

ROTARY CLUB OF  
Mont Albert & Surrey Hills

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



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# Annual Report 2016-17

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District 9810 - Victoria - Australia  
Chartered 27th October 2004



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## President's Report 2016-17

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for 2016-17.

My year commenced with some trepidation as I took on the role of President but I very quickly realised that I need not have worried. The members of this great club supported me above & beyond my expectations. The experience has been rewarding and enjoyable whilst occasionally demanding.

Following the Strategic Planning sessions prior to my year we agreed to have a "steady as you go" year - to consolidate what we have without taking on too many new activities. We also agreed to seek out more and stronger partnerships in order to leverage the capacity of other groups. In keeping with these objectives we have had a stable and steady year whilst remaining active both in the community and with our fundraising.

The Rotary worldwide theme for the 2016-17 year was "Rotary Serving Humanity". MASH's activities were certainly in line with this theme.

Highlights of the year included:

- We raised in excess of \$49,000 for worthy causes
- We strengthened our relationship with Koonung Secondary College
- We had our very own Shia Smart appointed as the District Governor for the 2019-20 year
- We ran a successful breakfast to commemorate the Centenary of the Rotary Foundation
- We provided valuable financial support & scholarships to local schools and colleges
- Incoming President, Jan Cook, has started to establish a partnership between MASH, Box Hill Institute and a women's refuge known as Kara to undertake work on the Kara kitchen
- Continued our strong relationship with the Rotary Club of Beaufort

Our club continues to offer a flexible, informal and relaxed format which we believe has greater appeal to time poor people wishing to 'give something back'. We do not expect members to attend every meeting or activity but rather to contribute in ways that best suit their own situation. Our meetings are a mixture of social events, project planning meetings, external visits to interesting locations as well as having interesting speakers on a broad range of topics. We worked hard but also had fun.

This year we did undertake a few new projects – The Centenary of Foundation Breakfast, the South Ballarat RC car raffle and two sausage sizzles at Bunnings in Box Hill.

I wish to acknowledge the hard work of the following fundraising Project Coordinators:

- Purple Trivia Night (End Polio Now) – Patt Gagliardi and Anne Teese
- Mince pies – Nicole Osner
- Sausage sizzles – Graeme Battersby, Nicole Osner, Ian & Anne Bell
- Antiques, Retro and Collectables Fair – Nigel Cooper, Rob Stamp and Gill Somers
- Whitehorse Farmers Market – Richard Groom

Our community service events have also been well led by the respective Coordinators and given our club significant exposure:

- First Friday Dinners – Anne Teese & David Winter
- Christmas Giving Tree – Alex Starr and Shia Smart
- Interact and Rotaract – Joe Somers and Nigel Cooper
- Primary Schools Speech Competition – Joe & Gill Somers
- Tree planting project – Murray Neilson
- On The Radar – Anne Teese and Shia Smart
- Inala – Jan Cook and Shia Smart
- Website – Richard Groom

Thanks also to Richard, Joe and Nigel who secured a \$1,500 District Grant to support two students of Box Hill Institute. Richard also secured \$1,200 from Bendigo Bank to partly cover the cost of the Defibrillator provided to Alkira last year.

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, Carol Lawton and Assistant District Governor, Alma Reynolds for their guidance, support and encouragement.

Finally I would like to thank my wife Anne for all her support, guidance and assistance throughout the year. The true 'power behind the throne'!

I have very much enjoyed my year as President and wish incoming President, Jan Cook, all the very best in her upcoming year. The theme for Jan's year, set by incoming International President, Ian Riseley, is "Rotary: Making a Difference" – I am sure we will continue to do just that under Jan's leadership.

Rob Teese  
President 2016-2017

## Office Bearers 2016-2017

### Board Members

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

Rob Teese  
Nigel Cooper  
David Winter  
Jan Cook  
Richard Groom  
Robert Stamp  
Carol O'Neill  
Shia Smart

### Committee Chairs

Community Service  
International Service, Environment and Sustainability  
Youth and Vocational Service  
Membership & Marketing  
Social Activities  
Fundraising

Jan Cook  
David Winter  
Joseph Somers  
Nigel Cooper  
Gillian Somers  
Anne Teese

### Other roles

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

Nicole Osner  
Anne Teese / Shia Smart  
David Winter  
Richard Groom/ Rob Teese  
David Winter  
Gillian Somers/Jan Cook  
Richard Groom

