

Rotary Club of Bright

District 9790

Victoria, Australia.

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ANNUAL REPORT

2014-2015

President Bruce McDonald.

District Governor Patti Bulluss.

Rotary International President Gary C.K. Huang.



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Club organisation 2014-2015.

Board

President	Bruce McDonald
Secretary	John Martin
Treasurer	Wayne Phillips
President Elect/Youth Service	Graham Cocks
Past President/Foundation	Lindsay Jolley
Club Administration	Patrick O'Shea
Public Relations	Sue Manning
Vocational Service	Geoff Hall
Community Service	Sid Dalbosco
International Service	Steve Webb

Committees

Club Administration

Chairperson	Patrick O'Shea
Attendance	Michelle Chalwell, Steve Webb
Rotary Information	Geoff Tually
Programs	Patrick O'Shea, Michelle Chalwell, Bruce McDonald
Fines 'n Fun	Bruce Kilpatrick, Ray Borschmann, Fraser McNaught
Grapevine	Terry Gibbons
Historian	Lindsay Jolley
Family of Rotary	Ela Tually

Membership

Chairperson	Bruce McDonald
Members	Stuart Hargreaves, Fraser McNaught, Rob Moore, Patrick, Wayne, Steve Webb

Community Service

Chairperson	Sid Dalbosco
Members	Ken Hart, Dee Hedley, Ron Kool, Fraser McNaught, Steve Gilliver, Andrew Pook
Waterslide	Rob Moore, Patrick O'Shea, Dee Hedley (roster)
Markets	Bruce McDonald, Wayne Phillips
Vic Bike	Rob Moore, Patrick O'Shea
BBQ/Catering	Wayne Phillips, Patrick O'Shea
Sausage Sizzle	Steve Webb, Steve Gilliver
Music in the Park /Carols	Sue Manning, Michelle Chalwell, Fraser McNaught



Bowelscan
Bright Hospital
Fundraising

Graham Cocks
Bruce McDonald
Wayne Phillips, Bob Lease (raffle)

International Service

Chairperson
Timor Leste
Members

Steve Webb
Rob Moore
Geoff Hall, Lindsay Jolley, Andrew Mior, Diane Gibbons

Vocational Service

Chairperson
Members

Geoff Hall
Bob Lease, Stuart Hargreaves, Geoff Tually

Youth Service

Chairperson
Members

Graham Cocks
Ian Craig, Bruce Kilpatrick, Allan Poyner, Ela Tually.

Rotary Foundation

Chairperson
Members

Lindsay Jolley
Sid Dalbosco, Patrick O'Shea

Public Relations (Media relations, advertising and marketing, web and social media, gala float)

Chairperson
Members

Sue Manning
Ray Borschmann, Michelle Chalwell, Terry Gibbons,
John Martin



Music in the Park was very successful through the holiday period, getting many to their feet, dancing to the music.



President's Report

..... Bruce McDonald.

In 2013/14 the Club's members developed a Strategic Plan with a number of priorities and goals for Membership, Service, Foundation, Rotarian's knowledge of Rotary, Community awareness of Rotary (Public Relations), and Club management. The Plan is based on Rotary's Planning Guide for an Effective Rotary Club.

This year the Club and I have been working towards achieving those goals and has made good progress in a number of areas.

The following report notes actions taken and outcomes, and suggests further actions that need to be taken to implement the Strategic Plan and improve the operation of the Club.

Priority 1 - To increase Club Membership to 35 members –

- My three R's for the Club in 2014/15 were, Retaining, Recruiting, and Regenerating the membership of the Club. I considered this to be the most important objective for the year.
- A Membership Committee was established prior to the commencement of the Rotary year to prepare an Action Plan to achieve the Membership objective. The Committees report notes the initiatives taken.
- While the Club has thirty members, peak attendance at meetings has not exceeded twenty three for the year, hence the justification and need to increase our membership base if the Club is to continue its level of Service.
- A further Rotary Information Evening held in May attracted a further twenty one guests and it is expected that some new members will be inducted prior to June 30. This may achieve our Membership goal, or go close to achieving that goal.

