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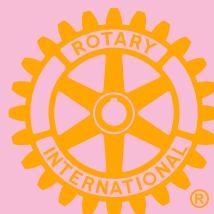
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Annual Report 2017-18

President - Jan Cook
District 9810 - Victoria - Australia
Chartered 27th October 2004

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MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

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President's Report 2017-18

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for 2017-18.

After an important year of consolidation last year, it was time to try a couple of new ventures with the club along with our on-going commitments to a wide range of projects.

Amongst our continuing projects we have continued our relationships with Koonung Secondary College, Inala Aged Care and Alkira Centre; in fact, we have strengthened these relationships by getting involved with new activities with these groups. We assisted Koonung with an afternoon helping the parents and Interactors work on the school gardens to give them a much-needed tidy-up. At our Easter morning tea with the residents of Inala, they contributed their "donation tin" takings to help us purchase two of the kitchen packs for residents moving from Kara House into their own accommodation. It was gratifying to receive the help from these elderly citizens for victims of family violence; as one of the residents stated "this could easily have been one of us or our family or friends, we have simply been lucky". We were also able to use some of our Whitehorse Farmers' Market funds to assist Alkira purchase a replacement bus, along with support from Box Hill Rotary Club, Whitehorse Rotaract Club, Wheelton Family Philanthropy/Budget Car Rental and Breadstreet Bakery.

We have been able to forge a new relationship with Kara House, a refuge for women escaping from family violence. With support from the Whitehorse Rotaract Club, the Rotary Club of Monash and a Dick Smith Compassionate Grant from Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), we used some more of our Whitehorse Farmers' Market funds to replace the dated and unsound kitchen at Kara with a new, comfortable one where the residents can prepare meals for their children, meet with other residents and relax. We also provided four packs of kitchen essentials for departing residents, a project that will continue into the future. We hope to build on this relationship with Kara House and support them in the future as they continue to provide care for these vulnerable members of society.

We have been fortunate to receive sponsorship of \$3,000 from Bendigo Bank for the supply of food for the First Friday Dinners at the Barn; this well-attended event has shown an increase in numbers since the start of the year, with up to 50 people who need a little assistance attending each month. There has also been increased participation from both the Rotaractors, who also sponsor the hall hire each month, and the Interactors, as well as support from community members.

Amongst other Youth related activities this year, we have been able to provide Literacy Grants to six local schools to provide essential learning material for the classroom, as well as five scholarships for Box Hill Institute students. These scholarships, that assist the students with their tuition fees and supplies, were supplemented by a grant from Rotary District 9810 and a Dick Smith Compassionate Grant from RAWCS.

In March the Governor of Victoria, the Hon. Linda Dessau, held a reception at Government House to honour Ian Riseley, the President of Rotary International on his visit to Melbourne. MASH was represented at this function by Nicole Osner (President Elect), Anne Teese (President Nominee and Secretary), Shia Smart (District Governor Nominee) and Jan Cook (President). We all had a most enjoyable afternoon savouring the sun whilst having afternoon tea, and visiting the beautiful public spaces in the building.

Other highlights of the year included:

- the Whitehorse Farmers' Market
- our Saturday sausage sizzles
- involvement with the Rotary-Swinburne Collaborative Fora
- a "Volunteering with Rotary Forum" organised by the Presidents and clubs in Whitehorse Cluster
- our annual Antiques, Retro and Collectibles Fair, which will all be expanded upon later in this Report.

I wish to acknowledge the hard work of the following project co-ordinators:

Sausage Sizzles – Nicole Osner, Graeme Battersby, Rob Stamp

Whitehorse Farmers' Market – Richard Groom

Antiques, Retro and Collectibles Fair– Val Crees assisted by Nigel Cooper, Gill Somers, David Winter

Mince Pies – Roger Coburn

Rusty's Fair – David Winter, Roger Coburn

Raffle – Alex Starr

The following community service activities have given our club significant community exposure; I wish to thank the following members for their leadership and commitment:

First Friday Dinners – Anne Teese, David Winter

Xmas Giving Tree– Alex Starr

International Women's Day – Alex Starr and Shia Smart

Interact, Rotaract and Box Hill Institute Scholarships – Nigel Cooper and Joe Somers

On the Radar – Anne Teese and Simon Barnard

Inala – Shia Smart

Website and Facebook – Rob Teese and Richard Groom

Primary Schools Speech Competition - Gill & Joe Somers

Model United Nations Assembly- Gill & Joe Somers

Tree Planting at Chatham Primary School – David Winter

I also wish to acknowledge the efforts of Richard Groom in securing two District Grants, one of \$5,000 for improvement of learning facilities at St. Thomas's Orphanage in Durban, and one for \$1,000 for a scholarship for a student at Box Hill Institute. Richard also secured two Dick Smith Compassionate Grants through Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), one for \$5,000 for the replacement of the kitchen at Kara House, and the other for \$2,000 for two more scholarships for students at Box Hill Institute. Joe Somers and Anne Teese also secured Sponsorship of \$3,000 from Bendigo Bank for food at the First Friday Dinners.

Many thanks also to our Committee chairs who have ably guided the club through our many and varied projects, activities and events.

This year's Board has provided me with strong support and guidance for which I thank them all. I would also like to extend my thanks to our District Governor, Malcolm Chiverton and Assistant District Governor, Diane Fisher for their guidance, support and encouragement.

I have very much enjoyed my year as President and wish incoming President, Nicole Osner, all the very best in her upcoming year. The theme for Nicole's year, set by Rotary International President, Barry Rassin, is "Be the Inspiration" – I am sure we will continue to do just that under Nicole's leadership.

Jan Cook

President 2017-2018

Office Bearers 2017-2018

Board Members

President
Vice President
Immediate Past President
President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Board Member

Jan Cook
Joe Somers
Rob Teese
Nicole Osner
Anne Teese
Michael Byrne/Joe Somers
Simon Barnard

Committee Chairs

Community and Environmental
Youth Service and International
Fundraising, Promotion and Membership
Social and Vocational Visits

Shia Smart
David Winter
Roger Coburn
Gillian Somers

Other roles

President Nominee
On the Radar Editor
Club Programme
Website
Certificates of Appreciation
Foundation

Anne Teese
Anne Teese / Simon Barnard
David Winter
Richard Groom/ Rob Teese
David Winter
Richard Groom

Members of 2017-18 Board at Changeover Night, June 2017. Simon Barnard and Michael Byrne absent.