## Membership of the Club as at June 2017 – including 7 Charter members

Simon Barnard	August, 2014	
Graeme Battersby	Charter Member	
Ian Bell	June 2016	
Anne Bell	June 2016	
Michael Byrne	January 2017	
Roger Coburn	July 2016 (re-joined)	Charter Member, Past President 2008-09
Jan Cook	February 2016	President Elect 2016-17
Nigel Cooper	August 2007	Past President 2014-15
Leonie Dillon	December 2015	
Patt Gagliardi	February, 2015	
Richard Groom	May 2014	
Murray Neilson	Charter Member	
Carol O'Neill	April, 2015	
Nicole Osner	Charter Member	Past President RC of Burwood 2002-2003, Assistant Governor 2004-05, President Nominee 2016-17
Archana Ranganathan	September 2012	
Vasu Ranganathan	August 2011	
Shia Smart	Charter Member	Past President 2009-10, Assistant Governor 2011-12, District Governor 2019-20
Gillian Somers	Charter Member	
Joseph Somers	Charter Member	Past President 2010-11
Robert Stamp	November 2008	
Alex Starr	March 2013	
Anne Teese	May 2006	
Robert Teese	May 2006	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

## 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 Community Chair and District Governor Nominee (2019-20)
Gill Somers	Model United Nations Assembly District Committee
Joe Somers	Model United Nations Assembly District Committee Chairman
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).

### 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 of Rob Stamp, Nigel Cooper, Jan Cook and Annie Wysham.

### MASH Members & Past Members

Name	Level	Years
Geraldine Battersby	PHF	2007-08
Graeme Battersby	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2007-08, 2012-13, 2014-15
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 & Sapphire	2009-10, 2013-14
Joseph Somers	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2009-10, 2013-14, 2015-16
Robert Stamp	PHF & Sapphire	2013-14, 2016-17
Anne Teese	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2009-10, 2013-14,2015-16
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

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

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 – Anne Teese, Committee Chair

#### Sausage Sizzle - Graeme Battersby/Nicole Osner/Ian Bell – Project Managers

Once again this year the club held a Saturday morning sausage sizzle in Hamilton Street, Mont Albert. It is a major fundraiser for the club reaching a total of just over \$8,000. Tongmaster Graeme has once again has been available each fortnight and this year we welcomed Nicole and Ian to fill the other fortnights. Thanks must once again go to Breadstreet , for the generous donation of bread and chopped onions.



Beaufort Rotarian Tony Sutherland and wife Robyn visit our sizzlers

#### Bunnings' Sausage Sizzles



Sizzlers in action

The club was allocated two dates this year - one on a very wet Friday where \$505.50 was raised and a second on a beautiful Sunday when \$1,431.70 was raised.

Thanks to the support of the club members for volunteering on the sizzles.

## **Whitehorse Farmer's Market - Richard Groom, MASH Representative on the Management Committee**

Rain, hail or shine the market has now been held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month for over 10 years. The funds raised from the market are divided evenly between the six Whitehorse Cluster Clubs and the Whitehorse Rotaract Club. These clubs organise, man the entrance gates and run the bacon and egg stall each month. The funds are distributed evenly to be spent on projects within the City of Whitehorse with many organisations benefitting each year.



## **Mince Pie - Nicole Osner Project Manager**

This year 534 dozen were sold raising \$8010 plus a donation of \$100 from the Morans.

Distributions were made to Australian Rotary Health \$1,374, Surrey Hills Primary School \$108 and Holy Trinity Church \$105. The balance of \$6099.40 has been retained in the Fundraising account for future projects.

Customers at the Whitehorse Farmer's Market look forward each year to buying the pies and in November 21 dozen were sold and December 61.5 dozen were sold.

Support from the following Rotary Clubs is appreciated – 177 dozen in total - Rotary Clubs –Boronia (15 dozen), Bentleigh-Moorabbin Central (70 dozen), Doncaster (34 dozen) Box Hill Central (20 dozen), Beaufort (11.5 dozen), Forest Hill (11 dozen), Nunawading (8 dozen), Templestowe (3 dozen), Rowville-Lysterfield (3 dozen), Dingley Village (1.5 dozen).

A big thanks also goes to MASH Members (71.5 dozen), Surrey Hills Primary School (36 dozen), Trinity Church (35 dozen), Friends of MASH Anita & Paul from Kawsa Hair Studios (132 dozen).

Finally a really big thankyou to David Winter of Breadstreet Bakery for his very generous 'no charge policy' for baking the mince pies.



### Hot Cross Buns – Anne Teese Project Manager



At a very wet and cold April Whitehorse Farmer's Market we sold 40 dozen hot x buns. Despite the market being quiet we managed to sell out by 10.30 am and made a tidy sum of \$600. Thanks as always to David Winter and Breadstreet for the generous support.

### Community Raffle – Simon Barnard -Project Manager

This year we participated in the Rotary Club of Ballarat South Community Raffle and raised \$355.20.

### MASH Rotary Purple Day Trivia Night & Fundraiser –Patt Gagliardi & Anne Teese Project Managers



The winning table.

