

Rotary Club of Salamanca 2008/2009 Annual Report

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President's Report

It is with very much pleasure that I present to you my report for 2008/2009.

Well I can't quite believe how quickly the year has gone and what a year it has been, a most memorable one indeed. This is all thanks to you, as members of the Salamanca Rotary Club, you have all been just been incredibly supportive and committed, and in doing so, the District Governor has rewarded us as **Club of the Year Award for 2008/2009**. What an outstanding achievement and my sincere congratulations to all of you!

We have had a *very busy year*. We started our year's fundraising with our Floral Art shows run by the Hobart City Council and we were able to provide morning and afternoon teas. There were a total of seven weekends held throughout the year and certainly provided us with catering skills and our funds increased quite considerably. These proved to be highly successful, and my sincere thanks to Cecilia and her committee for all their organising and making them an enjoyable experience. We are fortunate to have gained the contract again for their next Floral Art shows.

During 2008/2009 we have done exceptionally well with our club finances and have raised nearly \$19,000 through working on many different projects, including the Hobart City Floral Arts Shows, Sandy Bay Regatta, NAB Barbecue, GWCTD, Wooden Boat Festival, Bowel Scan Kits, Christmas Cakes, donation, film nights, fit ball, parcel wrapping and sausage sizzle – what a remarkable team effort by everyone. We have also supported many other organisations by giving donations to Rotary District 9830 Foundation and Fire Appeal, Devil Face Tumour, Relay for Life, AHR Great Australian Bike Ride Hobart, and Elizabeth Colleges, and many others.

Some of the features of the year include:

District Simplified Grant

We were fortunate in obtaining approval from our District for a grant from Rotary International for \$1,000.00, which we allocated to the Migrant Resource Centre which entitled them to purchase new furniture for their reception area. My thanks to Gill for initially applying for the grant, and I know that the Migrant Resource Centre were delighted with their new purchases.

Victorian District 9810 Conference

The Club was given the opportunity in providing support to the Victorian District 9810 Conference for which over 750 Rotarians and partners came to the Grand Chancellor, Hobart. Over two years of planning went into the organisation and this certainly was a grand occasion, busy, but a most wonderful and rewarding five days. It was lovely to have worked and met with so many great Rotarians from District 9810, and it has been recognised as one of their best conferences ever. Well done to all of you for your contribution, especially Gill, Wilmar, Tony and Wolf for the success of such a great event. I know John Williams, Chairman of the Conference, and his team, were most complimentary by the support given by club members.

Membership

As part of our Club we learn about our involvement in both local and international projects and use our time and talent where they are most needed. To keep our Club strong, every Rotarian shares the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even our newer members can bring guests to meetings or have them come along to lend a hand in some of our projects. The value of Rotary speaks for itself, and the best way to spark the interest of potential members is by letting them experience our fellowship first-hand.

New member inducted

We are delighted to welcome Jenny Johnston into the Salamanca Rotary family

Members who left

Pam Scott resigned due to work commitments

Claudette Wells, transferred to Hobart Rotary Club

Keeping members interested in Rotary is another responsibility, and our Club does this extremely well. Please remember to continue searching for high-quality potential members to keep our membership strong and healthy. Also remembering the more you put into any organisation, the more you get back from it.

GSE (Group Study Exchange) & International Motor Cyclists

Our Club was most fortunate that our fine representative Rebecca Andrews was selected to go on GSE to Japan, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Also we were honoured to host the GSE team from Devon who were delightful, and a full program for them was prepared. In March we also hosted a team of International Motor Cyclists and they too were a lot of fun and we all enjoyed our time with them. Thanks Gill and your team for all your involvement with these International Projects and making them so successful.

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)

We were given the District's approval to again conduct the RYPEN weekend for Grade 10 students. Andrew Gray, the co-ordinator, and club members did an excellent job in making this weekend a great success and providing a full program with quality presenters and activities. All students and club members enjoyed themselves and Mission A'Float is an ideal venue for such a program. A great weekend was had by all.

RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)

RYDA is a relatively new program with Rotary, and each year the number of students attending increases. This wonderful program educates Grade 10 students on driver awareness. Again the club supported this program, and congratulations to Christine Andrews on being selected as the Southern Co-ordinator for the District.

Family of Rotary

Friendship was the foundation, the rock on which Rotary service was built. Family of Rotary is a fundamental part of our Club. Over the past year we've cared for Club

members, their families, and members of the larger Rotary family, thereby strengthening the Club, highlighting integrity, tolerance, and love. Di, and all of you have done much to encourage that throughout the year, and thank you!

