



Annual Report 2017 – 2018

President Jenny Kerrison

Introduction

This Annual Report provides details of the Club's activities between July 2017 and June 2018. In this year, District Governor Tony Colman and wife Liz stepped into their roles in our District 9830. Internationally, Rotary International President was Ian Riseley and the Rotary theme was *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

Tributes

Firstly, thank you to all club Directors and club members for their hard work this year. And, a personal thank to Past President Hellen Chambers for her guidance in the early months of my presidency. The club does not have a training program for the President position and walking into the job was like walking into a mine-field!

Also, I thank my husband Rex Kerrison who was the Club Secretary. My term as the Club President was interrupted by 3 month's absence when I was working in Melbourne. While away, Secretary Rex prepared for each club meeting with the exception of one or two weeks when we were both away.

I also wish to pay tribute to Rotarian Wally Mainsbridge who passed away in May 2018. Wally was a well-respected Rotarian. Inducted in 1988, Wally was in Rotary for more than 30 years.

Club membership

Membership numbers increased by four people this year (see Table 1). During the last 12 months, four Rotarians transferred to our club; one member left but was later inducted as an Honorary Rotarian. We lost one honorary member, Wally Mainsbridge, (see above) who passed away in May 2018.

The club was sad to see long time Rotarian Ian Barton resign at the start of the Rotary Year. Ian was an active member who had contributed much to club service. He produced several editions of the Club History; initiated development of the Club's website, and was the Club Webmaster for a few years until his retirement from active service to the club. (Ian was later inducted as an Honorary Member.)

Membership	July 2017	Membership movements	June 2018
Total	25		28
Active	22		25
Honorary	3		3
Members In			
• transfers from another Club		4	
• honorary		1	
Members Out			
• Resigned		1	
• Deceased		1	
Total	25		28

Table 1: Membership in 2017-2018

Rotary volunteer hours for 2017-2018

Under the directive of Rotary International President Ian Riseley, clubs were asked to account for the hours that members spent on volunteer work. In the last 12 months, we are proud that our club has clocked up a total of 1,161 volunteer hours (see Appendix 1). This total includes the hours accrued by individual volunteers and club members.

Overview of Club activities

Our club has had a busy time over the last 12 months. The club has four service committees, these are: Youth & Vocational Service; International Service; Community Service; and Club Service.

With increased funding from the Board, some Directors have worked hard to identify appropriate projects to support. In particular, Chris Webster and members in the Youth & Vocational Service committee had a record high workload with two Rotary Youth Exchange Students (one outbound and one inbound); and numerous youth projects. Unfortunately, a student we sponsored for the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) withdrew her application, and the club was unable to recover the cost from NYSF organisers.

This year, the club supported a couple of exciting new projects. The International Service committee in partnership with the Bethlehem Community Centre (BCC) Africa, adopted a three-year project to support *Esther Ouma*, a diploma student in Kenya. Esther is undertaking a diploma course, to allow her to work with people with mental and physical disabilities. Our club will follow Esther's progress across the three years. Locally, our Community Service Committee donated to a great project, the Central Men's Shed, Newtown. Importantly, through the committee's Director Tony Moore, and with support from club members, we have conducted regular BBQ fund-raising at Bunnings Warehouse, Mornington.

The Club Service Committee is one of the four club committees in our club. Members of this committee included: a Director, the Speakers' Program Manager; Sergeant-at-Arms; and two members. The President was a member of the committee and took an active role in the preparations and running of fund raising activities; took charge of member processing; updating of the club Constitution and Bylaws with help from member Chris Webster; and obtained renewal of club insurance.

The Club Service Committee's roles and responsibilities included: providing members opportunities for fellowship, fun, and fund raising opportunities. The Committee's new motto could be *3Fs*. A new social and cultural experience for club members, and RYE student Iris Pan from Taiwan, was an afternoon at the croquet club in New Town. This committee also held two successful fund-raising events that contributed to the club's capacity to fund worthy projects. We are thankful to member Tanya Dargaville and her husband Dr. Peter Dargaville for hosting the Afternoon Tea at their house. Tanya cooked 100 scones for the event. We also thank Tanya for her work as the Speakers' Program Manager.

