



Rotary
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ANNUAL REPORT 2015 – 2016

It is my pleasure to present you the annual report for the rotary Club of Canterbury (RCC) and in doing, will reflect on the majority of the achievements that have been attained throughout the year. We should indeed be proud of these achievements, as we have taken the opportunities to change a lot of lives. We extend special thanks to the individual members who have often given incredible time and effort to ensure that these achievements occurred. Despite the hard works and efforts, opportunities for all members to share in the vital component of fun and fellowship has been provided and enjoyed by all.

The major achievements and events will be tabulated in alphabetical order for easy reference. A calendar of our Speaker Program, social events and inductions, roles and responsibilities and members for 2015 – 16 will be included as an appendix.

Anzac Day Marshals

For a third year RCC members and some friends volunteered for the marshal role at the Anzac Day March. The organisers from Anzac House really appreciate the contribution made by our 22 volunteers. It is acknowledged that it's an early start and rather cold in the shady and windy Flinders Street for the volunteers, a big thank you is extended to all who participated. It is certainly rewarding to have all the groups lined up and slotting into the allocated space in a timely manner. It is hoped that the issues regarding insurance coverage for all volunteers is resolved for the subsequent years.

Club Service

Thanks are extended to the behind the scenes and upfront team members for ensuring that the club meetings run professionally and smoothly and recordings are available for all on a weekly basis and stored for future reference and maintenance of club history. We thank Graham Bishop for assuming the role of Director for the last 10 years.

Special acknowledgement is extended to: John Braine for undertaking the front desk and secretarial role; to the two Grahams for setting up and putting away each week; to Val Cunniffe, again excelled at extracting dollars from members, through the games sessions. These funds enable reduced costs for members at our social events; to the bulletin compiler/editor, Max Holland; Peter May and Sue Clifford for updating and maintaining the website, twitter and facebook to ensure the all our happenings and forthcoming planned events are made available, in a timely manner, to all members and our wider contacts.

Our club website was also updated thanks to the skills of Peter May. Aussie Pride Badges now has its own web domain and the website has Quick Links sections from our club site and the email attached to the issue of the weekly bulletin.



Community Services

Again under the leadership of Director, Michael Chong, the Community Services Team has successfully completed many activities and provided financial support to other projects. Assistance has also been given by members of our long term partners. Namely: The Girl Guides and Scouts Associations in Boroondara; Interchange Inner East; Camberwell Salvation Army; The Maling Road Business Association. Some of the activities have been allocated their own headings and have increased information. In summary the recipients receiving financial support/assistance include:

- Amaroo Community House;
- Teaching and professional staff at Belmore School;
- Max Cohn and family for the purchase of a therapy dog for Max;
- PhD candidate at the Florey Institute for research for Alzheimer's and Menkes Diseases;
- Disadvantaged students at Camberwell High School;
- Foodbank Vic for the purchase of additional refrigeration units;
- Insight to assist with the purchase of bus to enable transportation of school children;
- Camberwell Salvation Army for the English language classes for migrants;
- Interchange Inner East;
- Cancer Council through RCC's involvement in Relay for Life;
- Australian Rotary Heath for their mental health project;
- Students attending National Youth Science Forum in Canberra;
- Students attending MUNA and RYLA at Axedale;
- Exchange Student.

Activities included:

- \$600 for garden improvements at Ashwood College Permaculture gardens to aid students to experience food production, harvesting and cooking;
- Members also support our Camberwell Salvation Army partners English class participants by conducting mock interviews with them, as part of the processes to prepare them for job applications;
- Hands on support for residents of Hamer House;
- Weekly support for students at Glenallen School;
- Support for Twilight Cinema event at Interchange Inner East;
- Box Hill Mini Railway visit for children with disabilities and their family members;
- Participation in Maling Road Events – KristKindl, Paint the Town Purple, Scavenger Hunt;
- Planning for the Busy Feet Program which will commence next year.

Donations in Kind (DIK)

This year, RCC again paid \$3,500 to assist in the rental costs for the DIK Warehouse in West Footscray. Some members assisted with the collecting of items from donating companies and organisations wishing to recycle equipment and supplies, sorting of donated goods and the actual packing of shipping containers destined for developing countries, such as the Philippines, Solomon Islands, Timor and Africa.



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Donations in Kind (DIK) Continued:

RCC also paid the shipping costs for two containers, destined for Masbate in the Philippines. It cost around \$5,000 per container for freight and handling costs, and not forgetting the hassles associated with the authorities and processes to enable the goods into these countries.

The eye and ear screening team members actually experienced the thrill and excitement of the recipients when a container arrived and was opened to reveal its contents. Gerry Cross explained the high that the team felt when the hospital in Masbate received the DIK containers with beds, microscopes, dialysis machines, other equipment and supplies. It was over 2 years since the hospital had opened and to date was providing some services with very limited equipment and supplies. The biggest reward of all was to see the surgical team actually using the newly arrived equipment to perform some of the eye procedures the following day.