Guest Speaker Program

Our weekly meetings would not be the same if we did not have an enthusiastic guest speaker program co-ordinator, and Fiona Ralph has done that extremely well and is to be congratulated on her selection of high quality speakers, and we have thoroughly enjoyed listening to them.

Sergeant

To Ros Terry our Sergeant – a terrific job, and what great humour you bring to our morning breakfasts! Our fine sessions are always a lot of fun and for some it can be a little costlynot mentioning any names!!

GWCTD (Guess Whose Coming to Dinner)

My sincere thanks go to Jill Gatty and Ruth Temple-Smith for organising GWCTD. This project creates a lot of interest and is a great way for club members to interact and enjoy the company of each other over a drink or two with wonderful food in a member's home. Thanks to our hosts who offered their homes, and we look forward to sharing more of these in the new Rotary year.

Our Weekly Bulletin

To Wolf, I salute you for providing such an excellent weekly bulletin. Your bulletins are always a treat to read, and I know how much pleasure members and others get from reading such a high quality document, and well done!

Conclusion

In concluding, to my most dedicated Board, namely Finian McCana, Christine Andrews, Tom Goninon, Mike Woods, Cecilia Lawler, Gill Whitehouse, Andrew Gray and Bea Petz, I can't thank you enough for all that you have done and for all the encouragement you have given me.

To our Assistant Governor for Group 1 Elisabeth Ardern who has been most loyal and generous and has attended many of our club functions throughout the year, thank you, and to our District Governor Mike Perkins for his guidance and leadership and for selecting Salamanca Rotary Club as Club of the Year! I would like to this opportunity to thank my mum Claire and my family for their support as well.

To you, members of this Club, thank you. Much of your hard work frequently goes unnoticed, as we continually are asked to meet requests for service by offering and then following up by working hard on many different projects. You all do this so willingly and conscientiously.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. It has been a role which I have enjoyed so much, and indeed, a wonderful experience. To each and everyone of you my very sincere best wishes and thank you all for making the year so successful and one to remember. To Mike and his new Board I wish you all

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the very best and I know with your enthusiasm and knowledge we are installed for another great year of service.

Anne Palmer
President 2008/2009

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 2007/8 period was \$2,38.97. The table below shows the income and expenditure for each program as of 22nd June, 2009.

| <i>Item description</i> | <i>Income</i> | <i>Expenditure</i> | <i>Profit/Loss</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Administration | \$0.00 | -\$803.03 | \$803.03 |
| Bank Fees | \$0.00 | \$24.00 | -\$24.00 |
| Drought Relief | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | -\$1,000.00 |
| Great Australian Bike Ride | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | -\$500.00 |
| GSE Team | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | -\$500.00 |
| Model United Nations | \$0.00 | \$440.00 | -\$440.00 |
| Polio Plus Partners | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | -\$1,000.00 |
| Ronald Macdonald House - Gifts | \$0.00 | \$117.73 | -\$117.73 |
| Rotahomes Project | \$0.00 | \$250.00 | -\$250.00 |
| Rotary Foundation | \$0.00 | \$3,185.70 | -\$3,185.70 |
| Rotary Youth Leadership Award | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | -\$500.00 |
| School Awards | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | -\$300.00 |
| Siemens Science Experience | \$0.00 | \$105.00 | -\$105.00 |
| Strait4devils | \$0.00 | \$250.00 | -\$250.00 |
| Vocational Excellence Awards | \$0.00 | \$47.00 | -\$47.00 |
| Youth Exchange Program | \$0.00 | \$354.00 | -\$354.00 |
| Bandanas | \$45.00 | \$150.00 | -\$105.00 |
| Bank Interest | \$0.64 | \$0.00 | \$0.64 |
| BBQ Hire | \$45.00 | \$0.00 | \$45.00 |
| Bowel Scan Kits | \$735.00 | \$90.00 | \$645.00 |
| Christmas Cakes | \$120.00 | \$0.00 | \$120.00 |
| District 9830 Victorian Fires Appeal | \$7,332.75 | \$10,052.75 | -\$2,720.00 |
| Donation | \$261.00 | \$50.00 | \$211.00 |
| Film Nights | \$230.00 | \$95.00 | \$135.00 |
| Fit Ball | \$285.20 | \$0.00 | \$285.20 |
| Flower Show 1 | \$2,157.00 | \$890.87 | \$1,266.13 |
| Flower Show 2 | \$1,659.00 | \$424.09 | \$1,234.91 |
| Flower Show 3 | \$3,417.20 | \$462.59 | \$2,954.61 |
| Flower Show 4 | \$984.40 | \$727.94 | \$256.46 |
| Flower Show 5 | \$1,152.90 | \$241.10 | \$911.80 |
| Flower Show 6 | \$860.00 | \$320.30 | \$539.70 |
| Flower Show 7 | \$1,431.00 | \$244.01 | \$1,186.99 |
| Guess Whose Coming to Dinner | \$1,220.00 | \$1,220.00 | \$0.00 |

