

ROTARY CLUB OF  
Mont Albert & Surrey Hills



# Annual Report

2009/2010

*Rotary Club of  
Mont Albert & Surrey Hills*

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## President's Report



“The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands” was the 2009-2010 theme for the year, and, for the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills (MASH), it was a very relevant theme. To ensure the Future of Rotary and MASH in particular, clubs need to survive and consolidate great work that has been done previously to ensure that all members (both old and new) feel pride and ownership in their club. To this end the number of new initiatives MASH undertook this year was limited to the introduction of the Environment Committee. At the same time existing projects were assessed to determine their viability in the future to ensure we work smarter not harder.

This year the majority of Committee Chair positions were held by members with less than 12 months Rotary experience. After some initial nerves by some not fully confident in their own ability to do the role, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the Committee Chairs have done a wonderful job.

The Environment Committee has started looking at how MASH could get involved with environmental projects, and the volume and diversity of projects is amazing. We participated as a club in Clean Up Australia Day, and have financed the purchase of seven worm farms for the residents of Alkira to enable them to learn about the benefits of composting and recycling. Our guest speaker program also addressed the environment issue, with a speaker on “Green Roofs” and Kingswood College on their sustainability projects and awards.

The Community Committee continued its relationship with Inala and Alkira, and consolidated its relationship with the Salvation Army through them being the recipients of our Winter Woollies Collection. Utilising the Whitehorse Farmers Market as the collection point, reiterating the “work smarter not harder” theme, and addressing the issue of members being time poor and unable to dedicate multiple weekends to Rotary, we were able to have the one day cover different Rotary tasks.

We were fortunate in being able to sponsor a student at the inaugural “Defying the Drift” weekend at Marcus Oldham College in Geelong. Through this program, students in Year 10 from rural Victoria spend a weekend learning about careers in agriculture and leadership skills as well as meeting other young people from similar situations as their own. This year we also held a very successful Mental Health Youth and Illness Forum.

The Vocational Committee started the year with a bang, with another successful Primary School Speech Competition. The Grade 5 and 6 students who competed, put a lot of adults to shame with both their speech writing abilities and the poise and confidence in which they presented their speeches to over 100 family, friends and Rotarians. Dictionaries were again presented to Grade 3 students in our local area, and as there was a small surplus we were also able to provide Worawa College (an indigenous school in Healesville) with a class set of dictionaries. This year MASH has been able to find participants for nearly every Rotary Youth Program on offer. With the Rotary theme of "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands", being able to introduce the wonderful world of Rotary to a younger audience, their parents, we are ensuring that more and more people are aware of Rotary.

The International Committee was busy consolidating the relationship established by club members' trip last year to Fiji, as we were able to provide the Fijian villagers with much needed support when their village was hit by natural disasters. We also put together birthing kits, sent blankets to Shillong India, and each week the sergeant recognised an international Rotary Club based on various club members country of origin.

Membership recruitment and retention has been successful with the introduction of three new members and an informative Membership Information night.

The Marketing Committee has been busy with the launch of our new website, which I am pleased to say has been used by members of the public to contact us. This year we have initiated the concept that all PR and advertising done in the club, is conducted via the Marketing Committee so that we can build relationships with people in press and radio, and that the message being presented is consistent. This was successfully done for the Antique & Collectables Fair, with the Marketing Committee being responsible for all advertising and liaising with all committees so that any printed media for the Antique Fair contained the same "brand", in this case a Vase. This is a new direction for the Marketing Committee and one I believe has worked very well and will continue to do so in the future.

The Fundraising Committee had a busy and very profitable year, with all our fundraising events raising more funds than last year. Our weekly sausage sizzles in Hamilton Street again did well with most weekends seeing all sausages sold. This weekly event brings in a steady stream of income for the club and additionally the exposure we have to potential members in our community is priceless. The Mont Albert Festival and our Antique and Collectables Fair were again very successful events in terms of club member participation, profits made and promoting Rotary to a larger audience of people within our local community.

My year of Presidency has been an interesting and enjoyable year, with a few hiccups along the way, which is to be expected. It is a year made enjoyable due to the support of the MASH members for which I thank you all for your support. I would also like to thank the Board, because I may be President, but it is as a board that we decide on how the club will function and I want to thank you all for your support and guidance over the last 12 months.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Duncan and Flynn, as without their support and understanding, I could not have performed the role of President or enjoyed it as much as I have.

Thank you, and remember "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands", I wish the Club well in the upcoming year.

Regards

Shia Smart

President 2009/2010.

## Our future leaders

### Primary School Speech Competition

The fifth annual competition was held at Our Holy Redeemer Primary School this year on the 11th August. Arranged by MASH with the support of the participating schools and Toastmasters as MC and judges.

Representatives from Our Holy Redeemer Primary, Mont Albert Primary, Wattle Park Primary, Chatham Primary, Roberts McCubbin Primary, Camberwell Girls, and Our Lady's Primary School spoke on topics ranging from *"It's about time"* to *"Be Happy"*!

It was a very competitive evening with the judges unable to separate the third prize winners – so, for the first time ever, we had two equal third prize winners!

History was also made with the amount of supporters attending to cheer for their team – the final count being in excess of 130 people! With all agreeing at the end of the night, that the Competition was of the very highest standard. It never ceases to amaze at the talent of some of these children, and the confidence they emit.

- This year's winner was Bonnie from Camberwell Girls whose speech was "It's always time to think";
- Second place winner was Grace from Chatham whose speech was "It's always the right time to pick up a book"
- Equal third place winners were Olivia from Wattle Park whose speech was "Be Happy" and William from Holy Redeemer whose speech was "The Power of Positive Thinking."

Each prize winner received a book voucher. First place received a voucher for \$60, second prize \$40 and equal thirds each received vouchers for \$25.

The first prize winner also receives an individual trophy and the perpetual shield for the School.

The night was concluded with a delicious supper provided and served by MASH members, enjoyed by participants and supporters with much gusto!

MASH are proud to be the organisers and sponsors of this competition – believed to be the only competition of its kind in Melbourne – and congratulates all schools on their active participation.



District Governor Elect, David Alexander, presenting the winner with her award at the Primary School Speech Competition.

### **Grade 3 Dictionary Program**

The Grade 3 dictionary program was a highly successful event again this year. Participating Primary schools were; Box Hill North , Chatham, Our Holy Redeemer, Wattle Park, Roberts McCubbin, Our Lady's Surrey Hills, Camberwell Girls and Mont Albert.

Susan Pringle, Fiona Kerr, Shia Smart, Joe & Gill Somers and Stephen Knight together with representatives from the Surrey Hills Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank presented dictionaries to all grade 3 students.

MASH is strongly committed to literacy programs and it was a delight to see the children so excited to receive their own dictionary.

Some of the schools have decided to keep the dictionaries as class sets for future year 3 students to use.

We would like to acknowledge the support we receive from the Bendigo Community Bank - Canterbury and Surrey Hills as one of our major sponsors for this program.

### **Shine On Awards - Whitehorse Shines**

On the final weekend in May, the Cluster of Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in the City of Whitehorse hosted the Southern Districts Shine On Awards Ceremony.

Held at Monash University in Clayton, the event was a great success with The Hon Bill Shorten, MP; Parliamentary Secretary for Disability & Children's Services as the Guest Speaker.

The Awards Ceremony is an inclusive one for the Districts from across Victoria including Districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810 and 9820. With 30 nominees all receiving a Certificate of Commendation, two recipients under 21 received the Shine On Award with eight in the Open Category receiving the Shine On Award being a very special trophy.

The club nominated Emily Rickards and Allie Lefever both from Alkira for Shine On recognitions. Meaghan Adams and Roger Coburn have worked on this committee throughout the year as representatives of MASH.