Future Actions

- *Members need to continue to promote Rotary to their contacts and invite them to attend Club meetings and social events. Personal contacts continue to be the best method of recruitment.*
- *Operation of a strong Membership committee is also vital, and the Club needs to involve members in "Membership Teams" and continue to hold short Information Evenings each year.*
- *The Membership committee needs to...
target new residents through a Rotary Information sheet provided to Real Estate Agents,
assign a member to mentor each new member, and develop and implement an orientation program for new members, and
inform members of the opportunities available through Rotary Fellowships.*



- *Inclusion of all members providing input to Club decisions is most important and necessary for recruitment and retention of members. All members should be given Board and Club roles commensurate with their particular interests.*
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Priority 2 – Balance Service and fundraising to needs of local and International communities -

- The Club's Service projects have been established to meet community's needs, from opportunities to raise funds, and by the initiative of past and current members. The Club's Service record is very good but can cause a heavier load for some members, hence again, the need to continue to recruit new members.
- The Club's strong record of Service continued this year and the Treasurer's and Service Director's Reports detail the projects undertaken and the respective allocation of funds to those projects in 2014/15. The Club has achieved this range of Service comfortably within its fundraising capacity.

Future Actions

- *While the Club has confirmed continuation of its current Service projects, it also needs to continue to undertake projects in which members share a sense of ownership.*
 - *The Director Community Service needs to review unmet social needs in Bright and District through welfare agencies and service providers, and recommend any "hands on" activities that could be implemented by the Club.*
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Priority 3 – Maintain support for Rotary Foundation –

- Members understanding of the role and importance of the Foundation were reinforced by Director Lindsay's presentation to the Club.
 - Contribution to Polio Plus has continued.
 - Contribution of AUS\$100 per member to Annual Fund has continued and should continue in future years.
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Strategic Priority 4 – Develop member's knowledge of Rotary and leadership skills -

- Attendance of Board members at District Assembly, District Conference, and at Rotary Leadership Institute were promoted to the Club.
- Contributions of members Graham Cocks, Lindsay Jolley, John Martin, and Ela Tually at District level are acknowledged with thanks.

Future Actions



- *Continue to promote leadership within the Club, and by attendance of members at District Assembly, District Conference, and Rotary Leadership Institute to broaden knowledge of Rotary and to promote leadership within the District.*
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Strategic Priority 5 – Increase community awareness of the Club and its role -

- The Club enjoyed strong support by Bright Observer for publicity of Club activities.
- The Club's website was updated and the "Grapevine" added. The Club's Facebook page has been updated and linked to Bright Community page. This has been a great advance as communication is the key in this age of information technology.
- A new Club notice board has been installed in Ireland Street, signage located at sausage sizzle has been upgraded, new Rotary information signs have been installed at town entry points, and signage at Rotary Rotunda has been implemented.
- Posters prepared outlining where the Club spends its funds, and a montage of members enjoying the Friendship of Rotary has been displayed on the notice board.
- The "Grapevine" has been emailed to members, prospective members and larger employers.

Future Actions

- *The Club needs to continue to establish a Public Relations committee with responsibility to develop and implement a Communications Plan.*
 - *The success and experience of the Rotary Information Evening in May 2015 provides the basis for at least an annual event to inform community members and representatives about Rotary and what the Club has achieved in the previous year...*
 - *The "Grapevine" includes Board reports, friendly member's information, future programs, project reports and Service commitments, but if it is to also be used as a promotion of Rotary to the community of "What Rotary and the Club Does," it needs more input from Board and Club members on "Fellowship and Service."*
 - *It was suggested last year that the Club consider production of a DVD for promotion of the Club at key locations.*
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Priority 6 – Manage Club effectively and transparently

- At the commencement of the Rotary year a Program was developed which aimed to provide interesting, relevant, and variable meetings and events, to provide Rotary information and presentations on monthly Rotary themes, and



include informal social activities for members, partners, and friends. Generally the Program has operated well but has been affected by external circumstances.

- Formality at meetings has been reduced so that they appeal to a wider membership.
- My proposal to hold two Dinner Meetings at the Club's base location on the first and third Thursdays, a Board and Business Meeting held early evening on the second Thursday (no meal), and an informal social gathering for members, partners, and friends held at another location on the fourth Thursday or at that weekend did not receive sufficient support. I felt that this step would not only modernise the Club but importantly it would make it more attractive to recruit and retain members. I believe it is worthy of further consideration.
- Regular Board meetings have been held and decisions have been provided to members.