District Governor (DG) Tony Colman and wife Liz visited the club in November 2017. He held a meeting with the Board and members. This meeting provided important information on Rotary District and Rotary International's strategic goals, and updates. During the visit, the club donated children's books to Migrant Resource Centre, as part of Liz Colman children's books project.



Photo 1: District Governor Tony Colman & wife Liz in November 2017. The DG's visit was a highlight for members. During the visit, Liz handed over books donated by the Club to the Migrant Resource Centre. Liz Colman's project for the year was the books project.

President's call

According to the Club Constitution 2015, the Board has the final say in decision-making in relation to the Club. Given this situation, the President had the same privileges as other Board members.

President Jenny pursued the following Rotary activities internal and external to the Club:

1. Updated club members regarding information received at the one-day President Elect Training (PET) that was held on 24 March 2017. Some of the information included:
 - (i) Rotary International President Elect 2017-2018 and his theme.
 - (ii) Rotary International 3 strategic goals

- (iii) Rotary updates on Rotary Bylaws from the June 2016 Council on Legislation updates.
2. Conducted member satisfaction survey using Rotary International document *Enhancing the Club Experience* – the survey included questions on club’s culture, RI updates; variety of program topics; location; meals; speakers and programs; club engagement and communications; and costs. Analyses revealed that most members were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied of most of the day-to-day experiences in the club.
3. Promoted support for the Rotary International’s youth program “Rotaract” to Club members, as several members (new and old) were not aware of this program. This focus is important as *Rotaractors are future Rotarians*.
4. Strengthened Club ties with the Rotaract club of Sandy Bay; and RCs of Moonah, Bellerive, Howrah, and Claremont.
5. Actively participated in the Club Service Committee and related tasks as highlighted in an earlier section above.
6. Attempted to align club administration with the club Constitution and Bylaws for example, the President re-introduced nominations of club officers; and ensured that new membership proposals were processed according to Rotary International guidelines.
7. Scheduled club committee meetings every two weeks, to allow more time for members to plan club services.
8. At the district-level, President Jenny is the District 9830 Chair for Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) and has been busy: promoting RAM at the District Training Assembly; to clubs in the south; and pursuing both district and global grants for mosquito nets for RAM in Timor Leste. In early 2018, President Jenny established the first RAM 9830 District Committee consisting of five members from Rotary Clubs of George Town, Deloraine, Devonport, and Salamanca.
9. Finally, on 30 June, a 12-month district-wide project was launched by Rotary Tasmania for Joshua & Lucas Baric, two brothers who have Duchenne muscular dystrophy. President Jenny was asked to manage this project for the district.

Club Challenges and Recommendations

The club faced several challenges during the last 12 months that are likely to plague us in the years ahead. These challenges and recommendations are presented below.

Fund-raising

Funds are raised by our club for the purpose of supporting Rotary’s humanitarian work, locally and internationally. Our Club’s only constant yearly source of funds is the bimonthly BBQ held at the Bunnings Warehouse. We are grateful to the Bunnings Warehouse for this fund raising opportunity. This income has kept our club afloat with a small positive balance. Thus, a continuing challenge for our Club is to raise funds to support club service projects.

One effort to address the need to explore and expand fund raising options was to discuss with other clubs regarding the possibility of joint events. To address this, the President and Secretary Rex have held a meeting with the Rotary Club of Moonah to discuss potential joint fund raising activities. One activity was to replicate the ‘Soggy

bottom boat race’, that was successfully held by the Rotary Club of Youngtown, in the south of Tasmania. President Jenny contacted the RC Youngtown and is yet to receive more details regarding the event ‘copyright’ and details on how to run the event.

Recommendations:

That the Club continues to explore ways to fund its club services. A follow up meeting needs to be held with RC Moonah. Also, with many senior citizens in our club, we could work wiser, if we are unable to physically work harder. For example, the Club could source grants from Rotary District and Rotary Global Grants, and from the Government / NGOs.