Membership of the Club as at June 2018 – including 6 Charter members

Simon Barnard	August, 2014
Graeme Battersby	Charter Member
Michael Byrne	January 2017
Jan Cook	February 2016
Nigel Cooper	August 2007
Val Crees	June 2017
Leonie Dillon	December 2015
Patt Gagliardi	February, 2015
Richard Groom	May 2014
Janelle Kuc	May 2018
Tony Kuc	May 2018
Murray Neilson	Charter Member
Carol O'Neill	April, 2015

President 2017-18
Past President 2014-15

Past President 2011-2012, Acting President late 2013

Membership of the Club as at June 2018 (cont.)

Nicole Osner	Charter Member	Past President RC of Burwood 2002-2003, Assistant Governor 2004-05, President Elect 2017-18
Shia Smart	Charter Member	Past President 2009-10, Assistant Governor 2011-12, District Governor Nominee 2017-18
Susan Smith	May 2018	
Gillian Somers	Charter Member	
Joseph Somers	Charter Member	Past President 2010-11
Robert Stamp	November 2008	
Alex Starr	March 2013	
Anne Teese	May 2006	President Nominee 2017-18
Robert Teese	May 2006	Past President 2016-17
Michael Willis	April 2005	Past President MASH 2007-08 and Past President RC of Burwood 2004-05
David Winter	Charter Member	Past President 2015-16

Club Presidents

2004-05	Phillip Pearson (Charter President)
2005-06	Leonie Moran
2006-07	Ern Hermeler
2007-08	Michael Willis
2008-09	Roger Coburn
2009-10	Shia Smart
2010-11	Joseph Somers
2011-12	Tony Kuc
2012-13	Jennifer Coburn
2013-14	Annette Kiernan (resigned December 2013) Tony Kuc – Acting President
2014-15	Nigel Cooper
2015-16	David Winter
2016-17	Rob Teese
2017-18	Jan Cook

District Involvement

Additional Involvement of our Members in our District (and beyond)

This year seven members of MASH undertook roles beyond the club. We acknowledge their involvement and say thank you.

Nicole Osner	National Youth Science Forum Committee, Ride to Conference Committee
Murray Neilson	Sustainable Communities District Committee
Shia Smart	District Governor Nominee (2019-20)
Gill Somers	Model United Nations Assembly District Committee
Joe Somers	Model United Nations Assembly District Committee
Michael Willis	RAWCS National Project and Volunteers Manager
Richard Groom	Chairman of the organising committee for the Melbourne 2019 IFCR Festival (International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians)
Susan Smith	District Committee Charitable Trust

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Recognitions

At MASH we recognise members and others who contribute “above and beyond” to the activities and projects of our club by awarding those members with a “Paul Harris Fellow Recognition”. This award is also awarded to those who contribute \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation. I am very pleased to advise that PHF’s have been awarded in the past year to recognise the contributions Anne Teese, Alex Starr, Joe Somers and Graeme Battersby.

MASH Members & Past Members

Name	Level	Years
Geraldine Battersby	PHF	2007-08
Graeme Battersby	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2007-08, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2017-18
Kevin Chewlun	PHF	2006-07
Jennifer Coburn	PHF & Ruby	2008-09, 2012-13 RC MASH, Box Hill Central & District 9810
Roger Coburn	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2004-05, 2006-07, 2012-13
Jan Cook	PHF	2016-17
Nigel Cooper	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2010-11, 2014-15, 2016-17
Michael Crichton	PHF	2011-12
Kay Dunn	PHF	2014-15
Patt Gagliardi	PHF	2015-16
Anita Galileos	PHF & Sapphire	2010-11, 2012-13
Richard Groom	PHF & 3 Sapphires	1997-98, 2001-02, 2005-06 (RC Hawthorn), 2015-16
Ern Hermeler	PHF & Sapphire	2007-08, 2012-13
Annette Kiernan	PHF & Sapphire	2011-12, 2012-13
Rosemary Knight	PHF	2010-11
Tony Kuc	PHF & Sapphire	2011-12, 2013-14
Marilyn Lambert	PHF	2008-09
Greg Moran	PHF	2006-07
Leonie Moran	PHF & Sapphire	2006-07, 2009-10
Murray Neilson	PHF	2012-13
Nicole Osner	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2004-05 (RC Burwood), 2008-09, 2011-12, 2013-14
Phillip Pearson	PHF & Sapphire	2008-09, 2015-16
Robyn Pearson	PHF & 4 Sapphires	2005-06, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015- 16
Shia Smart	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2010-11, 2013-14, 2015-16
Gillian Somers	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2009-10, 2013-14, 2016-17
Joseph Somers	PHF & 5 Sapphires	2009-10, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2016- 17 (District 9810), 2017-18
Alex Starr	PHF	2017-18
Robert Stamp	PHF & Sapphire	2013-14, 2016-17
Anne Teese	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2009-10, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2017-18
Rob Teese	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2009-10, 2011-12, 2014-15
Jill Turner	PHF	2014-15
Michael Willis	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2006-07, 2010-11 (District 9810), 2012-13 (RC Alice Springs)
David Winter	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2004-05, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2012-13

Community & Beyond the Club

Susan Anderson	PHF	2008-09 Antiques Fair & Bush Fire Auction
John Maddock	PHF	2005-06 Recognition for Box Hill Institute
Marlene Sinclair	PHF	2010-11 Toastmasters – Primary School Speech Competition
Bev Winter	PHF	2011-12 Support of club fundraising
Hon. Anna Burke MP	PHF	2012-13 Support of club and community
Peter Wright	PHF	2015-16 Recognition for Koonung Secondary College
Annie Wysham	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2016-17 Recognition for coordinating “Friends” & strong support of MASH (previous PHFs from RC Richmond)