On 22 October about 120 got into the spirit of dressing in purple at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre in Station Street Box Hill to have fun and raise over \$5,500 for Polio Eradication and projects within the City of Whitehorse. Thanks to the City of Whitehorse for allowing the club to use the Arbor Room at no cost.

During the night there were raffles, silent auctions, *heads and tails* prizes and *take a chance* envelopes. The club acknowledges the generous donations of many local organisations.

After the final round of questions two teams were equal so there was a tie break question. The winning team comprised of members of MASH, Rotary Club of Beaufort and Peter and Jill Wright.

### Antiques, Retro and Collectables Fair – (Nigel Cooper, Project Manager)

Our ninth Antiques, Retro and Collectables Fair was held over the weekend of 27 and 28 May. While visitor numbers were down on the previous year the event proved successful with 34 stalls and gross income of \$9,319. Not all expenses are yet accounted for but it is estimated that we will make a profit in excess of \$5,700. The proceeds are going towards Kara, an organisation providing specialist accommodation, care and support for women and children suffering from domestic violence.

The organisation for a fair like this takes a lot of time, plenty of preparation, many phone calls, emails, planning and, of course, hard work setting up and packing up at the end. It was fantastic to see the teamwork from club members - 22 or 88% assisted in some way. In addition, 1 Beaufort Rotarian, 2 Rotaractors, 6 Interactors and 5 Friends of the Club volunteered and our thanks go to all involved.

Besides the financial result it was great to see the MASH team in action and the camaraderie amongst members once again stood out. Without exception all Stall holders expressed their appreciation of the helpfulness of our members. MASH once again demonstrated that we are a well organised team and the Club should be proud once again of the result and for making a difference in the lives of people less fortunate than ourselves



Interactors preparing burgers



Antiques Fair in full swing

## 1.2 Marketing & Membership - Nigel Cooper, Committee Chair

The previous year's committees of Marketing and Membership were combined this year.

### MARKETING

#### On the Radar (Anne Teese – Project Manager)

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 for her commitment to our weekly newsletter and for ensuring all our activities are reported each week. Thanks also to Shia for standing in for Anne a few times.

#### Facebook/Website/Linkedin: (Rob Teese & Richard Groom - Project Managers)

Keeping the MASH Facebook updated throughout the year has been ably undertaken by Rob Teese & David Winter. This year our Website was given a new look making it more readable and better organised. Thanks to Rob, Richard, Simon and Ian for their input. We also established a presence on LinkedIn this year thanks to Ian Bell. Today our events and reports on club activities provide prospective members a very good summary of MASH.

#### MASH Promotional brochure

The Committee decided that due to the changing face of MASH over time our promotional brochures also needed changing regularly. We decided not to reproduce brochures every two years or so but instead adopt the District brochures and add MASH details. Thanks to Mick for printing the MASH details on the District brochures. These are made available for distribution at all our events held in the community.

## **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.

## **Antiques, Retro & Collectables Fair**

Advertising included paid advertisements in the Age, Herald Sun, Royal Auto and local papers. 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 for making Real Estate Boards available again this year in both the City of Whitehorse and City of Boroondara. Also thank you to Ross Hunt Real Estate for a board placed in High Street, East Kew.

Finally thanks to Box Hill Institute for also arranging a Board on their premises.

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

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The club started the Rotary year with 24 members and to date have had one resignation, due to personal reasons, and the addition of two new members making our membership 25.

The club welcomed the following new members this year:

- Roger Coburn re-joined the club on 24th July 2016 upon his return from Sydney.
- Michael Byrne joined the club on 5th February 2017.



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.

The committee 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.

## **1.3 Social – Gillian Somers, Committee Chair**

### **Primary School Speech Competition**

On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 the PSS annual competition was held at Wattle Park Primary 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.

### **Dinner Parties – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 and 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Two very enjoyable dinner parties were held where a nominated club member hosted the evening and provided the main course. The other four or six diners provided pre-dinner nibbles, entrée and dessert.



### **MASH 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday dinner – 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

We celebrated this event at a local restaurant, Dunyazad where we shared a Sheik's Banquet. Once again it was great to celebrate the ongoing success of our club and to enjoy fabulous food, fellowship with both members and some significant others.



## **Interact District Conference – 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016**

This year was our club's turn to be responsible for providing the morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for the 80 students who attended this training day at Koonung Secondary College. Gill, Joe and Anne T organised all the catering for this very successful event.

## **MASH Annual Christmas dinner**



Our annual Christmas Celebration was held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the home of Rob and Anne Teese. Following our club's tradition, members started the evening with a welcome drink and nibbles. The main course was a selection of roast meats (beef, lamb and pork) accompanied by salads. This was then followed by an array of 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 Anne and Rob our hosts for the evening and to those who brought food and, of course, not forgetting Santa.

