for the elderly / those in need.

Thank you to Graeme Battersby, Roger Coburn & Annette Kiernan for your great work and to Geraldine who lent a hand.



*Pictured Below at the Food Kitchen Trial Run from Left to Right: Nigel Cooper, Tony Kuc, Rob Stamp, Murray Neilson, Mick Willis*



## FIRST FRIDAY DINNER @ THE BARN

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In 2012 after extensive research, the Club confirmed with local relief agencies the need for additional meals for those in need in the Box Hill area. The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills obtained a suitable venue, members support as volunteers and club funding.

The dinner runs monthly on the first Friday of each month and is the only free evening meal on a Friday in the local or surrounding area. The location of the venue in Ellingworth Parade, Box Hill provides diners with a safe, well lit and well populated location with easy access to/from all forms of public transport – trains, bus and trams. The dinner is staffed by our club members and members of the Whitehorse Rotaract Club.

The purpose of the meal is not just to provide food, but to provide a well balanced home cooked meal in a safe, warm and friendly environment – a place to meet, greet and share a meal with others just as those in different circumstances are doing on a Friday night. To this end there are always a minimum of seven volunteers per dinner, split between kitchen, setup and dinners teams. The volunteers ensure that diners are looked after and they chat to all.

The dinner is advertised directly to those in need through the relief agencies - including Box Hill Citizens

Advice Bureau, Youth Connexions, Eastern Health Drug & Alcohol, St Vincent DePaul, Salvation Army, Anglicare and the Baptist Church. The doors open at 5pm offering those joining us with a place to sit and relax or chat with a cup of tea, coffee, milo or cordial and eat the fresh fruit provided on each table.

Bread Street Bakery provide fresh bread, rolls, pastries and muffins for diners to take home. Each month during the year, the two course meal is different. We are currently serving meals to forth people, ranging in age and ethnic background.

Many members of the club, family members, Friends of MASH and Rotaractors have had the privilege of being rostered on the "First Friday Dinner or FFD". A common experience is that everyone absolutely loves it.

Without fail, the laughter and banter in the kitchen right from the start at 3pm can almost be heard on the street with the amazing camaraderie of the team.

As Erm sets up the room to make it ready for the diners every month with his fabulous aprons, Alana from Rotaract joins in the fun. There are so many members who have shared in the hard work



and enjoyment of this amazing project. And, as the group disperses around 6pm—the pack up begins with dishes to be washed, tables to be cleared and floors swept, etc.

This is a wonderful program that we feel sure will develop great opportunities for further engagement with our Community.

As we take our turn helping at the kitchen, the sense of fulfillment is apparent as each of us enjoy making the dinner at The Barn a wonderful homely experience for the needy.

Thank you Annette, David and Anne for bringing this wonderful initiative together—all the volunteers at our club say a huge thank you!





## CHRISTMAS CARD WRITING FOR THE ELDERLY

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

With cards, photographs, stamps and pens at the ready, Annette was organised for our first Christmas Card Project Day at Inala on 22nd November, 2012.

A total of 12 residents at Inala took up the clubs offer to write out Christmas Cards for them.

Chris Miller and Meaghan Adams had previously taken the most beautiful photographs of each of the residents so that we could include a special photo with the cards we wrote.

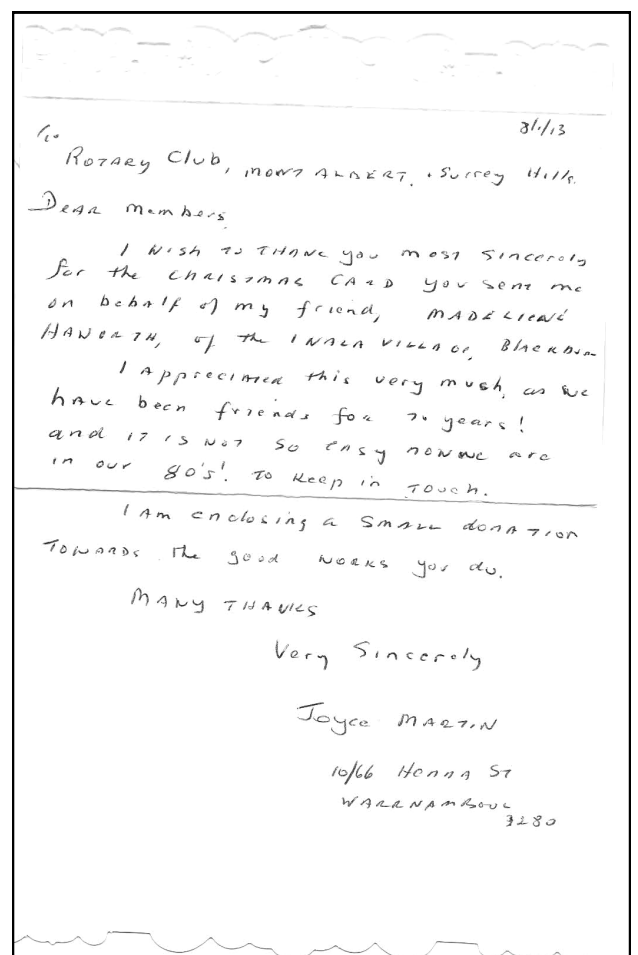
Jenny & Geraldine joined in and it was a truly delightful time meeting with each resident and working through their list of family and friends who they were so thrilled to be able to send cards to.

We had a diverse selection of cards and it was our pleasure to be able to offer "Sister", "Daughter" "Son" "Special Friend" together with many other great cards to select from. Each of the residents just loved their photographs and we included a little slip with each card noting that this was a project of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills.

The stories we were told were lovely and we felt that we were let into their families for a little while with this project. We look forward to joining in again in 2013. Thank you to everyone who has already donated cards ready for Christmas 2013.

It has been lovely to see the residents at the Christmas Morning Tea and again at Easter 2013. To be able to have a chat and catch up is just simply "special". Family and friends are warmly encouraged to join in with this project.

And in January, when we received the letter copied here—it simply reaffirmed the importance and value of this new project in our suite of community activities and highlighted the importance of working with the elderly.



## OUR COLLECTING STORY

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### WINTER WOOLLIES

With bags and boxes aplenty in Parijha's back room, the work was definitely ahead of us. After enjoying our dinner of sandwiches, spring rolls, samosas and other little treats, the team set forth on sorting everything out into various categories: Clothing for men, women, children, scarves / gloves / beanies, blankets & doonas, knee rugs.

From there we progressed to identifying the recipients of the woollies— Asylum Seekers Resource Centre, St Vinnies Food Van, CARA, RSPCA (blankets not suitable for others) plus others. Some of the items which did not find homes will also be shipped to Shillong, India for use in the colder areas by the local orphanage / children.



Thank you to Parijha for providing dinner and to Annette for organizing the recipients and also the extra nibbles and fruit for the night. It was great to see Meaghan &

Nikki and Fiona as well as our guest Beryl along with Geraldine, Graeme, Jenny, Roger, Catherine, Kay, Anita, Ern, Annette, Andreas, Loretta, Nicole, Robyn, Parijha and Alex.

#### Children Picture Books

What an amazing response we have had to our call for "Childrens Picture Books" for the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre. We have had at least 1,000 books donated and these were sorted and delivered. With

stocks which have continued to come in to our alternative delivery point at Balloons! Parties! Hire!, these are being given to refugee families facilitated through our Peace Scholar applicant Aya Ono.



#### Lego @ Farmers Market

At the March Farmers' Market we collected a large quantity of Lego from many of the customers of the market and also at Jenny & Rogers Shop. [Refer to Page 13]

#### Used Stamps

The club continues to collect stamps on an ongoing basis for the District Stamp Project. In 2012-2013, funds raised from the sale of stamps have been donated to the Cathy Freeman Foundation for literacy projects on Palm Island.

The club is continually looking for new sources of used stamps. If your office or business throws them out, please save them, stamps can be on the envelopes. Thanks go to Geraldine for her regular cutting of the stamps to

make them ready for sorting by Project Coordinators Carrol & Eric Farmer.

All members are encouraged to have your overseas friends and relatives collect their local stamps and invite them to post a small parcel. International Stamps are the most productive in dollars earned.

#### Corks

During the year, we had excellent deliveries of corks for Motor Neurone Disease Association, based in Canterbury.

Unfortunately, we have learned that the purchaser of the corks is no longer buying and this has resulted in both MND and The Zoo ceasing their collections.

We continue to research and look for avenues for the corks and are happy to restart collecting, should we find a reliable place for us to donate them to.





## OUR WHITEHORSE ROTARACT PARTNERSHIP

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



In 2012-13, we have been privileged to continue to build our relationship with the Whitehorse Rotaract Club.

Rotaract President Andrew Reed has been a wonderful leader of the club and he has been a tireless contributor to both the Whitehorse Club and also the broader Rotary community.

#### Whitehorse Farmers' Market

As a partner in the Whitehorse Farmers' Market, they are always contributing, helping out and represented in their respective duties. Sarah is always at the Management Meetings.

#### First Friday Dinner @ The Barn

We were delighted this year that the Whitehorse Rotaract Club were keen to support our new Community Engagement Project—the First Friday Dinner @ The Barn. They provided a contribution of \$1,500 towards the project which covered the rental for the first twelve months of the project.

It has been tremendous to welcome members of the club to the Kitchen Project, to work side-by-side in preparing meals, chatting with those attending and enjoying the food and to enjoy this wonderful “shared experience”. Alana, Taylor and President Andy have all volunteered at the Kitchen and Alana has really taken the project on board and is a fully fledged regular in the kitchen.

#### The Tree Project

In addition to the Food Kitchen, the club have joined us with the Tree Project and we look forward to sharing the Tree Planting experience at Beaufort on 18 August, 2013 with members of Whitehorse.

#### 3WBC Radio Team

The 3WBC Radio Team has been

embraced by several clubs and it is great to have Naomi Ferguson as a member of the combined clubs team who will guide the Radio program forward.

Naomi is skilled with facebook and has offered to set up a facebook site for the 3WBC Rotary & Community Hour. This is a great example of working together, partnering and making a difference.

We have nominated Whitehorse for recognition to the District Rotaract Representative for their significant contribution to our projects and we really appreciate their support. We hope they are successful.

*Top: Taylor & Alana at the Dinner;*

*Middle: President Andy & Alana cleaning up*

*Below: Taylor & Alana with the MASH team of volunteers at the First Friday Dinner*



## INTERNATIONAL AID & SUPPORT

Chair: Rob Stamp

Team: Meaghan Adams, Graeme Battersby, Joanne Beilby, Tony Kuc, Christopher Miller, Phil Pearson, Susan Pringle, Vasu Ranganathan, Michael Willis

### Cyclone Evan in Fiji

Cyclone Evan swept across the Yasawa Islands just prior to Christmas on 19th December. Our club has many friends in the Northern Yasawan village of Nabukeru who were effected by the severe winds averaging up to 185 kmh. The villagers had little chance other than to “board up” prior to the cyclones arrival and hope for the best.

The Acting Headmaster of the Ratu Nemasi School, Mr Lote Koroï had advised there was substantial damage to the school and surrounds.

When Rotarians Helen & Greg Wragg [RC Hampton] visited Nabukeru, they found the villagers struggling for food as their root crops had all been destroyed. Upon their request, the club donated \$500 to the village for food supplies of which they were very grateful.

### The Solomon Islands—Medical Clinic, Leonia Village Vella Lavella

Mick Willis has developed a project for a Medical Clinic to be constructed in the Western Province of The Solomon Islands. The project is in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Gizo and is estimated to be valued at \$120,000 with proposed Rotary contributions totalling \$10,000. This project will be registered with Rotary Australia World Community Service and will be a key focus in the coming year. It was lodged with RAWCS in June 2013.

### Bali Indonesia Spectacles Project

The club donated an amount of \$1,000 to this project which focuses on eye health among children in Bali. It is run by RC Bali Sanur for elementary level school children. One pair of spectacles costs \$13.00 instead of the usual \$100's spent here in Australia. The philosophy of the project is **“See Better, Learn Better”**

### Vehicle for Taveuni, Fiji—RC Chelsea, District 9810

Our club offered to support this project with a donation of \$500 subject to the project being fully subscribed and that information being provided to our club. We encountered difficulties in being provided with the information requested, however have in good faith remitted the \$500 for the Utility.

### Birthing Kits

The club had a wonderful day packing Birthing Kits and are looking forward to their shipment to Goroka with the container sent by Rotary Club of Yea. [See Page 27]

### Support of Rotary Programs

This year, our club has again supported a range of International Rotary Programs as follows:

Aqua Box (1 Box)	\$ 480
Safe Water Saves Lives	\$ 500
Wheelchairs For Kids	\$ 500
Ashish Foundation—India	\$ 500
RAWCS—Administration Donation	\$ 500
ROMAC	\$ 500
Fiji—Nabukeru Village Food	\$ 500
Interplast	\$ 500
Disaster Aid Australia (1 Box)	\$ 880
Bali Spectacles Project	\$1,000
Operation Cleft	\$1,000
Rotarians Against Malaria	\$1,000
Birthing Kits [shipping excluded]	\$1,222.76



*International Chair—Rob Stamp sharing the “This Close” message on Polio Eradication.*



## BIRTHING KITS

### INTERNATIONAL AID & SUPPORT

On Sunday, 20th January, 2013 the production line was set up and almost 1000 Birthing Kits were packed by 11.30 am.