Future Actions

- *The Club's Program is most important to recruit and retain members, and to attain regular attendance. Club meetings provide for the Friendship of Rotary which binds us in our Service work both locally and internationally. The Program needs to be planned at the commencement of the year, amended as required, and published in the Grapevine and on the website.*
- *The Club needs to take steps in 2015 to consolidate all necessary records and appropriately record its history using appropriate technology.*
- *Two way communications within the Club can be frustrating and time consuming due to some emails gaining little response. Members are reminded of their responsibility to advise when they cannot attend Club functions, or when they cannot adhere to rosters to arrange a swap with another member.*

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Conclusion

I have given my best efforts to lead the Club, increase community awareness of Rotary, plan and implement a variable program, and recruit new members to build the Club so that it can continue to give Service in the future.

I believe that the Club is an effective Rotary Club in that...

- We have sustained and increased Membership, a net increase of 5 members.
- We have implemented successful Service projects.
- We have supported the Rotary Foundation, and
- We have developed Leaders in the Club



And because we felt that we had met the criteria for Rotary International's Presidential Citation, and the District Governor's Citation we have applied for both of them!

I extend my thanks to Secretary John and Treasurer Wayne who have both given generously of their personal and business' time, and expertise to the Club.

Thanks also to Directors Graham, Sid, Geoff, Lindsay, Sue, Patrick, and Steve for your work for the Club.

And thanks to all Members and Partners for your friendship and support. Your support is vital!

Thanks to my wife Helen for her understanding and tolerance of my commitment to the Club.

And finally, while we hand the Club to Graham and the incoming Board in a healthy state, this report recognizes that there is room for further improvements.

Best wishes to Graham and the Club for 2015/16.

Bruce McDonald,

2014/15 President

President Bruce with Molly and Minori in the Side Show Alley production in Harrietville





Membership Report

..... Bruce McDonald.

At its first meeting the committee planned actions necessary to better position the Club to recruit new members,

- change people's concept of Rotary through publicity and use of technology
- request the Public Relations committee to update website and Facebook page
- refresh Rotary community signage
- hold a Rotary Week celebration with appropriate publicity in August 2014
- committee and members to compile a list of potential members to personally contact,

Actions necessary to implement these initiatives were allocated to members.

Steve Gilliver and Andrew Pook were invited to the Club by Fraser McNaught and Ray Borschmann and agreed to join in July 2014.

The committee met regularly in the lead up to the Club's Rotary Information and Membership Evening in August 2014 as part of Rotary Week. Twenty two guests attended and were impressed with the range of activities in the Club's Service. Diane Gibbons, Allan Poyner, and Michelle Sharpe joined the Club and a number of people expressed interest in Rotary. All people on the invitation list were contacted after the Information Night.

The committee's recommendation to reduce membership fees for new members in their first year, and the introduction of a discounted family fee was adopted.

Unfortunately Michelle Sharpe and Michael O'Sullivan resigned from membership.

The goal of the Club in membership was further pursued in 2015 with all members involved in membership teams with the aim of recruiting an additional five members by June 2015 by personal contact and follow up to attend a "One Hour" Rotary Information Evening which was held in May 2015. The combination of personal contact and a social cum short information presentation on Rotary was an effective method of recruitment.

As I have indicated on a number of times, Steve Gilliver, Andrew Pook, Diane Gibbons, and Allan Poyner have been excellent members since joining. They have started the regeneration I sought this year. I expect that additional members may join the Club by June 30.

At this stage the Club's goal of thirty five members is within reach but of course member's circumstances will change so that the need for ongoing recruitment will continue. As a Secretary of a Club in our District which



doubled its membership said, "It is vitally important to keep asking (potential members) and for every member to join the conversation."

But the Club now has an extensive data base of people who members have contacted during the year including people who are either considering joining the Club now or in the future. This will be invaluable for the future work of Membership committees.

Thanks to committee members Stuart, Fraser, Rob, Patrick, Wayne, and Steve Webb for your support.

Best wishes to Patrick and his committee which will continue the work in 2015/16.

