

David Emmett's 2018-2019 President's Report

As president of the Rotary Club of North Hobart, I must offer a special thank you to all club members for an enjoyable and rewarding year of fellowship and service, particularly our secretary Mr. Chris Webster and Club Committee Directors:

Hellen Chambers- Club Service

Robin Cooper- Community Service

David Clinch- Youth and Vocational Service

Murray Coates - International Service.

Thanks to Velja Urosevic's supreme organizational skills, our club reaped the exposure and fiscal benefits of participation in the Greek Festival, Federal Street, North Hobart.

In October and April, collections of second hand clothes were gratefully received by Caroline House.

A donation of \$500 was made to the Rotary Australia Benevolent Fund for the Basic family, to help their two children with muscular dystrophy.

A number of sausage sizzles held at Mornington Bunnings have proved quite profitable. One of these was shared with the Sandy Bay Rotaract Club.

Michael Fintor must be recognized for his dedication and going far beyond the call of duty in his work with the barbecues.

Ms. Chris Bayes has coordinated a schedule of informative and entertaining guest speakers. Thankyou Chris. You will be a hard act to follow.

Rex Maddock has faithfully performed to the utmost of his ability as a tyrannical sergeant, raising invaluable funds for the club. On the rare occasions when Rex was unable to attend, Jim Colley stepped in and performed with aplomb.

I would like to thank Jill Savell for co-ordinating the provision of fresh apples and pears, funds for the club, and support for the Huon Valley growers, recently affected by the bush fires.

The club assumed the role of host club for Mick Lin from Taiwan for the first half of the Rotary year. Director David Clinch acted as his counsellor for the full year, during which we observed Mick's confidence and English language skills blossom.

Our club sponsored a team from Ogilvie High School to the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), held by the Deloraine Rotary Club annually. The Ogilvie team won this event and will go on to compete at the national level. It is hoped the participants will address the club in July of this year.

Our club helped sponsor the attendance of the Sandy Bay Rotaractors at a Board training event in Melbourne.

Our club sponsored the attendance of Izabella Spizick at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). It has been some years since the club was last able to identify a participant, and we look forward to Izabella's report to the club on this programme.

Our club assisted in sponsorship of an attendee to the Windeward Bound Youth Leadership Challenge, a highly regarded programme.

Director David and Pat Clinch hosted members and guests at a vocational tour of their Cabinet Making/Joinery business, Custom Cabinets.

The club continues to support the elimination of Polio, and dedicated one of their Bunning's barbeques to this project.

The long term fight against Malaria continued, and this year, through the efforts of Jenny Kerrison, saw a grant of \$100,000 US come to being for education and mosquito bed-netting in Timor-Leste. This great achievement is currently being rolled out with local clubs in the region.

The club has supported an African University student through the BCC for the second of three years. He is progressing well, with his academic results showing that he is achieving good outcomes in his course, and on track to graduate at the end of next year.

In a joint project with two other Rotary clubs and the District, clean water will be supplied to 80 schools in Bhutan.

A major highlight of the year has been the welcoming addition of 4 new members to the Rotary Club of North Hobart (1 Rotary member transfer, Ros Tierney and 3 new Rotarians: Tony Thompson, Tippy Wood & Nina Huang).