## **Social get together - January 2017**

Gill and Joe Somers organised a casual BBQ lunch at their beach house at Ventnor on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. A group of members took up the opportunity of making this a weekend of fellowship staying either in the house or camping in the garden. The purpose of this event was to start off our 2017 calendar year in a relaxed and low key manner. It was felt that this could become an annual event.



**Food prep at Ventnor**



**BBQ on the deck**

## **Dinner at Donations in Kind on 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Following a very interesting tour of the DIK warehouse in Footscray, we enjoyed a relaxed dinner prepared by Anne T and Gill.

## **Committee Meetings**

This year club members enjoyed a variety of in-house dinners for our committee meetings. This has worked well and has allowed for more time for the two rotations of committees to meet.

## District Conference – Geelong

Six MASH members attended the District 9810 Conference in Geelong.



MASH Conference team



Conference ladies on the foreshore

## 1.4 Meeting and Guest speaker programme 2016-17 (David Winter Project Manager)

Our Tuesday meetings have again reflected the culture of our club and our involvement in our community.

We invited 18 speakers from a broad range of topics to speak to our members and guests about their personal experiences or those of the community organisations which they represented.

Five district speakers from D9810 spoke to us about their Rotary projects. This is important as it keeps our club up to date with district and international activities that we financially support each year.

Six evenings were put aside for feedback from MASH events such as the Primary School Speech Competition and MUNA.

Finally, we had 6 Vocation and Social evenings.

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

28 June	Kimble Montague	The Effect of Global Immigration
5 July	Committee meetings	
12 July	Terry Hayes	CFA and Volunteering
19 July	Richard & Jill Groom	Iran travels
26 July	Sonia Downie	Nepal Health Clinic
2 August	Committee meetings	
9 August	Primary School Speech Competition (PSSC)	hosted by Wattle Park Primary
16 August	Gabby Hau	Violence Free Families

23 August	Three student presentations Siobhan (1st) Rohan (2nd) Lachlan (3rd) Samantha	Winners PSSC Our Holy Redeemer Wattle Park Chatham RYLA nominee report
30 August	Social dinner	
6 Sept	Carol Lawton	District Governor's visit
13 Sept	Committee meetings	
20 Sept	Pat Armstrong	Lighting for Literacy
27 Sept	Ken Lyons	Probus Club of Burwood
4 October	Committee meetings	
11 October	Mary-ann Liethof	Polio Australia
18 October	Vocational visit	Hardman Bros – Gear Cutting
25 October	Dunyazad Lebanese Restaurant	MASH's 12th birthday
1 November	No Meeting	Melbourne Cup Day
8 November	Committee meetings & AGM	
15 November	Sue Gunningham	All the Days After (Black Saturday)
22 November	Len Brear	Life of a Magistrate
29 November	Mark & Jessica Williams	Youth & Co-curricular Activities
6 December	Committee meetings	
13 December	Christmas Function	Rob & Anne Teese
20 December	No meeting	
27 December	No meeting	
3 January	No meeting	
10 January	No meeting	
17 January	Social event	Somers' Phillip Island
24 January	Olivier Harvey & Victoria Burton	Berry Street Foster Caring
31 January	Gloria Hargreaves	Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)
7 February	Committee meetings	
14 February	Winsome Thomas	Heart Hungers
21 February	Vocational visit	Donations in Kind (DIK) Footscray
28 February	Rebecca Millin	Box Hill Community Policing
7 March	Committee meetings	
14 March	Rob Dawson	History of Puffing Billy
21 March	Graeme Chester	Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)
28 March	Sam Gilbert	Prostate Cancer
4 April	Committee meetings	
11 April	Peter Wright	Koonung Secondary College
18 April	Anna Burke	A Woman's Perspective
25 April	No meeting	Anzac Day
2 May	Committee meetings	
9 May	Khurram Khan	Youth & Rotary
16 May	Literacy Grants Presentations	Local school reps

23 May	Jo Reitze	Landscape artist
30 May	NYSF & MUNA Presentations	NYSF & MUNA participants
6 June	Committee meetings	
13 June	Club Assembly	
20 June	Mike McFarlane	Angel Flights
23 June	Changeover Dinner	Key note speaker – Beth Wilson AM Victorian Health Services Minister
27 June	No meeting	
4 July	Committee meetings	



Len Brear



Rebecca Millin



Khurram Khan



Committee meetings in action



Heads & Tails

## 2 Club Service

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

### 2.1. Vocational Service – Joe Somers, Committee Chair

There were two vocational visits during this year, and both were attended by a considerable number of our members.