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| International | \$1,350.00 | \$860.00 | \$490.00 |
| Migrant Resource Centre | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| NAB 150th Anniversary BBQ | \$1,996.10 | \$415.71 | \$1,580.39 |
| National Youth Science Forum | \$1,206.25 | \$1,830.00 | -\$623.75 |
| Parcel wrapping | \$2,479.30 | \$0.00 | \$2,479.30 |
| Relay For Life | \$12.00 | \$1,620.00 | -\$1,608.00 |
| Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment | \$2,044.90 | \$2,077.25 | -\$32.35 |
| Sandy Bay Regatta | \$1,910.70 | \$406.99 | \$1,503.71 |
| Wooden Boats Festival | \$2,220.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,220.00 |
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| Program Totals | \$36,155.34 | \$30,949.00 | \$5,206.34 |
| Profit/Loss | \$5,206.34 | | |
| Cashbook Balance | \$8,145.31 | | |

General Account

The amount brought forward from 2007/8 was **\$6,169.76**. The table below shows the income and expenditure for each program as of 22nd June, 2009.

| <i>Item description</i> | <i>Income</i> | <i>Expenditure</i> | <i>Profit/Loss</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Administration | \$58.75 | \$1,199.46 | -\$1,140.71 |
| Badges | \$324.00 | \$948.00 | -\$624.00 |
| Bank Fees | \$0.00 | \$41.00 | -\$41.00 |
| Bank Interest | \$0.35 | \$0.00 | \$0.35 |
| Changeover Dinner '08 | \$0.00 | \$2,355.00 | -\$2,355.00 |
| Changeover Dinner 09 | \$765.00 | \$0.00 | \$765.00 |
| District Dues | \$0.00 | \$2,365.18 | -\$2,365.18 |
| Family of Rotary | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | -\$50.00 |
| Fines | \$846.35 | \$0.00 | \$846.35 |
| GSE | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 |
| Guess Who's Coming to Dinner | \$1,220.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,220.00 |
| Heads and Tails | \$1,752.90 | \$0.00 | \$1,752.90 |
| Meals | \$19,844.20 | \$20,417.31 | -\$573.11 |
| Member subs | \$5,615.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,615.00 |
| Police Checks | \$0.00 | \$15.00 | -\$15.00 |
| R I Dues | \$0.00 | \$2,200.69 | -\$2,200.69 |
| RDU Merchandising | \$0.00 | \$40.40 | -\$40.40 |
| Rotary Down Under | \$0.00 | \$1,203.10 | -\$1,203.10 |
| Vic Conf Dinner | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$0.00 |
| Vic Conf Shirts | \$413.60 | \$473.55 | -\$59.95 |
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| Code Totals | \$32,440.15 | \$32,908.69 | -\$468.54 |
| Profit/Loss | -\$468.54 | | |
| Cashbook Balance | \$5,701.22 | | |

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The cash book loss shown for the General Account has been caused by the fact that the payment for the 2007/2008 Changeover Dinner was made in the 2008/2009 Rotary year while receipts pertaining to the dinner were issued in 2007/2008 year.

The subscription for the year was set at \$180.00 per member. The actual payments against the subscription, were used to cover RI dues, District Dues and member subscription to Rotary Down Under.