RCC also provided financial assistance for the Uganda Bore Water Project and contributed \$5,000 to assist the Philippines communities following the Typhoon Nona.

Fundraising

Tony Simpson again excelled in ensuring that RCC's roster for the Camberwell Sunday Market was filled each w

eeek. Thank you, Tony for undertaking such a vital ongoing role. Also, thank you to all members, club supporters and volunteers, who have endured all the weather elements, each Sunday. Your efforts means the RCC receives substantial funds as our share of the takings, to enable the provision of our services and projects. Next year, the market will mark an incredible milestone and celebrate its 40th anniversary.

The small Aussie Pride Badge Team of Bob Falconer, Graham Bishop, Val Cunniffe completed the planning for the new flyer, data bases and supporting correspondence for the councils and schools. Revised online ordering and payment processes have enhanced our systems. Thanks to Val for her hospitality and the members for their efforts with the mail outs. A profit is added to the fundraising pool each year.

Interchange Inner East (IIE)

This year, the second moonlight cinema evening for children with a disability and their carers, family members and siblings was organised in partnership with the Rovers and IIE. Whilst the numbers were a little down from the inaugural event last year, those attending thoroughly enjoyed the viewing of "Inside Out" by Walt Disney's Pixar, in a safe and secure setting.

RCC volunteers assisted in serving the food prepared and supplied by the 1st Glen Iris Rovers and assisted in the setting up and dismantling of safety and security measures on the IIE property. Support was also given to Boroondara Guides who provided the pre-film entertainment for the children.

RCC funds meet the hiring of the generator and cinema equipment and associated staffing.

A very enjoyable outing was held for children associated with IIE at the Boxhill Mini Railway in November.



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International Service

For the 19th Year, the Eye & Ear Screening Mission to the Philippines was undertaken and on reflection all participants found their time in the Philippines was very worthwhile and rewarding.

Again, four final year Orthoptics Students from La Trobe University were selected as part of the team. They all acknowledged the opportunity that they had been provided to further enhance their professional development and thank all club members for their sponsorship.

All participants always comment on the beauty of the country as well as the appreciation of the Philippine community members. Also, the distances that individuals and entire families are prepared to travel on foot for the opportunity for any type of medical care; the overall effects of poverty and poor living standards and the associated malnutrition that is evident in the majority of those screened.

Despite the usual humidity and heat of the tropics, long days, varying standards of accommodation and forms of transportation and the strangeness of the armed security and challenges of providing services in the open, sports stadiums, hospitals and halls and an add on this year of both a typhoon and an earthquake, the team completed the screening of 1600 people's eyes and 4, 682 children's ears.

Of those screened, 130 had cataracts removed, 80 had pterygiums (a fleshy growth growing on the white of the eye that may encroach onto the pupil and impair their visual fields) removed and other eye conditions were identified. The team distributed 370 reading and 150 sunglasses.

The children often have reduced hearing due to impacted wax. Others have middle ear infections that require antibiotic administration and there are often surprises with varying foreign bodies present, from beads, organic matter and in some cases insects.

The team always acknowledge the support and participation in the processes of the local Philippine Rotary Club members. They not only act as interpreters for the screening processes, but in the down times take on hosts roles for the various activities and catering. One reported component is the dreaded Karaoke participation. It is always acknowledged that the students make a major contribution to this and certainly appears their efforts aid in saving face on those karaoke nights.

The contribution of Doug Hawley and Rob Simpson in the preparations for the 20th mission in 2016, in a previously unvisited island is acknowledged.

Maling Road – Kristkindl Festival & Scavenger Hunt

The partnership with the Maling Road Business Association and RCC again ensured that the Christmas Community Event was successful. RCC members, family members and friends helped to set up, complete ticket sales and supervise the children on and off the various rides and finally take down banners etc. Michael Chong is to be congratulated for his planning and management of the roster to ensure that members had timely rotations and breaks.

In association with the Guides and Rovers, a scavenger hunt was held on Saturday 19 September, 2015. Unfortunately, the date coincided with the school holidays and the patronage was very disappointing, especially for the efforts that had been undertaken. Feedback from children and accompanying parents who did participate was very positive and the event may be held again in the future, on a more appropriate date.



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Maling Road – Kristkindl Festival & Scavenger Hunt Continued:

Another enjoyable fun event for the children and family members was the visit to Box Hill Miniature Railway. Again the partner members, RCC members and volunteers united to ensure that the day was full of fun and new experiences.