#### Hardmans

In October 19 of us took a trip to Dingley to see the workings of Hardman Brothers who are gear cutting specialists and general engineers. We assembled at the premises in Lower Dandenong Road, Dingley and were hosted by our own Graeme Battersby – an employee of Hardman Brothers for the past 48 years. The technology in use, the planning and design work required, the precision of the large and expensive machinery had everyone absorbed in the processes and we were all reluctant to leave.



#### DIK visit

MASH members and some friends enjoyed an outing to the Donations in Kind (DIK) store in Footscray West on one Tuesday evening in February. This was a most informative and interesting visit that once again made us proud of being part of an organisation like Rotary. DIK is a great project under the banner of the Rotary Club of West Footscray, along with support from many other Rotary Clubs. This huge warehouse stores donations of many kinds – furniture, computers, bicycles, fabric, hospital equipment and many other useful items – which are kept until they are to be shipped to a developing country in need of these. Laurie Fisher of DIK explained the operation of the warehouse before leading us on a tour to show the goods that are literally packed up to the rafters in some spots. The tour culminated with a fellowship dinner in the meals room of the warehouse.



## 2.2 Community Service – Jan Cook, Committee Chair

### First Friday at The Barn (David Winter & Anne Teese, Project Managers)

The First Friday at the Barn dinner continues to be an important and enjoyable project for MASH, involving club members, Whitehorse Rotaractors, Koonung College Interactors and Friends of MASH; each month a 2 course meal, along with fresh fruit, bread and hot drinks, is provided.



The team at The Barn



BBQ team

The special Christmas dinner, the cold meats and salads in the heat of January, the February BBQ, and the warming soups plus main in the middle of winter were highlights. Between 30 and 45 people from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and a wide range of ages, from young children accompanying their parents to older members of society avail themselves of the opportunity to join with others, have a meal and talk with the helpers. MASH provides the funds for the meal and the Whitehorse Rotaract Club pays the rent for the hall. Thank you to all involved in this project – preparing and cooking the meal, setting up and cleaning up the hall, dishwashing and chatting to the diners.



## Inala (Jan Cook and Shia Smart)

There were three events held at Inala again this year: the Easter morning tea, Christmas card writing and the Christmas morning tea.



Easter Morning Tea: This year the entertainment was provided by Friend of MASH, Annie Wysham, who entertained the staff and residents with poetry and selected readings carefully chosen to suit the residents and the occasion. Hot Cross Buns were provided for morning tea; these disappeared quickly.

Christmas Card Writing: The grade 5 and 6 students from Mt Pleasant Primary School again assisted us with the writing of over 250 cards for 35 residents of Alawarra and Milpara Lodges; prior to this MASH had taken photographs of these residents for them to enclose on their cards. The residents were really thankful for this help and enjoyed having the chance to talk with the young students. The children enjoy this activity so much that the school is now running a competition to select the students with the best hand-writing.



Christmas Morning Tea: The school choir from St Luke's Primary School entertained the Inala residents with a delightful hour of Christmas carols and songs which had the residents joining in. This was accompanied by a morning tea of Christmas pudding slice. The choir walked to Inala, a commendable effort considering the heavy rain.

## Christmas Wishing Tree (Alex Starr)

Ross Hunt again sponsored Christmas Trees at Bread Street and in their own offices. Gifts were collected in November and early December. The response from the community was again heartening, with gifts for the elderly, as well as a wide range of ages of children and teenagers.



### **International Women's Day Breakfast at Box Hill Town Hall (Shia Smart and Alex Starr)**

MASH was again represented by two members on the organising committee for this event. The club hosted Allira Howe and three female Interactors as guests at the breakfast; the girls joined with club members to listen to four inspiring and thought-provoking women speakers on the subject of "The Media, Women's Friend or Foe?". The girls had a wonderful time.



**MASH Members with Interactors**

### **Mont Albert Scouts Christmas Trees**

MASH again assisted the 1st Mont Albert and 9<sup>th</sup> Box Hill Scouts over the second weekend of December with their Christmas Tree fundraiser. More than half the trees were sold on the first day, resulting in a much shorter day on the Sunday when all the trees were consolidated at one venue.

### **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 Agricultural Show (Nicole Osner)**

Six MASH Rotarians again visited Beaufort for the annual home hosting weekend. The Saturday night dinner was hosted by Rob Pelletier. It was great to catch up with our Beaufort friends. On Sunday we had the opportunity to help at the Annual Beaufort Agricultural Show.



**Action in the field**



**Serious discussion? Peter, George & Rob**



Shearing action at the Beaufort show



Beaufort 30th Anniversary

## 2.3 Environment Sustainability – David Winter, Committee Chair

Under Murray Neilson's guidance, we again were fully involved in 2 events. The Tree Planting was well supported by MASH at both the growing and planting stages. Involvement by Rotaract and Interact has helped to maintain this event.