In the Family Room of the Stamp home, a hive of activity was quickly happening with a team on the packing and folding of the kits and another with bagging and labelling and Graeme, Rob and Ian boxing the final products.

In addition to members, we had Friends of the Club—Lynette Power, Robert and her niece Rachel and Debbie Beardall joining us. MASH family members were Duncan & Flynn Smart and Ann & Ian Stamp. Members were: Andreas Klieber, Annette Kiernan, Anita Galileos, Rob & Anne Teese, Meaghan Adams & Chris Miller, Jenny & Roger Coburn, Geraldine & Graeme Battersby, Sue Pringle, Gill & Joe Somers and Shia Smart.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the day with organizing products, food for lunch and to David Winter for our morning tea. A total of nine boxes have been linked with the Rotary Club of Yea's shipment to Goroka Hospital.

Thanks very much to Rob Stamp and Mick Willis for coordinating the items for the Birthing Kits.



## VOCATIONAL WORKPLACE & LEADERSHIP

### Rotary Youth Leadership Award Seminar [RYLA]



In July, 2012, MASH sponsored the Leader Fees for RYLA Leader Taylor Burt who is a member of the Whitehorse Rotaract Club and lives in Box Hill North.

In 2013, we have sponsored Dan Wickland to attend RYLA which will be

held in July, 2013 at YMCA Lake Dewar at Myrniong.

### Mentors and Mediators Training at Koonung

After a request from Koonung Secondary College to assist in the funding of the Mentors and Mediators Training in 2013, the club accepted this proposal. The training was held at Youth Connexions in Box Hill. President Jenny shared her thoughts after attending the program.

On arrival at Youth Connexions (YC). I felt somewhat old. The staff at YC are so much younger than me; the teacher from Koonung is so much younger than me; the facilitator undertaking the training for the Mentors (Year 10) and Mediators (Year 11) Training is so much younger than me and of course the dynamic Koonung Students—they were all ready to soak up the skills being transferred for the day and are much, much younger than me.



I enjoyed the opportunity to open the Training and to encourage them to utilize their skills and also to take up opportunities that Rotary has available for a variety of programs.

We look forward to receiving a report at a later time

from the students on how they are utilizing the skills and undertaking their roles as Mentors and Mediators at Koonung Secondary. This program has been funded by MASH with the support of a District Simplified Grant and The Rotary Foundation totalling \$1,056.

### Professional Writing & Editing Scholarship

Our club was pleased to provide a Scholarship in 2013 for a student in need in the Professional Writing & Editing Faculty at Box Hill Institute. For the first time, Box Hill Institute invited a member of our club to participate in the selection of the candidate and Belle Savage was chosen. Belle and her parents Jane & Frank joined us at the club for her presentation.



### Business Visits

This year, we had two offsite visits with a great night at Reece Bathroom Life on 24th July, 2012. Our second visit was to the Shrine of Remembrance on 23rd April, 2013.

Reece provided us with an excellent presentation on the current trends in their business, which is focused purely on bathroom design, décor and hardware. It was interesting to hear the latest trends with walk in showers and very modern clean lines.

The Shrine of Remembrance Visit was during the week of ANZAC Day. This visit was a presentation on air photography during the First World War in Belgium and provided a fascinating insight into this aspect of life we don't hear so much of.

### Global Vocational Exchange

MASH contributed \$4,000 towards the funding of this program organized in conjunction with Box Hill Institute. The team travelled in June 2013 to Timor Leste to build a Childrens Home in conjunction with Casa Vida and Yooralla Youth Ministries, Sydney.



### VOCATIONAL WORKPLACE & LEADERSHIP

**29 April to 17 June, 2013**

The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills was again proud to partner with the Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne) to organise and conduct the “Starting a Small Business Information Series” program for migrants and refugees located in the Whitehorse/ Maroondah areas who have been in Australia between 1 and 5 years.

Seventeen participants from Myanmar [formerly Burma] and other parts of Thailand, the Sudan, Iran and Iraq, Hong Kong and parts of Malaysia, attended the seven week series of Information Seminars, each being 2 1/2 hours duration.

Their plans for small business included:

- Hairdressing and beauty treatments,
- Computer consultant,
- Paper tissue importers and distributors,
- Jewellery sales,
- Various restaurants,
- Music teacher, and
- Sewing Business



Focussing on the development of a Business Plan, participants were guided through each facet of the development of their own simple business plan on a weekly basis.

Speakers were sourced from our Rotary Club (including Marilyn Lambert past MASH member), the local ANZ Bank, Maroondah Council and Box Hill Institute (New Enterprise Incentive Scheme)

The Sessions covered:

1. Planning : Personal skills, Business Concept
2. Marketing
3. Costing
4. Business Structures & the Bank as a source of assistance

5. Licensing, Taxes and Regulations
6. Your Council and NEIS as sources of help
7. Certificate Award, Evaluation and next steps

MASH is grateful for the support offered by our partner and sponsor, the Migrant Information Centre and their super helpful and efficient representative Mervat Dahdoule, and past MASH member Marilyn Lambert– the instigator of the program, annual speaker and on-going supporter and advocate. Thanks are also extended to the following MASH members who acted as guest speakers: Gill Somers



and Anita Galileos; and to President Jenny Coburn and past-Coordinator Joe Somers who assisted in group discussions for one session each.

At the final session on June 17, seventeen proud participants received their Certificates of Achievement and are all eager to further develop their plans and thinking to be confident enough to take the bold step and commence business activities.

A special thank you to Past President Tony Kuc for his role in leading and delivering the program this year.

*Pictured at right is the 'Zomi Interpreter—a Burmese language.*



## FUNDRAISING

Chair: Anita Galileos  
Team: Andreas Klieber, Tony Kuc, Murray Neilson, Susan Pringle, Jill Turner, Michael Willis, David Winter, Phil Pearson, Fiona Kerr, Geraldine Battersby, Graeme Battersby, Kay Dunn, Meaghan Adams, Shane Milroy

### Sausage Sizzling



With the amazing teams led by Graeme Battersby and Rob Teese, the club has raised \$10,222.66 as at 15 June from sizzling sausages in Hamilton Street, Mont Albert on a weekly basis. A special thank you to the reserve Tong Masters this year Rob Stamp, Andrew Wallace and Shane Milroy who have stepped in and helped out. Special thanks to the members who have enjoyed their time at the Sizzle and to family members

who have come along—Pram Ranganathan, Arren Starr and Harriet Wallace.

### Footy Tipping

The 2012 AFL Footy Tipping Competition wound up in September with the Rotary Club of Dingley Village walking away with the first prize of \$156 with Roger Coburn being second, Paul Galileos third and fourth shared between Jill Turner, Rob Teese and Rob Stamp. Total prizes were \$312.

### Event Sausage Sizzles

This year, we were invited to hold a fundraising Sausage Sizzle at Gold Cross Cycles Bike Rides at Westerfolds Park and Jells Park in September, 2012. We negotiated a flat fee of \$400 plus \$2.20 for every sausage sold. Whilst the first event was cancelled, we attended the Jells Park one and despite a poor roll up

of riders, we generated \$491.50 additional funds for the club.

We also held a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 10 November and raised a further \$1,420. It was great that we could offer the opportunity for Olivia and Steph to gain their volunteering experience with us on that day—and practice maths without a calculator.



### Loyalty Program—Bendigo Community Bank

The Bendigo Community Bank provides incentive payments for accounts opened, mortgages etc. This year the amount received was \$290.00.

### District Assembly Catering

Bread Street Bakery were invited to provide the food for the Breakfast and Morning Tea at the District Assembly in May, 2013.

We thank David for asking MASH to raise the invoice for these and raised \$1,050.

### Sergeant Session: Heads & Tails

Each week, our Sergeant Graeme Battersby runs a quick “Heads & Tails” with the prize provided by members on a rotation basis.

For a gold coin donation, the funds raised at 11th June, 2013 totalled \$1,253.25. Our Sergeant funds are contributed towards our giving to The Rotary Foundation.



## FUNDRAISING

### Collection Tins for First Friday Dinner



In an endeavour to help defray the costs of funding the First Friday Dinner, we purchased collection tins for shops. These have been in Bread Street Bakery, Balloons! Parties! Hire!, Burwood Newsagency and McLarens Pharmacy.

Additionally, each of our Sausage Sizzle Teams have had a tin.

It was great at Christmas to see two of the Bread Street staff singing carols outside the bakery and collecting funds for the "First Friday Dinner". It was amazing to count \$301.55 in it, compared to the usual full tin having around \$90 to \$100. A total of \$1,174.75 has been raised from the tins as at 13 June, 2013.

### Mont Albert Festival

With 37 degrees Celsius, the weather was certainly against us, but with the amazing support of David & Bev Winter, our club raised \$3,431.64 from the various components which made up the Festival.

The Big Red Tent was a great success with silent auctions for the Red Wine! The partnership of Bread Street Bakery, Our Lady's Primary School, Balloons! Parties! Hire! and MASH was a great success.

*Clockwise from Top Right:*

*Andrew Wallace & Ern Hermeler taking our new bbq to its home in Hamilton Street;*

*Our new MASH sign complete with QR Code, web. facebook and twitter logos.*

*At the Big Red Tent—Jill Turner, Annette Kiernan, Nicole Osner & Anne Teese;*

*Annette Kiernan and Santa—Graeme Battersby*

*Bread Street staff singing carols outside the Bakery*





## WHITEHORSE FARMERS' MARKET

### FUNDRAISING

Have you ever wanted to get up before the birds on a Sunday morning?  
Surely the answer is a definite “no” for the majority of us. We are privileged to have members who are there to help with the set up at the majority of our Farmers' Markets Nigel Cooper is always there and is regularly accompanied by Jeremy Desmier. Ern Hermeler is also an early bird and we appreciate all three members commitment to the set up of the Market on the Second Sunday of every month.

Like clockwork, the Market just ticks along. This year, the roles were refined so that clubs needed to have just one person on the gate roster at a time. With the gates clearly allocated to each club, the system works smoothly. Every seven months, we have our turn on the Egg & Bacon and these came around in October 2012 and May 2013 [Mothers Day]. Fortunately in 2013-14, we will have only one turn—but it is December!

The income raised from the Farmers' Market this year [as at 31 May, 2013] total \$71,233.69 With the amount available after expenses being \$54,972.62. All clubs in the Cluster [Box Hill, Box Hill Central, Mitcham, Forest Hill, Nunawading, MASH and Whitehorse Rotaract] are allocated 1/7th of the nett proceeds. These must be used on projects within the City of Whitehorse. Our Club has raised \$7,853.23 this year and has a balance of \$4,001.82 remaining at 31.5.13. Funds were donated to Bushfire Victims earlier this year from the Farmers' Market.

Joe Somers has been the MASH Representative on the Farmers' Market Management Committee.

This year, the Management Committee extended the contract with the City of Whitehorse for a further term.



*Clockwise from Top Right:  
Loretta Murphy & Shia Smart;  
Chris & Cheryl Johnston (RC  
Beaufort) & Tony Kuc; Graeme  
& Geraldine Battersby; Andrew  
Wallace; Nigel Cooper & Jeremy  
Desmier, Chris Miller & Rob  
Stamp; Meaghan Adams,  
Parijha Selvan & Sue Pringle*





# 扶輪社白馬農貿市場 周日清晨開放

【大紀元記者李雲萍編譯】鳥啼雞鳴時分，這個周日里郊區的人們已經開始忙碌。當人們還在煮著咖啡的時候，有一組扶輪社員已經在早上6點之前到達了扶輪社主持的白馬農貿市場（Combined Rotary Clubs Whitehorse Farmers' Market），每個月的第二個星期天，他們都要在清晨5.15分起床。

當農民們將滿載收成的麵包車、拖車和卡車駛入的時候，Nunawading藝術中心地區一觸即發。為機器加油、搭建電力場地、清理垃圾、將卡車引入分配的地點，這些所有的任務都在夜幕的掩護下完成了。

到7.30 am之前，你可能還會想到需要給商販協調人伊娃一盞閃亮的頭燈，剛看到她在這裡同一個生產商在打招呼。每次市場期間，都會有65個以上的商販和1500多名

顧客光臨，享受著新鮮農產品的宜人味道和大快朵頤的愉悅。

Mont Albert和Surrey Hills扶輪社（Mont Albert & Surrey Hills Rotary Club）主席凱波恩（Jenny Coburn）近期也提到了社區服務的突出成就。她說：「農貿市場為Koonung中學7年級學生的《防止毒品和酒精手冊》提供費用資助，這隻是個令人驚奇的市場所支持的很多很多的當地社區組織和工程中的一個而已。」

白馬扶輪社農貿市場於每月的第二個周日舉行，是由白馬市的六個扶輪社和聯合書院共同經營的。這個市場最好的一點就是所有的收入都回歸給全市的社區工程。

有關扶輪社工程或入會的更多信息，可以發電子郵件給Jennifer Coburn到[info@rotarymash.org.au](mailto:info@rotarymash.org.au)或致電0407 689 777。◇



在白馬農貿市場工作的扶輪社員伊娃·安德森（Eva Anderson）  
（Mont Albert扶輪社提供）

## And this is the article in English and submitted by President Jenny to "The Epoch Times"

### Before the Rooster Crows

As the birds chirp and the roosters crow, life in the suburbs on a Sunday begins to stir. While the coffee is brewing, there is a group of Rotarians up and about by 6am at the Combined Rotary Clubs Whitehorse Farmers' Market. The second Sunday of every month means a 5.15 am alarm for this dedicated group.

