

## President's Report

Twelve months have passed and how fast they went. I want to start by thanking Past President Christine Andrews for handing over the reins of the club in such good shape. Thank you Christine. I want to thank the directors, Tony Colman, Bea Petz, Jane Kebble-Williams, Tom Goninon, Anne Palmer, Cecelia Lawler, Mike Woods; Assistant District Governor Gill Whitehouse, Speaker arranger extraordinaire Fiona Ralph; the brilliant prose of Rosanne Burton-Smith as newsletter editor, David Wallace, our cruel Corporal; Thank you. These Rotarians rose to the challenge of working with me to guide the club through the year. They unselfishly grasped the challenge and with vigour and imagination put into practice the essence of Rotary. Little did they realise what was ahead of them. However they did have a great asset to help them. That asset was you, our club members. We all rose to the challenge of making the club a place for Fellowship, a place for community, a place for giving, a place for fun. I will leave it to outgoing directors reports to detail the individual initiatives of the areas of service; Club, Vocational, International, Vocational and Community.

What will I remember of my year? What are my highlights?

1. For me it has to be awarding Paul Harris Fellowships. These fellowships embody what Rotary is all about. It reflects the esteem we hold those who put service above self. Recognising the tremendous contribution of Christine Andrews and Tom Goninon; thank you.
2. Of course an equal first must also be welcoming in new members. And how they've given and contributed to our club, Thank you Debra Howard and John Dryden.
3. The Fellowship and fun of GWCTD, the vocational visits. How well I remember the freezing cold very wet winter day at the distillery as we imbibed the warmth of the whiskies. The glorious sunny day on the East Coast around the BBQ.
4. RYPEN, RYDER, NYSF, MUNA, RYLA. And of course our involvement with TasKidz. These initiatives are where we demonstrated our ability to help with the empowerment of youth. Our future.
5. Who can forget that Night of Knights. Etched into my mind is the hideous jester of Wilmar, (I still have the nightmares) as well as all those gorgeous wenches and ladies. What a great example of two Not for Profit organisations coming together for the benefit of others.
6. The special events like Christmas and those wonderful Christmas decorations. The Melbourne Cup and the serious fun of racing around the Function Centre much to the delight and consternation of guests staying in the rooms above. Yes, they thought, those tales of mad Tasmanians are right after all. No decorum as skirts were hitched up and knickers tucked in. The GSE team, reception at Parliament House and BBQ's welcoming home our team and incoming teams.
7. The District assembly. So inspirational. Ordinary people doing extraordinary things.
8. However the year also had its sad moments. We were witness to the fortitude and strength of character of Marg Jones as she so heroically fought and accepted the cruel fate of her illness. Her determination to attend the GSE reception at Parliament House is an inspiration to us all. And then illnesses and accidents that have inflicted themselves on our other members.
9. Of course I'm also proud of what Rotary in Australia has achieved. Over \$2million raised towards ShelterBox. Internationally Rotary was the first overseas aid team allowed into Burma. I could go on.

Throughout all these highlights, for me, runs one constant theme. We all shared in our efforts, in the Fellowship, through good times and not so good times. This really was witness to the theme of my year "Rotary Shares"

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Of course, there are areas which we can do even better. I would like to see Interact be established. I'd like to see even more co-operation and collaboration between the clubs in our Group.

So in closing, before I hand over to your incoming president, the incredibly capable Anne Palmer, I simply want to say thank you for giving me the privilege and honour of serving as your president. You are truly inspirational and a living example of the essence of Rotary. You did all the work; Thank you.

Finian MacCana  
President 2007/2008

## Financial Report

The financial accounts of the club are divided between the "General account" and the "Service account". All funds raised from the public are deposited to the "Service account", and most funds raised from club members are deposited to the "General account".