When the 2008/9 accounts have been audited a copy of the audit report will be distributed to members

Tom Goninon
Treasurer 2008/2009

Club Service

Committee : Marita Holding; James Graham; John Dryden; Fiona Ralph; Wilmar Bouman; Anne Palmer; Di Stow

Key Projects / Tasks Undertaken :

- Club Directory, Breakfast Duty Roster and Calendar
- Co-arranging the member roster for the NAB BBQ on Parliament House Lawns 6/08/08
- Organising club reps for the Group 1 Combined Dinner Meeting at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre on 27/11/08
- Melbourne Cup Breakfast – Tuesday 4/11/08 – raising a small profit
- helping to arrange the debate v Moonah Club at the Polish Club on Tuesday 25/11/08 (we won)
- Helped organise the Christmas Breakfast Meeting at Ronald McDonald House on Tuesday 23 December – great turnout.
- Wooden Boat Festival – Feb 6 – 8. Arranged the member roster during the 3 day festival, making over \$2200 profit for the club (plus great goodwill).
- Helped organise the club representation at the Relay for Life Weekend 28/02-1/03 at the Domain
- Assisted Anne Palmer with arrangements for the Victorian District 9810 Conference – 26 /29 March at the Grand Chancellor. This was a fantastic conference and almost all members were able to help out in some way. Special acknowledgement must go to President Anne Palmer for the considerable support and assistance that she provided to the conference organisers.
- Assisted Mike Temple-Smith (Community Service), with arranging the catering for the Hobart Flower Shows Sept 08 – April 09.
- Established a Working Party to investigate the possibility of taking on a food stall at the Taste of Tasmania at the end of the year / new year period. Have had several meetings with Howrah Rotary Club and a Club Forum to examine the pluses and minuses – no final decision made at this stage, but still gathering more information and details to consider.
- Assisted Community Service (and Gill Whitehouse), at the District Giving Day at Spring Bay – games/ activities for kids, on Good Friday 10 April.
- Organising (Di Stow), a Family of Rotary BBQ at Waterworks Reserve on Sunday 26 April.
- Co-ordinated Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fundraising – involving donations from 4 nearby schools plus our club, totalling almost \$18 000.
- Thank you to Fiona Ralph for organising the Breakfast Guest Speaker Program over the past year – great speakers and topics
- Arranged member participation at the District PETS and Assembly Weekends in Launceston in April and May – very good attendance.
- Organised club reps for the Group 1 Combined Dinner Meeting at the Tas Hockey Centre 1/06/09 – with almost 20 members attending.
- Thank you to Gill Whitehouse for taking on the responsibility of our club`s Rotary Foundation representative.

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As outgoing Club Service Director, I wish to sincerely thank all committee members for their dedicated hard work and support over the past 12 months and wish Rosanne Burton-Smith and her incoming committee all the best for the coming Rotary year.

In particular, I wish to congratulate outgoing President Anne Palmer, for her incredible sustained efforts over the past year and all credit to her for our club gaining the District `Club of the Year` Award – well done Annie !

Michael Woods
Club Service Director 2008/2009

Community Service

Director: Cecilia Lawler

Committee: Barry Cruise, Michael Temple-Smith, Jill Gatty, Fiona Ralph & Jenny Johnson

Community Services Projects

The Community Services team's major efforts this year were to develop some external fund raising avenues for the club and to that end we have been very successful. We thank all club members who worked on fundraising activities.

Hobart City Council Flower Shows

The club this year won the contract to provide catering for the Hobart City Council Flower Shows. We catered for seven flower shows. The catering was provided over 20 days and the club members and families volunteered for over 160 shifts, each of four hours duration.

The HCC and the flower show committees minuted at their annual debrief meeting that they were very pleased with the catering services that we had offered. At this meeting it was resolved to offer the Salamanca Rotary Club next year's catering contract. The Board has formally accepted this opportunity to continue fundraising.

As part of our continuous improvement for flower show catering, a review of the operating procedures for the flower show has been conducted. Volunteers contributed feedback and Mike Temple-Smith has developed a report of the recommendations. Before the next flower show season classes will be conducted on scone making, health and hygiene, and an induction of procedures from the operating manual for the flower shows.

Ronald Macdonald House Christmas breakfast

The Ronald Macdonald House Christmas breakfast was held on 23 December. This was a successful community project. Club members enjoyed cooking breakfast for the house families and for fellow members. Gifts were given to all RMH siblings of hospitalised children.

Hobart City Council Christmas Parcel Wrapping

The club again volunteered to wrap parcels in the Mall for the Hobart City Council. This was appreciated by shoppers who paid for parcel wrapping and was an enjoyable experience for the volunteers. Rotary International and the club's profile were raised through this activity.