As farmers pull in with their produce laden vans, trailers and trucks, the area at the Nunawading Arts Centre is clicking into action. The well oiled machine, setting up powered sites, bins out, directing trucks into their allocated space, all tasks done under the cover of darkness.

By 7.30 am, who would have thought of the need for a "shining headlight" for vendor coordinator Eva – seen here greeting one of the producers. Every market sees 65 plus vendors and over 1,500 patrons enjoying the beautiful smells of fresh produce and delights for the tastebuds.

President Jenny Coburn of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills Rotary spoke of the great outcome for her community recently. "The Farmers' Market has funded the cost of "Drug & Alcohol Prevention Books" for Year 7 students at Koonung Secondary. This is just one of the many, many local community organizations and projects to be supported from this amazing market" said Jenny.

Held on the second Sunday of every month, the Whitehorse Rotary Farmers' Market is jointly run by the six Rotary Clubs and the Rotaract Club in the City of Whitehorse. One of the best parts of the market is that all proceeds go back to community projects right throughout the city – a perfect win win!



## ANTIQUES and COLLECTABLES FAIR

### FUNDRAISING

The fifth annual Antiques and Collectables Fair was held on 25th and 26th May, 2013 at Mont Albert Primary School Hall.

This year, set up happened very smoothly and many dealers were able to establish their individual sites much earlier than prior years.

Twenty seven sites were ready for business by the 10am opening time on Saturday where around thirty eager patrons were patiently waiting outside to check out the wares on sale.

We had our regular Egg & Bacon Rolls for Breakfast [and all day!] along with the catering team ably led by Robyn Pearson in the kitchen. The new coffee machine was having its first official outing and this was quite an adventure for those new to this. Alex was heard to say "I'm just a girl from the country" - but in due course mastered it and was operating it like a true barista!

Our thanks go to Nicole Osner for her work on the Sites, Stall Holders and logistics on the weekend. Robyn Pearson coordinated catering superbly and Graeme Battersby controlled the Barbeque over the two days with finesse. The Marketing team actioned all the advertising and signage and simply made it happen. .

Thank you to Helen Godfrey for opening the door to Coates Hire for use of the Variable Message Sign. We gained so much by approaching Nina Kay for use of their forecourt at the corner and our fun signage on the Ace Parking site. We also debuted our new blue corflute signs which were incredibly successful and a great investment by the club.

It was tremendous to have Anne Beer, Kathy and Warren Pitt and Cheryl and Chris Johnston from Beaufort join us for the weekend.





## THE BREAD STREET STORY

### FUNDRAISING

Our club appreciates the contribution given to it by David & Bev Winter through their business Bread Street Bakery. They have so generously supported our club during its entirety and have engendered in their team a philosophy of community giving. It is our pleasure at the Changeover to recognize and thank two of their team—Diann McCowan and Brad Pears for their simply amazing efforts over many years. Did you know that Diann prepares our Sausage Sizzle onions every Saturday? And she never complains!

#### Mince Pies:

We sold 606.5 dozen mince pies this year through corporate, club and market sales. It is so many, that if you laid them end on end, they would take up 509.46 metres in length—from Bread Street to Mont Albert Road and past View Street heading to Elgar Road! Just imagine!

Thank you to Anita who coordinated the Mince Pies this year with nett income of \$7,343.43. Funds were raised for club projects and Polio Eradication.

#### Hot Cross Buns

This year, Annette coordinated the Hot Cross Buns project and an amazing 455.5 Dozen were sold raising a nett \$5,807.44 for the club.

We took a new direction this year, as sales to clubs were decreasing. We sold very well at the Whitehorse Farmers' Market in both February and March and then trialled the Oakleigh Market. We made \$1,125 from the March Farmers' Market. Teamwork was needed with bag openers, bag securing, butterers and sample sharers all being super busy.

We also ran our first Morning Tea in Burwood for the Traders in Toorak Road which generated \$300. Nigel, Kay, Jenny & Annette helped out with this new idea which was excellent promotion for our club in the local Burwood area.





## SOCIAL—FUN AND FRIVOLITY

Chair: Anne Teese

Team: Annette Kiernan, Loretta Murphy, Nicole Osner, Gill Somers, Andrew Wallace

### Our Clubs 8th Birthday @ Il Sogno



What a wonderful evening it was as the club celebrated its 8th Birthday. It was great to have Jeremy & Janette Desmier as well as Leonie & Greg Moran and to welcome Graeme & Geraldine back from Queensland. Partners who joined us included Kels Hermeler, Bev Winter, Margaret Crichton, Janelle Kuc and Ann Stamp.

The food was superb with everyone seeming to enjoy the sumptuous meals presented to us.

Our celebratory birthday cake, very kindly donated by Anita for the clubs birthday was very special with our Sausage Sizzle featuring in the centre of the Number 8.

The Farmers' Market, Hot Cross Buns, Mince Pies, Inala Blankets and Wool and the Tree Project boxes were all highlighted on the cake. Leaves galore on the Rotary Blue icing made for a very special treat.

### Christmas Get Together @ The Wallace's

With a very special welcome from Monty (pictured below with Sarah), we settled in for a wonderful evening of relaxed fun, chatter and banter in the delightful garden at Sarah and Andrew's home.

Andrew credits Sarah with the praise for their garden and wonderful walled effect—the espaliered pear tree was magnificent.

With food a plenty, everyone was able to relax and catch up over a drink and a bite to eat. Thanks to our super chefs—Nigel and Rob for tending the

meats, everyone enjoyed the offerings of salads, meats and bread stick (from David's of course!)

After Santa arrived straight through the front door, he promptly handed out all the Kris Kringle gifts which had been placed under the Christmas Tree. Our Santa is ever so reliable as he comes to every one of our Christmas parties.

Desserts were served—and splendid they were—from pavlova to cheesecakes, from cheese platters to fruit, citrus cake and lemon tart—all so good!

### Giant Monopoly Night

A mad bunch of MASH members, family and friends joined the Whitehorse Rotaract Clubs Giant Monopoly Night in April. The photos say it all! Definitely fun, fun and more fun!





## SOCIAL FUN & FRIVOLITY

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner—15th September

For our second round of these dinners, what a great time we had not knowing who was going where and to dine with whom. Thanks to the Social team for coordinating a fun night and to the hosts: Annette, Jenny & Roger and Anne & Rob Teese. Anne made the comment *"It is amazing what you find out about other members when you are not trying to organize a MASH project and concentrate on just getting to know each other."*



### Changeover 2012

With a new venue at Elizabethan Lodge, we looked forward to a new year and started it with something different: a lolly bar! Great chats were had as everyone enjoyed the treats courtesy of the new President. The black and white theming looked fabulous. Part of the Lolly Bar is pictured below.



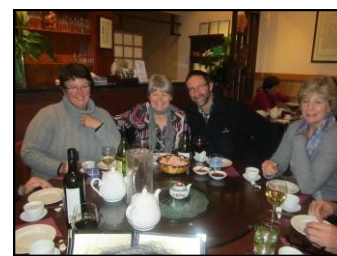
### Olympics & "On Trays" Night—27th July

This is an event held just once every four years to coincide with the Olympics. We enjoyed the hospitality of Nigel & Sheila Cooper and it was BYO food from around the world. With a dress code to represent your country of birth or a connection of some sort, there were some interesting selections. All in all, this was a great night and wonderful company. And how impressive was the jacket Ern was wearing from his representative days!



### Do Dabble Daydream!

On to the launching pad this year and set to take off on the 4th Sunday in July, those with an interest in things crafty, creative or just interested in trying something new, this is a perfect way to spend an afternoon once a month.



### Reece Bathroom Life & Easy East Chinese Dinner

After the Offsite Meeting and visit to Reece Bathroom Life in Burwood, we enjoyed a delightful dinner at

Easy East Chinese Restaurant in Burwood.

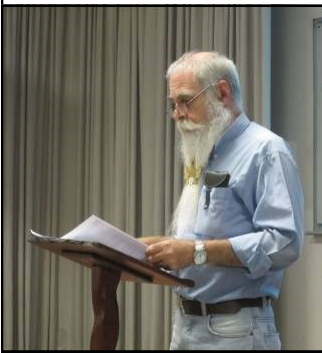
### The Club Dinners @ Committee Nights

Monthly dinners at Committee meetings have been a success once again and allow the business side of the club time to get organised. The menu this year has included soup, salad and bread rolls, jacket potatoes with fillings, pizza, fruit platter, slices, etc

It is great to see our Social team having such a positive impact on the club culture and enabling members to get to know each other.



## OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS



*Top Row L-R: Wattle Park Meeting—Jan 2013; Heads & Tails at our regular meeting;*

*Second Top L-R: Anne-Marie Baker, Philip Rowell, Snr Const Liz Toffoletti*

*Third Row L-R: Graeme Battersby as Sergeant; Lachie Wiadrowski & David Anderson on Youth Exchange, Neville Taylor, Scott McLaren*

*Bottom Row: Committee Meetings—Environment, Sustainability & Rural Relations on left and Vocational Workplace & Leadership at right.*





## RECOGNITIONS

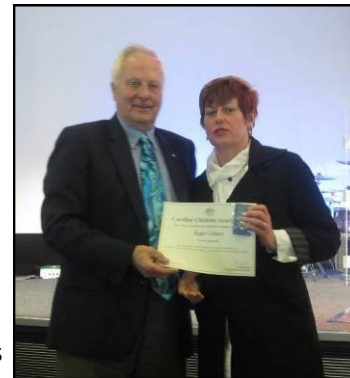
### Caroline Chisholm Awards



This event, held on 27th October never fails to be a most uplifting and wonderful celebration of the contributions made by at least 100 members of the Chisholm community.

Our club nominated three most worthy people for these Awards:

- Kirsten Peterson, a local Burwood resident who has a grandson who she has taken on as her own. He has since birth had significant health and learning challenges.
- Meaghan Adams for her work with the Alkira community, in particular the Family Forums and the Alkira Sky Festival. She has been a strong supporter of the Whitehorse Community Chest and of our Rotary Club.
- Roger Coburn for his work with Rotary both with in and beyond our club as an Assistant Governor and other District roles over many years.



With Anna Burke are  
Left: Kirsten Peterson  
Below: Meaghan Adams  
Below Left: Roger Co-  
burn



### Shine On Awards



Shine On Awards are an outstanding annual Rotary award recognising exceptional service to others by people with disabilities. Clubs may nominate people who meet the criteria and all nominees receive recognition with a Certificate of Commendation.

The 'Shine On' Awards recognize and acknowledge service to the community by people with disabilities.

This year, our club successfully nominated Muriel Fielding who is a resident at Inala for her amazing contribution to a range of community initiatives over many years. Her many health challenges have included the complete amputation of her left leg in 1989 after considerable health problems from hemochromatosis since her 30's. She not only received her Shine On Certificate, but also won one of five special recognitions, of which we were all rightly thrilled. An extract from her Shine On Award Nomination Form shows what a wonderful lady Muriel is:

*"Muriel has a positive outlook on life and always looked to what she can achieve, rather than what she cannot. She has achieved the following since her leg amputation:*

- *Taught herself to swim (with only one leg)*
- ♦ *Taken up Origami and became proficient*
- ♦ *Taught herself paper craft and fancy card making – now runs a group at Inala and external group on card making and raises funds from this skill for charity*
- ♦ *Is a regular "reader" at St Edwards Church, Blackburn*
- ♦ *Became a speaker / presenter to Uniting Care Hostels on the benefits of "What My Bed Means To Me" after she was the first person to have a hospital style bed – which gave her independence.*
- ♦ *Volunteered as a "Physiotherapy Model" when she first became an amputee.*



*She has initiated and leads the Wii Group for Fitness at Inala and is an avid knitter—having contributed to the MASH Knitting program since its inception eight years ago.*

*Muriel is also a member of Crafters 4 Charity which she contributes to very regularly."*

## MARKETING @ MASH

Chair: Rob Teese

Team: Joe Somers, Paul Galileos, Catherine Dodgshun, Michael Crichton, Christopher Miller, Alex Starr  
Grace Guo, Archana Ranganathan, Theo Zographos, Vasu Ranganathan, Jeremy Desmier

### Electronic Media

Check out our website at [www.rotarymash.org.au](http://www.rotarymash.org.au) if you haven't already. It contains an excellent spread of information. Rob Teese has kept the site up to date throughout the year with assistance from Vasu Ranganathan, Grace Guo and Jana Paripovich. President Jenny Coburn has maintained our club Facebook and Twitter accounts..