Membership

The contribution of John McCaskill and his team is acknowledged in their efforts to seek new members. A membership event was held in the Maling Road precinct with a follow up with invited guests. Unfortunately, no new members resulted as a direct response to the events but, on the positive side, the events and activities of rotary in general and our club in particular were distributed and discussed with patrons on the day. RCC inducted and welcomed four new members for the year and unfortunately accepted, with much regret, the resignations of six current members. RCC was successful in receiving a District Membership Grant to assist with the cost of conducting the membership event in Maling Road.

The Rotary Club of Boroondara held their final meeting and closure process in late June 2016. The majority of their members have decided that RCC is their club of choice to transfer their ongoing membership. We extend a warm welcome to those transferring members, partners and their family members and friends. Members will be inducted in July 2016. We trust that their time with RCC will be fruitful and rewarding for all.

Presentation of Chain of Office

The kind donation of a replacement Chain of Office by Richard and Edwina Stewart is acknowledged and greatly appreciated. Richard (the immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Camberwell) made a presentation of a replica Chain of Office to Peter May, RCC's Immediate Past President. Richard made the donation in recognition of the presidency roles shared by Peter and himself last year. I am sure that this Chain of Office will be kept under lock and key to prevent any adventurous escapades, in the future!

Radio Show

RCC hosted 3WBC/94.1FM's Station Manager, John Farmer and the presenters of the Rotary Radio Show namely: David Proud, Fiona Anderson, Claire Caulfield, Suzanne and Tom Blair, Anne Josefsberg, attended a club meeting in August, to celebrate the 10th year of the show.

The radio show provides a unique PR opportunity for Rotary and has three key aims:

- To tell the Rotary Story – by spotlighting those organisations and individuals who help others in the community;
- Educate Rotarians on the depths and breathe of Rotary International;
- Provide an opportunity for those who want experience in radio production and presentation.

The show is presented on a weekly basis on Friday evenings from 6pm to 8pm and is a mixture of music and interviews and all editorial content is controlled by the show. WBC broadcasts cover both Rotary districts 9800 and 9810 and this enables a number of the clubs to have regular segments on the show. Guests come to the studio in Box Hill Town Hall for live conversations and



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Radio Show Continued:

when the opportunities arise outside broadcasts are undertaken. Some past podcasts of the weekly shows are retained on the RCC's Website: www.canterburyrotary.org.

To the best of the Rotary Radio Show team's knowledge, their show is the only weekly, two hour Rotary radio show in the world.

Relay for Life & Paint the Town Purple

Sue Clifford again represented RCC on the organising committee for the Relay for Life–Hawthorn. She also led the Canterbury Rotary CANTROT Team and supported the members for the duration of the event. The team raised a total of \$2148.50. Dean Barnett also participated in the students committee and supported them throughout the night. Acknowledgement and thanks are extended to both Sue and Dean for the efforts and commitment to the cause. Also, the Glen Iris Rovers, the Robinson family and Ray and Linda Thomas and their support member teams who participated throughout the event.

Over \$76,000 was raised by all the teams participating to provide vital funds for the Cancer Research Council's research, prevention and support services.

We actually held our club weekly meeting on site and all present enjoyed a gourmet BBQ prior to attending the very moving candlelight ceremony. Thanks to Andrew Mastrowicz for organising the gazebo, tables, barbeques and lighting and to all those who supplied the lovely salads.

Graham Bishop encouraged and supported the Maling Road business and retailers to participate in the Relay for Life Paint the Town Purple Competition, to raise awareness of the upcoming event at the John Gardiner Reserve in Hawthorn East. Shop windows were dressed and displays were highlighted in purple, the colour of hope. Donation boxes were displayed in the stores and collectively, a total of \$354.70 was raised. Bohemia Cakes were awarded the prize for the best window display, with the runner up Nourish on Maling and honourable mentions were awarded to Maling Road Toyshop and Flowers Canterbury.

Rotary & Rotary Foundation

As you are all aware, we do not provide payment to any of our guest speakers and advise them that a donation has been made on their behalf, to one of the Australian Rotary Health Projects including Interplast, End Polio Now, Operation Cleft and present them with a Certificate of Appreciation, at the conclusion of their presentations. This year, RCC has donated \$5000 towards these causes and their relevant research.

The District 9800 leadership team put in many hours ensuring that all clubs meet the International and District regulations and requirements. We hosted the District Governor, Julie Mason, who shared her aspirations for the year ahead and encouraged us all to share our Rotary stories. Also Therese McKenney, the Eastside Assistance Governor attended some of our meetings and events. She also acted as Chairperson for our bi-monthly cluster meetings. We thank both Julie and Therese for their support throughout the year.

The Leadership Team are responsible for the annual conference. This year it was held in Bendigo and RCC had 13 Members attend. The speakers included many young people who had achieved many feats in their personal adventurous lives or in providing assistance to others through their programs.