Salamanca All Stars Relay for Life

Salamanca All Stars entered a team of 27 members and their friends in the Relay for Life this year. The weather was kind to us and the team raised a total of \$4,771 for cancer research. Planning has commenced for next year. Andrew Campbell will organise for the two broken tent poles to be fixed. In addition at the Relay for Life we will be hosting a "Guess Who is coming to Dinner" on the Saturday night.

Rotary Bowelscan Campaign

The Rotary Club of Salamanca participated in the Rotary Bowelscan campaign for the second time this year. We serviced the Salamanca Pharmacy in Gladstone Street, the South Hobart Pharmacy on the corner of Macquarie Street and Elboden Street and the Friendly Pharmacy in Liverpool Street. 105 kits were sold throughout the campaign and over sixty of these kits were returned to our pharmacies to be collected and taken to the pathology labs for analysis. If we participate in 2010 the club will need to purchase more kits next year as we have only 15 left. We will not need to purchase more promotional brochures unless the sponsors change. This year the club received \$735.00 income from the program.

Club members also assisted in sausage sizzle fundraisers, volunteered at the Sandy Bay Regatta on car-parking, children's games and ran a BBQ. fundraising stall, ran the children's games at the Good Friday Fish Fest and bought Rotary Christmas cards as a fundraiser.

Cecilia Lawler
Community Service Director 2008/2009

New Generations

Director: Andrew Gray

Committee: Christine Andrews, Debra Howard and David Wallace

The New Generations portfolio this year included many 'Rotary youth' programs as well as other initiatives investigated, implemented and reviewed by a very hard working, shorthanded committee. The programs were, in no particular order:

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)

Approximately 1400 Year 10 students from various high schools in and around Hobart took part in this wonderful, Rotary inspired, driver education and awareness program from 21st to 30th April, 2009. Volunteers from various Clubs were involved including our own, with Christine Andrews being the Rotary Southern Coordinator.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Hamish Coupe, a Year 11 entering Year 12 student from the Hutchins School, attended NYSF in January, 2009 after being jointly sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Salamanca and Sandy Bay. The 'live in' program is conducted by the Australian National University in Canberra over a period of a week. Hamish returned to the Club on the 21st April with an excellent powerpoint presentation. An application has been received from a Fahan student to attend NYSF 2010 and will be dealt with by the incoming committee.

Siemens Science Experience (SSE)

Max Howcroft from Taroona High School was sponsored by the Club to attend this weekend program for Year 10 students at the University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay Campus. Max also attended and made a presentation at a Club meeting on the 31st March, 2009.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

RYLA is actually a District Vocational program for 18 to 28 year old business leaders, which, in our Club, has traditionally been coordinated by the New Generations Committee. This will be rectified in the next Rotary year. Ryan McConnon from Searson Buck was sponsored by the Club to attend this week long program held in May and will make a presentation to the Club in July. Ryan is also the Charter President of the Rotaract Club of UTas.

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

The Club sponsored two teams (of 2 Year 10 students) from St Mary's College and Ogilvie High School to attend MUNA at Deloraine in May with the Ogilvie team, representing Spain, given an Honourable Mention for their costume. Negotiations are being undertaken to have the teams make a Club presentation in July.

Rotary Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

RYPEN South 2009 was held at Mission Afloat, Montgomery Park, Coningham over the weekend, 14th to 15th March, 2009. The theme for the weekend program was

“Make Dreams Real”. RYPEN is a District program for Year 10 students which the Rotary Club of Salamanca has coordinated for the past 3 years.

17 students (8 Females and 9 males) from Claremont College, St Virgil’s College, the Hutchins School, Tasman District School, Kingston High School, Triabunna District High School, Cosgrove High School, St Mary’s College and Dominic College attended the weekend ‘live in’ program. The last 3 schools had representatives for the first time (with our Club at least) and Wilson, from Claremont College, was recommended by the Migrant Resource Centre. All but 4 Southern Clubs offered sponsorship.

Outside activities included Team Building with Aardvark Adventures and boating/seamanship (in pouring rain) with the Mission Afloat Team. Out of the elements, inspiring presentations from Leonie Jordan (Antarctic scientist), Stuart Clues (businessman and artist) and Dana Faletic (Olympic rowing medallist) were extremely well received by the students. James Graham provided a wrap up session. MC Wolf Ebert kept the program flowing. Assistant Governor Elizabeth Arden and President Anne Palmer presented badges and certificates to the students following their Presentations (skits, songs, poems etc – reflections of their weekend). An innovation this year was the introduction of ‘Team Mentors’. Many thanks to Irene, Marita, Anne and Christine for their efforts in supporting the students. Andrew Campbell was a very able and necessary ‘Night Watch’.