### On The Radar

Each week, MASH members, friends and interested members of the public receive their electronic copy of our weekly newsletter called "On The Radar". It is filled with photos and reports from recent events and meetings and information about upcoming events and a brief report on the previous meeting. It is a great way for members to keep abreast of MASH activities and we thank Jenny Coburn for her commitment to this weekly newsletter [giving Geraldine a break for this year]. Copies are also available to members on the website.

### MASH News

We are thrilled to have a sponsor for our MASH News which goes to every local home in the Mont Albert, Surrey Hills and Mont Albert North postcodes [7500 copies]. Thank you to Ross Hunt Real Estate for sponsoring this and especially to Alex for suggesting it. MASH News are produced by Rob Teese / Jenny Coburn with contributions from members.

We completed a Christmas edition and one in May prior to the Antiques Fair.



The extra costs in distribution, which we had not previously incurred caused us to reduce the number of editions prior to gaining Ross Hunt Real Estates sponsorship. The May edition was exciting, as we were able to have it printed in colour by Anna Burke's office in her Chisholm Electorate. We

very much appreciate this significant donation to our club and thank Anna and her team for their support of MASH.

We also thank Kwik Kopy Burwood for assistance with folding the MASH News. Electronic copies are forwarded to members and friends of the Club.

### Real Estate Boards

We thank both Fletchers and Ross Hunt Real Estate for their support of the Antiques & Collectables Fair this year with the provision of Boards.

Our club also appreciates the notice on Ross Hunt Real Estate Boards reflecting they are supporters of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills.

### MASH on the Radio [3WBC—The Rotary and Community Hour]

MASH has continued to enjoy its radio spot every third Friday at 7pm on the Rotary and Community Service Radio Show on radio station 3WBC 94.1FM. This has provided MASH 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. A number of members and program recipients have had the opportunity to present on this show.

As we neared the end of 2012-13, our club convened a meeting of the Boroondara and Whitehorse Clusters to develop a strategy for continuing the Radio Show. This was very positive and we look forward to playing a lead role in this as the 2013-14 year progresses.

### Newspaper Promotion of Club Events

Our club has been successful in gaining regular articles in local Leader publications and the Melbourne Weekly magazine. These promoted upcoming events and interesting speakers as well as obtaining entries in community newsletters and radio spots.

### This Month @ MASH

This monthly flyer produced by Rob Teese with input provided by Jenny Coburn sets out speakers and activities for the month ahead. Copies are distributed at Sausage Sizzles and other club events with the view to promoting our activities. A copy is also added to the club website.

### Community Promotion Activities

MASH joined with the Whitehorse Cluster for a promotional stand at the Whitehorse Spring Festival.



## MEMBERSHIP @ MASH

Chair: Roger Coburn

Team: Nigel Cooper, Ern Hermeler, Robyn Pearson, Parijah Selvan, Shia Smart, Robert Stamp

We commenced the year with 33 members. This year, the Membership Team have developed a strong list of potential members and invited guests to key meetings of interest during the year. We held a Membership Cocktail function and encouraged our members to invite along guests.

We welcomed the following members who have joined the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills this year:

Date	Member Name	Comment
31 July, 2012	Andrew Wallace	Formerly at RC Prahran
31 July, 2012	Theo Zographos	Model United Nations Assembly alumni
11 September 2012	Archana Ranganathan	
25 September 2012	Meaghan Adams	Former Member of M.A.S.H.
25 September 2012	Christopher Miller	
19 February, 2013	Joanne Beilby	Formerly RC Bentleigh Moorabbin Central
19 March, 2013	Alex Starr	
19 March, 2013	Kumar Chandrasekaran	Passed Away 13 April, 2013
21 May, 2013	Yong Mei (Grace) Guo	
21 May, 2013	Shane Milroy	Formerly RC Doncaster Sunrise & Doncaster
21 June, 2013	Beryl Mitchell	

### Rotary Alumni

Rotary Alumni are:

Theo Zographos (Model United Nations Assembly); Jennifer Coburn (Group Study Exchange); Shia Smart (Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Group Study Exchange); Tony Kuc (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)

### Friends of MASH

This year, we have enjoyed the friendship and support of a number of Friends of MASH. We would like to thank them for their ongoing support of the club and for volunteering at various events and helping out with key contacts. Our Friends of MASH are:

Debbie Beardall; Kevin Chewlun, Paul Daley, Rosemary & Stephen Knight, Nicole Mahler, Greg & Leonie Moran, Lynette Power, Della Reilly and Roger Short

I would like to acknowledge and thank Kevin Chewlun for his tireless contribution to our Rotary Club since he joined the club in 2005. Kevin resigned as a member in June, 2012 and he accepted the clubs invitation to be an Honorary Friend of the Club for 2012-2013.

### Honorary Membership

Our Rotary Club acknowledges and thanks the following Honorary Members of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills:

**Hon Anna Burke MP**, Federal Member for Chisholm [Commonwealth] & Speaker of the House of Representatives  
**Mr Robert Clark MP**, State Member for Box Hill; Attorney General, Minister for Finance & Minister for Industrial Relations

**Senator Jacinta Collins & Senator Helen Kroger**

**Mr Graeme Watt MP** State Member for Burwood

City of Whitehorse Councillors **Sharon Ellis & Robert Chong**

City of Boroondara Councillors **Dick Menting & Nick Tragas** [Until November, 2012]

## MEMBERSHIP @ MASH

Date	No of Members	Female	Male	Ave Age	No of Members born overseas
1.7.12	33	16	17	56.0	8 [24.24%]
31.7.12	35	16	19	54.97	8 [22.86%]
31.8.12	35	16	19	55.00	8 [22.86%]
30.9.12	38	18	20	54.50	9 [23.68%]
31.10.12	38	18	20	54.58	9 [23.68%]
30.11.12	38	18	20	54.61	9 [23.68%]
31.12.12	38	18	20	54.75	9 [23.68%]
31.1.13	38	18	20	54.97	9 [23.68%]
28.2.13	39	19	20	54.69	9 [23.07%]
31.3.13	41	20	21	54.34	10 [24.39%]
30.4.13	40	20	20	54.58	9 [22.50%]
31.5.13	42	21	21	54.40	10 [23.80%]
21.6.13	42	22	20	54.76	10 [23.25%]

## Family of Rotary

During 2012-13, we have had many sad times with the loss of our member Kumar, parents of our members and a dear friend from our sister club in Beaufort Harold Beer.

As a club, we acknowledge in date order:

Harold James Neilson	Dad of Murray —Passed away 3 October, 2012
Arnold James Teese	Dad of Rob and Father in Law of Anne—Passed away 4 November, 2012
Maxwell Dutton Haywood	Dad of Sue Pringle —Passed away 30 November, 2012
Leslie Battersby	Dad of Graeme and Father in Law of Geraldine—Passed away 22 December, 2012
June Lavinia Neilson	Mum of Murray—Passed away 13 February, 2013
PP Harold Beer	Husband of Anne and dear friend of Beaufort and M.A.S.H. Rotarians
Kim Sauberg	Son of Bev & Stepson of David Winter—Passed away 30 March, 2013
Rtn Kumar Chandrasekaran	Member of M.A.S.H. Rotary—Passed away 13 April, 2013

## We have celebrated during the year and congratulate:

- **Loretta Murphy** and her colleagues in Sweet Adelines—Melbourne Chorus for gaining 5th Place for Small Choruses in the World Championships held in Denver in October. In May, **Loretta** and **Beryl Mitchell**, also a member of the Sweet Adelines won their event in Melbourne.
- **Nicole Osner** for completing another Conference Bike Ride—raising funds for Australian Rotary Health
- **Anita & Paul Galileos** business won the Christmas Windows in Whitehorse
- Bread Street Bakery design by **David & Bev Winter** was also successful in the Whitehorse Christmas Window Decorating.
- **Jennifer Coburn** for her appointment to the Board of Rotary Down Under and for representing District 9810 at the Council on Legislation in April.
- **Fiona Kerr** for her success at the Bendigo Bank Regional Awards in September, 2012.
- **Rob & Ann Stamps** son Brian who was on Gold Coast Australia who won the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.
- The 10th Anniversary of **David Winters** business Bread Street Bakery
- **Julia Klieber** on her volunteering journey to India and the Ashish Foundation



## OUR NEW MEMBERS IN 2012-2013



***New Members in 2012-2013: Clockwise from top left***  
*Archna Ranganathan with President Jenny; Andrew Wallace  
 & Theo Zographos with Nigel Cooper, Jenny Coburn & Roger  
 Coburn;*  
*Jo Beilby with President Jenny & Membership Chair Roger  
 Shane Milroy with wife Elizabeth and Grace Guo with  
 husband Fang & son Bill with President Jenny  
 Kumar Chandrasekaran & Alex Starr being inducted  
 Meaghan Adams & Christopher Miller with DG Brian Martin  
 & Membership Chair Roger Coburn*

*Beryl Mitchell will become a member of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills on Changeover—21.6.13*



## SOME NEW THINGS @ MASH THIS YEAR

### CLUB ADMINISTRATION

#### MYOB & Laptop for Treasurer

This year, the Board made the decision to move its Financial Accounting onto MYOB and to purchase a dedicated computer for the use of the Treasurer.

A huge thank you to our Treasurer, Jill Turner for coordinating this purchase of both hardware and software.

#### MASH Business Cards for all Members

To enable all members to share the club details with contacts in relation to Club Projects or potential members, a quantity of Business Cards were printed as a generic card for all to use. These have been well utilized and a supply is provided to all new members of the club for their use.

#### Board Reporting Monthly to Club Members Including Financial Statements

This year, the Board has taken the decision to keep our members informed on a regular basis of the decisions of the Board Meetings. A summary of each Board Meeting is prepared and distributed along with the Financial Statements for both the Administration and Fund Raising Accounts on a monthly basis. Financials were previously circulated quarterly to members.

#### Board Meetings on Tuesdays prior to Rotary onsite

To streamline the commitment and extra time required for members, a new time for Board Meetings was set for 5pm on the second Tuesday of each month. These have worked exceptionally well and all meetings have been finished in between 1 and 1 1/2 hours. The meetings are held at Box Hill Institute Nelson Campus.

#### Volunteer Grant:

This year, we have been successful with our application for a Commonwealth Government Volunteer Grant. Our application for \$3,075 was approved in full for:

- An Urn [as ours is prone to leaking sometimes]
- Laptop and External Hard Drive and Software for Design
- Trolley
- Video Camera
- Coffee Machine—value up to \$1,400.

We have also submitted an application for a grant in the 2013 Round.

#### Move From G32 to G33 @ Nelson

Ongoing challenges with the Audio Visual equipment meant that eventually there would be a “straw that broke the camels back”. It happened once too often and subsequently, we were offered the opportunity to move to G33 next door and what a perfect solution it has been.

G33 has excellent audio visual facilities which are very easy to use. Following the move of our cupboard into the new room, we are now much more settled.

#### Trial of Facilities at Elgar Campus

In March, the club was invited to use the new facilities at the Elgar Campus. We accepted this invitation, however felt it was not the solution for us longer term with the distance from the RSL meaning a drive, rather than a walk and the need for a person to man the boomgate—it just didn't work out.

#### Upgrade of First Aid Kit

Thanks Catherine for not only the original donation of the First Aid

Kit, but also the annual check up undertaken to ensure all items were “in date” before the Antiques Fair in May.



#### Joining Business Networks

This year, DG Brian invited all clubs to have a stronger focus on businesses and Vocational service. An initiative undertaken by our club has been to join the Whitehorse Business Network and Business Boroondara.

Whitehorse Business Network programs have been circulated to club members regularly and several members have taken up opportunities related to their businesses.

#### Joining “Our Communities Grants”

In an endeavour to grow the grant funding opportunities for the club, the Board endorsed the proposal to subscribe to “Our Communities” Grants Advisory Newsletter.

#### Borrowing Policy

The Board have established a policy on the borrowing / loan of assets of the club. The marquee and coffee machine will not be available for loan at all.

Smaller items will be able to be loaned to members on the basis that any damage / breakages are paid in full. A donation is welcomed when items are borrowed.



## OUR DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT

### District Committees

This year, eleven members of our Rotary Club undertook roles beyond the club and, as a club—we acknowledge and say thank you.