### **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)**

MUNA is a United Nations initiative. Rotary District 9810 is privileged to have the opportunity to host MUNA in the Legislative Assembly at the Victorian Parliament House in Spring Street, Melbourne.

This year has generated great interest, where we have reached our capacity within the Whitehorse Manningham clusters.

It was very exciting to have the privilege of sponsoring three teams for MUNA in 2010.

Koonung Secondary College (in our local MASH area) came on board and were very keen to participate in the acclaimed Model United Nations Assembly.

Two teams were sponsored; Nathaniel Cutter & Declan Tate represented Cuba while Caitlin Harris & Zoe Harris-Westrup represented Egypt.

Students from Beaufort Secondary College, Ryan Kok & Jake Collins represented Italy.

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

### **Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)**

RYLA is held annually and each year MASH aims to fund a candidate. This year we were fortunate to again support a candidate to attend this worthwhile program.

RYLA recognises future Youth leaders/motivators aged 18-26 years. The successful candidate then attends a camp in July where they interact with other people their own age and learn to network and share ideas of how-to achieve and look for opportunities to succeed.

### **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)**

The RYPEN program is designed to demonstrate Rotary's commitment in Vocational Service to our younger generation. RYPEN covers topics on communication, tolerance, drugs and alcohol, police, ethics and social skills. A three day seminar is held in May for participants aged between 14 and 17 years with the awardees sponsored by Rotary Clubs throughout District 9810.

This year a candidate was sponsored from Koonung Secondary College who shows the potential to progress to a leadership role with added confidence and training.

Thanks go to Sue Pringle (co-chair), President Shia, Tony and Leonie for their ongoing contribution and support to all the projects undertaken by the vocational committee. Without their assistance we would not have achieved what we have, with these wonderful projects that we undertook.

## Community Service Projects

### Youth and Mental Illness Community Forum

On Tuesday September 29 MASH was privileged to host a Youth and Mental Illness Community Forum. Held at the Box Hill Institute of TAFE, the Youth and Community Forum was a public forum to educate and de-stigmatise mental illness and reduce the adverse impact of mental illness of individuals living in the Whitehorse area.

The event was well attended with over 60 in attendance from the local community, various support groups, MASH and other local Rotary and Rotaract Clubs.

One of the key highlights were the information stands provided by local support groups including Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Terra Firma, Beyond Blue, Lifeline and Kids Helpline, The Mental Illness Fellowship, SANE Australia, ADAVIC, ARAFEMI, The Salvation Army and Headspace. This presented those attending time to chat with representatives from the support agencies and have the opportunity to take much valued information and support contacts with them to share with their loved ones.

The Forum was officially opened by Cr Sharon Ellis of Whitehorse City Council who shared her personal story of a family member struggling with a mental illness. Such a personal story was engaging and touching and connected with those who had similar stories and situations. Tony Kuc of MASH welcomed our guest speakers:

- Tracie Alborough, a consumer
- John Chelley, a professional therapist and counsellor from Headspace
- Sue Fowles, a professional carer and social worker with MIND Australia.

Tracie spoke of her personal struggles with a mental illness and the feeling of despair she felt as a young person that received little to no support. Tracie touched everyone in attendance with her stories of hope and encouragement.

John presented many of the services that Headspace provide in dealing with 12-25 year old young people and spoke of the ways that we can engage parents and young people into talking about mental illness. John also provided a DVD entitled "Talk to Someone" which showed the best ways to discuss and address mental illness with a young person.

Sue was our final speaker for the evening and addressed the road to recovery and how we can break the cycle of homelessness amongst young people with mental illness. Sue's key message was about bringing hope and ensuring that young people are aware that they are not alone in their journey.

The forum concluded with an open panel discussion with many questions presented to the guest speakers from those in attendance. The evening followed with a delightful supper and a chance for everyone to once again visit with the local support agency stands.

Thank you to all in MASH who supported the event and thank you to the support agencies, Box Hill Institute and the speakers for volunteering their time.



## **Alkira Centre and the story of people with intellectual disabilities with the technology of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.**

MASH has made a critically important donation that will radically improve the lives of many people with intellectual disabilities and those with significant challenges to their communication.

The grant, made to Alkira at the Rotary MASH 2009 Changeover Dinner, has gone to the expressed purpose of buying an extraordinary range of computer hardware, software and music and arts equipment.

People with intellectual disabilities *can* use sound and light to get their messages across. These messages can be both recorded and performed live. The consistent factor is that with the right tools people may make the most meaningful contact of their lives.

Likewise the person's families and carers may feel amazed and relieved. Instead of *guessing* how someone is feeling and possibly misinterpreting the person's signals, much surer contact can be made.

The carers' support then becomes more accurate and more can be achieved for the person with the disability.



Stephen Quick and  
the Bandits use the  
new music  
technology.

Alkira's response to the grant has taken some time but is now enormous. All the items have been purchased and a whole new staff role has been created to take the project to its fullest development. It was only with the help of Rotary that the technology was made available to Alkira and that Alkira has been put in the enviable position of working with such state-of-the-art equipment. The project's creator, Lachlan Mack, has accepted the offer of a permanent half time position to master the technology and start creative arts programs with day service participants.

One of the first projects will be to make a series of short documentary films about individual's lives, similar to the documentary 'My Brother Vinnie' about Alkira's Vince Pedersen. The power of a short story to shed light on complex issues is life-changing. Now, because of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills, Alkira's clients can make their own.

## Inala Aged Care Village - Community Project

The Wednesday before Easter saw our regular morning tea and woollies collection from the Allawarra Hostel at Inala in Box Hill South. Anita, Paul, Geraldine and Jenny represented MASH and Jenny provided a “balloon bouquet demo” with the help of Paul and Anita as the balloon decorating apprentices making little ball bouquets to hang over the wrist. With a bit of fun and banter over the start of the footy season, the residents, who were down in numbers enjoyed a cuppa and morning tea with us.



MASH members enjoying the Easter morning tea at Inala Aged Care Village. At the same time we collect knitted goods produced at Inala for distribution to needy people.

We delivered wool directly to the knitters who enjoy this part of their life. There were many dolls collected and a few blankets, however we understand that there are many squares done and they have just gone for sewing up into blankets.

Club member Anita sent a box of blankets to Shillong in India for distribution to local widows by the Shillong Rotary Club and we look forward to receiving photos of their distribution.

The wool we delivered included some “large balls” which are reduced to smaller balls by the “winding ladies”; Geraldine and Anita!



Some balls of wool are just too big to knit from, so MASH members Anita and Geraldine re-wind it into smaller, more manageable balls.

## Winter Woollies collection

Using flyers handed out at the March Farmers Market, and a stall at the next month's market, MASH were able to collect many winter woollies in good condition to sort and give to the needy.



MASH members have fun trying on the beanies whilst they sort and check the woollies in readiness for distribution to the needy.

## Refugee business ideas flourish

MASH have again teamed with the Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne) (MIC) at Box Hill to deliver a *'Starting in small business information series'* for refugees from Myanmar and the Sudan.

Sixteen refugees learnt about business planning and practised their business English over the six week course. With ideas ranging from vegetable growing and traditional handcrafts to car repairs, the group was not short of inspiration.

"Many of our clients have run businesses in their own countries, or whilst they were in refugee camps. They understand the basics of business but lack the Australian context and business English. This course helps by building their knowledge and confidence of business concepts in Australia," said Mervat Dahdoule of the Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne).