21 out of 30 Club members contributed directly or indirectly to the success of the weekend including the committee:

Chairman/Registrations: Andrew Gray,

Facilitator Coordinator James Graham,

Catering: Debra Howard, Debra was ably supported by Fiona Ralph and her partner Paul, David and Maree Wallace, Alison and Oscar Greenwood, Finian MacCanna and Michelle (John Dryden’s partner – John was in hospital). Andrew Campbell was a very able and necessary ‘Night Watch’.

Club/School promotions & Volunteers; Christine Andrews and

Consultants: Gill Whitehouse and Mike Woods.

RYPEN South 2010 is to be held in April 2010 with the theme “The Future Is In Your Hands” (a variation of the RI Theme). It is hoped another Club will come on board (as a learning experience) in 2010 in preparation for taking over in 2011.

Youth Arc

The Club was approached to assist in the purchase of a coffee making machine, initially as a learning experience and then as a commercial enterprise. The Club Board recommended support but, unfortunately, plumbing problems in the venue (City Hall) lead to the proposal being dropped.

School Awards

Two awards of \$75.00 were presented at both the Hobart Polytechnic and Elizabeth College in April and March respectively. The significance of the Club’s Awards can be best illustrated in that ours were the only sponsored Awards (apart from the Premier’s) actually presented by the Sponsor, others were presented by the school Principal.

Fundraising

The Committee looked at various means of raising funds to offset the New Generations Budget expenditure however, many other Club activities precluded any initiatives being undertaken.

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)

The Club decided to take up the challenge of hosting an Exchange student for 2009-2010 with Santeri Kuivalainen from Finland arriving in either late July or early August. Santeri will be attending Elizabeth College and will be hosted for various periods by Cecilia & Mark Lawler, Alison & Scott Greenwood, Marita & Brian Holding, Andrew & Irene Gray and Wilmar Bouman & Matthew. All efforts will be made to ensure Senteri becomes part of our Rotary Family

Interact

An Interact Club for Year 9 and 10 was proposed to be chartered at the Fahan school, however the proposal lapsed.

I would like to extend my thanks to my small, but very supportive and energetic New Generations team of Chris, Debra and David. An excellent effort!!! Thanks also to President Annie and the Club Board for supporting the youth programs proposed by the Committee.

Best wishes to incoming NG Director John Dryden and President Mike Woods

Andrew Gray
New Generations Director 2008/2009

Vocational Service

Director: Bea Petz

Committee: Ruth Temple-Smith, Wolf Ebert, Andrew Campbell, Alison Greenwood, Irene Gray

Vocational Awards

This year two Pride of Workmanship awards were made: a group and an individual award. The group award went to the Resource Work Co-operative for its work in promoting waste minimisation through providing the community with opportunities to reuse goods that have been thrown away. The individual award went to Andy Vagg, the Co-operative's Education Officer. Andy accepted the Awards and was an interesting and thought stimulating speaker at our meeting on 17th March.

Vocational Visits

This year there were only two Vocational Visits due to the Club's full calendar of events.

10 October 2008: Wrest Point Casino back-of-house tour. The members who attended found it most enlightening. Bill Avery was our gracious host. Most of us stayed for dinner at the Loft Restaurant.

30 May 2009: Visits to Bruny Island Cheese Company and Bruny Island Premium Wines, followed by lunch at the Hothouse Café.

Forward Planning:

The Vocational Committee has also been developing some ideas for the coming year, including:

A series of Vocational talks commencing July and focusing on 'Beyond Work' and 'What you can do now to sustain yourself while you are still in work'. Jim volunteered to coordinate part of the series including: Financial Planning, Life Long Learning, Mental Health, and Volunteering.

Vocational Visit to the *Youthbuild* site at Claremont College. Jim volunteered to coordinate this in September. *Youthbuild* is a program for Year 10 students to give them a taste of the building industry under real working conditions. It currently has an enrolment of 70 students from different high schools.

Bea Petz

Vocational Service Director 2008/2009

International Service

Director: Gill Whitehouse

Committee: Tony Colman, Finian MacCana, Rosanne Burton-Smith, Rosalind Terry, Jane Keble-Williams

During the last 12 months the International/Foundation Committee members have offered support and worked hard far beyond the call of duty. For that I sincerely thank them.