### Service Account

The amount brought forward from the 2006/7 period was \$2,975.15. The cash book balance for this account as at 19th June, 2008 was. \$3,468.69

Income for the Service account included the following;

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund	\$30.10
Bank Interest	\$0.56
Bowel Scan Kits	\$486.00
Catering	\$687.70
Christmas Cakes	\$375.00
Community	\$100.00
Diabetes Ball	\$4,525.00
Fit Ball	\$645.05
General	\$75.00
Guess Whose Coming to Dinner	\$680.00
Parcel wrapping	\$1,637.85
Quiz Night	\$1,507.65
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment 2007	\$140.00
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment 2008	\$1,840.00
Sandy Bay Regatta	\$309.20
Sausage Sizzle	\$3,403.25
Vocational	\$534.25
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$16,976.61</b>

While most of the large ticket income items were activities in which club members as a whole were involved, The Fit Ball contribution of \$645.05 comes from a small group of Rotarians who meet weekly in order to improve their level of fitness along with a small group of non-Rotarians who meet with Rotarian Gill Whitehouse for the same purpose. The Fitball group decided that, in the 07/08 Rotary year, any funds they raised would go to Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM). This request is reflected in the Expenditure item for RAM

Expenditure from the Service account included the following items;

Administration	\$25.95
Bank Fees	\$5.00
Bowel Scan Kits	\$754.00
Catering	\$167.47
Christmas Cakes	\$862.68
Community ( <i>Includes \$2000 for purchase of medical equipment for the Royal Hobart Hospital Cardio Thoracic Unit</i> )	\$2,183.62
Donation	\$50.00
Guess Whose Coming to Dinner	\$40.00
International ( <i>Includes \$1880 for running costs of one of the vehicles of the Fiji Rotahomes Project, \$1200 to purchase a Shelterbox, \$200 contribution for Secretary Tom to go Fiji in Aug/Sep '07 to work on Rotahomes Project</i> )	\$3,280.00
Model United Nations	\$200.00

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New Generations	\$435.45
Quiz Night	\$280.41
Relay For Life	\$448.00
Rotarians Against Malaria ( <i>Funds raised through Fitball group</i> )	\$645.05
Rotary Foundation	\$3,400.00
Rotary Youth Leadership Award	\$475.00
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment	\$2,662.27
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment 2007	\$71.50
Sausage Sizzle	\$281.37
Vocational	\$615.30
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$16,883.07</b>

### General Account

The amount brought forward from 2006/7 was \$1,741.51. The current cash book balance for this account as at 19 June 2008 is \$4,711.65.

The subscription for the year was set at \$170.00 per member. The actual payments against the subscription, made in the 07/08 Rotary year, totalled \$152.82 which was made up as follows;

Cost	2006/7	2007/8
Rotary International**	\$69.19	\$54.52
Rotary District 9830	\$57.48	\$58.30
RDU – Magazine*	\$41.97	\$18.70
District Insurance	\$17.75	\$21.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$186.39</b>	<b>\$152.82</b>

\* July to December '07 Magazine subscription was paid in 06/07

\*\* Favourable exchange rates between the US and Australian dollars are reflected in the decline in the RI subs.

Income for the General account was sourced from the following activities;

Bank Interest	\$0.31
Changeover Dinner '07	\$1,400.00
Changeover Dinner '08	\$1,350.00
Christmas Cards	\$140.00
Donations	\$72.00
Fines	\$790.55
Heads and Tails	\$1,691.65
Mayo farewell	\$938.20
Meals	\$21,018.35
Member subs	\$5,170.84
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$32,571.90</b>

Expenditure from the General account included the following items;

Administration	\$1,029.94
Bank Fees	\$44.00
Changeover Dinner '08	\$345.00
Christmas Cards	\$140.00
Community	\$30.94
District Dues	\$2,467.60
Family of Rotary	\$178.31
Mayo Farewell	\$937.50

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Meals	\$21,732.01
Police Checks	\$135.00
R I Dues	\$1,933.38
Rotary Down Under	\$628.08
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$29,601.76</b>

When the 2007/8 accounts have been audited a copy of the audit report will be distributed to members

Tom Goninon  
Treasurer 2007/2008

## **Club Service**

The year has been highlighted in what we do very well and that is fellowship. We have had lots of projects during the year, and this has been demonstrated by the support of all club members' attendance to these functions and to our meetings. This is most important and I would say that the leadership of our President Finian has been outstanding to our Rotary Club.