Several Club members with relevant professional backgrounds presented the sessions along with officers from the ATO, local Council and the local Business Enterprise Centre (BEC). Thanks go to Marilyn, Anita, Gill, Joe and Georgina for assisting with the course. The refugees were a pleasure to work with as they are so keen to learn about doing business in Australia and willing to practice English. With great business ideas and the work they put into their business plans they should be off to a good start in developing their businesses and boosting the local economy.



Attentive and keen to learn about running a business in Australia, the refugees listen to a MASH presenter.



## International Service

### Birthing Kits

This year, we undertook the program for a second time, based on the success of our initial program completed in 2008/9. A total of 900 plus kits were packed and sent to Papua New Guinea via Donations In Kind on a container to be distributed to women in remote areas. The club has funded the cost of shipping with the Board having approved \$1500 to this project.

A special thank you to Mick Willis for sourcing the majority of the items, to Stephen Knight for his assistance with obtaining items; Gill Somers for arranging discount for the bags, to James Hepi for use of his garage and to Graeme Battersby for organising boxes. A great time was had by all involved with morning tea compliments of Rosemary's baking.



MASH members concentrate as they pack the birthing kits, ensuring each one is correct and complete.

### Operation Cleft

Again in 2009/2010, we have had Operation Cleft collection tins in our community, primarily at Bread Street Bakery and Balloons! Parties! Hire! and at the Sausage Sizzles and at various Club events. A total of \$793 has been collected from these tins, an excellent amount of funds raised from our community. The club contributed an amount of \$1200 directly from its fundraising.

### Fiji - Nabukeru village Support and Matching Grant

During the year, the club has continued to support the Fijian village of Nabukeru visited by our club last year. Cyclone Mitch ripped through the village in December, having a substantial impact on the vegetation and plantation. Several buildings and the main boat in the village were damaged. The club donated the village the sum of \$5,000 at this time of need with funding to provide food and support to the villagers. Thanks go to Misieli Sokidrau in Fiji for his support in managing this project in Fiji. He has continually kept us updated on what has been done, feedback from the village and he has been a key link to purchasing and shipping.

During the year, we donated a number of clothes, lighter ones suitable for the younger members of the families to the village. An excess stock of Rotary conference backpacks (from 2007) were

donated to a village school on the mainland. Encyclopaedias donated by Graeme and Geraldine have been shipped to the village through the contacts of Greg and Helen Wragg.

MASH is applying for a Matching Grant through The Rotary Foundation to support the Ratu Nemasi Primary School in Nabukeru. This project is valued at US\$16,000 and is focussed on literacy and computing and a generator for the school. MASH will be contributing \$US1,000 to this project if approved – an excellent outcome for such a small contribution.

## **Support for International Disasters**

This year was a difficult year for the global community with several natural disasters impacting on the need for humanitarian aid. Our Rotary club utilised the facility available to support of Shelter Box, particularly with the Samoan Earthquake and tsunami in September, 2009. MASH allocated \$1,200 to a project or in lieu a Shelter Box as support for the Samoan Community.

With the Haiti Earthquake, the Board made the decision to assist this disaster again through the sponsorship of a Shelter Box – being two Shelterboxes for the club for the year – a total of \$2,400.

At the same time, there was significant flooding in The Philippines. The club donated \$500 to the Salvation Army Joyville Orphanage in The Philippines.



MASH member, Helen, with some of the many children in the Joyville Orphanage.

## **Giving to support International Programs of Rotary**

There are a number of programs in Rotary supported by our club through giving of donations. These include Interplast, ROMAC, Safe Water Saves Lives, Wheelchairs For Kids and RAWCS.

## **Blankets to Shillong, North East India**

This year, the Community Committee were looking for places to send the blankets knitted by Inala and it was suggested that we might consider sending another batch through to the original destination that we supported when the club commenced, being Shillong in India. These blankets have been received and we look forward to receiving the photos of their distribution to villagers in communities surrounding the City of Shillong in the North East of India.

## **Rotarians Against Malaria**

It was pleasing to be able to support Rotarians Against Malaria with our Annual Hot Cross Buns Sales this year. Thanks go to Leonie Moran for leading this fundraiser and to everyone who assisted. The club raised the sum of over \$700 for this program and it was topped up to allow for a cheque of \$1,000 to be donated to this program. \$3 from each dozen hot cross buns was contributed to Rotarians Against Malaria.

## **International Recognition**

Each week, Andreas in his role as the Sergeant selected a club member and researched their historical links and recognised the Rotary Club in that community.

## **Friendship Exchange**

This year, we had the Chair of Friendship Exchange speak at our club and two of the MASH club members hosted the inbound District Friendship Exchange team.

## **Speakers**

We have had a number of Guest Speakers on International topics during the year – including Mick Willis updating the club on Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), Claire Button on ROMAC, Daryl Knight on Friendship Exchange, Kathy Monley on Interplast and our Group Study Exchange visitors. All visiting speakers are presented with a Certificate of Appreciation (indicating MASH have made a donation to Rotary Health Foundation) in lieu of a speaker gift.

## **The Rotary Foundation**

### **Group Study Exchange**

This year, the club has again been active in the Group Study Exchange program (GSE). The Exchange for 2009/2010 has been with District 2420 in Turkey. The Club supported Joe Somers nomination for the role of Team Leader and Joe was selected to be the Back Up Team Leader for the Exchange. We nominated Jessica Moorhouse, a staff member from Alkira who was not successful in being selected. MASH promoted the GSE proactively to a range of organisations in our local community.

The Club again hosted the Inbound Group Study Exchange Team in our local community on the 2 February, which was a great highlight. With the team we visited the Box Hill Institute Simulated Nursing Centre, then a tour and lunch at Alkira, before joining with GSE Team Member from 2008/9 Lizzie Sampson at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre for a tour of the facility in Station Street plus a ceramics class. At the ceramics class, each of the team made their own "Australian Animals" which were fired and then later returned to the team at the District Conference.

Anne and Rob Teese enjoyed the opportunity of hosting one of the team members for a week of the exchange. Several of our club members also attended the Welcome Dinner for the team.

The selection for the 2010/2011 Group Study Exchange Team was held prior to the end of the year due to the exchange occurring in October, 2010. The Exchange is with California, USA. Tony Kuc put forward his nomination for Team Leader, however was unsuccessful. Again MASH promoted the program actively to a range of organisations including Box Hill Institute, City of Whitehorse, City of Boroondara, Halcrow Engineering, plus distribution via club members to other interested people. Unfortunately the two candidates put forward for consideration by MASH were not selected for the GSE in California.

### **District Simplified Grant**

This is seen as a core part of our club's activities and it was particularly pleasing to be able to again submit an application and have it approved. Our club selected the theming of Indigenous for the application with the approval gained for scholarships to assist students from Worawa College in Healesville to attend the Pathways Program at Box Hill Institute.

Unfortunately, only one student wished to take advantage of this opportunity, and it was agreed with the District Foundation Committee that we could utilise the balance of the funds with literacy aids for the College. This year, the District Simplified Grant has been on a 2:1 basis with the Grant being \$4,000 and the club contributing \$2,000.

### **Matching Grants**

The Board supported MASH contributing to a District wide Matching Grant application for a major Water Project in The Philippines. This was a sum of \$500 towards a Wastewater Treatment Project in the Eastern Samar Province of the Philippines. When finished the wastewater treatment system will improve the sanitary conditions for the 2,000 people (400 families) living in a coastal shanty community.

## Giving to The Rotary Foundation

This year the Board promoted giving to the Centurion Fund to members. A promotional slip was included with Members' Fees Invoice and it is pleasing that the club now has eleven members who support The Rotary Foundation through this tax deductible method of personal support. The club contributed to Annual Giving on the basis of US\$100 per member.

The club has shown excellent support to The Rotary Foundation again this year. The clubs commitment to the Polio Eradication program has been fulfilled with a contribution of \$1000 being made early in the Rotary year.