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Rotary & Rotary Foundation Continued:

The Rotary Leadership Institute developed a revised program that focuses on greater interaction and engagement to enhance the program that assists the participants to understand how the world of Rotary works, and equips the participants with the knowledge, understanding and skills to take on future responsibilities within Rotary. Dean Barnett and Brett Riley completed the Program this year. They highly recommend the Program and would encourage members, especially those new to Rotary to consider undertaking it in the future.

Speaker Program

Thanks are extended to Mal Short for organising our interesting speaker program for the year. We had presentations from many inspiring young people, experienced business people, many adventures, Rotary District Governor and representatives from various Rotary projects. I am sure that you will all agree, we certainly had a varied program as highlighted on the attached calendar.

Social Events

Fellowship is an integral part of our weekly gatherings, but the formal meeting processes often limit the opportunity for this important side of our club activities. Every opportunity for increased fun and socialization is always embraced by members, partners, friends and support people. This year has been no exception with special events organised, these included:

- Christmas in July at Conchie Hall;
- Film night for viewing of "The Intern" for Polio Plus Fundraising;
- Attendance at the Beechworth Food and wine Festival;
- Christmas Festivities at Kate & Gerry Cross's home;
- Leap Year Day Cocktail Party at Helen Hartnett's home;
- District Conference at Bendigo including dinner with Rochester and Camberwell members & Philippines GVE team;
- Disaster Aid Food Packaging Vocational Activity & BBQ at Hella in Dandenong;
- Dinner at Sapa Hills Restaurant in Hawthorn; and
- The Club Changeover Dinner.

Thanks to all for your contributions and efforts, especially Kate, Gerry and Helen for opening your homes despite either just returning or about to undertake overseas travel.

Vocational Service

Past President John McCaskill again fulfilled the role as District 9800 Chair for the Group Vocational Exchange Programme and along with Fabiene Nichola from the RC of Camberwell visited clubs to advise of the changes that have recently been made to the previous District Group Study Exchange (GSE) Program which is now known as Group Vocational Exchange (GVE). These changes occurred as a result of feedback from previous participants namely that there was too much emphasis on the social and cultural activities and insufficient emphasis on the interactions relevant to the participant's professional work-life.



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Vocational Service Continued:

The incoming team of four from the Philippines still had the experience of being provided with a month of hosting by the four district clusters – East- side, Heritage, Beachside and Goldfields, with each cluster organising meaningful professional visitation of 2 – 3 days at one or two workplaces instead of the previous, 1 – 4 hour visits where the participants were provided with an overview of the organisations and their processes. Social and cultural activities were still included, as the participants are representatives of Rotary and their countries Ambassadors. RCC sponsored Alec Gillies as one of the four Australian representatives completing the exchange program in the Philippines. Thanks are extended to John and Liz McCaskill, Rob and Karin Simpson and Ian and Chris Mellett for being hosts to the incoming team.

Thanks to the planning and support of Gerry Cross and his contacts within the forestry industry, RCC hosted Metchie Arnaiz from the Philippines, a Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship participant. Metchie visited the rainforest areas in Tasmania and Victoria and she visited our rainforests and Victorian Forests in Ballarat, Beaufort, Cheerypool and others and HPV Victorian Plantations in Myrtleford, Shelly and Stanley to learn about our forestry industries and systems. She also observed contractors at Daylesford, thinning trees and logging at Marysville following the devastation of the 2009 bushfires. Also the recycling centre and Westgate Park, Melbourne City Council and Melbourne Water. She visited Landcare Australia and the conservation of our wild life.

Metchie was also successfully completed a Master's study unit in Bushfire and Climate at the Creswick Campus of the University of Melbourne.

Thanks are extended to Gerry and Kate Cross, David and Tanya Chudasko and Val and Patrick Cunniffe for their generosity in hosting Metchie Arnaiz during her time in Melbourne.

An exciting "hands-on" initiative was introduced this year, the Food Pack Program. Thirty two members, friends and previous Philippines Program attendees participated in the fun filled pilot run at Doug Hawley's Family Factory, Hella in Dandenong South. The 800 humanitarian food packs completed will provide meals for approximately 4800 people in a developing world location, like the Philippines.

Each heat sealed foil single food pack consists of rice, oats and lentils and a sachet of vitamins and minerals, that will form the base for a meal for 4 – 6 people, when catastrophic weather events occur and the normal subsistence crops and/or supplies are devastated in developing countries.

These packs will ultimately be shipped to the Masbate in the Philippines, thanks to a generous support of a philanthropist and stored in a vermin safe area for distribution, in the future, to the Masbate districts following the inevitable natural disasters.

Recognition of Doug's and his family's massive contribution to these packs is acknowledged.

Thanks to all for your contribution and efforts, in this our pilot run. The evening concluded with sharing a tasty BBQ.

It is anticipated that this initiative will develop into a RCC major project over the coming years. Including, incorporating packing participation from other Rotary Clubs, service groups and other organisations, such as our partners, the Guides and Rovers, and donations from cereal suppliers of the rice, oats and lentils.