### **Knight of Nights Ball**

This was our first function for the year combined with Diabetes Australia Tasmania. This was a great success and we raised \$8,050.00 on the night. As the profits were shared between us we received a total of \$4,025.00 each. Medieval dancing entertained us during the evening, plus a very good dance band and a very spirited auction. Proceeds raised for our club went to the Hobart's Cardio Thoracic Unit which assisted to buy a heart monitor, and the Rotary Foundation. This was a most enjoyable evening indeed shared by fellow Rotarians, partners and friends.

### **Farewell function for Mayo, Ambassadorial Scholar**

Early December a function was organised at the attractive home of Wilmar and Matthew's "Corinda" to farewell our Ambassadorial Scholar Mayo. Mayo has been an outstanding ambassador for her country and to our District. This was a lovely evening and I would personally like to thank my committee for their hard work in making this event such a great success. During the evening, Mayo was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by District Governor Kevin Shadbolt for her outstanding services as an ambassadorial scholar. This was well deserved and a great surprise to Mayo!

### **Guess Whose Coming To Dinner (GWCTD)**

Sincere thanks to Jill Gatty for organising such wonderful hosts in our Club to share meals of extraordinary cuisine with a vast range of wines generously provided. This program is a great club project and an opportunity to enjoy time with fellow Rotarians. Jill has kindly offered to continue the organising of GWCTD into the new rotary year,

### **Relay for Life**

This is a wonderful Club project with all our members participating. Gill Whitehouse is to be applauded on all her efforts in organising our club's participation and making it all happen. This is a wonderful two days, and an occasion for club members to get together and enjoy each others company. Our club is to be congratulated on raising so much money for this very worthwhile cause. Well done Gill!

### **Christmas Function**

This year we held our Christmas Function at the Ronald MacDonald House. We held a cooked breakfast for the residents and children, and presents were given to the children. This was a perfect way to celebrate. During the morning Chris Andrews and Tom Goninon were each presented with a Paul Harris Fellow – my very sincere congratulations to you both!

### **Rostering for Meetings**

The rostering of meetings I thought went extremely well and members were there to carry out their allocated tasks for each morning. I am sure this will continue as it is most imperative for the smooth operations of meetings. Incoming Club Service Director Mike will I am sure have this under control.

## **Family of Rotary**

Gill Whitehouse has done an extremely outstanding job in her role for carrying out the duties required for this position. With her caring ways to us all she has demonstrated her responsibilities in a most professional and sensitive manner.

## **Guest Speaker Program**

Congratulations to Fiona on the high calibre of Guest Speakers during the year, which are very important to our weekly meetings. All have been most interesting and I am sure all club members would agree with me with the fine selection she has chosen. You have put a lot of thought and work into organising speakers to come along with the assistance of club members Fiona. I am very much looking forward to hearing of the speakers you have selected for us in the year to come.

## **Membership**

Attending our weekly Club meetings allows us to enjoy our Club's and each other's fellowship and to enrich our professional and personal knowledge.

To ensure the future success of Salamanca Rotary Club we need to continually attract quality men and women members. This is up to all of us to constantly keep looking out for suitable candidates.

....and remember

One of the greatest things of being a member of Rotary is the fellowship and caring which is genuinely demonstrated within our Club. Our Rotary family is most important and we are all there to support each other always!

I have enjoyed being Club Service Director and I would like to thank my committee, Wilmar, Pam, Claudette, Rosanne, Tony and Di. The Board has been a valuable support and has guided me through the year. To all members I sincerely thank you too for supporting our activities.