## On to Conference Report

This year, we journeyed along Highway 1 to Geelong for the District 9810 Annual District Conference. We stayed in apartments very close to the venue which allowed us to stroll down the road to the conference, particularly convenient. Geraldine & Graeme, Anita & Paul, Loretta, Jenny & Roger, Gill & Joe, Nicole, Shia and Marilyn enjoyed the experience. With a start on Friday, the Club enjoyed our get together on Friday evening with a casual relaxed bbq in the apartment courtyard.

Key Note Speakers included Frank Costa, Christine Nixon, Ron Denham, Peter Hitchener, Major General Ian Gordon, James Tonkin of East Link, Tim Hurson and Terry McCrann. With an excellent House of Friendship, the members who attended for the first time all enjoyed the Conference and its offerings. A fun Saturday evening was had with the theme "Rotary Rocks", we went as Miners with our Wheelbarrow and lots of gold and gems, all dressed in black with our bright yellow wheelbarrow.



MASH members decked out in the theme, 'Rotary Rocks' ready for Saturday evening's fun.



## Rural Support Projects

### **Defying the Drift. What is it—you ask?**

The Rotary District 9780 Drought Relief Committee have initiated the new program, 'Defying the Drift' to support rural communities as they desperately need young people to take up important and well paid professional, entrepreneurial and trade careers in the local areas. The program is held at Marcus Oldham College in Geelong and is partially sponsored by the College.

The program is for 14-16 year olds and aims to:

- Identify and promote agriculture and agribusiness career opportunities
- Understand issues affecting their future
- Develop skills to cope
- Identify and access the support they need and want

The program first came to District 9810 from the link between MASH & Beaufort and demonstrates what Rotary Clubs can achieve working together and partnering with other organisations in the community.

Through the 9810 District Rural Support Committee, on which sits club member Nicole Osner, both the Rotary Clubs of Healesville and MASH are supporting this great initiative - \$4000 and \$1000 respectively.

MASH sponsored a student to attend the program that was held over 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Rotary Club of Beaufort**

The weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November, saw 22 MASH members visit Beaufort for our annual visit to our rural "sister" club.

Saturday afternoon was enjoyed in the beautiful gardens of Ercildoune one of the oldest pastoral properties in Victoria. As usual our hosts looked after us very well and we were treated to a lovely meal at George and Maureen Kirsanovs' home on Saturday evening.

In spite of the rain the Beaufort Show on Sunday was enjoyed by all and we helped in many ways; by being stewards, judging the Tiny Tots, Junior Show Girl and Boy competitions, manning the gate, cooking sausages for the shearers, entering a team in the Beaufort Community "Skills-a-thon", etc.

We all agreed next year we want to be involved again.



MASH ready to lend a hand at the Beaufort Show, and even compete against the local teams.

## CFA

MASH donated \$500 to each of the seven CFA units in the Beaufort region. The fire brigades we made donations to were the Brewster Rural, Crossroads Rural, Lake Goldsmith Rural, Langi Kal Kal Rural, Raglan Rural and Snake Valley Rural Fire Brigades.



President Shia and President Elect Joe make a donation to one of the Beaufort District CFA Units.



Appreciative members of the Beaufort CFA Unit, as MASH donates remaining bushfire monies to the local CFA Units.

### **Churchill – Bushfire Relief**

Together with the Rotary Club of Edwardstown in SA and clubs within D9820, MASH supported a truck delivering much needed household goods and non-perishable foods to families in Churchill struggling to re-establish themselves after the devastating bushfires of 2009.

## Environmental Projects

In the atmosphere of community concern for environmental issues, we are proud MASH has taken the initiative to establish our environmental committee to specifically undertake projects in that nature. This has proved challenging for our inaugural year, with many broad ideas to consider yet with few established Rotary environmental programs to draw from.

By its nature, environmental issues are global, transcending continents, covering our natural environment such as air, land, water and pollution, but more recently climate change and sustainability have attracted substantial focus. These are inexorably linked to energy efficiency and resources.

With the recognised impact of climate change, the science is telling us how we need to seriously change many of our ways of life, particularly in relation to our energy consumption and resources usage. Fundamental to this is community understanding and education for positive behavioural change which in turn is driving Government policy. Working with schools is critical to instilling this awareness for our future generations. Especially given the now known facts, to paraphrase a newspaper article “How are we going to explain what we've done to our grandchildren?”

Particularly in relation to Climate Change, the challenges ahead of us often seem far too overwhelming. While our politicians debate their methods for addressing these, the complexities of emissions trading schemes and inevitable reality of politics only highlight the difficulties. It is clear, however that our planet cannot support its current population in the lifestyle to which we (as the privileged minority) are accustomed and it is clearly not an option to expect others to remain in poverty. We all need to take responsibility, improve our understanding and change our habits in our own arenas – global change will be achieved by everyone doing the same. Even though our country's environmental discretions are mostly insignificant on a global scale, we cannot expect others to take responsibility for theirs unless we do as well.

Emissions Trading Schemes, Renewable Energy Targets, RECs and the like have taken a fair bit of press and politics, yet few of us have any understanding of them or of how they will work. Community awareness will become an increasingly important function – a role we are well placed to participate in

Programs we have either arranged or are planning include:-

- Guest speakers – Kingswood College Environmental Group
- MASH Carbon Challenge
- Clean Up Australia Day (7<sup>th</sup> March 2010).
- Facility Visits
- Tree Planting
- Alkira worm farms (seven worm farms to be used as part of a sustainable living program at Alkira)
- Toner Recycling

The conceptual MASH Carbon Challenge has consumed considerable research, with the overriding (difficult) desire to keep it simple. The Clean Up Australia Day event deserves special mention where

MASH members turned out in force – a highly successful partnership with the Clean Up Australia Day Organisation and the enthusiastic support from the City of Whitehorse.



Focussed on picking up and sorting into the correct bags, MASH cleans up for Clean Up Australia Day.



## Working as a Rotary Cluster

### Whitehorse Farmers Market

The year 2009/2010 saw the Market celebrate its third birthday in November with the continued steady patronage from the local Whitehorse community.

With a regular group of vendors at the Market, the year has been one of stabilisation with several other Farmers Markets starting up around the suburbs, which have impacted on both the customers coming to the market and also on the availability of some vendors.

It has been tremendous to hear the positive feedback from many of our vendors including our "Honey Suppliers" from Mildura who come back every month. Located in a great spot at the junction at the top of the market, the reliability of sales and the friendliness of the Whitehorse Farmers Market make it worthwhile to continue to make the trek to Melbourne. The honey is superb, with wonderful flavours.

The Club's thanks go to Mick Willis (Market Manager); Jeremy Desmier, Nigel Cooper & Ern Hermeler (Market Set up), Jenny Coburn (Marketing) and Roger Coburn (Club Representative on Management Committee) for their continued contribution to the Farmers Market – a wonderful fundraiser for MASH.



MASH working at the Farmer's Market; every month members help to make the market a success.

### Whitehorse Spring Festival

For a second year, MASH coordinated the Rotary/Rotaract Clubs cluster marquee at the Whitehorse Spring Festival held in October 2009.

The Spring Festival is held annually at the Whitehorse Civic Centre and brings the community together to enjoy music, local performers, food and to meet local organisations.

The Rotary stand, with its many photos and projects was well received, showcasing Rotary on both a local and international level, and over 300 show bags promoting Rotary were distributed.

### Whitehorse Volunteer Expo

The Whitehorse Council conducted a Volunteer Expo on the afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> November in the old town hall at Box Hill. MASH coordinated a stand and displays on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Mitcham, Box Hill Central and Box Hill.