Roles of the President and Secretary

Club roles such as the President and Secretary can be daunting to members new to these positions. Placing members in these positions without support is to set them up to fail. This is not an option for our club. As Rotarians, we are mandated to embrace Rotary’s ideal of ‘Service Above Self’ underpinned by an attitude of care and thoughtfulness towards all Rotarians and their communities.

The club support for these roles was somewhat superficial.

Recommendations:

1. That the procedures manual prepared in 2018 is updated and handed to the incoming Secretary and President Elect.
2. The President and Secretary Elect (if new to the position) are mentored one year before they take on the position.

‘Service Above Self’

Underpinning our club culture needs to be the ideal of Service Above Self - a principal motto in Rotary. This ideal of Service Above Self could be strengthened in our club.

Recommendation:

That individually and collectively, our club takes time to study how we apply the ideal of service in the coming year.

Conclusion

Overall, the club has had a productive year. Our member grew from 25 to 28 with a total of 1,161 volunteer hours worked over the last 12 months. Despite the few challenges experienced in the last 12 months, our club has concluded the year positively. We started the year with the theme “Rotary: Making a Difference”, and this report has clearly revealed that whether your contributions were big or small, we all have made a difference to the people we serve.

Appendix 1: Rotary Club of North Hobart 2017- 2018

Hours of volunteering by the RCNH is calculated based on guidelines received from Rotary District

Rotary volunteer hours for RCNH 2017-2018

Club Activities*	Hours	No Members	Hours / event	Frequency	TOTAL HRS
Service Project in lieu of club meeting - Afternoon Tea @ Dargavilles – funds raised for Men's Shed					
- preparations	30	4			120
- attendance	4	20		1	80
Service Project in lieu of club meeting - Hats Night fund raising for Australian Rotary Health for mental health					
- preparations	30	3			90
- attendance	4	20			80
RYLA - volunteers at event	7	3	21	1	21
RYE Student Iris Pan					
- transport to Club meetings	1	1	1	50	50
- Club Counsellor for Iris	4	1	4	4	16
- Social outings with members	8	4		4	32
Individual members:					
- Tony Moore - RYPEN		1			10
- Jenny Kerrison - RAM Speaker to clubs	2	1	2	6	12
- John Thorne	350	1		daily	350
- Jenny Kerrison – Club & RAM preparation of Rotary Global Grant application Sept 2017 - June 2018	300	1		daily	300
TOTAL Volunteer Hours					1,161

NB: BBQ fund raising events are not included as the funds raised are counted as contribution to a specific service activity. See para.3 in guidelines (on next page).

GUIDELINES

Reporting volunteer hours and service project contributions

FAQs

Understanding that there will be many options and opinions about what counts as service and what does not, club leaders are encouraged to use the four-way test to determine what they think counts.

A few guidelines from RI President Ian Riseley:

Q What kinds of hours should we track?

A Keep track of any hours that are *directly related to service*.

Time spent organizing, preparing for and participating in a service project should be tracked and counted.

Q Does time spent in club committees count?

A Most time spent in club committee meetings does not count as direct service. However, count time spent in club committee meetings for the purpose of planning service activities.

Q Do Fundraisers count?

A The hours spent planning and participating in fundraisers does not count. The funds raised will be counted when contributed to a specific service activity.

Q Does attending a club meeting count?

A Some clubs do a service project during one or more of their regular meetings. These hours count. However, a regular meeting with (or without) a meal, announcements and a speaker does not count as service.

Q How should we count hours for projects done in collaboration with other organizations?

A If a Rotary club does a service project that includes Rotaractors, Interactors, members of a Rotary Community Corps, scouts, or other community volunteers, you should count the hours of all of the volunteers because the club arranged the service opportunity.

On the other hand, if a few Rotarians volunteer at a soup kitchen that was run by the Boy Scouts, you should only count the hours of the Rotary club members that participated.

Q What if I have a question I don't see answered here?

A There are an infinite number of possible questions about how to count service hours. This endeavor is intended to be comprehensive, without being overly complicated. If your specific question is not addressed above, please use the four-way test to decide if you will include the hours in your tally.