I would like to wish incoming Club Service Director Mike all the very best for the year 2008/2009.

Anne Palmer  
Club Service Director 2007/2008

## **Community Service**

**Committee:** Cecilia Lawler  
Mike Temple-Smith  
Barry Cruise  
Marita Holding  
Ros Terry

The Community Services Committee continued to provide support for the valuable projects developed over the past year/s and implemented some new opportunities to service the community. It was a year of activity with all club members assisting in our programs and 'wow' I thank you all so much.

### **Relay for Life (23-24 February 2008)**

Gill Whitehouse again booked an excellent spot for the RC of Salamanca Team to participate in this event. The weather this year was appalling with snow, hail and rain falling throughout the relay without a single volunteer failing to walk. Club members will never forget Marg Jones' wonderful family walking her shift.

### **AA Lords Home**

The committee continued to support the AA Lord Home through providing assistance to:  
The annual concert  
The annual art show  
Shopping mate program (Michael Temple-smith has again organised volunteers from the club and is awaiting residence in need from the Home).  
Water striders  
Plans for a wind-break for the pagoda have been developed by Andrew Gray and submitted for approval to the AA Lord Homes board. The club anticipates conducting a working bee early in 2008-2009 to complete this project.

### **Loui's Van**

Club members continued to volunteer for Loui's Van. Pam Scott has joined the team and Ruth Temple-Smith is arranged training sessions to be provided individually for club members who volunteered for this project.

### **Soup Making for Louis Van**

The club is currently making soup for Louis Van. This will be collected 8 July 2008.

### **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)**

Our club again participated in both sessions of RYDA. Wolf Ebert led the RC of Salamanca team at the RYDA session in October and on 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 April. Club members again showed their support by volunteering on these days. Each RYDA event was highly successful, with approximately 2,000 students participating. The very positive feedback from students, teachers, educators and volunteers encourages us to know that this program is worth revisiting annually.

### **Bowelscan**

The club assisted in the Bowelscan program for the first time this year. It was run in March-April 2007 when promotional material and Bowelscan kits were distributed to our club's allocated pharmacies:  
Hobart Friendly Care

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Salamanca Plus  
South Hobart Pharmacy.

Tests were then collected and taken to Hobart Pathology for analysis. We had over 30 tests returned but still have a large amount of kits left to use next year. We will not need to purchase more kits for next year.

### **The annual Debate with RC of Moonah.**

The annual debate between Moonah and Salamanca club was held on Tuesday 27 November at the Polish Club. The Salamanca team debated the negative of the topic 'Two wheel transport is preferable to four wheels for Hobart and suburbs'. It was a fun night and we came second.

### **Christmas and Easter Ronald McDonald Breakfast Functions**

On 18 December the club cooked a BBQ breakfast for families and for the RHH volunteers on the Ronald McDonald rooftop. Gifts were distributed for children staying at the house whilst their sick brother or sister was in hospital and President Finian awarded surprise PHF to some club members. After the positive response to the Christmas breakfast club members again cooked breakfast at Ronald McDonald home for Easter. Easter eggs were distributed to the children.

### **Christmas Parcel Fundraiser**

The HCC Christmas parcel wrapping fundraiser was wonderfully successful both financially and as a bonding event for club members. Over half of the club members participated and friends of our club also volunteered. I have asked the HCC if we can do it again in 2008.

### **Christmas Card Sales**

Rotary Christmas Cards were again purchased by club members and we raised \$140.00 for the ARHRF. This project is managed by the RC of Waverley.

### **HCC Flower-Show Catering**

After a successful trail flower-show catering activity in January, Mike Temple-Smith successfully secured catering activities for the 7 Hobart City Council flower-shows for the coming year. This should provide an injection of funds into the club on a regular basis. The Rotary Club of Salamanca will again have a major fundraiser.

Cecilia Lawler  
Community Service Director 2007/2008

## **New Generations**

As in previous years, the committee supported district and national New Generations programmes, enabling the club to sponsor local students and young people for a variety of activities. Judging by the letters and other expressions of thanks received, these experiences have been very enjoyable and enriching for those involved.