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.



Clean up Australia Day team

## 2.4 International Service – David Winter - Committee Chair

This year the International Committee requested the Board to include in the budget funding for an international project in our immediate area. \$5000 was approved.

We have agreed to join Pat Armstrong from RC Doncaster with her Lighting for Literacy project in Timor Leste.

We also agreed to support an orphanage project, St Thomas school in Durban, South Africa. This was proposed by Richard Groom through a Rotary cricket contact who is the project manager. Richard has applied for a D9810 grant to match our \$5000 contribution.

The Umoja development is going very well. With the financial support of a number of club members and our local community, 2 acres of land in Arusha, Tanzania has now been purchased. Building permit applications have been submitted but red tape is slowing matters. RC Nth Balwyn has offered support and has recently contributed \$2500 via RAWCS.

This year we have continued to support numerous Rotary projects including Birthing Kits, Interplast, ROMAC, RAM, RAWCS, DIK and Wheelchairs for Kids.

The committee thanks Mick Willis for his selfless work with RAWCS and bringing the Dick Smith grant opportunity to our attention.



Assembling Birthing Kits

## 2.5 Youth Service – Joe Somers, Committee Chair

Youth Service recognises the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programmes. The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills aims at enhancing the physical and mental wellbeing of youth through a number of initiatives and programmes. These programmes include personal development, education, community service, competitions, and international understanding and goodwill.

### Interact

The Interact club at Koonung Secondary College had an active year in 2016 with membership numbers increasing over the previous years. Club members were involved in several projects and fund raising activities as well as helping out with MASH's First Friday Dinners and the Antiques and Collectables Fair.



In September the club held a successful Trivia Night.

IDAD (Interact District Assembly Day) was held on Monday 5 December 2016 at Koonung Secondary College. MASH was host club and provided catering for 56 students from nine schools plus their teachers and a number of Rotarians who attended. The Assembly was very successful and all students and teachers left having learned a lot about Interact, leadership, speaking in public, and the roles of office bearers in Interact.



Interact Trivia night



IDAD



ANZAC Commemoration at Koonung

Interact is gaining wider recognition within the school and increasing its membership and range of its activities. Being a school based club its operational year is based on the school year hence its leadership changes are aligned with the academic year. Last year's joint club presidents Jonathon Magrath and Meera Mishra left the club in a sound position and handed over to joint presidents Gareth Clauson and Madisson Nam.

In February 2017 the new year started with a much larger club. There were many new eager members looking to participate in club activities with some club members regularly helping out at the MASH First Friday Dinner at The Barn. Interactors also took active roles at MASH's Antiques and Collectables Fair. The club meets every fortnight with a member of MASH Youth Service Committee attending every meeting.

### **Whitehorse Rotaract**

MASH continues to support the Whitehorse Rotaract Club and MASH members have regularly attended the twice monthly Rotaract meetings. The Rotaract Club has once again donated \$1,200 towards the cost of First Friday Dinner at The Barn. They also joined MASH with a \$1,500 contribution in setting up the Box Hill Institute scholarships. The club has several fund raisers, many of which are aimed at their own age group. Their signature event is the Giant Monopoly night at which MASH members had a most enjoyable evening. Rotaractors have visited MASH meetings several times during the year with President Fiorella and member Fred being present to hear the presentations by the Box Hill Institute scholarship recipients.



**Rotaract Giant Monopoly Night**

### **Box Hill Institute Scholarships**

Working with the Scholarship Coordinator and the Community Engagement Manager at the Box Hill Institute our club developed a programme to provide two scholarships for the 2017 academic year. The object of the programme is to give financial assistance to two students who, without this assistance, might not be able to continue or complete their studies. Of the names recommended to the club two were chosen. One scholarship enabled a student to purchase an essential electronic component without which his progress in his music composition study would be severely hampered. The second scholarship assisted a student of nursing to continue attending at BHI by providing funds for her daily commute from her home in a distant part of Melbourne suburbs. The scholarships were presented at a small ceremony and the students visited the club at a later date to talk about their courses and the impact of the scholarships.

Funding for this programme was augmented by a contribution from Whitehorse Rotaract Club and a small District Grant from Rotary District 9810.

## Literacy Grants

This very popular programme with the schools in our area offered to reimburse schools up to \$500 for resources purchased to assist with their various literacy programmes. The grant was made available to six primary and one secondary school. All of the schools accepted the opportunity:

- Chatham Primary School
- Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary School
- Our Holy Redeemer Primary School
- Wattle Park Primary School
- Mont Albert Primary School
- Surrey Hills Primary School
- Koonung Secondary College

Teachers from these schools attended a meeting of our club in May and gave short presentations on what they had purchased and how these resources were being used. As usual the MASH members present were amazed at the range of tools and methods available compared with earlier times. In some schools the resources are being used to assist students having difficulty in coping with the work at their required level, such as students having dyslexia or a number of other issues that have slowed their development. Some of the resources are being used to ensure consistency in the teaching methods used by teachers at different levels so the students find it easier to transition from one level to the next.