## Fundraising

### Book Fairs

The combined total raised from the two Book Fairs MASH conducted this year is \$2,890, plus around \$1,000 in eBay sales. Thanks to everyone; from the community members who donated books, the Rotary volunteers who sorted and arranged books for sale at the rear of Balloons! Party! Hire!, Jenny and Roger for the premises, and very importantly, the customers who supported the fairs. Many long hours were spent sorting and categorising the books in readiness for the sales. Even before the sales, work spent culling books provided textbooks for recycling to needy students and books sent to a country charity shop for sale there. A steady flow of customers on each of the two days enjoyed browsing through the books for sale.



Book lovers browsing through the thousands of books for sale at the MASH Book Fair.



From our club's supply of second-hand books one of our club members found some 'gems' to sell on eBay during the year. It was great fun to watch the bidding rise on a few well chosen items which sold for between \$20 and \$50. In general, however, sales just ticked over at the \$5 - \$10 mark which is a useful 'bonus' on the Book Fairs!

Following the second sale all the remaining books were donated as MASH will not be running Book Fairs in the near future. Books were donated to the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley, Salvation Army Opportunity Shop – Ashburton and Alkira and to a library for the homeless. Club member Anita, with the aid of her two helpers, were able to deliver six boxes of left over books to the Benjamin Andrew Footpath Library. The Footpath Library delivers a regular supply of books to the homeless and disadvantaged living in streets and hostels and to community organisations.

Overall, the Book Fairs have enabled books to be recycled to many new readers, raised money for Rotary projects and reduced the numbers of books sent to landfill!



MASH members sorting the boxes of books in readiness for the Book Fair.

## The Magic of Mont Albert Festival

MASH and the Mont Albert Traders conducted their extremely popular annual street fair at Hamilton Street, Mont Albert on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Unlike the previous year, the weather this year was kind to us and the event was fantastic and saw lots of community participation.



With Hamilton St closed, local children enjoy the African drumming workshops set up in the street.

The primary school choirs from Mont Albert, Chatham, Surrey Hills and Our Lady's Wattle Park sang Christmas carols to start off the entertainment. Lachlan Brooks and friends then sang to the crowds in between the breaks from the Kingswood College Jazz band. Along with the return of the Wood Turners, Surrey Hills Auskick, Wattle Park Saints basketball, Michael the Balloonologist, Laurie the henna tattooist and Karen painting faces there were a number of new events. We had workshops for Hip Hop dancing, Imagination Playground circus, Puppetry and African drumming. Then there were the circus entertainers, Mr Percy the roving magician, Speakeasy Jazz Band cumulating in the magic theatre fire extravaganza. Later in the evening we had Chatham Primary's very own Rocking Daddys entertaining the stayers.





Some of the many MASH members helping at the Mont Albert Festival.



Families enjoy the Festival atmosphere, and MASH promotes Rotary and encourages people to support Rotary projects

We had the Rotary sausage sizzle going along with the Original Kebabeque to feed the masses. The evening is a major fundraiser for MASH and with the support of our sponsors Bendigo Community Bank - Canterbury and Surrey Hills, The Box Hill Institute of TAFE and Fletchers Real Estate just under \$10,000 was raised.

## **Bountiful Breadstreet**

Hot cross buns and mince pies abound in the Mont Albert & Surrey Hills environs, thanks to MASH member and owner of Breadstreet Bakery, David Winter.

David has supplied our Club with hot cross buns and mince pies to raise much needed funds to help our community. MASH launched selling campaigns within our Rotary District 9810 and extended our reach, via our members and their contacts, to a large number of individuals and corporate organisations.

Mince pie sales rocketed to 800 dozen and hot cross bun sales exceeded 350 dozen. With \$3 for every dozen donated to Rotarian's Against Malaria, Polio or a Charity of Choice for the purchaser – total charitable funds raised exceeded \$2,000.

With approx 30 Rotary Clubs, individuals and corporate organisations ordering hot cross buns and mince pies MASH had been able to add a whopping \$10,000 to its Rotary fundraising programs – and what a great way to fundraise! Many thanks to our MASH members for thinking 'outside the square' and inviting corporate contacts to take up the opportunity for corporate orders.

Beneficiaries from these fundraising efforts have been eight of our local primary schools year three students who have all received a dictionary as part of our ongoing commitment to literacy, with the support of the local Bendigo Community Bank - Canterbury and Surrey Hills. We were also able to sponsor, with the support of District Rotary Clubs and supporters, the netting of an entire small village against Malaria in our commitment to Rotarians Against Malaria.

Of course, none of this is possible without the wonderful organisation by our club member, Leonie and the support of our friends at Breadstreet Bakery.

## **Box Hill Institute's House for Homeless Youth**

The Box Hill Institute's House for Homeless Youth is a project MASH have been supporting since the Club was chartered over five years ago. In that time we have 'silently' raised over \$25,000 for the project. The money has been raised 'silently' by all members who attend MASH meetings, as proceeds from meeting attendance fees goes towards this worthy project.

When MASH was chartered in October 2004, the Box Hill Institute kindly allowed us free use of their facilities for our meetings. As a club we decided that we wanted our meeting fees to go to a worthy cause, rather than our administration account and decided that the Box Hill Institute's House for Homeless Youth project fitted perfectly. The house, or rather now 'houses,' built by students from the Box Hill Institute, are in our area and support young people in our community to remain at school, free of drug and alcohol addiction.

## **Open Garden Event**

Valentine's Day weekend in February saw MASH members once again providing the catering at the 'Open Garden' of Marg and Ian in Camberwell – it was a great weekend with over 600 visitors to this wonderful garden.

We give a very special thank you to Marg and Ian for offering this opportunity to the Club. We also thank all MASH members who helped make this fundraiser such a success with special thanks going to Rosemary and Gill for their fantastic baking – Rosemary for the splendid heart shaped scones –

and Steve for being the scones chauffeur! To Gill for doing most of the shopping and making the most wonderful 'Mini Mud Cakes'. To Geraldine and Graeme and everyone else – thank you so much.



Garden lovers enjoyed not only the beautiful garden - but also a delicious afternoon tea - thanks to MASH.

## Antiques and Collectables Fair

This year's Antique and Collectables Fair was a first for MASH, in regards to the way it was executed. Normally the committee members organise the function and then ask for other club members' help on the day. For this year's Antique and Collectables Fair, the whole club was involved from the very beginning. Sub-committees were created so that the work load could be distributed. The sub-committees chairs were Site/Dealers – Nicole Osner, Market Appraisals – Leonie Moran, Marketing – Marilyn Lambert, Catering – Rosemary Knight and Geraldine Battersby, Rosters – Anne Teese and Miscellaneous – Helen Godfrey and Vanita Dahia.



With the kind support of local auctioneers, all sorts of items were brought in for appraisal. MASH thanks the auctioneers

Every club member selected a sub-committee to work on, and when we had committee nights, we would use these nights to discuss the Antique and Collectables Fair, as well as the sub-committees meeting independently. Working this way resulted in a very successful and smoothly operated Antiques and Collectables Fair, with takings over \$10,000.



Over the weekend we had nearly 1000 people attend who passed many hours browsing the goods on display from 25 stall holders/dealers and partaking in the hot and cold food and beverages on offer by MASH. We received high praise from the dealers with many wanting to book the same spot for next year's Fair.

An excellent team result. Thanks again to all members involved.



Lucky door prizes from generous sponsors, and yummy refreshments, together with the huge array of stock on the dealers stands made an interesting Fair.



## No Bad Snags At Mash

There are no bad snags emanating from MASH when it comes to community involvement through the humble 'sausage sizzle'. There are several reasons for this.