Other Significant Achievement Awards

Avenues of Service Citation

Jennifer Coburn – 2005-06

Robyn Pearson – 2010-11

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

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

Companion of Australian Rotary Health

David and Bev Winter 2013-14

Achievement Awards for MASH

District Award for Club Building 2014-15

District Club Award for Strategic Planning 2013-14

Rotary International Significant Achievement Award 2012-13

Presidential Citation 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2016-2017

District 9810 Outstanding Rotary Club in 2012-13 for Club Building, Club Projects and Club Public Relations/Communication (two only awarded in District). The Club also received certificates in each of the three areas

District 9810 Award for Public Relations and Marketing 2010-11

District 9810 Award – Best Club Newsletter/Bulletin and Best Club Web Site 2009-10

Rotary International Awards for Membership (Highest number of increased and inducted members, innovation in recruitment) - 2008-09

District 9810 Awards for Best Club (Excellence), PR and Marketing, Vocational service and Best Club Newsletter/Bulletin) 2008-09

District 9810 Award for Club PR and Communication (2016-2017)

Note: Awards received prior to 2008-09 have not been provided

1. Club Operations

Club Operations covers fundraising, marketing, membership, social and our guest speaker program. The following reports have been prepared by the chairs of these areas of operation.

1.1 Fundraising, Promotion and Membership – Roger Coburn, Committee Chair

The Fundraising team was this year combined with Membership. Our team comprised:

Roger Coburn (Chair), Simon Barnard, Val Crees, Patt Gagliardi, Carol O'Neill, Rob Stamp, Alex Starr, Rob Teese, Michael Willis and David Winter.

The load has been shared across the group and I would like to thank everyone on the team for their support with Fundraising activities this year.

Sausage Sizzles (Graeme Battersby, Nicole Osner and Rob Stamp)

We have generated already over \$6,900 with an anticipated \$7,500 for the full year (excluding 30/6). A huge thank you goes to everyone who volunteered to be a part of the Sausage Sizzle teams and to Bread Street for their amazing support with donations of bread and onions for every week.

The Club had an opportunity to conduct a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 21 January which was very successful. A total of \$1,128.95 was raised from sales of 504 sausages and approx. 60 drinks. An additional Sausage Sizzle generated \$321.



The “all-girls” team in action.

Mince Pies (Roger Coburn)

A total of 417.5 dozen Mince Pies were sold with gross sales of \$5,827.50. The Whitehorse Farmers' Market sales in November & December totalled 129 dozen with three local schools generating sales of 79 ½ dozen. Sales to other Rotary Clubs totalled 123 ½ dozen. Proceeds were \$5,952.70 with donations to Disaster Aid Australia, Australian Rotary Health and Deafness Foundation. The following organisations also raised the amounts shown for their respective organisations: Surrey Hills Primary (\$75), Chatham Primary (\$90), Our Holy Redeemer School (\$73.50) and Trinity Church, Surrey Hills (\$51).

A huge thank you to David Winter of Breadstreet Bakery for his continuing very generous donation of the mince pies free of charge.

Hot Cross Buns (Roger Coburn)

Hot Cross Buns sales are traditionally done at the Farmers' Market immediately prior to Easter – this year being the March Market. Thank you to David Winter for again providing 75 dozen freshly baked hot cross buns. These buns always sell well, and again we sold out before the end of the market.

Raffle (Alex Starr)

This year, MASH participated in the Gary & Warren Smith Community Raffle coordinated by the RC Waverley. The program allows for all funds raised (i.e. tickets sold) to be retained by our club, amounting to \$920.

Antiques Retro & Collectables Fair (Val Crees)

The Fair was held on the last weekend in May. Thanks Val for her great leadership. The stall numbers were excellent with higher numbers than prior years. The catering team was led by Gill who spent an inordinate amount of time in planning, preparing, presenting and serving a revised, tantalising menu. The café was well-patronised by both stallholders and visitors and proved a resounding success. The barbeque was, again, a favourite source of delicious options, particularly for breakfast, so well done to Rob and his team.



Rotaractors helping at the BBQ



A wide variety of artefacts available at the Fair



Smiles at the Entrance Desk

Thank you to everybody who assisted with the set-up and dismantling; bump-in and bump-out deliveries; early starts; catering, including orders; cleaning; front-of-house; parking; signage; banking; appraisals; marketing and supervising. The unity, interest and enthusiastic spirit of our Rotary Club, Rotaractors, Interactors, Friends of Rotary in presenting this event was most impressive. It not only provided the foundation for yet another successful event but is an excellent marketing tool for us as a Club.

Advertising included paid advertisements in the Age, Herald Sun, Royal Auto (online edition) and local papers, including the Chinese newspapers. We also used Community Notices, Radio Stations, street signage, flyers and a letter box drop.

Thank you to Kevin Chewlun (Kwik Kopy Burwood) for his help with the printing. Thank you also to Fletchers and Ross Hunt Real Estate for making promotional board available.

At the Fair we promoted MASH and Rotary in general with an information board and an array of brochures at the entry desk.

Whitehorse Farmers' Market (Richard Groom)

The club enjoys the benefits of the combined Whitehorse Farmers' Market run by the six Rotary and one Rotaract Club in the City of Whitehorse. Up to and including the May Market, \$7,072.24 had been allocated to each club for the financial year and this is anticipated to be at least \$7,500 for the year including the June market.

Membership and Promotion – Rob Teese



Our club continues to have a flexible attendance and meeting programme and is welcoming and friendly to our visitors and prospective members. Our club has an even spread of male & female members, singles and couples. We have inducted three new members into the club and have two members resign and one member transfer to another Rotary Club nearer his residence.

The club has also focussed on maintaining contact with our Friends of the Club providing connectivity and an additional volunteer base for our regular programmes. We are grateful that our Friends continue to assist the club with various activities during the year, especially the “4 Steps for Life” CPR training night. Membership Campaigns: The Whitehorse Cluster Clubs held a Volunteering through Rotary evening to increase exposure to the community. All six Rotary Clubs and the Rotaract Club were involved in this event.