Roger Coburn	Assistant Governor—Monash Cluster A, Facilitator—District Rotary Leadership Institute
Joanne Beilby	Assistant Governor—Monash Cluster B
Anita Galileos	Science Schools District Committee
Nicole Osner	Science Schools District Committee
Ern Hermeler	Sustainable Communities District Committee
Murray Neilson	Sustainable Communities District Committee
Shia Smart	Women In Rotary District Chair
Gill Somers	Model United Nations Assembly District Committee
Joe Somers	Model United Nations Assembly District Committee
Michael Willis	Rotary Australia World Community Service [RAWCS] District Chair and District 9810 Representative on RAWCS Southern Region Committee
Jennifer Coburn	D9810 Representative—Council on Legislation; Advisor & Facilitator—Rotary Leadership , Director—D9810 Project Funds Ltd, Institute Chair—National Zone 8 Institute New Generations Advisory Committee; Secretary—Zone 8 Future Leaders Seminar Committee; Secretary—Zone 8 Institute 2013; Director—Rotary Down Under [commencing 1 July 2013]

### District Activities

The club during the year supported a number of District activities including:

#### eClub of Greater Melbourne Charter Celebration

Annette, Jenny, Roger, Parijha, Geraldine, Graeme & Ern represented MASH at the Charter Celebration for the eClub of Greater Melbourne held at Sky High Restaurant at Mt Dandenong. After 8 years at MASH, President Jenny handed over the “Sunrise Cylinder” to Charter President Gael Traa of the eClub

#### District Conference in Wangaratta

Jenny & Roger Coburn and Jo Beilby had a wonderful time in Wangaratta with the rest of District 9810 at the District Conference.

Highlights were speakers including Simon McKeon: Australian of the Year 2011 and Social Entrepreneur; Susan McLean: Cyber Bullying Expert; Phillip Johnson of Phillip Johnson Landscape Design and Professor Rob Moodie the Chair of Global Health at the UN together with Jonathan Catapan a War Artist.

The Saturday evening “Green Theme” and the entertainment included Leon Moore [Stroke A Chord Choir—RC Doncaster], Claire Button [RC Chelsea], Jeff Steel [RC Glen Waverley] and DG Brian Martin.

We enjoyed the Conference immensely. Jo Beilby is pictured here being the “Magicians” assistant as Jonathan Usher performs some of his amazing magic.



## OUR MEMBERS @ MASH

### Membership of Club as at June, 2013 - including 13 Charter Members of the Club

Meaghan Adams	September, 2012	
Geraldine Battersby	Charter Member	
Graeme Battersby	Charter Member	
Jennifer Coburn	Charter Member	Past District Governor, President 2012-13; Special Representative for Formation of Rotary Club; Past President—RC Box Hill Central: 1999-2000
Roger Coburn	Charter Member	Past President: 2008-09
Nigel Cooper	August, 2007	President Nominee: 2014-15
Michael Crichton	January, 2010	Resigned effective 14 June, 2013
Jeremy Desmier	June, 2007	
Catherine Dodgshun	March, 2012	
Kay Dunn	February, 2012	
Anita Galileos	November, 2008	Resigned effective 30 June, 2013
Paul Galileos	November, 2008	Resigned effective 30 June, 2013
Ern Hermeler	Charter Member	Past President: 2006-07
Fiona Kerr	September, 2008	
Annette Kiernan	June, 2009	
Andreas Klieber	May, 2008	Resigned effective 30 June, 2013
Tony Kuc	December, 2005	Past President: 2011-12
Christopher Miller	September, 2012	
Beryl Mitchell	June, 2013	
Loretta Murphy	October, 2005	
Murray Neilson	Charter Member	
Nicole Osner	Charter Member	Past President—RC Burwood: 20???
Philip Pearson	Charter Member	Charter President: 2004/05
Robyn Pearson	Charter Member	Past President—RC Chirnside Park: 2003-04
Susan Pringle	November, 2008	
Archna Ranganathan	September, 2012	
Vasu Ranganathan	August, 2011	
Parijha Selvan	October, 2011	
Shia Smart	Charter Member	Past President: 2009-10
Gillian Somers	Charter Member	
Joseph Somers	Charter Member	Past President: 2010-11
Robert Stamp	November, 2008	
Anne Teese	May, 2006	
Robert Teese	May, 2006	
Jill Turner	July, 2011	
Andrew Wallace	July, 2012	
Michael Willis	April, 2005	Past President—RC Burwood: 2004-05
David Winter	Charter Member	
Theo Zographos	July, 2012	Resigned effective 30 June 2013



## VALUED PARTNERSHIPS

### The Tree Project

Our Project Partners for the Tree Project are Rotary Club of Beaufort (D9780), Landcare, Tree Project Inc, The Read Bros, Seeding Victoria [formerly Ballarat SeedBank], Rotary Club of Doncaster, Rotary Club of Waverley, Whitehorse Rotaract Club and Friends of MASH.

### Starting a Small Business Information Series 2013

The Club has again coordinated this program in partnership with the Migrant Information Centre—Box Hill

PP Tony Kuc has been the Coordinator from our club and presenters have included Gill Somers, Anita Galileos and Tony Kuc from MASH Rotary; Marilyn Lambert [former member], Westpac Bank—Box Hill, Maroondah Council Business & Development Department and NEIS.

### Rotary Peace Forum: Q & A Style

With the support of the City of Whitehorse, The Rotary Foundation (District Simplified Grant), The Office of the Race Discrimination Commissioner, the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Peace Palette, AMES, Murray Baird, MobiStudios—the Peace Forum: Q & A Style was held on Tuesday, 27th November, 2012.

### Primary Schools Speech Contest

This program is an annual event hosted by one of our local Primary Schools. In 2012, Toastmasters (Marlene Sinclair, Sue Forster, Sarah Forster and Mel Palmer) and Wattle Park Primary were our primary partners (Gayle Cope—Principal) as the host of the event. Other partners were Chatham, Surrey Hills, Roberts McCubbin, Our Lady's and Our Holy Redeemer Primary Schools and 3WBC Rotary & Community Hour.

### First Friday Dinner

The First Friday Dinner project commenced its operations in November, 2012 as a dinner at "The Barn" in the Box Hill Baptist Church, Ellingworth Parade, Box Hill. The Rotaract Club of Whitehorse have contributed \$1,500 as well as volunteers at the Food Kitchen. Bread Street Bakery have been a wonderful supporter with bread and other food for the kitchen. Sweet As have provided us with chocolates. Alison Dews provided "chocolate coins" for the December Dinner. Nice 'n' Fresh Poultry have come on board in June 2013. Berengarra School Cafeducation [Holmesglen] provide fruit and vegetables; this commenced in June 2013.

### Koonung Secondary College

Partnering with Koonung this year has been a very positive experience for our club from the Principals Breakfast in July through to support of the concept of an Interact Club through to its Interest Meetings and Charter. Support of staff in identifying students for

Rotary programs including Model United Nations Assembly, Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment are appreciated. Our club also supported the Mediators and Mentors Program this year with a contribution of \$1,056.

### 3WBC and Rotary & Community Hour Team

The Rotary Club of Canterbury have invited our club to be a regular contributor to the Rotary & Community Hour on the third Friday of each month which we have very much appreciated. In March this year, we were invited to come together with Canterbury to form a partnership to have the clusters in Boroondara and Whitehorse involved in the conduct of the Rotary and Community Hour. The initial meeting of this new team was held on 31st May, 2013 at 3WBC and has input from our club, Nunawading, Box Hill, Whitehorse Rotaract and Canterbury.

### Proactive Policing Vehicle

This project commenced in 2010/11 and is a joint initiative of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills and Rotary Club of Box Hill, Victoria Police and Rotary International District 9810 Project Funds Ltd. The Proactive Policing Vehicle was purchased in 2010/11. The Boards of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills and Box Hill have agreed to extend the agreement for a further 15 months beyond the February 2015 expiry date given the current kilometres travelled is just over 10,000. D9810 Project Funds Ltd will instigate an agreement with Victoria Police and the Clubs

### Alkira Bus Project (Carried over from 2011/12)

The Alkira Bus was a 2011/12 Project which was finalised with the presentation of the cheque from the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills & Bendigo Community Bank on 4.10.12 at the Alkira Annual General Meeting. Bendigo Community Bank contributed \$25,000 to the Bus and our club contributed \$5,019. We also thank Alkira for their ongoing support of our club and hosting the Group Study Exchange team this year.

### Rotary Clubs in Boroondara and Whitehorse

For inclusion in activities of the clusters in both cities, in particular Boroondara Cares Committee for including the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills. The Rotary Club of North Balwyn for sharing the Rotarians At Work Day which MASH participated in.

### Rotary Club of Beaufort

Our Sister Club partnership with Beaufort is a partnership of great value to both clubs through the moral support as well as personal contributions by the club and individuals.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

*In alphabetic order*

### **ACE Parking**

For allowing MASH to place signage on their fence line for the Antiques & Collectables Fair

### **Balloons! Parties! Hire! Pty Ltd**

Barbeque and Gas for Weekly Sausage Sizzle; Cups and other items for Weekly Meetings; Truck for Cartage and discounted hire for Antiques & Collectables Fair

### **Berengarra School—Cafeduction @ Holmesglen**

For the provision of fruit and vegetables at discounted pricing for the First Friday Kitchen.

### **Box Hill Institute of TAFE**

For provision of rooms at its Nelson Campus for our Clubs Weekly Meetings and offer of trial of new facilities at Elgar Campus

### **Bread Street Bakery**

For provision of Hot Cross Buns & Mince Pies for Fundraising; for supply of bread and onions for our regular Sausage Sizzles; for catering for Primary Schools Speech Contest and Antiques and Collectables Fair and our Committee Meetings; food for Interact Club and also for District Assembly. Provision of supplies for First Friday Dinner @ The Barn and for storage of trestle and signage at the Bakery.

### **Bunnings—Box Hill**

For the invitation to MASH to hold a Sausage Sizzle at their store in November.

### **Canterbury Surrey Hills Community Finance Ltd (Bendigo Community Bank— Canterbury, Ashburton, Surrey Hills & Balwyn Branches)**

Provision of Gifts to New Generations Speakers and contribution to Mont Albert Fair. Finalisation of Alkira Bus.

### **Chatham Primary School**

To Principal Stephen Rothwell—thank you for hosting our club and the Group Study Exchange Team in March.

### **Chris Graham Engraving**

For engraving of Primary Schools Speech Contest Trophies at discounted rate.

### **City Of Boroondara**

For provision of room for Boroondara Cares [which MASH participates in] and for inclusion in Citizenship Ceremonies on an ongoing basis.

### **City of Whitehorse**

Ongoing good relationship in many areas, including the Whitehorse Farmers' Market. Discounted Hall Hire for the Peace Forum: Q & A Style and set up assistance; Invitation to Mayoral Ball by Honorary Member Councillor Sharon Ellis to President.

### **Coates Hire**

For complimentary use of Variable Message Board for Antiques and Collectables Fair

### **David Freeman of Amanda Addams Auctioneers**

For market appraisals at our Antiques and Collectables Fair in May

### **Fletchers Real Estate**

Provision of billboards promoting the Antiques and Collectables Fair

### **Gold Cross Cycles**

For inviting our club to hold Sausage Sizzles at their two Bike Ride Days in Jells Park and Westerfolds Park.

### **Green Eggs—Great Western**

For the donation of eggs for the Antiques & Collectables Fair

### **Greg Gunn**

For donation of barbeque to Rotary Club of MASH for use at Sausage Sizzles [via Andrew Wallace]

### **Hardman Bros**

Supply of Sausage Sizzle holders and steel cover for BBQ.

### **Hon Anna Burke – Federal Member for Chisholm**

Provision of paper and printing of the MASH Community Newsletter for each of the two editions during the year including colour copying for the May edition.

### **Jana Paripovich**

For ongoing assistance with the Club Website.



### **Kwik Kopy Burwood**

Printing of Education & Leadership @ MASH; Printing of 2011/12 and 2012/13 Annual Report; Folding of MASH News ready for distribution

### **Landcare—Mt Emu Creek Landcare Group**

Supply of 2,500 Tree Guards for Tree Planting Project at Beaufort

### **Masterfoods**

For the complimentary supply of sauces for the clubs Sausage Sizzles

### **Mont Albert Newsagency**

Thank you to Brian for storage of the new barbeque at their premises, making our Sausage Sizzles now self-contained in the area.

### **Mont Albert Primary School**

Discounted hire and use of the school hall for the Antiques and Collectables Fair

### **Nice 'n' Fresh Poultry Supplies**

For discounted chicken supplies for First Friday Dinner and undertaking to donate in 2013-2014.

### **Nigel Cooper**

For donation of gas bottle for use with new barbeque at Sausage Sizzle

### **Nina Kay**

For allowing MASH to utilise their site for display of Variable Message Board for Antiques and Collectables Fair

### **Oscar Brown's: From Antique to Retro and Beyond**

Assistance in the organisation of the Antiques and Collectables event.