Bruce McDonald
Chairman



The club welcomes new members

Allan, Dianne, Michelle & Andrew



Club Administration Report

..... Patrick O'Shea



I am pleased to present the Club Administration report for 2014/15

Attendance

Our members, visitors and guests were greeted each dinner meeting with a warm welcoming smile from Michelle and Steve. At times our member numbers were low, it would be nice if attendance rates were higher but if you are unable to make the meeting at least put in an apology. Attendance record is attached in this report

Programs

The program for the year was varied and interesting; Michelle brought variety to the social aspect of Rotary. Members, partners and friends attended Side Show Alley at Harrierville, 10 Pin Bowling at Wangaratta and a Movie in Bright

Fines/Fun

The Sargent's Bruce, Ray and Fraser first we must ask "IS IT THE TRUTH". Most fines are great fun and a good money spinner. Thanks to all members who took the ribbing in the spirit it was intended. Thank you to IGA for donating the Fruit/Vege box every week and to Bright Chalet, Star Hotel and Riverdeck for the bottle of wine for our raffle

Weekly Bulletin

The Grapevine continues to keep members and District informed with Board Decisions and upcoming events thanks Terry

Rotary Information

Bruce instigated short Rotary Information sessions by included in meeting from time to time. Thank you to Geoff Tually for taking this on and informing members about why we are all here Rotary International

Family of Rotary

Thank you to Ela for keeping check on unwell members and taking care of their needs when required

Waterslide

Another big year with the waterslide, firstly we had the whole slide resurfaced but on completion we and the contractor were not satisfied with the final outcome. After discussion it was decided to completely remove slide and transport to factory in Melbourne where resurfacing will be redone. Income 2013/14 was \$43,874.65

The Rotary Club of Bright is very fortunate to have many Volunteers, Rotary wives and families, supporting the daily operation of the slide. This year we required 198 persons to fill the roster 118 volunteers and 80 Rotary members

Thank you to all who contributed to the successful operation of the Waterslide this year.



Attendance 2014/15

..... Patrick O'Shea

Surname	Name	Comments	Meetings	L/A	Attended	%
Borschmann	Ray		47		33	70.20
Chalwell	Michelle		47		36	76.60
Cocks	Graham		47		35	74.50
Craig	Ian		47		14	29.80
Dalbosco	Sid		47		41	87.20
Edwards	Brian			L/A		
Gibbons	Dianne	Inducted 9/10/14	32		19	59.40
Gibbons	Terry		47		42	89.40
Gilliver	Steve	Inducted 28/8/14	38		25	65.80
Hall	Geoff		47	L/A	23	49.00
Hargreaves	Stuart	Exempt	47		30	63.80
Hart	Ken		47		19	40.40
Hedley	Deree		47		22	46.80
Jolley	Lindsay		47	L/A	14	29.80
Kilpatrick	Bruce		47		21	44.70
Kool	Ron		47		16	34.00
Lease	Robert		47		20	42.50
Lewis	Syd	Honorary				
Manning	Sue		47		36	76.60
Martin	John		47		46	97.90
McDonald	Bruce	Exempt	47		45	95.70
McNaught	Fraser		47		31	66.00
Moir	Andrew		47		23	49.00
Moore	Rob		47	L/A	25	65.80
O'Shea	Patrick		47		47	100.00
O'Sullivan	Michael	Resigned 12/2/15	30		5	16.70
Phillips	Wayne		47		38	80.90
Pook	Andrew	Inducted 9/10/14	32		15	46.90
Poyner	Allan	Inducted 9/10/14	32		24	75.00
Sharpe	Michelle	Inducted 9/10/14 Resigned 12/2/15	15		3	20.00
Sibley	Ron	Honorary				
Tually	Ela		47		14	29.80
Tually	Geoff	Exempt	47		26	55.30
Webb	Stephen		47		46	97.90



Community Service Report

...Sid Dalbosco

Highlights of the year in Community Service were the completion of the Bright Aquatic Park in Centenary Park, and the Kids Mini Tennis Courts at the Tennis Club. Both these projects resulted in enhanced community facilities for children and disabled people.

The popular Aquatic Park was the outcome of the Club's partnership with State Government, Alpine Shire, and Bendigo Bank to which the Club contributed \$20,000. Similarly, our Club was pleased to join with the Tennis Club, Tennis Australia, Alpine Shire, and the Bendigo Bank and contributed \$5,000 towards the Club's Mini Courts as part of Tennis Australia's Hot Shots Program.

Working in partnerships with the community is necessary and important in this era. Members of the community contributed a large proportion of rostered hours on the waterslide, the 3 Peaks Bike Ride, and assisted with other fund raising activities. In addition the Club's reciprocal partnership with the Pony Club continued during the year whereby the Pony Club provides voluntary assistance to our Club, and we support appropriate Pony Club initiatives.

The Club has continued to lead the Bright Hospital Redevelopment Community Committee in lobbying for State Government funding to extend the Hospital to provide facilities for High Care Aged Care. Unfortunately the change of Government caused another commitment to fund the project to be quashed and the project return to yet another study, and another round of community consultation!