On 31st July we are planning to hold a night with the Koonung Interactors and their parents, and the Whitehorse Rotaractors to introduce Rotary and Rotaract to a wider group in the community.

On the Radar (Anne Teese & Simon Barnard)

Our weekly newsletter ‘On the Radar’ (OTR) was distributed electronically and acts to keep MASH members, friends and interested members of the public up to date with what has and will be happening within the club. There are reports from meetings together with photos of the various activities. Copies are available on the website. Our thanks go to Anne and Simon for their commitment to our weekly newsletter and for ensuring all our activities are reported each week.

Facebook/Website (Rob Teese, Richard Groom & David Winter)

Keeping the MASH Facebook updated throughout the year has been ably undertaken by Rob Teese & David Winter. Today our events and reports on club activities provide prospective members a very good summary of MASH on our website. Thanks to Rob and Richard.

MASH Marquee



Our marquee, which proudly displays our club name, logo and Rotary Wheel, has been used at numerous events again this year. It clearly identifies the club when we are at the Farmers’ Market for Mince Pies and Hot Cross Buns.

1.2 Social & Vocational Visits – Gillian Somers, Committee Chair

Primary School Speech Competition

On 15th August, 2017 the PSS annual competition was held at Holy Redeemer School. This year we continued our long-established tradition of providing a wonderful supper for the students, parents and friends who attend this amazing evening.



Primary Schools Speech Competition: winners all!

Celebratory dinner at Sweet Tamarind – 8th August 2017

To celebrate Shia's selection as District Governor 2019-2020, club members and friends attended the Thai restaurant, Sweet Tamarind. It was a fabulous night providing us with an opportunity to acknowledge Shia's great work and to wish her well on her journey to taking on this very important role for District 9810.

Dinner Party

Two very enjoyable dinner parties were held on 19th May 2018 where Joe and Gill Somers and Anne and Rob Teese each hosted a dinner party for eight diners. The hosts provide the main course, with the six other diners providing pre-dinner nibbles, entrée and dessert. These dinners are a fabulous way for members and their partners to get to know each other.

MASH 12th Birthday dinner – 17th October 2017

We celebrated this event at a local restaurant, Girl and the Goat where members, significant others and friends shared a banquet menu. Once again it was great to celebrate the ongoing success of our club and to enjoy fabulous food and fellowship.

MASH Annual Christmas dinner

Our annual Christmas Celebration was held on Tuesday 12th December at the home of Joe and Gill Somers. The weather that night was warm and perfect for being able to enjoy our food and refreshments outside. The evening started with a welcome drink and nibbles to be followed by the main course, a selection of melt in the mouth roast meats and sumptuous salads. This was then followed by a vast array

of mouth-watering desserts and platters of cheese and fruit. As all members of MASH were well behaved during the year, it was decided that Santa (aka Graeme) would be a welcome special guest to give out the Kris Kringle gifts. Many thanks go to Gill and Joe for opening their home for this celebration and to those who brought food, and of course not forgetting Santa.



Flynn convincing Santa he has been good.



Dinner Party at the home of Anne and Rob Teese.

3rd Tuesday of the month – social events

It was decided for this year that the 3rd Tuesday of the month would be celebrated with a social gathering if no other activities were previously arranged for that night.

The first social event occurred in August 2017 and was a dinner at the Blackburn Hotel. PDG Carol Lawton presented Joe Somers with a PHF from District 9810 for his contribution to MUNA over the years.



Dinner at the Blackburn Hotel.



Joe receiving his PHF from PDG Carol Lawton

This was followed in September where Shia Smart hosted a casual dinner at her home. In November, dinner was at Augello's, a modern Italian restaurant in Balwyn. While the number of members attending was small those attending enjoyed lovely food and good conversation.

Our social gatherings for 2018 started in January with Anne and Rob Teese hosting a casual BBQ at their home. The original plan for this social event was to be a picnic at the Botanic Gardens, however an unfavourable weather forecast meant a last-minute change of venue.



"Picnic" at Anne and Rob's.



February was a fun social gathering where 17 members and friends tried their hand at barefoot bowls. After a little tuition we were let loose on the bowling green. Once we were able to master the bias on the bowls our bowling competency improved. Following this fun activity, we enjoyed chicken and salad for dinner in the club rooms at Burwood Bowling Club.



Dinner at Leonie's.



Barefoot Bowlers.

In March, 13 members and partners gathered at Leonie Dillon's home for dinner. On arrival guests enjoyed a drink and nibbles, later to be settled at the dining table where we enjoyed a very yummy chicken pasta dish and salad. Between the main course and dessert, we were broken into pairs to complete a test based on our knowledge about famous women. Forty clues were scattered around Leonie's home and it was our challenge to be able to identify the women. This was a fun activity which lead to discussions and rivalry between pairs. The winners of this game were Jan Cook and Rob Teese. April's social gathering was a joint meeting with the RC of Box Hill held at The Blackburn Hotel. It was great to be able to socialise with another club in our district. Due to our very busy meeting program for May and June it was decided not to organise any social events for these months.

Vocational

Due to our very busy program this year, no vocational visits were undertaken.

1.3 Meeting and Guest speaker programme 2017-18 - David Winter

Our Tuesday meetings have again reflected the culture of our club and our involvement in our community. We trialled having a club social night on the third week of every month to focus on fellowship within the club.



Visit from DG Malcolm Chiverton to MASH



MASH and Beaufort representatives enjoy the sunshine at Government House

We offer our sincere thanks to all our speakers and guests for giving their time and support and sharing their stories with us.