- Firstly the patented 'bounce' test for a fully cooked (but not burnt) sausage.
- Secondly there is the sheer positive attitude (becoming famous) by the dedicated 'sizzlers'. Each week (well nearly) either the Battersby or the Teese team smile, laugh, chat, and serve, the local community outside Bread Street on Hamilton St, on a Saturday morning.
- Thirdly there are the finishing touches to the service (apart from the superb sausages) – valet parking, packaging on request, personal delivery (especially to the Greengrocers!), and even the drive through option.
- Fourthly, there is the sheer community presence – MASH serving in the true spirit of Rotary, giving service above self and spreading the Rotary word. There are new faces each week but also the regulars- there's Frank's wife, Tim the Toolman, the 'cool one for my son please' Asian gentleman, the Greengrocer's representative, the lovely aged lady who always just drops a few coins into the Operation Cleft tin, and a host of others.
- Lastly, and of great importance to the club, is the amount of fundraising for Rotary projects, generated through this community presence – approximating \$280-300 per week which adds up to over \$10,000 for the year.

MASH members who are involved love it – and why not – a great way of being visible in the local community.

## Membership, Social and Marketing Report

### Membership

Our information evening this year was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Of the 270 plus invitations sent out, we received 28 acceptances (including conditional acceptances) of which 18 attended. It should be noted that one of those attendees came as a response to our local newsletter circulation.

The program for the information evening was the same had been developed in 2008, being we hope, relaxed and welcoming. As a final outcome we were able to recruit three new members from those attendees:-

Lynne Cook                                      November 2009

Michael Crichton                                January 2010

Sonya Schweizer                                February 2010

Overall it has been a quiet year for membership. Although we have recruited three new members, it should be noted that Andrew Janiak and Bev Foster moved and became friends of MASH, and Michael Powderly has left after less than a year with the club.

It appears membership remains the same challenge for MASH as for other clubs.

### Social Activities

#### Dinner after Committee Meetings

After each of the monthly Committee Meetings a restaurant in the area has been chosen for dinner and each month 20 – 25 have enjoyed Italian, Greek, Indian, Pub, Korean cuisine. This give us a chance for a more leisurely meal than our usual post meeting meal at the Box Hill RSL Club.



President Shia presenting our host on the Bread making vocational visit with a certificate of appreciation.

#### Fifth Birthday celebrations

Our fifth birthday celebration was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October at Fountains Restaurant at the Box Hill Institute. It was a night to celebrate the achievements of a young club and hear how in it has grown over the last five years. During the evening we heard from Jenny Coburn on how the club formed,

followed by charter President Phil Pearson and Past Presidents Leonie Moran, Ern Hermler, Robyn Pearson (who talked on behalf of Mick Willis), Roger Coburn and our current President Shia Smart. All had tales to tell of highlights and achievements of their year as President. A wonderful three course meal was enjoyed by all.

### **Christmas Breakup 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

The weather was perfect to enjoy an outdoor breakup evening at Anne and Rob's. About 50 members, friends of MASH and family had an enjoyable night and a wonderful meal. Santa joined us and distributed the Kris Kringle presents.

### **Tennis at Bluebell Hill**

To kick off the new year 2010, the annual hit of tennis and a BBQ at Bluebell Hill Tennis Club took place.

### **Jazz in the Gardens**

In February a very relaxing evening was held in Canterbury Gardens listening to live jazz music and enjoying the company of other MASH members.

## **Marketing**

### **Club website**

This year has seen the club move its website to a new publishing platform to give the MASH more flexibility to use their website in innovative ways. To do this the website was completely redesigned and revised content published to the new platform, thanks to much hard work from Jana. Thanks Jana The new website at <http://www.rotarymash.org.au> and <http://www.rotarymontalbertandsurreyhills.org.au> now has a member's only section, supports an active media section, online calendar and supports users enquiring, registering and purchasing via the website. Gradually all MASH procedural documents are being placed in the members section for easy access by club members.

### **On The Radar**

Each week MASH members and interested members of the public receive their electronic copy of our weekly magazine; filled with photos and reports from recent events and meetings, and information about upcoming events. Members value the On The Radar as a way of keeping abreast of MASH activities and we thank Geraldine and Jenny for their commitment to this weekly newsletter.

### **MASH Community News**

As in previous years, three editions of the MASH community newsletter have been produced by club members (particularly Rob Teese), with printing assistance from Anna Burke's Office and distribution to 8000 homes in the Mont Albert and Surrey Hills area by A1 Distribution. It continues to keep the community engaged with Rotary and the projects Rotary supports in the local area.

## **MASH on the Radio**

Anyone listening to community radio station, 3WBC 94.1FM on Friday evenings between 6.00 and 8.00pm would hear the Rotary & Community Service Radio Show. MASH has a regular spot on the program, every third Friday at 7pm. The photo shows three MASH members, Michael, Marilyn and Shia in action at the Box Hill radio station studios. Each month the program features a recent or upcoming MASH event so we can share the information with the local community. Thanks Michael for organising this for us.



President Shia, with club members, Michael and Marilyn as they prepare for their radio interview. MASH has a monthly spot on local Rotary radio show, on station 3WBC 94.1FM.

## **Promotional material and online promotion of Club events**

The Club has made a concerted effort to promote Rotary and MASH using our display of laminated posters, flyers and online listings as far as possible. We have also supported the District promotion campaign by placing a set of large blue posters in prominent display boards and shops in our area.



## Guest Speakers 2009-2010

7.7.09	Kathy Monley – Interplast Observer in the Phillipines
14.7.09	David Mattiske – Transparency International's fight against corruption
21.7.09	Ben Nicholson – Green Roofs and Walls - an overview, and roofs Ben visited as a Churshill Fellow in 2008
28.7.09	Committee meetings
4.8.09	Dr Ursula Mauelpillai – Amnion Stem Cell Research at Monash Institute of Medical Research
11.8.09	5th Annual Primary Schools Speech Contest
18.08.09	District Governor David Forster & Jenny's visit
25.8.09	3 Speech Contest Finalists each gave new speeches presented in The Igloo lecture theatre.  Will Thiel reported on the value of attending RYPEN (Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment), as did Tim Laub who attended RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). Both sponsored by MASH
1.9.09	Committee meetings
8.9.09	Mary Muirhead – Learning for Life - working with autistic preschoolers
15.9.09	Roger Lough – National Security & Defence
22.9.09	Committee meetings
29.9.09	Mental Health Forum
6.10.09	Membership Information Evening
13.10.09	Vocational Visit at Box Hill Institute Dr Christine Hepperle – DNA Lab  "The Case of the Romanovs"
20.10.09	Committee meetings
27.10.09	MASH's 5th Birthday Dinner at Fountains Restaurant
3.11.09	no meeting – Melbourne Cup Day
10.11.09	Simone Baird – Debra Foundation
17.11.09	Dr Alex Buchanan – Australian High Protein Milk Biscuit (Recipient of World Rotary Foundation Alumni Award)
24.11.09	Committee meetings
1.12.09	Angela Esnouf – Creating Order out of Chaos
8.12.09	Claire Button – Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children
15.12.09	Christmas Function
12.1.10	barbeque and tennis
19.1.10	Daryl Knight – Rotary Fellowships

26.1.10	no meeting – Australia Day
2.2.10	GSE Team from Turkey (Group Study Exchange)
9.2.10	Mick Willis – RAWCS Rotary Australia World Community Service
16.2.10	Vocational visit at “The Mixing Bowl” - bread making
23.2.10	Committee Meetings
2.3.10	Kaye Harris – Indigenous Weather Knowledge Project
9.3.10	District 9810 Conference Report by MASH members
16.3.10	Noelene Duff – CEO City of Whitehorse
23.3.10	Committee Meetings
30.3.10	Gavan McCarthy – National Convict Archives
6.4.10	Shannon Harmer & Emma Sampson – Motherhood “Unmasked” Project for new mothers in the City of Whitehorse
13.4.10	Club Assembly
20.4.10	Barbara Szafraniec & Howard Elston – Kingswood College – A Sustainable School
27.4.10	Committee Meetings
4.5.10	Winter Woolies Working Bee at Paul & Anita’s home
11.5.10	Caitlin Knight – Recipient of MASH 2010 Box Hill Institute Scholarship
18.5.10	Greg & Helen Wragg – Fiji update
25.5.10	Committee Meetings
1.6.10	Gonny Rundell – bike ride around Australia for ARH
8.6.10	Rod Ingham – Yarra River Keeper Association
18.6.10	Changeover Dinner

## 5 Minute Segments

Members are rostered to speak for 5 minutes about either "My Vocation", "Rotary Information" or "What You Don't Know About Me"

### *Rotary Information*

The purpose is to ensure ongoing education of all members.