### **Reece Bathroom Life**

For Off Site Meeting and Tour of their facilities and funding of "drinks and nibbles" at the event.

### **Ross Hunt Real Estate**

Sponsorship of MASH News and Real Estate Boards for Antiques & Collectables Fair. Ongoing recognition through Real Estate Boards.

### **Rotary Club of Bayswater**

For Supply of Art Stands / Dividers for use at Antiques and Collectables Fair

### **Rotary Clubs in Whitehorse**

For ongoing commitment and support in the running of the Whitehorse Farmers' Market and Spring Festival and other projects as they arise. For supply of sites at the Whitehorse Farmers' Market for the clubs collections and fundraising.

### **Rotary Clubs in Boroondara**

For inclusion of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills in the Boroondara Cares Project, Rotarians at Work Program and for linking together and sharing with the New Generations Programs in Boroondara.

### **Sweet As**

For the support and discounting of products for the First Friday Dinner Food Kitchen and Inala Projects

### **Victoria Police Whitehorse Proactive Policing Unit**

For their ongoing support of our Rotary club events, particularly the Antiques and Collectables Fair and the Peace Forum.

### **Wattle Park Primary School**

Provision of the School Hall for the Primary Schools Speech Contest

### **Woolworths—Balwyn**

For discount on sausages throughout the year for Sausage Sizzles and for the Antiques and Collectables Fair

### **1<sup>st</sup> Mont Albert Scout Group**

For allowing us to use part of their outdoor space for our club's Container storage facility



## REASONS TO JOIN ROTARY

### **Citizenship in the Community:**

Membership in a Rotary Club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary Club consists of the most active citizens conscious of community development.

### **The Opportunity to Serve**

The chance to do something for somebody else and experience the self fulfillment that comes in the process is richly rewarding.

### **Personal Development**

Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary helps to develop an individual's personality, social skills and public speaking skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

### **Leadership Education**

Rotary is an organisation of leaders and successful people who happily mentor, motivate and influence aspiring leaders.

### **Youth Development Programs**

Rotary provides an incredibly diverse range of programs specifically developed for youth—in particular leadership training.

### **Friendship**

Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship

### **Learning New Skills**

So many new opportunities arise through Rotary membership. Public Speaking, Chairing Meetings, Project Planning & Evaluation, Training & Facilitating, Leadership, Practical Skills in International Volunteering and so much more.

### **Solving The Need**

When you have identified a need in a community or country overseas, you can bring this to your club and seek the support and help of your club / members.

### **It Sparks New Ideas**

Rotary can generate amazing new ideas for you personally or for your business through speakers, business visits, projects, conferences, social media, visiting Rotarians from locally or abroad.

### **Continuing Education**

Each weekly meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different expert speakers on a variety of timely topics.

### **Sharing Professional Skills**

You have a desire to share your professional skills to help make a difference in the world. Rotary provides you with this opportunity through Vocational Service. You can create projects that fit around your skills.

### **Fun**

Each meeting is fun, our club projects are fun and social activities are fun.

### **Business Development**

Everyone needs to network. Rotarians of every business sector and vocation help each other and collectively help others.

### **Ethical Awareness**

Rotarians are required to be ethical in their business and professional relationships

### **You Can Share Your Knowledge**

Whether it be in your Rotary Club directly, through your district or via the club website / facebook site, etc., there are always opportunities to share your expertise in a key area with others.

### **Family Programs and Involvement**

Rotary has a great range of programs which family members can engage in as well as the opportunity for couples to share Rotary together.

### **Making Connections**

Rotary can connect you to people of like interests, like professions or simply people you just haven't met yet right throughout the world.



## REASONS TO JOIN ROTARY

### **Social Wellbeing**

A group of likeminded people who enjoy doing fun things together for social wellbeing, as part of their project fulfillment.

### **Sharing of Personal Interests**

Rotary has “Fellowship Networks” such as Tennis, Golf, Wine, Bridge Playing and many more. These are available world-wide and provide an additional element to Rotary membership.

### **Cultural Awareness**

Rotary is a cross-section of citizens from practically every country, religion, culture, political persuasion, language and ethnic identity who learn to work with people everywhere and become better citizens of their countries in the process.

### **You Can Build Your CV**

The value of Community Engagement as an individual will be of great value on your CV when applying for roles / boards, etc.

### **It's Good for Your Health**

Studies show that having a good social network extends your life, keeps you healthy and staves off mental deterioration.

### **It Offers a Sense of Purpose**

Through engaging in meaningful projects which truly make a difference to others.

### **Assistance When Travelling**

Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere (well, almost everywhere!), many Rotarians in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist advice etc. when travelling have found assistance through Rotary.

### **Reputation as a Doing Organisation**

You can enjoy belonging to an organisation known as a “Doing Organisation” - Rotary has this valued reputation.

### **Making a Difference in Your Own Country**

The opportunity to give to make a difference right here in your own community, in your own country through engaging with youth, aged, migrants, those in need or disability communities.

### **Opportunity to Use My Skills and Competencies**

To make a very real difference to the lives of others—either through working with them to develop their own skills or by working side by side to develop their communities.

### **To Learn From The Breadth of Generations**

Rotary Clubs comprise a mixture of members across the age demographic, from Seniors and Boomers, Gen X and Gen Y's. The learnings of each generation can be shared resulting in the building of strong inter-generational friendships and relationships.

### **Flexibility to Achieve Your Bucket List and Be A Rotarian**

With the flexibility available in Rotary to not have to attend every week, to take Leave of Absence, to do make ups via the internet—the understanding of members needs and travel fit well with Rotary.

### **It's Never Boring**

Rotarians have many and diverse opportunities to give and contribute. Clubs and Districts have amazing opportunities to make a difference, to share skills and to learn from others. It is the University of the World.

### **A Mixed Gender Organisation**

Rotary recognizes the rights of both men and women within it and beyond through leadership, volunteering and contribution.

### **Projects For All**

You can link to projects which provide connections to children and to every age group to centenarians. From Lego Collecting and Childrens Picture Books through to Card Writing for the Elderly; Rotary offers something for you.

### **Opportunity to Belong to a Multicultural Organisation**

Rotary is in over 200 countries throughout the world and in any country, clubs embrace a multicultural composition and focus.

## REASONS TO JOIN ROTARY

### **Diversity**

Rotary encourages and celebrates the diversity of members; be it religion, ethnic origin, gender, profession, sexual preference. All members are celebrated and encouraged to be a part of their club.

### **Training Opportunities**

Rotary has great training available—in leadership and so many other areas. For members, personal development, project management, public speaking, meeting procedures, and so much more.

### **The Sense of Belonging to a Global Organisation**

The ability to address the major issues of the world community as one, rather than smaller entities.

### **Lifelong Friendships are Formed**

With the passage of time, true lifelong friendships are formed within Rotary Clubs and Districts. The similarity of interests and connections made through the Rotary journey make for very real and meaningful friendships.

### **Programs Recognising the Ability in Disability**

It is a proud moment in Rotary when we are able to link and join together with our community members with a disability to recognize their achievements. What an amazing buzz this is!

### **Flexibility in the Time and Way to Contribute**

You can give in the way which fits with your business and lifestyle. With the adoption of service activities and engagement as contributions to Rotary and great meetings—the choice is yours!

### **Honour**

It is an honour to be invited to be a Rotarian and we feel privileged to be part of an effective and highly regarded organisation

### **Just Because!**

It's such an easy way to give back

### **To Follow Your Dream**

It is just so easy—and have other Rotarians join you on the journey. Why not bring your dream to Rotary and see if they can be a part of the story.

### **Learning New Real World Skills**

Take up opportunities when they present and who knows what skills you will learn. Cooking for “Large Groups”, Project Management, Developing New Projects, Public Speaking, Radio Presenter and many more.

### **Opportunity to Volunteer in Amazing Locations**

From the idyllic and remote surrounds of the Yasawa Islands in Fiji to Orphanages in Tanzania and an incredibly remote school on barren lands of Ethiopia. From the slums of Kolkata in India to Polio immunization campaigns in Pakistan and introducing Micro Credit economic development in Bangladesh—the opportunities are endless..

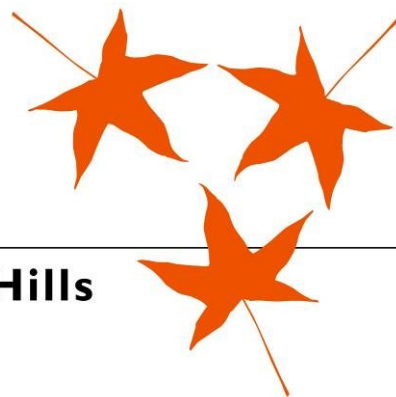
### **Direction and Focus**

It provides a clarity to the type of projects and focus areas.

### **International Convention with Amazing Speakers**

Amazing Speakers at the Rotary International Annual Convention—Bill Gates Jnr, Bill Gates Snr, Muhammad Yunus, Ted Turner, Dolly Parton have all spoken at recent International Conventions—and in 2014: It is in Sydney!

ROTARY CLUB OF  
**Mont Albert & Surrey Hills**





## OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2012-2013

### Board Members

President	Jennifer Coburn
Vice President	Ern Hermeler
President 2013-2014 & Director of Service Projects	Michael Crichton (Resigned 14.6.13)
Immediate Past President, Director of Foundation	Tony Kuc (Resigned from Board: 9.10.12)
Secretary	Geraldine Battersby
Treasurer	Jill Turner
Fundraising & Project Financing	Anita Galileos
Assistant Secretary	Loretta Murphy

### Committee Chairs

<b>Service Project Activities</b>	
Community Engagement	Annette Kiernan
International Aid & Support	Robert Stamp
Vocational: Workplace & Leadership	All Team
New Generations: Linking with Education	Shia Smart
Environment, Sustainability & Rural Relations	Nigel Cooper
<b>Club Operations</b>	
Membership	Roger Coburn
Social Activities	Anne Teese
Project Financing	Anita Galileos
Marketing & Public Relations	Rob Teese

### Other Roles

President Nominee: 2014/15	Nigel Cooper
Sergeant	Graeme Battersby
On The Radar Editor	Jennifer Coburn
MASH News Editor	Rob Teese / Jennifer Coburn
Club Program and Rotary Information	Jennifer Coburn
Website	Rob Teese / Grace Guo
Certificates of Appreciation	Rob Teese / Paul Galileos
Social Media	Jennifer Coburn
Catering	Social Activities Team and Anne Teese

## OUR MEETINGS IN 2012-2013

Date	Speaker	Topic
10 July	Priya Chandra	Engaging Customers Through Social Media
17 July	Andrea Carson	Media: Print versus Digital
24 July	Visit to Reece Bathroom Life	
31 July	Leadership & Education @ MAS>H with Purani Kumar (NYSF), Ana Tinc, Jarod Thompson (RYPEN), Neil Kemister & Daniel Beratis (MUNA)	
14 August	David Guest	Value of Risk in Business
21 August	Primary Schools Speech Contest	
28 August	Supt Neville Taylor	The RS10 Project—Global Road Safety Partnerships
11 September	Tom Siebel	Brand Development & Insight into the Grocery Sector
18 September	Scott McLaren	Umpiring in the AFL versus Career Development
25 September	DG Brian Martin	Official Visit
9 October	Liz Toffoletti, Victoria Police	Group Study Exchange to Texas, USA
16 October	Ross Mitchell	Whitehorse Business Group
23 October	8th Birthday Celebration	At “Il Sogno Restaurant”
13 November	Professor Jim Hyde	Impact of Advertising on Childhood Obesity
20 November	Professor Rob Moodie	Ethics in Business: Are They a Thing of the Past?
27 November	Peace Forum: Q & A Style with Murray Baird and Dr Helen Szoke, David Vincent, Dr Melika Sheik-Eldin, Chin Tan & Supt Charlie Allen.	
11 December	Phillip Johnson, Phillip Johnson Landscape Design	Sustainability in Gardening
18 December	Christmas Get Together with Families	
15 January	Picnic at Wattle Park	
22 January	Graeme Chester	ROMAC: Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children
29 January	Sue Clements	Teachers Across Borders
12 February	Ann Marie Baker	The Challenge of Change
19 February	Mike Rosel	Unknown Warrior: Search for Australia’s Greatest Ace
26 February	Trav Bell	The Bucket List Guy
6 March	Group Study Exchange Team	Team from Malaysia—Combined Whitehorse Meeting
19 March	Rob Deakin	The Lego Project
26 March	Rithy Ann	Cabodia “World of Difference”
9 April	Lachie Wiadrowski & David Anderson	Youth Exchange Featured
16 April	John Liddell	Repowering Australia: A Blueprint for a Safer Future
23 April	Visit to Shrine of Remembrance	
30 April	Carrol Farmer	Philatelic Garbology: An Amazing Journey
14 May	Winter Woollies Sorting Night	Project Night
21 May	Aqua Box, Wheelchairs For Kids and Interplast Donations Evening	
28 May	David Stepancic	Booyah: Websites & Social Media Strategy



## OUR MEETINGS IN 2012-2013

Date	Speaker	Topic
11 June	Phillip Rowell	Consider Your Verdict
18 June	Our New Generations: Ana Tinc, Sophie Magrath, Lauren Vienet, Johnny Xu, Andrew Della Gatta	
21 June	Changeover Dinner	

Team Meetings have been held on the first Tuesday of each month for our Service Project and our Club Operations Teams: These are 3rd July, 7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 31st October (in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day), 4th December, 5th February, 12th March, 2nd April, 7th May and 4th June.