Date		
4 July	Committee meetings	
11 July	Carolyn Pethick	To Hell and Back
18 July	Social Night	Blackburn Hotel
25 July	Visit by DG Malcolm Chiverton	
1 August	Committee meetings	
8 August	Social Dinner for DGN Shia Smart	Sweet Tamarind
15 August	PSSC	
22 August	Susan Smith	Kara House
29 August	No Meeting	Visit another Rotary club
5 Sept	Committee meetings	
12 Sept	Clair Halliday	Things My Father Taught Me
19 Sept	Social Night	Dinner at Shia Smart's home
26 Sept	Alan Foster	Aged Care

3 October	Committee meetings	
10 October	Vanita Dahlia	Alchemy of the Mind
17 October	PSSC winners	
24 October	MASH birthday	Girl and Goat Restaurant
31 October	Committee meetings & AGM	
7 November	No Meeting	Melbourne Cup Day
14 November	Georgina Mountford	Royal Melbourne Botanic Gardens
21 November	Social Night	Augello's Restaurant
28 November	4 Steps for Life	CPR Night (Annie Wysham)
5 December	Committee meetings	
12 December	Christmas Function	Gill and Joe Somers' home
19 December	No meeting	
26 December	No meeting	
2 January	No meeting	
9 January	No meeting	
16 January	Social night	Picnic at Anne and Rob Teese's home
23 January	Diane Sides	Boroondara Family Network
30 January	No Meeting	Visit another Rotary Club
6 February	Committee meetings	
13 February	Stephen Spiers	Bee Keeping
20 February	Social Night	Barefoot Bowling
27 February	NYSF and RYPEN Presentations	
6 March	Committee meetings	
13 March	John O'Reilly	Disaster Aid Australia
20 March	Social Night	Dinner at Leonie Dillon's home
27 March	Trevor Rowe	Police Mentoring Programme
3 April	Committee meetings	
10 April	Melanie Karajas	Melody and Memory
17 April	Social Night	Joint social night with RC Box Hill
24 April	Club Discussion	
1 May	Committee meetings	
8 May	Literacy Grants Presentations	
15 May	Club Assembly	
22 May	Paul Thomas & induction of 3 new members	Melbourne Metro Tunnel
29 May	No Meeting	
5 June	Committee meetings	
12 June	Steve Ball	7 Summits and Virgin on Insanity
19 June	Club Strategy Meeting	
26 June	No meeting	
29 June	Changeover Dinner	



4 Steps for Life – our CPR training night organised by Annie Wysham and the Friends of Rotary



John O'Reilly



Jan with Box Hill President Tim Lynn at the joint meeting



Gill with Georgina Mountford



District Changeover 2018: our MASH and Whitehorse Rotaract Table



Learning 4 Life: Opening of new centre – MASH representatives

2. Club Service

Club Service covers community, environment, international and youth services. The following reports have been prepared by the chairs of these areas of operation.

2.1 Community/Environmental Annual Report – Shia Smart, Committee Chair

This year the Community and Environmental committee introduced two new activities, hands on and practical in nature, which were enthusiastically adopted by the club. They were Tree Planting at Chatham Primary School and the refurbishment of the kitchen and KARA house and the provision of Kitchen Hampers when women moved to their new homes.

Tree planting at Chatham Primary School (David Winter)

This activity was initiated due to RI President Ian Riseley requesting that each Rotarian plant a tree, to have Rotary play a more environmental role than before. Due to circumstances beyond the club's control we did not grow trees to plant at Beaufort so a new source of tree planting was required. It was decided that as we work so closely with our local primary schools we should approach them first to see if they need assistance in beautify their school grounds. Chatham Primary School loved the idea and within about a month of us proposing the idea to them, had identified the area of the school to be worked on, planned school working bees to prepare the ground for us, sourced all the plants (which RC MASH paid for) and obtained mulch from council, and booked RC MASH members in to do the hands-on work of planting and moving mulch. On the day we were joined by Whitehorse Rotaractors, Koonung Interactors and family, friends and students from Chatham Primary School. We had so many helpers that we were able to weed and put more mulch into more areas than originally thought, beautify areas of the school which had been left to be overgrown with weeds.

The day was so successful that other schools approached us asking if we would plant trees in their school grounds; Koonung Secondary College garden is to follow soon.



Interactors, Rotaractors and Rotarians working on the gardens at Chatham Primary School.

Kara House (Shia Smart)

Another new partnership this year was with Kara House. They are a refuge for women and children of domestic violence. These women and children have left their homes and stay at Kara House until other, more permanent forms of accommodation can be found for them. RC MASH with RC Monash, Whitehorse

Rotaract and a grant from Dick Smith via RAWCS was able to provide the funds for KARA to fully renovate their kitchen.



Kitchen Hampers

RC MASH is also providing Kitchen Hampers for when people leave Kara house. They leave with only the clothes on their back so RC MASH is providing them with kitchen crockery, cutlery for 4 people, and some basic utensils to help them get started. To date we have provided 6 Kitchen Hampers.



Christmas Giving Tree (Alex Starr)

For the second year running, with the generous support of Ross Hunt Real Estate who donated the Christmas Trees, RC MASH was able to run the Christmas Giving Tree. A tree is placed at both Breadstreet Bakery and Ross Hunt Real Estate with signs asking members of the community to donate new items which can be giving to those in need. Presents for all ages are asked, with the gifts being donated for children being donated to Camcare, and female adult gifts being donated to Kara House.



Inala (Shia Smart)

Inala Christmas Card Writing

Christmas Card Writing with the residents of Inala is a wonderful hands-on project which is getting bigger every year as more and more residents are getting involved. With the help of the Grade 5/6 students from Mount Pleasant Road Primary School we are able to write over 200 Christmas cards which are sent all over the world. The residents are so appreciative of us all giving up our time for them, but more importantly they are overwhelmed that we provided the cards and don't expect anything in return.



Inala Christmas Morning Tea

The senior choir from St Luke's Primary School were again the main entertainment for Inala residents at our annual Christmas Morning tea. The choir sang Christmas carols which the residents could also sing along to. The residents enjoyed Christmas mince pies for morning tea, courtesy of David from Breadstreet bakery.

Inala Easter Morning Tea

For our Easter Morning Tea at Inala, the residents had Hot Cross Buns from Breadstreet bakery, and this time the entertainment was a magic act from Ian Talbet (Mont Albert Scout Leader). Another enjoyable morning tea for the residents of Inala.