We congratulate the staff of these schools for their innovative approaches to teaching and for the passion they show in improving literacy levels of all the students in their care.

## National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

The NYSF Year 12 Program is designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage them to continue their studies in these fields. The program runs in January each year with participants also taking part in sessions on entrepreneurship, critical thinking, how to work together effectively and more.

This year our sponsored student to NYSF was Renee Lo, a student of Presbyterian Ladies' College. Renee visited our club in August to meet some of our members. After attending NYSF in January 2017 Renee attended the meeting of the club on 30 May and presented her report on her understanding of NYSF and her personal experience while attending NYSF at ANU.

## RYLA

MASH's candidate for the 2016 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) was Samantha Lane. Samantha was a student at Victoria University studying for Bachelor of Education while also working at Rose Hotel in Fitzroy and being actively involved as a volunteer coach and referee in the All Abilities Basketball Competition in Doncaster. Samantha came to one of our meetings in August and talked of the experience she had at RYLA in July. To quote her: *"learned more about herself in just five days than ever before, also developing a full confidence to speak comfortably in public without fear or notes, gained new leadership skills which she applies daily equipping her to handle so many of life's challenges and especially in her teaching placement in communicating and managing students."*

## PSSC

The Primary Schools Speech Contest (PSSC) is a programme that was first introduced to our Rotary District by MASH. The programme is now embraced by many clubs in the district with the winners moving on to the District Finals. The 2016 PSSC hosted by MASH had six primary schools competing against each other.

Once again the students who are in year five or six impressed us all with their confident and professional presentations. Third place was awarded to Lachlan from Chatham Primary School, who spoke of "I like living in Australia be-cause ..."; Second place was awarded to Rohan from Wattle Park Primary School, whose chosen topic was "If only I could design a robot to ...". The winner, who also entertained and intrigued the audience with clever use of a prop, was Siobhan from Our Holy Redeemer Primary School, whose chosen topic was "What is more important - intelligence or curiosity?". We never did find out what "the amazing thing to change our lives was' that Siobhan had in her box! As usual the formal part of the night finished at 8:30 and was followed by a substantial supper provided by the members of our club. The three students came to one of our club meetings in late August to present their speeches and yet again had all those present amazed at the maturity and skill levels shown by the future leaders of our community.



PSSC Winners

## Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

MASH continued its strong support for this youth programme by sponsoring two teams. One team was from our local Koonung Secondary College with a second team from Beaufort Secondary College (MASH has a sister club relationship with Rotary Club of Beaufort). The Koonung team of Alice and Jasmine represented Brazil, wearing very colourful traditional outfits which the girls made themselves. Their costume won them the coveted Best Costume prize. The team from Beaufort was also well prepared and was very active putting forward well researched arguments representing their allocated country of South Africa. This team of Hayley and Lanah were judged to be runners up to the major prize winners, a truly wonderful achievement for students of this relatively small country school.



MUNA in Session at Vic Parliament House



Koonung MUNA Teams

## Citizenship Prizes

Two awards are presented to students at Koonung Secondary College who act as role models, exhibit exemplary citizenship, and take on voluntary and extra-curricular roles such as mentoring. The 2016 awards were presented by President Rob Teese to Meera Mishra and Jonathon Magrath. The award recognises the contributions of the students with a certificate and books, chosen by the recipients.

## The Rotary Foundation - Richard Groom (Project Manager)

There were several highlights of another busy Foundation year.

On May 2 MASH hosted a very successful breakfast celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of The Rotary Foundation. Our lead speaker was former Australian cricketer Rodney Hogg; a video of RI President Elect Ian Riseley talking about the broad scope of the Foundation was shown and we heard a talk on the Cambodian Vocational Training Team from Rotarian presenters PDG Julie Mason and Bronwyn Stephens.



A district grant - local to provide financial assistance to 2 needy students at Box Hill Institute was completed.

A district grant - international proposal to improve conditions at the St Thomas home for abused children in Durban, South Africa was ready to be submitted to district but then deferred until the next Rotary year.

A grant of \$1205 was received from the Bendigo Bank Community fund toward the cost of the defibrillator supplied to Alkira.