A full list of Community Service Donations is included in the Treasurer's Report. These may be summarised as –

- Community Facilities... Bright Aquatic Park, Bright Tennis Club, Bright Hospital Redevelopment , and Rotary Rotunda
- Activities... Spring and Autumn Festivals, Carols by Candlelight, Concerts in the Park, and Bright Pony Club Events
- Community Support... Anglicare, St Vincent de Paul, Wangaratta Special School, Burmese Chin Community, and support to residents
- Health Research and Services... Australian Rotary Health, BowelScan, Beyond Blue, Relay for Life, Breast Cancer Network, Cardiac Challenge, and Alpine Health Maternal Care

I would like to thank all members for their contributions through rosters and working bees etc over the last twelve months.

The water slide proved to be as popular as ever this year. Thank you to all members and volunteers who devote their time to make this project an excellent fund raiser.

Our sausage sizzles have shown to be more than worthwhile for both locals and visitors, and we thank all those members and friends who have given their time on Saturday mornings.



The bowel scan program during May has also gone well again. Thanks to Graham Cox.

Two markets, allotted to Autumn and Spring Festivals proved to be more than worthwhile, raising \$10,000 each. Thanks to Bruce McDonald and his helpers.

Carols by Candlelight was a most successful event once again, with thanks to Sue Manning for good organization.

Our catering has once again proved to be of a good standard. We thank those who assisted at Australia Day Breakfast, Relay for Life Breakfast. And the Anzac Day Luncheon at the RSL.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate Bruce on a successful year as President. His hard work and organization skills kept us all on our toes.

Yours in Rotary
Sid Dalbosco
Community Service Director



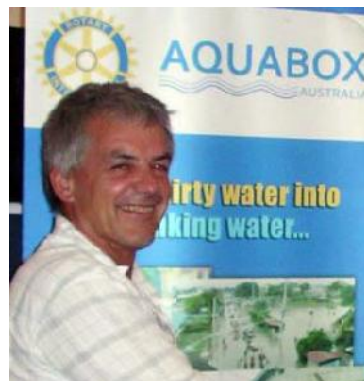
Some of our members reinstalling the water slide



International Service

.....Stephen Webb

Our Club has continued to support the international aid work carried out by Rotary International. I would like to thank Committee members for ensuring an effective contribution from our Committee to Club activities in 2014-2015.



Donated medical equipment

Patrick O'Shea again transported donated second-hand medical equipment (wheelchairs, beds & sundry equipment) to Melbourne (on at least two occasions) for inclusion in Donations In Kind shipments overseas.

Financial support for International Service programs

We continued our funding of International Service programs supported by our District through the following donations:

- \$2000 to RAWCS and \$500 to both Rotary Oceania Medical Aid to Children (ROMAC) and Rotarians Against Malaria (RAMS).
- Total of \$1874 to Polio Plus in their efforts to rid the World of polio
- Total of \$1500 in Disaster Aid to Vanuatu following the disastrous cyclone earlier this year.
- \$1000 to Medicins Sans Frontieres appeal during the Ebola crisis in Africa
- \$600 to Wheelchairs for Kids program run by Rotary Club of Scarborough in Western Australia. Provides 4 all-terrain wheelchairs for use by disabled children in developing countries. If interested see www.wheelchairsforkids.org
- \$1000 was donated to Aqua Box, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Eltham. These boxes are distributed around the world to provide filtered drinking water in countries suffering floods and other disasters.
- \$2000 to Shelter Box following the earthquake in Nepal recently. These boxes contain materials to construct a temporary shelter, cooking equipment, blankets, etc.



- \$1000 was again donated to Kylie Cyrus, a young girl from Vanuatu, this year money went to a Trust Fund set up for her locally, to assist in her ongoing medical issues.
- \$1000 was donated to Port Vila Hospital, Vanuatu towards neonatal medical equipment.

Timor Leste

In September 2014 members of our Club travelled to Atabae, Timor Leste to commence and complete one of the projects that we had identified on a trip 12 months previous. With the assistance of the RC of Frankston Sunrise, who applied for and gained a global grant (for sanitation and water services) through Rotary Foundation. The works were to involve the rebuilding of a derelict toilet/shower building, refurbishment of a dilapidated kitchen building and the fitting of a new ceiling and lighting to an existing girls dormitory, all in a time frame of just over 5 weeks.