First Friday Dinner @ The Barn Anne Teese & David Winter)

In October 2012 the first meal was served at the Barn to those in need. Since then each month MASH members have worked alongside Whitehorse Rotaract and Koonung Interact Members, Friends of MASH and members of the community to cook and dish up a hearty 2 course meal, fresh fruit & hot drinks in a safe environment. Interaction with the clients is an important part of the evening.



The Barn was a project many in the club were passionate about and it is great to see almost 6 years later it is an ongoing project. Thanks to Whitehorse Rotaract who donate \$1,200 each year to pay for the rental of the hall. A big thankyou to Breadstreet Bakery for the donation of bread for the clients to take home with them.

MASH members love a hands-on project and seeing good done in the community.



The First Friday Dinner Team

International Women's Day Breakfast (Alex Starr and Shia Smart)



Another very successful International Women's Day Breakfast was held at the Box Hill Town Hall on the 8th March. This is a cluster event with Shia Smart and Alex Starr the MASH representatives on that committee. RC MASH sponsored 3 students, a teacher and the Principal of Koonung to attend, something we have been doing for the last few years, an event the school and MASH members looks forward to attending.

Selling Christmas Trees with Scouts

MASH members again helped out the 1st Mont Albert Scout Group to sell Christmas Trees in the last two weekends in December. Our container is stored at the hall of the 1st Mont Albert Scout Group, so it is great to that MASH members are able to help them when needed.

Clean-up Australia Day (Graeme Battersby)

On Clean Up Australia Day, we again showed our community support by removing rubbish from Kingsley Gardens. We were joined by a number of non-Rotarians.

Beaufort Relationship

Beaufort Show (Leonie Dillon)

Five MASH Rotarians again visited Beaufort for the annual home hosting weekend. It was great to catch up with our Beaufort friends. On Sunday we had the opportunity to help at the Annual Beaufort Agricultural Show again.



Defying the Drift (Nicole Osner)

MASH again sponsored a student from Beaufort to attend the Defying the Drift, which is a weekend for 16-18-year-old students providing them with options for staying on a rural location, personal development and the opportunity to connect with their peers.

Beaufort Art Show (Nicole Osner)

Beaufort held its successful Art Show again this year; two of our club members travelled to Beaufort to attend the event.

Police Mentoring Project (Patt Gagliardi)

In association with Rotary the Victorian Police have established a very successful partnership with the Victoria Police Mentoring Program. This is a 12-month development program that partners a Senior Police Mentee / Rotary Mentor to develop the Police members' leadership skills. Senior Sergeants believe community policing and engagement is one of their biggest challenges. Det. Senior Sergeant Trevor Rowe is in the process of establishing a program to assist local youth in problems involving Domestic Abuse and Respect towards both females / males.

Alkira Bus (Jan Cook)

This year Alkira needed to replace one of its fleet of mini-buses. MASH, along with Box Hill Rotary, the Whitehorse Rotaract Club, Breadstreet Bakery and the Wheelton Phlanthropic jointly exchanged it with a newer, more reliable model to enable them to continue to support their clients.



2.2 Youth and International Services - David Winter, Committee Chair

Youth

The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills has a proud reputation since its charter for supporting our youth. This year was no exception as we again undertook numerous events and projects. Special mention must be made of Joe Somers and Nigel Cooper who have tirelessly supported this area of our club.

Interact (Nigel Cooper and Joe Somers)

The Interact Club of Koonung Secondary College President, Alice Terrill, has done an exceptional job this year. She has been ably supported by her committee. The ongoing growth in club membership has highlighted the standing that Interact enjoys in the school and reflects the tireless work that Joe, Nigel and other members of MASH have done to support the club over several years. A planned MASH meeting in July at the school involving Interact, Whitehorse Rotaract and parents is keenly anticipated.

Interact has yet again shown they are indeed leaders at their school. They have shown a propensity to help those in need, whether it be through their many fundraising activities (Umoja in Tanzania and the Alannah and Madelaine Foundation) or assisting MASH in its youth and community activities (The Barn, tree planting and at Chatham Primary, painting and planting at Koonung, and the Antiques, Retro and Collectables Fair).

Their fundraising efforts were both varied and extraordinary. They held a successful Trivia Night, had a sellout Film Night, sold 900 Hot Cross Buns and, working with their SRC, organized a uniform free day whilst selling bakery fare.

Finally, we acknowledge the wonderful support that Koonung has given our club to allow our interaction with their students. Principal Marianne Lee and Director of Learning: Engagement and Leadership, Allira Howe, together with their predecessors, have assisted us at every stage.

Whitehorse Rotaract (Nigel Cooper and Joe Somers)

Our close relationship with Rotaract has created many win-win situations for both clubs. At least one MASH member almost always attends their fortnightly meetings, and we support their major fundraising event, Giant Monopoly, each year. This year, they again shared the cost of The Barn rental, and regularly assisted at the First Friday dinner at The Barn. They also helped at the Chatham planting afternoon and the Antiques Fair.

Box Hill Institute Scholarships (Nigel Cooper and Joe Somers)

Once again, we have been involved in providing Scholarships for deserving students. Boosted by a grant from the Dick Smith Foundation and a further District Grant, we have been able to award five students with \$1000 each to assist with their study fees or materials. The students provided written applications which were then assessed by MASH members and the Institute. The students will be presented with their Scholarship Certificates at a club meeting later in the year.