### **RYPEN**

The main project for New Generations, and which eventually involved the whole club, was the RYPEN (Rotary Program of Enrichment) weekend held at Montgomery Park in May. Twenty-one year 10 students experienced a two day programme of presentations and activities focussing on the theme 'Achieving a Work/Life Balance', with the aim of providing the participants with motivation, improved life skills and better self-image. Students, facilitators and Rotarian volunteers all enjoyed the weekend. Many thanks to the RYPEN committee, the catering team and everyone else involved in making the weekend such a success.

### **Sponsorship for Rotary Programs**

In addition to organising RYPEN, the club also sponsored three students attending the weekend. Other Rotary district projects for which the club sponsored participants were: MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly); RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards); and the Siemens Science Experience. At the national level we are co-sponsoring, with the Rotary Club of Sandy Bay, a nominee for the National Youth Science Forum to be held at ANU, Canberra, in January 2009.

### **Local Projects**

Locally, the club supported Hobart and Elizabeth Colleges by presenting both with two awards for their prize-giving ceremonies.

A proposed new project has been to establish an Interact club. A number of club members have expressed interest in being Rotarian advisors and Fahan School is keen to participate. However, for administrative and logistical reasons it has taken longer than anticipated to set up.

Jane Keble-Williams  
New Generations Director 2007/2008

## **Vocational Service**

Members: Ruth Temple-Smith, Gill Whitehouse, Irene Gray, James Graham, David Vitale  
Director: Bea Petz

### **Vocational Awards**

The committee decided to make awards to people engaged in the hospitality industry, with the focus on businesses in the Salamanca area. At the meeting on 30th October, at a very well attended meeting, President Finian presented Vocational Excellence Awards to three outstanding employees from local hospitality businesses: Rosie Mudge (Customs House Hotel), Gary Shepherd (Mure's Seafood) and Keira Fitzpatrick (Lark Distillery). We were especially privileged to meet the families and friends of our award recipients who came along to the meeting for the presentation of the awards.

### **CPR: Guest Speaker and Workshop**

The Vocational Service Committee invited Alex Mirowski from Surf Lifesaving Tasmania to be our guest speaker on 16 October. He made us aware of how important it is to have basic life saving skills, thus stimulating members' interest in attending a CPR workshop.

The very interesting and useful CPR workshop on the first of March was attended, after some last minute cancellations, by eight members. This was fewer than expected but meant that everybody was able to have lots of practice resuscitating the dummies. A test was conducted at the end of the workshop, and certificates were awarded to the participants by President Finian at a meeting several weeks later. We are indebted to Howard Richardson for the time and effort he put into providing the training for us.

#### **Vocational Visit – Antarctic Division**

Fourteen Salamanca members/friends/partners enjoyed the combined vocational visit of the Salamanca, Kingston and D'entrecasteaux clubs to the Antarctic Division on Monday 3rd December. Those who attended were especially impressed by Professor Michael Stoddart's informative and stimulating presentation on key Antarctic science initiatives, and Kingston Rotarian, Kim Pitt's presentation on the Operations side of the Antarctic Division's work. We also valued the fellowship with members of other clubs as we enjoyed the drinks and nibbles.

### **Vocational Visit to Lark Distillery**

Less than a week later, on Sunday 9 December, 22 members/friends/partners came to sample the delights and learn the processes of the distiller's art. There was a presentation of the distillery's products by Keira Fitzpatrick, one of our Vocational Excellence Award recipients. The abundant supply of fish & chips which followed ensured we were all fit and able to drive home safely afterwards.

### **Vocational Visit – Veneer Mill and Airwalk**

On Friday 11th April a small group of members went on a fabulous forest foray guided by Peter Pepper of Forestry Tasmania. We were driven around in a minibus and shown a variety of forestry operations including the new, fascinating Ta Ann rotary veneer peeling mill.