From the First Team of Rob Moore, Ray Borschmann and Peter Kelly (RC of Phillip Island), which organized all materials and equipment to the site as well the installation of a donated water tank and laying of pipes.

Second Team of Andrew Mior, John Martin, Graham Hackett (RC of Gisbourne), Joe Meuris (RC of Flagstaff Hill), Alex Anderson (RC of Mt.Eliza) and Stephen Webb which commenced construction on all 3 elements of the project and achieved a very satisfying result over their 2 weeks.

Third Team of Patrick O'Shea, Michael Bell (RC of Euroa), Ken Bell (RC of Mt Beauty) Joe Meuris and Geoff Simpson (RC of Flagstaff Hill and Roger Williams (Bright- volunteer) very ably followed on to complete the Project, obtaining a great result well within the time frame.

Early in May, RC of Frankston Sunrise embarked on the Community Centre extension at Arturo Island, the second project we identified last year. Patrick O'Shea is participating in the second work team. This project will be completed before the end of June 2015.

Stephen Webb

Director International Service





Public Relations

.....Sue Manning

This year, one of the foci of the Rotary Club of Bright was to bring our website and Facebook account more in keeping with the trends of our current climate. Our new website has all our up-to-date information ready to be accessed. Our Facebook page has given us the opportunity to remain on the public's agenda and with links into Bright's community page allowed access to a broader community.

In particular, I would like to thank those on the PR committee: Ray Borschmann, John Martin (web site), Michelle Chalwell (float) and Terry Gibbons (Grapevine). Thanks also to the Carols by Candlelight committee: Fraser McNaught, Michelle Chalwell and in particular Dee Headley (co-ordinating musicians). The last year had its challenges however both events continue to be an amazing successes. It is never just one person but a team that makes a committee work well. Thanks everyone.



Highlights this year have included:

Guest speakers such as Shirley Shackleton, the wife of one of the Balibo five reporters,
Night at the cinema at Cloud 9

Phil Staff and Strahan Anderson who spoke about mental health,

A number of new members,

Working at one of our five markets or the Spring Festival's firework's night

Participation in Relay for Life

Friendship Exchange visit of Rotarians from Brazil

Visit back in time to historic Wandiligong Primary School

Working on the Waterslide during the summer period

The Naming of Lewis' Landing in recognition of Syd Lewis' work on the waterslide

Projects in Timor Leste

Minori our exchange student from Japan

Music in the Park

Carols by Candlelight

Our year is always a very busy one, particularly from October through to May and is only successful due to the work of many.

Sue Manning



Once again our float was well supported. With the theme being 'The ANZACs', the club went with 'Waiting for News'. A great team of workers put the float together at Michelle's shed and Sid Dalbosco once again donated his time and truck for the event.





'Minori ••The Chick from Nagasaki'.by Bruce Killpatrick

There was movement in the Bright town, for the word had passed around that, the chick from Nagasaki was going home.

To rejoin her folks and siblings, she was home-ward bound her suitcase packed with memories ... where she did roam. All the members and their partners, from here, and near and far have mustered at the 'Star', spruced up and pucker, for Rotarians love a 'knees up', and to meet around the bar for a 'yak' ... some fellowship ... and, hopefully, a bit of tucker.

When Minori arrived, at her first meeting, fearful of her fate

that lurked amongst the strangers, that were packed into the room. Tentatively she joined us, and a 'foreign' meal she ate quietly excited of the adventure ahead, with just a touch of gloom. She spoke to us so softly, her English, knowledge and her speech but I'd have to say, of comparisons on the day, not one iota ... without a doubt ... she was far better ... by far, of each of our total grasp of Japanese ... Nissan, Mitsubishi and Toyota!!



Eight days later, with her fellow 'Exchangees', off she went, on Safari to the Centre, see all the sights and to Uluru.

With some money in her 'kick', and her 'bluey' and her tent she brought home many memories, and a cute, stuffed kangaroo.

When the Safari reached its end, she was asked *'what did she think ..• of all the native animals ... and were they nice ? •..* without a second thought, and her eyes, they didn't blink.

She said, *"They'd be much better, wrapped in seaweed ..• rolled with rice!"*

On Minori's travails, through deserts, mountain tracks and trails she has absorbed our many traits, customs and strange 'lingo'.

She has learned to be quite wary, and, when outdoors, she never fails not to 'cozy up to' any spider, snake or lonely dingo.