Literacy Grants (Nigel Cooper and Joe Somers)

This year, allowing for inflation, we increased the grants to \$550 per school. However, the offer was taken up by only the following six schools:

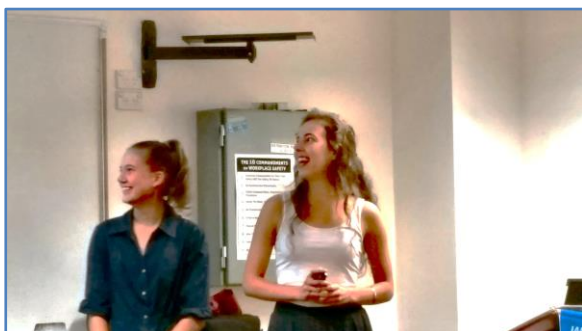
- Our Lady's Primary School (books to assist with circle programmes for years 3-6 grades)
- Wattle Park Primary School (Children with slow learning issues)
- Surrey Hills Primary School (students who needed assistance with reading from prep to year 6)
- Mont Albert Primary School purchased Literacy Continuum books for staff to use and assist in identifying needs of students
- Our Holy Redeemer focused on acquiring mote "Traits Crate" to support teachers with literature and lesson ideas in developing writing skills
- Koonung Secondary College (students in years levels 7 and 8 who need extra support)

Participating teachers attended a MASH meeting in May. Each explained how the grant had been spent and the issues they faced with improving literacy in the schools.

National Science Youth Forum (NYSF)

This year, the club sponsored two students this year. Alice Terrill (Koonung Secondary College) attended the 12-day camp in Brisbane, whilst Sabina Aitken (Kingswood College) went to Canberra. Both girls chose Biology as their focus area for their NYSF experience. They both heard and met leading speakers and academics from a variety of scientific areas, attended workshops and participated in some hands-on scientific experiences. There was also time to have fun and to create long lasting friendships

In February, both participants addressed MASH. As with previous students who had attended NYSF, the girls stated that the experience had opened their eyes and minds to a vast range of potential areas of study and work for them to think about as they approach their tertiary studies.



Sabina and Alice reporting back about their experiences at the NYSF

Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN)

Dana Kirimof and Jasmine Woolridge from Koonung Secondary College were sponsored by MASH and attended this two-night camp at Mt. Evelyn last year.

The camp was designed to promote resilience, teamwork, trust, goal setting, forming and defining values, communication skills, problem solving and conflict management. Attendees were broken into 2 groups each led by a leader, who had attended RYPEN previously, and well as an adult leader. Over the weekend the peer leaders assist the students to work through many challenges.

Both Dana and Jasmine reflected that they had gained a great deal from attending the camp while also having a lot of fun and making new friendships.

RYLA

This year, Jarrod Thompson was our RYLA candidate. Jarrod had been a programme leader in the RYPEN (see above) programme and attending RYLA further enhanced his leadership skills.

Primary School Speech Competition (PSSC) (Gill & Joe Somers)

MASH was the first club in our District to introduce this competition. Since its inception, the number of participating schools has grown. This year, with Box Hill North also competing, we had eight schools! Students are in Year five or six and this year Our Holy Redeemer was the host school.

Our three winners were Rowan (Wattle Park), Luisa (Box Hill North) and Amy (Mont Albert Primary). District Governor, Malcolm Chiverton attended the evening and made the presentations to the winners. Last year, Rowan had finished second. He is a most competent speaker and thoroughly deserved his win. Rowan later went on to the District Primary Schools Speech Competition finals where he came a very close second.

We welcomed the three winners to our club in October.



DG Malcolm Chiverton with winners:
Rowan



Luisa



and Amy

Model United Nation Assembly (MUNA) (Gill & Joe Somers)

MUNA was once again an outstanding success. Joe and Gill Somers have been instrumental over many years in ensuring that the organization of this District event runs smoothly. Joe's sustained effort over the years has now been acknowledged with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition from our District.

MASH again facilitated the entry of two teams this year. The Koonung team of Hamish McLean and Alexander O'Brien represented the Mafia of Italy! Rhiannon Goossens and Eliza Christian from the Rotary Club of Beaufort represented USA. Both teams are to be commended for their preparation, and the manner and quality of their speeches.



Koonung Team at MUNA with DGE Russell Gurney



MASH Teams at MUNA with DGN Shia Smart

Citizenship Awards (Nigel Cooper and Joe Somers)

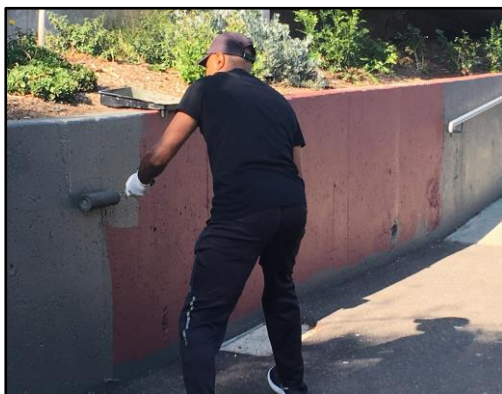
In December, four MASH members were invited to attend the annual Koonung Secondary College Presentation Evening. President Jan was delighted to award Citizenship Awards to Madisson Nam and Alistair Payne.

The Award reflects those who exhibit exemplary citizenship and take on voluntary and extra-curricular roles in their student life. It is open to all students at Koonung, not just Interactors, and reflects the guiding principles of our club. At MASH, we are proud of those who have received this award.

Greening our Local Schools (David Winter)

Prior to being inducted as Rotary International President, Ian Riseley challenged all Rotarians worldwide to take a greater involvement in our environment. The minimum he requested was for every Rotarian to plant a tree.

In conjunction with our Community committee, we approached several local schools to see if they would be interested in MASH helping to give their grounds a makeover. Chatham Primary School jumped at the offer and a group of MASH members joined parents, staff and Koonung Interactors one Saturday afternoon in September planting and landscaping their property. A great experience for all!



In April, at very short notice, Koonung Secondary College called a working bee in preparation for their forthcoming Open Day.

MASH members joined staff, students and parents to paint a 240m wall and landscape two garden areas.

International

St Thomas School, Durban, South Africa (Richard Groom)

Richard Groom instigated this International Project last year. He applied for a supporting matching District Grant which was approved. The work has now been started. A very good result.

Umoja, Arusha, Tanzania

Umoja is a Youth Development Center in Tanzania. It supports young people in one of the most poverty-stricken countries in the world. There have been delays in this project. The original land purchase of two hectares made in 2016 had to be aborted due to the unique politics of Tanzania. This year, the land was sold, and four hectares were purchased two kilometers away at the same cost. Plans are finally under way to start the development of the school.