Meetings were cancelled on 6th November, 25th December, 1st January and 8th January



*Above: Jenny Coburn with David Vincent, Guest Speaker at Changeover 2012; Nicole Osner with Oscar and Pebbles at Wattle Park in January and at right: Whitehorse Rotaract President Andrew Reed with President Jenny Coburn & Vice President Ern Hermeler*

*Below: Aya Ono, David Nyuol Vincent and Graeme Battersby at the 2012 Changeover Dinner*



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITIONS

A Paul Harris Fellow Recognition is able to be made as a result of a donation of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills each year convenes a Nominating Committee for these recognitions comprised of the President, Immediate Past President and two members who have been nominated as Paul Harris Fellows previously. Recipients of a Paul Harris Fellow, or anyone, may also contribute to The Rotary Foundation personally and be recognized. We acknowledge the recipients named below for their contributions to the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills

NAME	LEVEL	YEAR/S AND COMMENTS
Geraldine Battersby	PHF	2007/2008
Graeme Battersby	PHF + Sapphire	2007/2008, 2012/2013
Kevin Chewlun	PHF	2006/2007
Jennifer Coburn	PHF + Ruby	RC MASH 2008/2009 & 2012/2013 [And by RC Box Hill Central and District 9810]
Roger Coburn	PHF + 3 Sapphires	2004/2005, 2006/2007, 2012/2013
Nigel Cooper	PHF	2010/2011
Michael Crichton	PHF	2011/2012
Anita Galileos	PHF + Sapphire	2010/2011, 2012/2013
Ern Hermeler	PHF + Sapphire	2007/2008, 2012/2013
Annette Kiernan	PHF + Sapphire	2011/2012, 2012/2013
Rosemary Knight	PHF	2010/2011
Tony Kuc	PHF	2011/2012
Marilyn Lambert	PHF	2008/2009
Greg Moran	PHF	2006/2007
Leonie Moran	PHF + Sapphire	2006/2007, 2009/2010
Murray Neilson	PHF	2012/2013
Nicole Osner	PHF + 2 Sapphires	2004/2005 [RC Burwood], 2008/2009, 2011/2012
Phillip Pearson	PHF	2008/2009
Robyn Pearson	PHF + 2 Sapphires	2005/2006, 2011/2012, 2012/2013
Shia Smart	PHF	2010/2011
Gillian Somers	PHF	2009/2010
Joe Somers	PHF	2009/2010
Anne Teese	PHF	2009/2010
Rob Teese	PHF + Sapphire	2009/2010, 2011/2012
Michael Willis	PHF + 2 Sapphires	2006/2007, 2010/2011 {District 9810}, 2012/2013 [RC Alice Springs]
David Winter	PHF + 3 Sapphires	2004/2005, 2007/2008, 2012/13
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; BEYOND THE CLUB</b>		
Susan Anderson – Community	PHF	2008/2009: Antiques Fair & Bush Fires Auction
John Maddock—Community	PHF	2005/2006 – Community Recognition for Box Hill Institute & Basketball Australia
Marlene Sinclair* - Toastmasters	PHF	2010/2011: Primary Schools Speech Contest
Bev Winter – Community	PHF	2011/2012: Support of Club Fundraising
Hon Anna Burke, MP	PHF	2012/2013: Support of Club & Community



## HISTORY: 2004 to 2013

2004 – 2005 Chartered on 27 October, 2004	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	Joseph Somers
2011 – 2012	Tony Kuc
2012—2013	Jennifer Coburn

## MEMBER RECOGNITIONS

### Avenues of Service Citation

Jennifer Coburn                      2005/2006                                      Robyn Pearson                                      2010/2011

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

PDG Jennifer Coburn:              2009-10 Honourable Mention for article in Rotary Down Under

## AWARDS RECEIVED BY ROTARY CLUB OF MONT ALBERT & SURREY HILLS

### Presidential Citation

The Club has in every year since its charter received a Presidential Citation—of which all Past Presidents and members are rightly proud of this level of achievement. This was achieved again in 2012-2013.

#### In 2012/2013:

- District 9810 Outstanding Rotary Club in 2012-13 for Club Building, Club Projects and Club PR/ Communications [2 only awarded in District]. Club also received Certificates In each of the 3 areas.
- Presidential Citation

#### In 2011/2012:

- Presidential Citation

#### In 2010/2011:

District 9810 Awards

- Public Relations and Marketing

#### In 2009/2010:

District 9810 Awards

- Best Club Newsletter or Bulletin, titled “On The Radar”
- Best Club Web Site

#### In 2008/2009:

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”

*Note: History prior to 2008/9 to be obtained, not in previous Annual Report*

## PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT AS AT 31 MAY, 2013

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31 MAY, 2013

A copy of the Club's Financial Statements for the eleven months to 31 May, 2013 follow. Audited accounts will be provided at the conclusion of the financial year as at 30 June, 2013. The Auditor is Ms Nicole Doukas.

Details by account as at 31 May, 2013 are:

	Administration	Fundraising	Total
Community Bank Account	\$ 4,471.13	\$40,490.38	\$44,961.51
Term Deposit	\$10,831.61	\$ -	\$10,831.61
Floats	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
<b>Closing Bank Balances</b>	<b><u>\$15,352.74</u></b>	<b><u>\$40,590.38</u></b>	<b><u>\$55,943.12</u></b>

This year, the club funded the purchase of a Laptop and MYOB software for the Treasurer. It also received a Volunteer Grant which is included in the above figures for a Laptop and Software for Marketing, Coffee Machine, Urn, Trolley and Video Camera.

#### Whitehorse Farmers' Market

The Whitehorse Farmers' Market continues to generate very positive returns for the club with \$7,853.23 for the eleven months to 31.5.13. The club has received \$5,905.78 of those funds for local projects. A balance of \$4,001.82 remains in the Whitehorse Farmers' Market account as at 31 May, 2013.

#### Distribution of Funds

##### Direct beneficiaries of our Club's fundraising during the year.

Alkira	\$5,519.07	Aqua Box	\$ 480.00
Ashish Foundation for the Differently Abled, India	\$ 500.00	Australian Rotary Health	\$1,000.00
Polio Eradication—The Rotary Foundation	\$ 892.50	The Rotary Foundation	\$4,000.00
Wheelchairs For Kids	\$ 500.00	Interplast	\$ 500.00
Safe Water Saves Lives	\$ 500.00	ROMAC	\$ 500.00
Bennetswood Neighbourhood House	\$ 472.78	Burwood Neighbourhood Hse	\$ 398.00
Box Hill South Neighbourhood House	\$ 433.00	Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Ctr	\$ 498.00
Disaster Aid Australia	\$ 880.00	Professional Writing Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Chatham Primary School—Literacy Grant	\$ 500.00	Surrey Hills Primary School	\$ 449.75
Timor Leste Childrens Family Centre	\$4,000.00	Operation Cleft	\$1,000.00
Berengarra School	\$1,500.00	Cambodian Childrens Fund	\$ 100.00
Rotary Australia World Community Service	\$ 500.00	Village of Nabukeru, Fiji	\$ 500.00
Fiji—Taveuni—Contribution to fund truck	\$ 500.00	Beaufort Agricultural Society	\$ 250.00
Bali Spectacles Project	\$1,000.00	Rotarians Against Malaria	\$1,000.00
Defying The Drift: D9780/Beaufort	\$1,000.00	DEBRAA	\$1,000.00
Koonung Secondary: Mediators & Mentors Training	\$1,056.00	Learning For Life	\$ 500.00
Motor Neurone Disease Association	\$ 500.00	Swags for Homeless	\$ 325.00

##### Organisations supported through our Fundraising of Mince Pies & Hot Cross Buns are:

Surrey Hills Primary School	\$ 66.00	Heatherdale Pre School	\$ 39.00
Surrey Hills Neighbourhood House	\$ 90.00	Bennetswood Neighbourhood	\$ 46.50
Operation Cleft	\$ 18.00	National Breast Cancer Found'n	\$ 84.00
Beyond Blue	\$ 15.00	Box Hill South Neigh'd House	\$ 45.00

##### Project Beneficiaries:

Birthing Kits to Goroka Hospital	\$1,722.76	Inala	\$ 406.94
First Friday Dinner Project [up to May 2013]	\$1,955.38	Model United Nations Assembly	\$ 960.00
National Youth Science Forum	\$1,197.50	Peace Forum	\$ 757.24
Principals Breakfast	\$ 436.00	Proactive Policing—Provision	\$1,700.00
Primary Schools Speech Contest	\$ 228.40	Rotary Youth Leadership Award	\$ 440.00
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment	\$ 750.00	The Science Experience	\$ 550.00
Tree Planting Project	\$ 521.77	Interact est	\$ 500.00



**Profit & Loss Statement for Administration Account as at 31 May, 2013**

	<b>Selected Period</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Difference \$</b>	<b>Difference \$</b>
<b>Income</b>				
<u>Fees Income</u>				
Membership Fees	\$8,060.00	\$7,020.00	\$1,040.00	14.8%
Membership 2ndFamily Member	\$1,470.00	\$1,260.00	\$210.00	16.7%
Membership Friend of MASH	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	33.3%
Member Joining fees	\$640.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	100.0%
ProRata Fees New Members	\$260.00	\$702.00 -	\$442.00	(63.0)%
<u>Club Functions</u>				
Changeover Dinner 2012	\$57.50	\$0.00	\$57.50	NA
<u>Meeting Income</u>				
Meeting Fees	\$7,038.00	\$7,941.12 -	\$903.12	(11.4)%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$17,925.50</b>	<b>\$17,543.12</b>	<b>\$382.38</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>Less Cost Of Sales</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$17,925.50</b>	<b>\$17,543.12</b>	<b>\$382.38</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>				
<u>Expenses re Fees</u>				
RI District 9810 Levy	\$2,409.00	\$2,409.00	\$0.00	0.0%
RI District 9810 Conference Levy	\$420.75	\$420.75	\$0.00	0.0%
RI District 9810 Insurance Levy	\$913.11	\$1,009.47 -	\$96.36	(9.5)%
RI District Assembly Levy	\$360.80	\$0.00	\$360.80	NA
Rotary International Fees	\$2,315.96	\$1,716.00	\$599.96	35.0%
RI Presidents Elect Training Levy	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	NA
Rotary Down Under Magazine Levy	\$1,080.00	\$1,320.00 -	\$240.00	(18.2)%
Fees for New Members RI	\$0.00	\$156.00 -	\$156.00	(100.0)%
New Members District Levy	\$384.60	\$349.02	\$35.58	10.2%
Fees New Members RDU	\$0.00	\$120.00 -	\$120.00	(100.0)%
Total Expenses re Fees	\$8,004.22	\$7,500.24	\$503.98	6.7%
<u>Donations from Meeting Fees</u>				
Berengarra TAFE Taster Program	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	NA
Timor Leste Childrens Family Home	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	NA
Total Donations from Meeting fees	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	NA
<u>Donations by Club</u>				
Donation Charter eClub of Melb	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	NA
Cambodian Childrens Fund for DG Partner Project	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	NA
Total Donations by Club	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	NA
<u>Marketing &amp; Advertising</u>				
Marketing General	\$441.45	\$0.00	\$441.45	NA
Signage & Updates	\$166.30	\$300.00 -	\$133.70	(44.6)%
Printing	\$44.15	\$200.00 -	\$155.85	(77.9)%
Website & Internet expenses	\$201.40	\$120.00	\$81.40	67.8%
MASH News Distribution	\$288.75	\$0.00	\$288.75	NA
<u>Membership Expenses</u>				
New Member Kits	\$156.83	\$90.00	\$66.83	74.3%
Badges	\$384.56	\$153.12	\$231.44	151.1%
Shirts	\$387.00	\$132.00	\$255.00	193.2%
Allowance President	\$0.00	\$200.00 -	\$200.00	(100.0)%
Secretarial Expenses	\$0.00	\$150.00 -	\$150.00	(100.0)%

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**Profit & Loss Statement for Administration Account as at 31 May, 2013 [Cont]**