Tony Colman played a valuable role as Deputy Director in general and especially when assuming leadership and taking initiative on several different occasions in my absence as Director. He and Liz also organized hospitality and a Vocational highlight for the GSE team from Devon, with the visit to many industries in the Cole River Valley. They both made a great effort in supporting "Kids' Games" at the Spring Bay Fish Feast for the District Combined Annual Foundation Giving and "Family Of Rotary" Day. Our thanks are therefore also extended to Liz Colman.

To Finian, Rosanne, Ros and Jane,. I wish to express sincere gratitude for their contribution in so many ways.... home hosting and welcoming international and interstate visitors ...and for continually supporting our various activities.

The winning team for the Annual Great Debate against Moonah Rotary Club was also comprised of our Committee members Finian, Rosanne and Tony. The topic was "To Bra or Not To Bra". ..our team taking the negative side.

We had a very busy and productive year!

Project Uplift

We organized the donation of more than over 2500 bras towards the District project that had been selected by DG Michael Perkins' wife, Lesley, at the beginning of their Rotary year. They are now being proudly worn by women in Fiji. Bea and Christine were notable collectors of many bras, ably assisted by their work colleagues.

International Dinner at the Migrant Resource Centre.

The club's initial social function evening for the year took on a truly global theme and was organised by our committee. The venue was the Migrant Resource Centre, whose staff cooked us a full menu of Asian food. The entertainment of choral work and dancing was provided by a delightful Sudanese family.

Team for the Fiji Rota Homes trip to work on Stage 2 in Koroipita.

Due to the circumstances within a changing international political scene and associated lack of funding... our team has had to defer their plans to work in Fiji.. There is now another 12 months to go before departing, therefore team membership may well alter during that time.

Rotary Against Malaria

Our Monday evening Fitball group continues in raising money for RAM. Progress so far:-

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Has now been going for 8 years

Over \$800 has been donated to RAM over the last 4 years as a result of our activity.

Have been advised by RAM that we have “adopted ” a village in PNG

11 regulars attend

Visit in March by members of the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

The international “Family Of Rotary” is truly alive and well. A group of 17 Rotarian visitors from overseas and interstate were generously welcomed and looked after by many club members...the Grays, the MacCanas, the Woods, Jill, Bea, the Goninons, Rosanne and Bill, and Wilmar and Matthew.

We experienced many good fun times and fellowship at a informal dinner, and also an official club meeting, attended by DG Michael and his wife Lesley.

Group Study Exchange

Inbound . The team members from Devon were our guests for 3 days in March. During that time we organised a welcome dinner, home hosting and 2 full Vocational days. As a club we all made new friendships and shared happy fellowship. Home hosts were the Colmans, the Greenwoods and Christine, to whom we extend our thanks.

Outbound. We sponsored Rebecca Andrews, who was a team member on the outbound team to Japan.

District Simplified Grant

We were successful in our submission for a grant of \$1,000, which was donated the Migrant resource Centre for purchase of chairs for the newly refurbished Counselling Rooms

Donation to The Rotary Foundation Annual Giving,

Donation to Polio Plus

Contribution to Combined Annual Giving Day and “Family of Rotary “ Day

Kids’ Games

The Annual Spring Bay Rotary Club’s Fish Feast asked us to put on “kids games “. Thanks to help from Anne P., the Colmans and Jennie J., the event was a pleasure to organize. It was very well received. Spring Bay were grateful, and have asked us to do that again next year on Good Friday.

We were grateful to have had sponsorship of soft drinks from Schweppes.

Gill Whitehouse

International Service Director 2008/2009

Attendance Report

| Rotary Club of Salamanca | |
|---|--------------------|
| Attendance 2008/2009 | |
| % Attendance | No. members |
| 100 | 4 |
| 90-99 | 6 |
| 80-89 | 10 |
| 70-79 | 2 |
| <70 | 8 |
| Average Attendance 81% | |
| Calculation - number of club meetings attended + number of make-ups, for which attendance officer has received notification, divided by total number of meetings for year excluding those for whom an individual had Leave of Absence | |

Leave of Absence:

138 days of Leave of Absence have been granted to Club Members during 2008/2009 Rotary year yielding an average of 4.6 days per member.

Apologies

256 separate apologies were received throughout the year equating to an average of 6.4 per member.

Tom Goninon
Attendance Officer