After 'busing' through the centre, it all settled down from then a school excursion to the 'Big Smoke', and a weekend trip to 'Tat'.

Then, all packed up and heading back to Melbourne, once again and finished off the weekend ... stuck in the 'past' in Ballarat.



A 'Japanese Festive'; down in Melbourne, once again, Minori was in her element, happy amongst her ilk chatting in her language, to her well-dressed countrymen, their elegant womenfolk, clad in finest silk.

Then ... a 'High Country Rite of Passage' , at Mittagundi in the hills where the 'niceties of life' are somewhere else and never funny. Life is tough and compromising, where you cure your own ills you learn to share with others, with no doors upon the Dunny!!

Back to Melbourne, once again, probably should go down by train to spend an 'Aus' Christmas, with Lindsay's brother, and Japanese wife. Later ... off to Albury, for an exchangee's birthday refrain attended by old Rotarians, so they couldn't get into strife!! To Dookie ... a 'life's experience' ... surrounded by crops and sheep three weekends ... which could have squeezed into half a day. Such excitement, without medication, could have put them all to sleep. I'm not sure if they were Shanghaied ... or if they even had a say.

Throughout Minori's year with us, her needs have well been met by all the welcoming families with whom she stayed.

Her 'host Mums and Dads' who 'taught and learned', as well, I bet but not as much, I'm sure, than all the kids ... with whom she played. Nine families, took Minori in, to assist the Club's commitment and, all would say they were the better for their chance to share, the 'pool of life', for Minori's own fulfillment and she eagerly took the plunge, without a second glance.



The Martins, Moores and Mannings, were keen to fill the breach supported by the Chalwells, TuaUys and the Harts. The list was then continued by Lindsay, the Raymonds and McDonalds and it was to be the Borschmanns, from which she would depart.

Minori was a treat to have, in everybody's place. She filled her spot, and fitted in, to be treated just the same. But her 'will to win' was wicked, lacking any sort of grace, as she battled her adversaries, in any sort of 'Game'.

When Minori packs her bags to leave, she'd better make some room to sneak in some 'ockerisms' that could stand her in good stead.

Just in case things all get hairy; she's surrounded by doom and gloom

it'd be grouse, to use her nouse, with a built in 'ockerism' from her head. For any dopey drongo, who dares to risk her dandy

if she's lost her marbles, done her block, or really does her narna. Some genuine Aussie sayings, that just might come in handy



Minori, get a grip, and let 'er rip ..'.vent your spleen and get some Karma.

If you find that you are knackered, there's a saying that you could use to let the nosey sticky beaks know, exactly what you're thinking

If they interrupt your rest, and before you blow you fuse

you could say, with great conviction, *"I'm flat out like a lizard drinking!"* If the turkeys really get you down, and really get your goat

if they really do your head in 'just because'

Then use a handy 'ockerism' whatever floats your boat let a little ripper rip ... and think of us in 'Aus'.

Minori would be the first to say, that she's learnt a lot from us her many adventures and experiences ... what's not to 'like'

Sausage sizzles on the weekends and, other commitments without fuss

but she wouldn't 'give a Mittagundi', for another chance to 'hike'!! Now, some memories are best left, in deep recesses of the brain

with our instinctive reactions, of fright, flight or fight

more frightening than approaching, a run-away train



Minori hurtling down the 'Rail Trail', on Kenny Hart's old bike!!!

Just like a ticking time-bomb, just one more thing to do a 'barby' at the Borschmanns ... on Satidee night.

A last chance to say 'Hooroo'

a chance to set things right.

A chance to share a snag or two ... a beer and hot meat pies.

To give an Aussie salute, you silly old galute ...

as we wave away the flies.

Now the time has come, for us all to say goodbye one door closes, another slams shut in your face.

But, let's hold it all together, like a ship in stormy weather

and try to pull this off with style, and a modicum of grace.

Minori, you are a gem; you have been no fuss, no imposition

and so, with love and fondest wishes, back to your family we do send ...

you we're gunna miss ya giggly laugh, and happy disposition ...

So see ya later ... sayonara, 'avagoodweekend!!!'





Vocational

.....Geoff Hall

We have continued the program initiated by Rotarian Sue Manning several years ago of providing a hard copy Australian picture book to each student attending school for the first time at Bright , Porepunkah , Harrietville and Wandiligong.

The learn to drive program ,which has been operating within our local schools for many years and sponsored by the 4 local Rotary Clubs ,has unfortunately been suspended due to technical and legal issues surrounding the legality of the age of the students participating.