Members are able to choose any Rotary topic about which they are interested.

### *My Vocation*

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

### *What You Don't Know About Me (WYDKAM)*

When most members have spoken about their vocation, members are invited to talk about themselves

Here are some of the 5 minute presentations we were treated to during the year.

James Hepi spoke about working as Facilities Manager at Batman Kangan TAFE.

Jana Parapovich told us about her work as a translator (in several languages) book reviewer, proof reader and editor.

Paul Galileos especially enjoys the creative aspect of his work as a hair dresser.

Annette Norman spoke about her career as a Social Worker.

Howard Pringle made us aware of world of "Techno Rotarians" and what is available on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) from eclubs to using twitter to promote events.

Stephen Knight gave an enlightening presentation about the correct procedure for inviting potential members, and how they are inducted.

Rob Stamp spoke about his career as a traffic engineer.

Annette Kiernan gave us a thorough quizzing about various aspects of Rotary.

Sherisse Goodwin spoke about her role at The Salvation Army.

Meaghan Adams talked about the multitude of tasks she undertakes at Alkira.

Anita Galileos shared highlights of her life in What You Don't Know About Me.

## 'Thank you' to those helping us to Help our Community

MASH, in conjunction with our event sponsor, Box Hill Institute hosted the Inaugural Community Supporters and Sponsors Thankyou Luncheon at Fountains Restaurant.

The Thankyou Function was a great opportunity to say 'Thankyou' to the many individuals, community groups and businesses who support and sponsor the club as it strives to serve local and international communities where needed. The Theme for the Luncheon was "Thankyou for Helping us to Help our Community"

Almost 60 people came and enjoyed the hospitality at Fountains Restaurant, all the while knowing that their support is highly valued and appreciated. Community groups represented included

- Mont Albert Festival Volunteers
- Bendigo Community Bank - Canterbury and Surrey Hills
- Box Hill Institute of TAFE
- Local Primary & Secondary Schools
- Local Members of Parliament
- Whitehorse Council
- Toastmasters
- Rotary Club supporters from District 9810
- Local Business & Individual supporters of MASH programs
- Inala Aged Care
- Alkira Centre

It was amazing to see the networking happening in and around the room, contacts being renewed and new links being established.

We look forward to the possibility of new projects and continued support as a result of "thanking our supporters and sponsors".

We are very grateful to our friends at Box Hill Institute for making the Thankyou Luncheon a possibility.

Special thanks to Kevin Chewlun at Kwik Kopy Burwood for the printing and David Winter, Breadstreet Bakery for baking complimentary mince pies for all attendees. Kevin and David are MASH members and great supporters of Rotary and MASH.

## And thanks goes to this year's sponsors and supporters.....

(in alphabetical order)

### **A-One Distribution**

For the distribution of the MASH Community Newsletter to over 8000 homes in the Mont Albert and Surrey Hills area for each of our three editions. Thanks Lisa.

### **Hon Anna Burke - Federal Member for Chisholm [www.annaburke.com](http://www.annaburke.com)**

For providing paper and printing for each of the three editions of the MASH Community Newsletter. Thanks Rick.

### **Balloons! Party! Hire!**

For the supply of items for a range of events, for storing Rotary Club items and the books for the two Book Fairs. Thanks Jenny and Roger.

### **Bendigo Community Bank - Canterbury and Surrey Hills [www.bendigobank.com.au](http://www.bendigobank.com.au)**

For the sponsorship of a number of Club programs including the dictionaries and Mont Albert Festival, and for rebates/ donations of over \$800 in support of local banking. Thanks Fiona and Dick.

### **Box Hill Institute of TAFE [www.bhtafe.edu.au](http://www.bhtafe.edu.au)**

For allowing the Club to use the Institutes' rooms for our meetings, and for the support of our community 'Thank You' lunch. Thanks John

### **Bread Street Bakery**

For supporting all our fundraising events with bakery products. Thanks David

### **Kwik Kopy manager@burwoodvic.kwikkopy.com.au**

For creating the artwork and the printing for many of the club fundraisers; from flyers, Annual Report and book plates to posters. Thanks Kevin.

### **David Freeman of Amanda Addams Auctioneers [www.aaauctions.com.au](http://www.aaauctions.com.au)**

For providing the market appraisals at the Antiques and Collectables Fair. Thanks David.

### **Fletchers Real Estate [www.fletchers.net.au](http://www.fletchers.net.au)**

For provision of billboards for promotion of Rotary events. Thanks Jeremy

### **Jenny Husselbee of Nobelius Actions, [www.nobeliusauctions.com.au](http://www.nobeliusauctions.com.au)**

For providing the market appraisals at the Antiques and Collectables Fair. Thanks Jenny.

### **Mont Albert Primary School [www.maps.vic.edu.au](http://www.maps.vic.edu.au)**

For the use of the school hall for the Antiques and Collectables Fair.

### **Oscar Browns Antiques, [www.antiquesplus.com.au](http://www.antiquesplus.com.au)**

For assisting with the organisation of the Antiques and Collectables Fair. Thanks Sue.

Plus many donations supplying contents for the birthing kits, and catering at the Antiques and Collectables Fair

## Our Board and History

### MASH Board members 2009/2010

President	Shia Smart
Vice President, Director Marketing & Membership	Marilyn Lambert
President Elect, Director Service Projects	Joe Somers
Immediate Past President, Director Rotary Foundation	Roger Coburn
Secretary	Nicole Osner
Treasurer	Nigel Cooper
Director Fundraising	Jenny Coburn, Shia Smart

### Club Presidents

2004 – 2005	Philip Pearson (Charter President)
2005 – 2006	Leonie Moran
2006 – 2007	Ern Hermeler
2007 – 2008	Michael Willis
2008 – 2009	Roger Coburn
2009 – 2010	Shia Smart

### Four Avenues of Service Citation

Jennifer Coburn	2006
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### Paul Harris Fellows

David Winter *	2004/2005, 2007/2008
Nicole Osner *	2004/2005 – Recognised by RC Burwood, 2008/2009
Robyn Pearson	2005/2006
John Maddock	2005/2006 - Community Recognition Box Hill Institute & Basketball Australia
Kevin Chewlun	2006/2007
Jennifer Coburn *	2008/2009 (Previous recognitions by RC Box Hill Central, District 9810, RC MASH)
Roger Coburn *	2004, 2006/2007

Greg Moran	2006/2007
Leonie Moran	2006/2007
Michael Willis	2006/2007
Geraldine Battersby	2007/2008
Graeme Battersby	2007/2008
Ern Hermeler	2007/2008
Susan Anderson – Community	2008/2009
Marilyn Lambert	2008/2009
Phillip Pearson – Charter President	2008/2009
Leonie Moran – sapphire	2009/2010
Joe Somers	2009/2010
Gillian Somers	2009/2010
Rob Teese	2009/2010
Anne Teese	2009/2010

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

#### **Awards for MASH 2008/2009**

At the 2008/2009 District Governors Changeover Dinner MASH was privileged to win a number of District 9810 Awards in recognition of the successful year completed.