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Weekly & Regular Events

Current and past members and friends enjoy events outside the formalities of the club on a regular basis.

Each week Club members and friends who are cyclists set out for a ride. They catch a train to the starting point and go along the amazing network of off-road bike paths in Melbourne. The group stops at a café for morning coffee, then somewhere nice for lunch after which they return home by train. The bike ride typically covers a distance of about 35km to 40km.

Others enjoy a walk with their dogs twice a week and another group meets fortnightly for lunch and a chat at different local restaurants.

Thanks to the organisers of these events.

Youth Services

RCC's Youth Services committee has been very active this year, under the direction of Michael Chong, Brett Riley and Dean Barnett. This year:

- Selected & funded Grace McKee from Canterbury Girls High School and Sion Hau from Balwyn High School to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra;
- Sponsored Candice Kriegler to attend RYLA.

All the above students and the 2015 successful nominee, Jimmy Fan came to one of our club meetings and gave very interesting presentation of their interests and expected experiences that the opportunities of attendance at these forums would/had provided. They all acknowledged and thanked members for the opportunities that would be provided.

Accolades and Acknowledgements

It is my pleasure to again share with you all, the accolades that were bestowed on RCC by the District Team as announced at the District Changeover held at the RACV Club in Melbourne.



Club Service Recognition for Innovation

Awarded for sourcing new ways of interacting with members and non-members through the data and attractive technology, using MailChimp, redesigning the website and incorporating the Bulletin, and at the same time, automating administration.

This award would not have been granted except for the behind the scene dedication and efforts for some of our members. A huge thank you is extended to both Peter May and Max Holland for their contributions to ensure that the technology is operational, member and financial data is current and the bulletin is available for us, as members and RCC's friends and associates, in a timely manner. Also thanks are extended to Sue Clifford for her management of the facebook page. Also, thanks to Andrew Masterowicz, for his management of the implementation of the new accounting system, Xero. And to John Braine for his incredible secretarial support to the Board and financial application skills that he so readily shared with Andrew to ensure the timely transfer of information to 'Xero'.



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Vance Hilton Community Service Recognition

Awarded to recognise the partnership between Boroondara Girl Guides and Rover Scouts and RCC and the benefits it provides to the clients of Inner East children with disabilities. They have delivered a twilight cinema, a treasure hunt and an outing to the Boxhill Miniature Railway.

Again thanks to all members, family members and friends, who have supported all the events for the clients and family members of the Inner East. Special thanks are extended to Michael Chong, Director of Community Services and to the Lili-Ann Kriegler, RCC’s Team Leader and our partners, the Girl Guides and Rover Scouts for bringing all the events to fruition. Your efforts are acknowledged and feedback from the IEE’s staff, clients and their family members indicate their thanks and appreciation for the support.

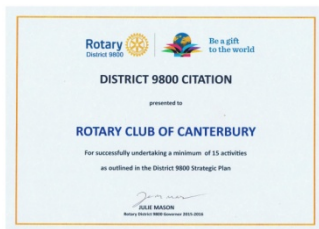


Eastside Cluster Club Service for Innovation

Awarded to the 5 clubs (Boroondara, Balwyn, North Balwyn, Camberwell and Canterbury) for the successful program “Boroondara Cares”. This tackles problems of homelessness, family violence, social isolation, educational disadvantage and drug abuse by working together and with community partners.

For this past year, the contribution of Gerry Cross as a board member of Boroondara Cares is acknowledged also to John McCaskill for his contribution especially for the planning of the proposed social isolation project. Also, thanks to Peter May and Michael Chong for the meeting attendances and contributions. The contribution of RCC past presidents and committee members, who have participated in projects of Boroondara Cares over the years is acknowledged and appreciated. Hopefully, community projects in their planning stages will come to fruition in the coming months.

Many of you witnessed the presentation by AG Jonathan Shepherd of the District 9800 Citation at RCC’s changeover held at our home base, Conochie Hall in Canterbury.



The citation was awarded for undertaking a minimum of 15 activities as outlined in the District 9800 Strategic Plan.

Thanks are extended for the contributions and efforts of the participating RCC members, their family members and friends, RCC’s friends and our Girl Guides and Rover Scouts partners for the achievements of the year. Thanks are also extended to AG Therese McKenney for nominating RCC for the District Award.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions

One of highlights of being the President is the opportunity to recognize people whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of the Rotary Foundation. This year five members were recognized for their dedication, efforts, contributions and achievements. Congratulations are extended to all recipients.



Helen Hartnett has been associated with RCC since its inception, initially as a supportive spouse of her late husband Ralph and then as a member in her own right. She has participated in the planning and organization of our social events for many years.

Helen has also participated in the eye screening projects to the Philippines.