	<b>Selected Period</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Difference \$</b>	<b>Difference \$</b>
<u>Finance &amp; Administration Costs</u>				
Gift of Appreciation Auditor Pro Bono	\$29.95	\$30.00 -	\$0.05	(0.2)%
Bank & Merchant Fees	\$0.00	\$22.99 -	\$22.99	(100.0)%
Mobile Phone	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	50.0%
Post Office Box Rental	\$99.00	\$95.00	\$4.00	4.2%
Corporate Affairs Fees	\$43.90	\$100.00	\$56.10	(56.1)%
Subscriptions	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	NA
Postage	\$0.00	\$68.75	\$68.75	(100.0)%
Keys for Cupboard	\$0.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	(100.0)%
Equipment - Laptop	\$758.00	\$1,000.00	\$242.00	(24.2)%
Computer Exp including Software	\$625.22	\$400.00	\$225.22	56.3%
<u>Social Events Outings</u>				
Changeover Dinner 2013	\$248.00	\$0.00	\$248.00	NA
DG Changeover 2013	\$120.00	\$0.00 -	\$120.00	NA
Christmas Dinner -	\$106.55	\$100.00 -	\$206.55	(206.6)%
<u>Meeting Expenses</u>				
Tea & Coffee etc	\$186.07	\$242.00 -	\$55.93	(23.1)%
Committee Meeting Exp	\$549.11	\$0.00	\$549.11	NA
Frames - Speaker Certificates	\$35.45	\$88.00 -	\$52.55	(59.7)%
Card for Certificates & Other Stationery	\$24.70	\$15.00	\$9.70	64.7%
International Recognition Card	\$0.00	\$72.00	\$72.00	(100.0)%
Gifts Speakers Guests etc	\$60.05	\$275.00 -	\$214.95	(78.2)%
Floral Tributes	\$453.00	\$0.00	\$453.00	NA
Theme Banner/Past Pres Pin/Collar	\$0.00	\$100.00 -	\$100.00	(100.0)%
Guest Speaker meals drinks etc	\$219.20	\$453.75 -	\$234.55	(51.7)%
Hire of Venue	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	NA
Meeting Equipment Incidental	\$126.50	\$0.00	\$126.50	NA
<u>Training</u>				
District Assembly/Seminar fees	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	NA
Member Leadership Train RLI	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	(100.0)%
Family of Rotary Supp Exp	\$0.00	\$100.00 -	\$100.00	(100.0)%
Rotary Conference Canberra	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.0%
<u>Expenses from Prior Year</u>				
Changeover Dinner 2012	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	NA
Printing 2012 Annual Report	\$250.25	\$0.00	\$250.25	NA
2011-12 ANZO Region Directories	\$7.50	\$0.00	\$7.50	NA
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,899.01</b>	<b>\$12,381.85</b>	<b>\$7,517.16</b>	<b>60.7%</b>
<b>Operating Profit -</b>	<b>\$1,973.51</b>	<b>\$5,161.27</b>	<b>\$7,134.78</b>	<b>(138.2)%</b>
<b>Other Income</b>				
Interest Income Term Deposit	\$534.34	\$0.00	\$534.34	NA
Other Income	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	NA
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$834.34</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$834.34</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>NET PROFIT / (Loss) -</b>	<b>\$1,139.17</b>	<b>\$5,161.27 -</b>	<b>\$6,300.44</b>	<b>(122.1)</b>



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31 MAY, 2013

### Balance Sheet for Administration Account as at 31 May, 2013

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

##### Bank Accounts

Administration Account 1	\$ 4,471.13
Term Deposit	\$10,831.61
Meeting Tin Float	\$ 50.00

**Total Bank Accounts** **\$15,352.74**

##### Other Current Assets

Trade Debtors	\$ 120.00
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**Total Other Current Assets** **\$ 120.00**

**Total Current Assets** **\$15,472.74**

##### TOTAL ASSETS

**\$15,472.74**

#### Less Liabilities

**\$ 0**

#### Net Assets

**\$15,472.74**

#### Equity

Current Year Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,139.17
Historical Balancing	<u>\$16,611.91</u>

##### TOTAL EQUITY

**\$15,472.74**

### Balance Sheet for Fundraising Account as at 31 May, 2013

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

##### Bank Accounts

Fundraising Account	\$40,490.38
Sausage Sizzle Float x 2	\$100.00

**Total Bank Accounts** **\$40,590.38**

**Total Current Assets** **\$40,590.38**

##### TOTAL ASSETS

**\$40,590.38**

#### Less Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

##### Other Current Liabilities

Proactive Policing Vehicle	<u>\$3,400.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$3,400.00</u>

**Total Current Liabilities** **\$3,400.00**

##### Total Liabilities

**\$3,400.00**

#### Net Assets

**\$37,190.38**

#### Equity

Current Year Earnings	\$19,783.97
Historical Balancing	<u>\$17,406.41</u>

##### TOTAL EQUITY

**\$37,190.38**

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—31 MAY, 2013

### Profit & Loss Statement for Fundraising Account as at 31 May, 2013

	Selected Period	Budgeted \$	Difference \$	Difference %
<b>Income</b>				
Sponsorship	\$1,940.00	\$2,650.00 -	\$710.00	(26.8)%
Vendor Stall Fees Antiques Fair	\$3,620.00	\$3,000.00	\$620.00	20.7%
Entry Fees Antiques Fair	\$3,100.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,100.00	55.0%
Catering Income Antiques Fair	\$1,793.00	\$600.00	\$1,193.00	198.8%
Valuation fees Antiques Fair	\$280.00	\$150.00	\$130.00	86.7%
Gold Cross Cycles Sausage Sizzle	\$509.50	\$491.50	\$18.00	3.7%
Saturday Sausage Sizzle Profit	\$9,557.51	\$10,000.00 -	\$442.49	(4.4)%
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	\$1,420.00	\$1,420.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Mont Albert Festival Sausage Sizzle	\$437.64	\$396.94	\$40.70	10.3%
Donations Received	\$2,411.15	\$847.88	\$1,563.27	184.4%
Operation Cleft Tins	\$491.70	\$0.00	\$491.70	NA
Sergants Prize Contributions	\$1,201.55	\$1,283.26 -	\$81.71	(6.4)%
Sale of Goods	\$1,409.00	\$1,344.00	\$65.00	4.8%
Sale of Mince Pies	\$7,617.50	\$7,617.50	\$0.00	0.0%
Sale of Hot Cross Buns	\$5,820.10	\$4,000.00	\$1,820.10	45.5%
Catering RI District Assembly	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	NA
Grants Received	\$3,453.62	\$0.00	\$3,453.62	NA
Reimbursement of Fees	\$1,487.50	\$1,967.50 -	\$480.00	(24.4)%
Meeting fees from Administration	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	NA
Raffle	\$0.00	\$341.00 -	\$341.00	(100.0)%
Whitehorse Farmers Market Funds	\$4,905.78	\$0.00	\$4,905.78	NA
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$53,505.55</b>	<b>\$38,109.58</b>	<b>\$15,395.97</b>	<b>40.4%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$53,505.55</b>	<b>\$38,109.58</b>	<b>\$15,395.97</b>	<b>40.4%</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>				
<u>Registration Fees for Programs</u>				
Registration Fees	\$5,385.00	\$2,395.00	\$2,990.00	124.8%
<u>Project Funding</u>				
Production of Goods	\$237.16	\$0.00	\$237.16	NA
Cost of Product Purchased	\$0.00	\$6,800.00 -	\$6,800.00	(100.0)%
Purchases Tree Planting	\$521.77	\$500.00	\$21.77	4.4%
Purchases Birthing Kits	\$1,222.76	\$1,000.00	\$222.76	22.3%
Purchases Inala	\$331.64	\$462.00 -	\$130.36	(28.2)%
Purchases First Friday Dinner—Food	\$752.61	\$875.00 -	\$122.39	(14.0)%
Purchases First Friday Dinner- Set Up	\$163.56	\$175.00	\$11.44	(6.5)%
Sponsorship Koonung Mentoring & Mediators	\$1,056.00	\$0.00	\$1,056.00	NA
Sponsorship Professional Writing Scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	NA
<u>Fundraising Expenses</u>				
Purchases Mince Pies	\$256.75	\$2,000.00 -	\$1,743.25	(87.2)%
Purchases Hot Cross Buns	\$10.00	\$800.00 -	\$790.00	(98.8)%
<u>Marketing</u>				
Advertising Costs (detail)	\$1,666.95	\$0.00	\$1,666.95	NA
Printing of Posters etc	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	NA
Video & Sound Recording	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	NA
<u>Awards Prizes Gifts Recognitions</u>				
Trophies	\$317.15	\$185.00	\$132.15	71.4%
Prizes Footy Tipping Comp	\$312.00	\$300.00	\$12.00	4.0%
Certificates & Framing	\$51.50	\$30.00	\$21.50	71.7%
Gifts	\$259.30	\$50.00	\$209.30	418.6%
<u>Participant Costs</u>				
Photographs	\$24.30	\$0.00	\$24.30	NA

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—31 MAY, 2013

### Profit & Loss Statement for Fundraising Account as at 31 May, 2013 [Cont]

	Selected Period	Budgeted \$	Difference \$	Difference %
<u>Finance Expenses</u>				
Bank Fees	\$100.50	\$0.00	\$100.50	NA
Bank Merchants fees	\$86.79	\$0.00	\$86.79	NA
<u>Office Costs</u>				
Copying Costs	\$24.30	\$0.00	\$24.30	NA
Office Supplies	\$58.02	\$0.00	\$58.02	NA
<u>Catering, Entertainment</u>				
Food	\$207.22	\$0.00	\$207.22	NA
Gas, BBQ etc	\$56.75	\$0.00	\$56.75	NA
<u>Venue Equipment</u>				
Hire of Venue	\$1,624.25	\$515.00	\$1,109.25	215.4%
<u>Donations</u>				
Donation Aquabox	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	NA
Donation Beaufort Ag Soc	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	NA
Donation ROMAC	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	NA
Donation Operation Cleft	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	NA
Donation Rot D8790 Beaufort	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	NA
Donation Box Hill South Neighbourhood House	\$433.00	\$0.00	\$433.00	NA
Donation Rotarians Against Malaria	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	NA
Donation Fiji	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	NA
Donation Bali Spectacle Project	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	NA
Donation Interplast	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	NA
Donation Disaster Aid Australia	\$880.00	\$0.00	\$880.00	NA
Donation Wheelchairs for Kids	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	NA
Donation RAWCS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	NA
Donation Safe Water Saves Lives	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	NA
Donation Australian Rotary Health	\$577.00	\$0.00	\$577.00	NA
Donations by club Various	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	(66.7)%
TRF Rotary Giving	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	NA
<u>Future Expenses</u>				
Proactive Policing Vehicle	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	\$3,400.00	NA
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$33,901.28</b>	<b>\$17,587.00</b>	<b>\$16,314.28</b>	<b>92.8%</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>\$19,604.27</b>	<b>\$20,522.58 - \$918.31</b>		<b>(4.5)%</b>
<b>Other Income</b>				
Interest Income	\$179.70	\$0.00	\$179.70	NA
Total Other Income	\$179.70	\$0.00	\$179.70	NA
Other Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
<b>NETT PROFIT / (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$19,783.97</b>	<b>\$20,522.58 - \$738.61</b>		<b>(3.6)%</b>



## LISTING OF FUNDS RAISED

As at 14th June, 2013

Funding Source		As at 31.5.13	Estimate as at 30.6.13
<b>Bakery Products</b>			
Mince Pies	Completed	\$ 7,343.43	\$ 7,343.43
Hot Cross Buns	Completed	\$ 5,807.44	\$ 5,807.44
District Assembly Catering	Completed	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
<b>Events &amp; Festivals</b>			
Mont Albert Festival	Completed	\$ 3,431.64	\$ 3,431.64
Antiques and Collectables Fair	Completed	\$ 4,645.41	\$ 4,645.41
<b>Markets</b>			
Whitehorse Farmers' Market [to May, 2013]		\$7,853.23	\$8,300.00
<b>Sausage Sizzles</b>			
Bunnings - November, 2013	Completed	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 1,420.00
Gold Cross Cycles—August, 2012	Completed	\$ 491.50	\$ 491.50
Weekly Sausage Sizzles		\$ 9,518.76	\$10,500.00
<b>Collection Tins</b>			
First Friday Dinner Collection Tins		\$ 811.15	\$ 1,174.75
Operation Cleft Tins	Completed	\$ 491.70	\$ 491.70
<b>Sponsorship &amp; Donations</b>			
Contribution by Whitehorse Rotaract for First Friday Dinner	Completed	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Donations Made to Club	Completed	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00
<b>Income from Bank</b>			
Interest Income	Completed	\$ 179.70	\$ 179.70
Bendigo Bank Loyalty Program	Completed	\$ 290.00	\$ 290.00
<b>Funds Raised At Meetings</b>			
Meeting Monies Balance		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Sergeants Session @ Club		\$ 1,201.55	\$ 1,270.00
<b>Total Funds Raised—2012—2013</b>		<b>\$52,200.51</b>	<b>\$54,060.57</b>