Awards received were:

#### ***Rotary International Awards for Membership***

- For highest number of members inducted in 2008/2009
- For highest percentage increase in membership in 2008/2009
- For innovation in recruitment

#### ***District 9810 Awards***

- Best Club “Excellence” in 2008/2009
- 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”

## Financial Statements 2009-2010

*Treasurer – Nigel Cooper*

I am pleased to present a copy of the Club's Financial Statements for the 11 months to 31/5/10. Audited accounts will be provided at the conclusion of the financial year as at 30/6/10.

We continue to raise funds on a regular and well organised basis with our Fundraising account showing a surplus to date of \$13,751 after funds donated of \$35,226. Funds raised to date this year total \$61,000. Our Administration account has a surplus of \$4400 and our Ebay account provided a cash surplus of \$419. Total funds on hand are \$52,222 which is \$18,570 above that of the previous year.

Details by account are shown in the following table:

Bank accounts as at 31/5/10	ADMIN	FUND	EBAY	TOTAL
Community Bank Account	\$18,383	\$32,730	\$ 959	\$52,072
Petty Cash	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 150
<b>Closing Bank Balances</b>	<b>\$18,433</b>	<b>\$32,830</b>	<b>\$ 959</b>	<b>\$52,222</b>
Funds at Beginning of Year 30/6/09	\$14,033	\$19,079	\$ 540	\$33,652
Change +/-	\$ 4,400	\$13,751	\$ 419	\$18,570

The Administration account includes \$11,832 currently held on Term Deposit. These funds can be used towards fundraising donations if required.

Overall the financial position of our Club remains very strong.

**Farmers' Market** – since the commencement of the Farmers' Market in 2005 our share of profits from this has been \$22,256.

We have distributed \$11,439 to the following projects leaving us with a current balance of \$10,817.

2007	Alkira	\$ 2,495
2008	Pawsey House Project	\$ 1,000
2008	Louise Multicultural centre	\$ 500
2009	Mitcham Community House	\$ 1,420
2009	Alkira "Hear my Story"	\$ 6,024
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$11,439</b>

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

Antique Fair	\$6,840
Hot Cross Buns	\$4,617
Mince Pies	\$7,580
Mont Albert Festival	\$8,532
Sausage Sizzle	\$9,836



**Distribution of Funds Raised** – the table below shows the beneficiaries of our Club's fundraising activities during the year. Further donations have been approved and will be made prior to 30/6/10.

<b>FUNDS DONATED IN 11 MONTHS TO 31/5/2010</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Bush Fire Appeal	3500
Birthing Kits	610
Blackburn Lake	500
Box Hill Institute	1500
Contribution to The Rotary Foundation	5670
Dictionaries	7630
Donation In Kind	500
Donation - Meldra Berzina	500
Drought Relief	1000
Fiji	5030
Inala	894
MUNA	1290
Operation Cleft	793
RIPolio plus Challenge	1809
Rotarians Against Malaria	1000
RYLA	1300
Salvation Army - Joyville	500
ShelterBox	1200
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>35226</b>

**PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT FOR FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT – 31/5/2010**

	<b>Actual 2009/10</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Antique Fair	6840	6,764
Bendigo Bank	875	-
Book Sale	2874	2,259
Bush Fire	0	13,135
Christmas Cakes & Plum Puddings	732	1,786
Clothing Sales	420	-
Dictionaries	4000	1,000
District Simplified grant	0	3,000
Emergency Medical Books	59	130
Headphones	150	145
Hot Cross Buns	4617	1,560
Interest Income	302	555
Mid Eastern Dinner	325	310
Mince Pies	7580	1,697
Miscellaneous	32	223
Mont Albert Festival	8532	6,285
Movie Night	200	1,175
Open Gardens	444	631
Operation Cleft	1406	844
RAWCS Stickers	0	16
RDU Merchandise promotions	0	304
Sausage Sizzles	10090	6,888
Sergeants Fines	1120	1,583
Wizzpegs for Joyville	60	114
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>51,657</b>	<b>50,404</b>

<b>OUTGO</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Alkira	0	4,500
Aust Conservation Foundation	0	500
Bank Fees	150	92
Bush Fire Appeal	3500	8,214
BHI Thankyou Function	147	-
Birthing Kits	610	-
Blackburn Lake	500	-
Christmas Cakes & Plum Puddings	974	-
Christmas Cards	35	235
Christmas Hampers	0	-
Contribution to ARHRF	0	1,000
Contribution to The Rotary Foundation	5670	5,238
DEBRAA VIC	0	1,000
Dictionaries	7630	3,220
Donation In Kind	500	-
Donation - Meldra Berzina	500	-
Drought Relief	1000	-
Fiji	5030	3,395
GSE Sponsor	0	300
Inala	894	611
Learning for Life	0	1,000
MND Association	0	1,000
Movie night	0	1,178
MUNA	1290	270
National Science School	0	915
Operation Cleft	793	2,000
RIPolio plus Challenge	1809	-
RAWCS	0	300
RDU Merchandise promotions	0	220
ROMAC	0	1,000
Rotarians Against Malaria	1000	1,000
Salvation Army - Joyville	500	500
ShelterBox	1200	2,400
Speech Competitions Expenses	0	258
Sponsorship - BHI	1500	700
Sponsorship - RYLA	1300	560
Sponsorship - RYPEN	0	175
SWSL Vehicle	0	1,000
The Science Experience	0	315
Wheelchair for Kids	0	600
Winter Woolies	375	20
<b>TOTAL OUTGO</b>	<b>36,906</b>	<b>43,716</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS 2009/10</b>	<b>13,751</b>	<b>6,688</b>

**PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT - 31/5/2010**

	<b>Actual 2009/10</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Changeover Dinner	680	3,293
Christmas Dinner	375	380
FHY Black Tie Ball	900	544
Friends of Rotary Fees 2009/10	300	600
Interest	438	703
GSE Dinner	315	210
Meeting Monies	7,083	-
Members Subscriptions Joining Fees	11,312	8,990
Social Functions	-	700
Sundry Income	68	-
Whitehorse Spring Festival	89	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>21,560</b>	<b>15,420</b>
<b>OUTGO</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Advertising Costs	43	51
Allowances - President	220	270
Asset Purchase	129	1,872
Aust Rotary Foundation Trust	-	400
Bank Charges & Merchant Fees	17	349
Changeover Costs	46	6,715
Club Planning	-	245
Corporate Affairs Costs	-	398
District 9810 Assembly Fees	240	336
Donation to BHI - HFHY	5,900	2,000
5th Birthday expenses	194	-
Family of Rotary Support Expenses	-	255
Functions - RC Dinners	400	1,602
Gifts	200	110
Marketing	-	120
Membership Expenses	212	287
New Member Kits	46	349
PETS	180	140
Post Office Box Rental	80	75
PRLS	-	330
RI district 9810 Levy	4,275	3,026
RI Fees	3,278	2,903
Rotary Down Under Levy	711	1,262
Secretarial Expenses	7	65
Shirts & Badges	410	785
Speech competition	382	-
Sundry items	-	95
Tea & Coffee	100	-
Website Expenses	91	931
<b>TOTAL OUTGO</b>	<b>17,160</b>	<b>24,040</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS 2009/10</b>	<b>4,400</b>	