She has hosted members in her own home and is renowned for her culinary and bar tender skills. We have all shared her tasty morsels and enjoyed the cocktails.

She is prepared to assist the Directors and members in any task and always has a smile on her face, loves a laugh and gives her all.

Helen was presented with a Lapel Pin and Certificate.

Since Mal Short has joined RCC, he has been a willing participant in many of our projects such as the Philippines eye screening and donations in kind activities.

This year Mal has been our program director. The speakers have been very varied and maintained the interest of all members.

He also readily fills in when needs arise and this includes organising the fortnightly lunches in David Zrna’s absence and assisting in any other role or projects being undertaken.

Mal was presented with a Lapel pin and Certificate.



PP Graham Bishop has been our Club Service Director for the past 10 years, a vital role that simply occurs behind the scenes- no fuss, no bother, it simply just happens. A role that he will be relinquishing this coming year.

He has also ensured that supplies were available for all our needs – here at Conochie Hall or at Maling Road, Relay for Life or wherever the event may be held.

Graham is also a driving force behind the Maling Road events, namely: the Membership Drive, Paint The Town Purple for the Relay for Life, Kriskindl and the Scavenger Hunt.

He also is the main organiser for the administration of the Aussie Pride Badges fundraising and ensures the postage of the badges to the purchases in a timely manner.

Graham was presented with a 2nd Sapphire Lapel Pin.

PP John McCaskill is always willing to assist members, the district and cluster groups in any way, no matter the cause, the time or the place.

This year John has again been on the District Group Vocational Exchange (GVE) Committee and with the support of Fabiene Nichola from the RC of Camberwell, again organised the ingoing and outgoing Philippine GVE Teams/ A very time consuming and often challenging role. He was also the driving force behind our membership drive and event at Maling Road. He is also very supportive to our new members.

John has also been one of our representatives on the Boroondara Cares Foundation Committees. He has begun planning the social isolation project.

John was presented with a Sapphire Lapel Pin.



PP Peter May was the President of RCC last year and lead the club with great vim, vigour and enthusiasm and gave a great example of service above self, in his direction and participation in our club, cluster and district events. Including hosting of the GSE and Rotary Exchange students.

Every week he writes the preamble for the email introduction to the bulletin for distribution to both the members and the friends of RCC. He constantly monitors and updates the RCC website, manages the Trybooking processes and the banking processes. He also has prepared our draft budgets for the last couple of years. The Board is very grateful for his support, direction and leadership.

Along with John Braine, he has supported our Treasurer, Andrew Mastrowicz in the development and implementation of the new financial reporting program, Zero.

It is often said, that behind a good man is a very supportive and skilled spouse. Judy May is no exception. Judy has used and/or shared her IT skills with the production of the master tools for the menu card, induction materials etcetera that I have been able to use in throughout this year and she has amended these for use in the coming year.

Judy readily supports and participates in many Rotary events such as being the BBQ whiz when we recently went to Doug Hawley's factory in Dandenong to do the humanitarian packs.

Peter was presented with a Sapphire Lapel Pin and Judy was presented with a cyclamen.

Rotarian of the Year



Val Cunniffe was the worthy recipient of this award and was present with the perpetual cup.

Val's dedication, contributions and efforts were recognized for the past year. She has been the Sergeant at Arms and provided the MC and entertainment component of our program for the year.

She has participated in the visitation activities at the Glenallen Special School. Also driven the schools side of the Aussie Pride Badges fundraising mailouts. Val also provided hospitality to many and supported other members, often behind the scenes in their hour of need.

Val, we thank you and extend our congratulations again.



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In Conclusion

I thank all members for giving me the opportunity to lead you this year. On reflection, we have certainly lived and demonstrated the Rotary Year's theme "Be a gift to the world". We also had a lot of fun whilst successfully completing ongoing projects and activities that were implemented in the past and have undertaken the preliminary planning for projects such as Busy Feet, which will be implemented in the coming year.

Best wishes to you all, as you face the day to day challenges of life, no matter what part of the life cycle you are at today. We do influence others by our actions and deeds and indeed can be a gift to the world in our own individual way.

The biggest challenge for each and every one of us is to continue to use our talents, knowledge, abilities and put our efforts into making a difference for ourselves and the lives of others. Rotary certainly gives us many opportunities for this by volunteering in one or more of the projects and/or activities that the Club undertakes, each year. Thank you to everyone for your contributions and efforts not only for this year but also in the past. We look forward to recalling many of the activities and events conducted by the club in its 30 year anniversary in April 2017.