## 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
Allens Real Estate	Support of the Purple Clothes Day Trivia Night including providing an MC
AHP Dental & Medical, Med Con and Concept Amenities	Birthing Kits
Bendigo Bank	Provision of grant for Alkira defibrillator
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 Community Arts Centre for Trivia Night
Wattle Park Primary School	Provision of venue for Primary Schools Speech Competition
David Freeman of Amanda Adams Auctioneers	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
Landcare – Mt. Emu Landcare Group	Supply of 2,500 tree guards for Tree Planting Project at Beaufort
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 <sup>st</sup> Mont Albert Scout Group	For allowing us to use part of their outdoor space for our club's container storage facility
2WBC Community Radio	For promotion of Rotary through the Rotary & Community Hour on Friday evenings

## Financial Statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017

The following is an unaudited summary of the Club's Financial Statements for the eleven months to 31 May 2017.

Details by account as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 are:

	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Total</b>
Community Bank Account	\$ 8,959.65	\$ 20,331.20	\$ 29,290.85
Term Deposit	\$ 5,066.12	-	\$ 5,066.12
Floats	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
<b>Closing Bank Balances</b>	<b>\$ 14,075.77</b>	<b>\$ 20,431.20</b>	<b>\$ 34,506.97</b>

### Whitehorse Farmers Market

The Club has not withdrawn any funds from the Whitehorse Farmers Market this year up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017. The balance in our Whitehorse Farmers Market account at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 is estimated to be **\$8,205**.

### Distribution of Funds

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

Aquabox	\$ 1,000
ROMAC	\$ 1,000
Rotarians Against Malaria	\$ 1,000
Interplast	\$ 1,000
Disaster Aid Australia	\$ 880
Wheelchairs for kids	\$ 1,406
Days for Girls	\$ 1,000
Donations in Kind Footscray	\$ 1,000
Australia Rotary Health	\$ 1,000
The Rotary Foundation - Annual Fund and Polio Eradication	\$ 4,900
Taralye	\$ 1,000
DEBRAA	\$ 1,000
Motor Neurone Disease	\$ 1,000
Beaufort Agricultural Society	\$ 250
Umoja Project Africa	\$ 4,172
Youth Services Seminars	\$ 120
Chatham Primary School – Literacy Grant	\$ 478
Mont Albert Primary School – Literacy Grant	\$ 500
Our Holy Redeemer Primary School – Literacy Grant	\$ 481
Our Lady's Primary School Wattle Park – Literacy Grant	\$ 456
WTTLE Park Primary School – Literacy Grant	\$ 500
Surrey Hills Primary School – Literacy Grant	\$ 500
Koonung Secondary College – Literacy Grant	\$ 500

#### Organisations supported through our fundraising of sale of mince pies

Surrey Hills Primary School	\$ 108
Australian Rotary Health	\$ 1,374
Holy Trinity Anglican Church Surrey Hills	\$ 105

**Project Beneficiaries:**

Birthing Kits to PNG	\$ 1,266
First Friday Dinner Project (up to May 2016)	\$ 2,773
National Youth Science Forum	\$ 3,097
International Womens Day	\$ 535
Inala	\$ 102
Koonung Secondary College Interact Club	\$ 402
Model United Nations Assembly	\$ 1,650
Defying The Drift	\$ 1,000
Box Hill Institute Student Scholarships in association with Whitehorse Rotaract	\$ 4,500

**\$46,555**

<b>Listing of Funds Raised</b>	<b>As at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017</b>	<b>As at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016</b>
<b>Bakery Products</b>		
Mince Pies	\$ 8,015	\$ 8,544
Hot Cross Buns	\$ 600	\$ 589
<b>Events &amp; Festivals</b>		
Retro and Collectables Fair Profit	\$ 5,800	\$ 4,500
Purple Polio Day (Trivia Night) Profit	\$ 5,599	\$ 8,410
Deakin Open Day	-	\$ 2,290
<b>Grants Received</b>	\$ 2,600	\$ 6,200
<b>Markets</b>		
Whitehorse Farmers Market	\$ 8,205	\$ 5,345
<b>Sausage Sizzles</b>		
Weekly sausage sizzles Profit	\$ 7,865	\$ 7,334
Bunnings sausage sizzle	\$ 1,937	-
<b>Raffle</b>		
Proceeds of Raffle	\$ 761	-
<b>Collection Tins</b>		
First Friday Dinner Collection Tins	\$ 847	\$ 1,265
<b>Sponsorship &amp; Donations</b>		
Contribution to First Friday Dinner by Whitehorse Rotaract	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Donations to Club	\$ 50	\$ 200
<b>Income from Bank</b>		
Interest Income	\$ 10	\$ 23
<b>Funds Raised at Meetings</b>		
Meeting Monies Balance	\$ 5,233	\$ 4,770
Sergeants Sessions	\$ 680	\$ 615
<b>Total Funds Raised</b>	<b>\$ 49,512</b>	<b>\$ 51,285</b>