### **In Conclusion**

As usual our Club has enjoyed a very busy year, and this has meant that some projects that we started organising have had to be held over for the next Rotary year. These include seeing the bell ringing at St David's Cathedral, going behind the scenes at Wrest Point

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Casino, a Vocational visit to Howard Craig Heritage Furniture at Risdon, a Peppermint Bay cruise, as well as vocational thumbnail sketches by members.

I sincerely thank the members of this year's Vocational Service Committee for their team spirit and commitment to achieving our goals, and I thank Gill Whitehouse for the generous support and guidance she gave me as a new director.

Bea Petz  
Vocational Service Director 2007/2008

## **International Service**

Thanks to all committee members for their commitment, support and input throughout the year, including Fiona Ralph, John Dryden, David Wallace and Tom Goninon.

Programs, projects and activities under International Service for this year included:

### **Matching Grant Project**

This was a follow up to Wolf Ebert's GSE trip to Brazil last year, whereby we arranged a Matching Grant Project with our club, our District and Rotary International for \$ 25000 (US) to establish a Library and Literacy Program with the Barbacena Rotary Club in Brazil. Although we were successful in obtaining the matching grant, with full support from our district, we have been unable to finalise the project at this stage, due to some `minor administrative issues` at the Brazilian end. Hopefully these will be overcome in the coming months and the project will be finalised over the next Rotary year.

### **Rotary Foundation**

We donated \$3,400 to the Rotary Foundation this year.

### **Shelterbox Scheme**

We purchased another Rotary Shelterbox with proceeds from the Quiz Night on 28th July 2007. This may well become an annual commitment.

### **Fiji Rotohomes Project**

Whilst our intention was to support a team to go to Fiji this past year, it proved impossible due to Fijian Government issues. Tom will be visiting Fiji next month, with the intention to `pave the way` for a team trip in 2009. We donated \$1880 to cover the cost of running one of the project vehicles for a year.

### **Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar**

Mayo Kajitani from Japan continued to be supported by our club – from Anne Palmer in particular.

### **Rotary Youth Exchange Program**

Nothing happened this year but it is a program we should try to support next year, particularly via hosting overseas students.

### **Interplast**

I applied to the District to be an Interplast Team Observer in the Solomon's this year but was unsuccessful – however, I would encourage any members interested to apply when the next opportunity arises.

### **PolioPlus**

This will be a key RI focus in the coming year or so, in order to totally eradicate polio. The Bill Gates Foundation will donate \$ 100 million (US), in a matching grant agreement with Rotary.

Mike Woods  
International Service Director 2007/2008

## Membership Report

We've inducted two Rotarians this past Rotary year - John Dryden, and Debra Howard; both new members very warmly welcomed to our Club.

An Honorary Membership was bestowed upon former member Jill Savell for her selfless work as a Rotarian during her membership of our Club.

We've had two Membership functions -

1. A membership forum in April 2008 held at Jill Gatty's home, with guest speaker PDG Muriel Heron, and very well attended by new Rotarians and no-so-new Rotarians!!! This was a lively session; sharing Rotary information, drinks and snacks and fellowship.
2. A Tuesday Rotary meeting in April 2008 dedicated to a membership drive. We had special guest speaker David Rose from Totally South, and we invited business people from the Salamanca precinct. The meeting was well attended, the speaker was excellent, and we've had continuing interest by a couple of people who may well end up joining our Club.

We've also had a continuing presence in the Mercury Community News section - our Tuesday meeting time and venue advertised each week, every Thursday - great for information and awareness, advertising for our Club, and of course for Rotary.

We were all very saddened during the year because of the death of a member who was only inducted during the last Rotary Year. Marg Jones succumbed to illness in April'08. She is sadly missed and remembered with affection by all members

Thanks heaps to the Membership Committee, Tony Colman and Anne Palmer - fabulous work.

Di Stow,  
Chair, Membership Committee 2007/2008