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President 2014 - 2015

2015 -2016 CALENDAR

2015/16		Meeting Speakers/Event	Activity/Social
July	06	2014-15 Annual Report - Peter May Club Assembly & Budget	
	13	Helen Jurcevic – Kanthi Village, Kenya Update	Board Meeting
	20	ADG Visit – Therese McKenney Behind the Badge- Dean Barnett	
	27	DG Julie Mason Visit	
August	03	Cherrie Osborn – District Basic Education & Literacy Project	Induction – Reg Davis
	10	Joe Eidelson – Digital Recording of Personal & Family History	Board Meeting
	17	John Pessutto MP	Sat 15 Maling Rd Membership Event
	24	3WBC Radio Show 10 th Anniversary Speaker: GM John Farmer	
	31	Jeremy Desmier – Fletcher’s Real Estate	
September	07	Steve Sammartino – The Tech Revolution in Business	
	14	Roger Taylor What sort of future should we be planning for?	Board Meeting
	21	Mark Read – A Life involving Sport, Betting & Business	Sat 19 Scavenger Hunt – Maling Rd.
	28	Eye Surgery Associates - “Eyes for Africa” – Dr Trevor Gin Orthoptic Students Feedback of 2015 Philippines Project: Nhung Nguyen &	
October	05	Meeting replaced - Film Night Polio Plus “The Intern”	
	12	Ray Jones “Schools For Nepal”	Board Meeting
	19	Foodbank Victoria – Speaker Lindsey Ritchie	9 – 21 19 th Philippines Project
	26	Daniel Kuzeff – Chief Director of Our Connection & Youth Mental Health	
November	02	What kind of future should we be planning for? Speaker: Roger Taylor	Support for Salvation Army Migrant Mock Interviews
	09	Health & Nutrition – Dr Jeff Cox Director of Health Recharge	Board Meeting
	16	My Artic Journey – Speaker Tony Kjar	13 – 15 Beechworth Food & Wine Festival
	23	The History & Music of the Zither - Etienne de Lavaulx Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre Presentation.	14 Sat – Boxhill Mini Railway with IIE
	30	AGM & Audited Financial Statements	
December	07	Are Sales Professionals Born or Trained? Speaker: John Hopkins	Fri 4 – KristKindl Maling Road
	14	Christmas Festivities at Kate & Gerry Cross	Board Meeting
	21	Christmas Break – No Meeting	
	28	Christmas Break – No Meeting	
2016 January	04	Christmas Break – No Meeting Bulletin – Metchia Arniaz – Royce & Jean Abbey Scholarship Holder	Donation to Masbate following Typhoon Nona.
	11	Scott Harris “Rehabilitation, Resilience and Overcoming Adversity	Board Meeting
	18	Beyondblue – Speaker: Peter McCall OAM	
	25	No Meeting – Australia Day	
February	01	Group Vocational Exchange (GVE) – John McCaskill & Fabienne Nichola & Alec Gillies, (RCC’s Sponsored) GVE Team Member – Philippines	
	08	Chris De Fraga – Current happenings in the car industry Update Metchie Arnaiz – Royce & Jean Abbey Fellow	Board Meeting Fri 12 – IIE Cinema Night
	15	Combined meeting with Camberwell – Welcome to GVE Philippines Team	
	22	Alan Mead - Airborne Contamination Control Inductions: Sue Osborne & Ian Mellett	Rotary’s 110 th Birthday Celebration
	29	Leap Year Day Cocktail Party at Helen Hartnett’s	
March	07	John Bradley – Compassionate Friends, Victoria District Rotary Conference Sat 12 & Sun 13 at Bendigo	.
	14	Labour Day – No Meeting	Board Meeting
	21	Meeting Changed to Sat 19 th for attendance at Relay For Life BBQ	
	28	Easter Monday- No Meeting	
April	04	Christine Rees – Heart Foundation Community Educator	
	11	Helen Worladge- Boroondara Cares Program Manager	Board Meeting
	18	2016 Philippines Team Presentation by Jasmine Peldys & Breanna Ban	
	25	Anzac Day – No Meeting	Anzac Day Marshalling
May	02	Karen Hayes CEO Guide Dogs, Victoria	
	09	Disaster Aid Food Packaging Vocational Activity & BBQ at Hella	Board Meeting
	16	Di Gilles – Rotary Co-ordinator for Interplast	
	23	Val Cunniffe - Holiday Experiences of South America	
	30	Sapa Hills Restaurant – Members, Partners & Friends	
June	06	Mark Squirrel – From Ararat to Everest	
	13	Queen’s Birthday – No meeting	
	20	Nick Peardon – Treeincarnation Induction - Ander Pedersen	Combined Board Meeting
	27	Club Changeover Theme: Cultural Heritage for Dress and Catering	
Membership :	43		Meetings : 52 (33 with speakers)