The Interact Club of Koonung donated \$4300 at the end of 2017 towards the buildings, and the Rotary Club of North Balwyn recently contributed a further \$2000.

In addition, Mark Bella (RC Box Hill Central and Who Gives a Crap) has indicated he will support the project with a toilet block.

Additional International support

MASH has continued to support numerous overseas Rotary projects including Birthing Kits, Interplast, ROMAC, RAM, Disaster Aid, RAWCS, DIK, Days for Girls, Rotary Giving – Polio, Operation Cleft, Safe Water Saves Lives and Wheelchairs for Kids. We also acknowledge Mick Willis who has created funding opportunities for MASH through RAWCS.



Packing Birthing Kits at Simon's home

The Rotary Foundation - Richard Groom (Project Manager)

There were several highlights of another busy Foundation year.

A district grant - local to provide financial assistance to 1 needy student at Box Hill Institute was completed.

A district grant of \$5,000— international for a project to improve conditions at the St Thomas home for abused children in Durban, South Africa .

A sponsorship of \$3,000 was received from the Bendigo Bank Community fund toward the cost of the food for the First Friday Dinners at the Barn.

RAWCS provided funding for 2 projects via the Dick Smith Compassionate Grants- \$10,000 for Kara and \$2000 for BHI scholarships.

Sponsors and supporters

Thank you to our sponsors and supporters, without whom we would not be able to successfully run our activities and projects.

Supplier	Program supported
AHP Dental & Medical, Med Con and Concept Amenities	Birthing Kits
Bendigo Bank	Provision of sponsorship for food for the First Friday Dinners
Box Hill Institute of TAFE	Provision of rooms at Nelson Road campus for weekly meetings
Bread Street	Provision of hot cross buns & mince pies, supply of bread and onions for our sausage sizzles, supporting Giving Tree project, supply of bread, muffins etc. for other functions, raffle prizes for Trivia Night, supporting Interact
City of Whitehorse	Whitehorse Farmers' Market and use of Box Hill Town Hall for the International Women's Day
Our Holy Redeemer Primary School	Provision of venue for Primary Schools Speech Competition
Christopher Bragg and John Ainger	For market appraisals at our Antiques, Retro & Collectables Fair
Fletchers Real Estate	Provision of billboard promoting the Antiques, Retro & Collectables Fair
Interact Club of Koonung	Supported our international project, Umoja Tanzania with fundraising, assisted in Antiques, Retro and Collectables Fair and First Friday Dinner
Kwik Kopy Burwood	Printing of Retro Fair posters. Printing of MASH Annual Report as well as other documents/promotional material
Whitehorse City Council and Bunnings	Supply of 2,500 tree guards for Tree Planting
Mont Albert Primary School	Hire and use of the school hall for the Antiques. Retro & Collectables Fair
Ross Hunt Real Estate	Supply of Christmas trees and office facility for Giving Tree project. Supply of Real Estate boards for Antiques, Retro & Collectables Fair.

Rotary Club of Bayswater	For supply of Art Stands/Dividers for use at the Antiques, Retro & Collectables Fair
Rotary Cluster Clubs in Whitehorse	For ongoing commitment and support in the running of the Whitehorse Farmers' Market and other projects as they arise. For supply of sites at the Whitehorse Farmers' Market for the clubs collections and fundraising
Surrey Hills Neighbourhood News	Running MASH articles on a regular basis during the year
Whitehorse Rotaract Club	Payment of rental for First Friday at The Barn, ongoing assistance at The Barn, partnering on various projects
1 st Mont Albert Scout Group	For allowing us to use part of their outdoor space for our club's container storage facility
96.5FM Community Radio	For promotion of MASH Functions through the Rotary In Action Show.

Financial Statements as at 8 June 2018

The following is an unaudited summary of the Club's financial position for the period 1 July 2017 to 8 June 2018.

Details of bank accounts as at 8 June 2018 are:

	Administration	Fundraising	Total
Community bank account	9,273.72	20,632.55	29,906.27
Term deposit	5,200.89		5,200.89
Floats	50.00	100.00	150.00
Closing Bank Balances	\$14,476.61	\$20,732.55	\$35,209.16

Whitehorse Farmers Market

The Club has utilised the funds in this account towards projects within Whitehorse. Financial reports from the Market management committee are produced following the monthly market day hence the following account balance is an estimate based on figures received in May and transaction activity since then. It is estimated the Club's account balance to be **\$7,442**.

Distribution of Funds

Listed below are the direct beneficiaries of our Club's fundraising during this year. The Club's fundraising efforts were supplemented by grants received:

Donations

Beaufort Agricultural Society	\$250
Disaster Aid Australia	\$1,000
St Thomas Project – South Africa	\$10,060
Alkira	\$2,000
Donation to DG's wife's project	\$250
Umoja School in Tanzania	\$4,476
Angel Flight	\$500
Donations in Kind – Footscray	\$500
Summer Foundation	\$500
End Polio	\$1,000
Rotary Foundation	\$1,500
Australian Rotary Health	\$1,000
Wheelchairs for Kids	\$2,000
Learning4Life	\$1,000
	\$26,036

Project and Program Expenditure

Citizenship Prize – Koonung Secondary College students	\$150
First Friday Dinner Project (includes June 2018)	\$2,717
National Youth Science Forum	\$3,097
International Women's Day	\$260
Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)	\$1,600
Defying the Drift	\$1,000
Birthing Kits to PNG	\$1,106
Box Hill Institute Student Scholarships	\$5,000
RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)	\$800
RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)	\$670
Tree Planting at local schools	\$283
Inala – relationship with aged care village	\$80
PSSC – Primary Schools Speech Competition	\$80
Kara House Women's Refuge - renovations	\$10,000
Kara House Women's Refuge – starter packs	\$458
	\$27,301
Literacy Grants Provided	
Surrey Hills Primary School	\$547
Mont Albert Primary School	\$550
Our Holy Redeemer Primary School	\$550
Our Lady's Primary School	\$550
Wattle Park Primary School	\$550
Koonung Secondary College	\$480
	\$3,227



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