2015 -2016 CALENDAR

	Roles & Responsibilities	Rotarian Name	Back Ups/Directors/Chairs
B O A R D	Immediate Past President	Peter May	John McCassill
	President Elect	Doug Hawley	
	Secretary	John Baine	Nora Ley
	Treasurer	Andrew Mastrovicz	Kay Gulenc
	Club Service & Fundraising	Graham Bishop	
	International	Kyle Wightman, Doug Hawley(Philippines) Gerry Cross (DIK)	Director: Kyle Wightman
	Community	Michael Chong	Lili- Ann Kriegler
	Club Roles:		
	Almoner	Ian Coopes	Nora Ley
	Attendance/Catering	Russell Hoath	Sue Clifford
	Bulletin & Photographs	Max Holland	Ian Coopes
	Communications -IT, Media & Marketing	Peter May	Max Holland
	Foundation	Brian Bloomer	
	Fundraising		Chairperson Graham Bishop
	Group Study Exchange	John Mc Caskill (District Rep)	
	Historian	Ian Coopes	
	Market Roster	Tony Simpson	Steve Wiley
	Program/Speakers	Malcolm Short & Ray Thomas	
	Property	Graeme Hindhaugh	
	Radio Show	David Proud	Brian Bloomer
	Sargeant/MC	John McCassill ,David Robinson, Rob Simpson, Val Cunniffe	
	Social	Lynn Steel, Helen Hartnett, Alan Stevens, Ross Merolli, Bill Granger.	
	Youth Service	Brett Riley	Sue Clifford
	Vocational	GSE – John McCassill	
	Other:		
	Alzheimer’s Research	\$5 K for 1015	
	Anzac Day Marshalling	Kyle Wightman	
	Boroondara Cares	Foundation – Jerry Cross (+ Board) Cluster –John Mc Cassill (+ C’tee)	Annette Brownscombe
	DIK Rent	\$1500 pa	
	Relay for Life	Sue Clifford (+ Committee)	Brett Riley
Community Projects	Belmore Special School	Scholarship \$1500	
	Boroondara Com. House Mentoring	Michael Chong, Neil Williams	
	Glenallan Special School- Swimming, Physio		
	Faversham House/Bass Care		(Doug Gillen – Catering)
	Carrigal Special Accommodation		
	Inner East Interchange	Michael Chong & Lili-Ann Kriegler	
	Maling Road General Fundraising Kris Kindl Scouts & Guides	Michael Chong/ Lili-Ann Kriegler Graham Bishop Brett Riley	
	Salvation Army – English Classes Mentoring – CV’s, interviews		
	Rotary Lunches	David Zrna	
	Rotary Walkers	Keith Thompson/ Helen Hartnett	
	Rotary Riders	Max Holland	
	Committees:		
	Community Services	Michael Chong,Lili-Ann Krieger, Jenni Nankervis, Bill Nankervis, Roger Taylor, Ian Coopes, Ross Merolli, Sue Clifford Brett Riley, Josh Fergeus, Dean Barnett	Director: Michael Chong
	Fundraising Aussie Pride Badges Maling Rd – Scouts/Guides	Bob Falconer, Val Cunniffe, Graham Bishop Nora Ley, Peter May, Matt Miller	Director: Graham Bishop

ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY 2015 -2016

International Philippines, Nepal, DIK	Kyle Wightman, Doug Hawley, Gerry Cross, David Chudasko, Andrew Mastrovicz, Neil Williams, Steve Wiley	Director: Kyle Wightman
Membership	John McCassill, Annette Brownscome, Neil Williams, Graham Bishop, Rob Simpson	Chairperson: John McCassill (+ District)
Vocational	GSE – John McCaskill Salvation Army – CV's, Interviews – M. Chong	
Youth (Scouts & Guides)	Brett Riley, Sue Clifford, Josh Fergeus, Dean Barnett	Chairperson: Brett Riley(+ District)

CLUB MEMBERS

Alan Stevens	Andrew Mastrovicz	Annette Brownscome	Bill Granger	Bob Falconer
Brett Riley	Brian Bloomer	David Chudasko	David Proud	David Robinson
David Zrna	Dean Barnett	Doug Hawley	Edward Gwee	Gerry Cross
Graeme Hindhough	Graham Bishop	Helen Hartnett	Ian Coopes	Jenni Nankervis
John Braine	John McCaskill	John Richards	Josh Fergeus	Josh Frydenberg
Kyle Wightman	Lili-Ann Kriegler	Lynn Steel	Malcolm Short	Max Holland
Me Te Madakbas	Michael Chong	Neil Williams	Nora Ley	Peter May
Ray Thomas	Reg Davis	Rob Simpson	Roger Taylor	Ross Merolli
Steve Wylie	Sue Clifford	Tony Simpson	Trevor Donkin	Val Cunniffe
Resignation 2015 -16: Joyce Sutton, Keith Thompson, Bill Nankervis, Russell Hoath, Matt Miller, Reg Davis				
New Members 2015 -16: Reg Davis ,Sue Osborne, Ian Mellett, Ander Pedersen				