The loss of the program chairman, Myrtleford Rotarian Jim Richards was a big loss as he devoted countless hours endeavouring to keep the program going The future of the program is in doubt and a decision will be made within the next 12 months.

I would like to personally thank all Rotarians for their assistance and help whenever it was required and a special thanks to President Bruce for the way he has run and directed the Club this year.

Yours in Rotary
Geoff Hall

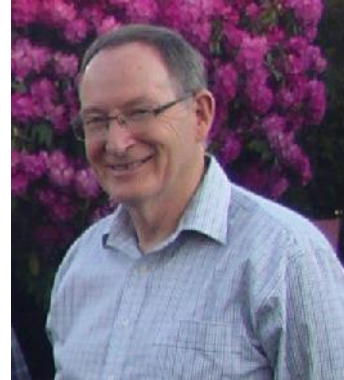




Foundation

..... Lindsay Jolley

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs.



We have supported the Rotary Foundation by again giving \$100 per member (total \$3,000) as well as by giving \$1,874 for the PolioPlus Fund.

An information session was held to remind/update members of the role of the Rotary Foundation.



Exchange group from Brazil with some of their Host Families



New Generations

..... Graham Cocks

A number of Rotary programmes directed towards the youth of our community, be it at a local or international level were available once again this year. However, only a few were taken up and proceeded with due to lack of interest from participants.

Youth Exchange Program:

This year we saw the return of our outgoing student Jack Raymond in January followed by the return of our incoming Student Minori Yamada in March.

While the Youth Exchange Program is an excellent program; the Club does need to plan well

before making a commitment to programme, especially in the area of hosting, keeping in mind the welfare needs etc. of the young students we host. e.g. the interaction with other young people of a similar age.

The Board elected not to participate in the programme for this year.

Rotary Murray Darling School of Freshwater Research:

We sponsored Robert Merritt, a year 11 student from Bright P-12 College, to attend the Murray Darling School of Freshwater Research at Albury.

Other Sponsorships:

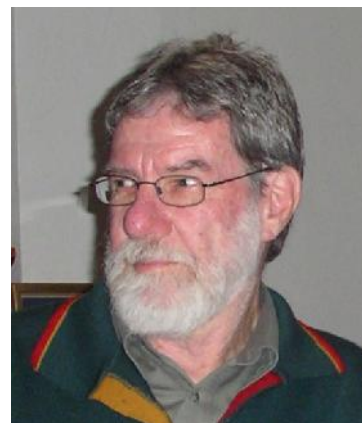
Once again, we sponsored the following awards:

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| 1. | Alpine Shire Youth Council | – Community Award; |
| 2. | Bright P-12 | - A number of Senior School Annual Awards. |
| 3. | Life Education | - Donation to assist the running of the programme. |

I would like to thank everyone who has assisted me with this directorship.

Yours in Rotary

Graham Cocks





Treasurer

..... Wayne Phillips



Treasurers report for 2014/15

Thank you to all Bright Rotarians for your generous support throughout 2014-2015. Under the Presidency of Bruce McDonald the Rotary Club of Bright has been very successful on many fronts, most notably our Club's tremendous year with membership growth.

The Rotary Club of Bright has generated approximately \$125,000 in revenue for the 2014-2015 year, a great performance. The Board has continued the tradition of maintaining and building on our Clubs strong financial position. A record year with Markets income offset small losses with Waterslide income (on previous year's) due to inclement weather throughout January. Catering and Sausage sizzle revenues remain strong with generous contributions from Bicycle Victoria, Bright Rods, Tour of Bright and Bowel Scan contributing to a fine year.

Contributions and donations were broadly spread across all Rotary Service Avenues, Rotary International and Rotary Australia. The Board has recently allocated funds to term deposit #2 for future provision toward the Waterslide, Timor Leste and International Disasters.

Proudly, throughout the year, our presence in supporting Rotary and Rotary endorsed programs at district, national and international level increased with generous contributions across all obligations and requests. Impressively our community based activities and contributions remain generous and support many local beneficiaries.

Club account status:

Project account will commence the 2015-2016 year with an approximate balance of \$15,000.

Administration account has a balance of \$5,774 in which to commence the 2015-2016 year.

Term Deposit #1 \$109,721 (Bright Hospital re-development fund)

Term Deposit #2 \$40,074 (Pioneer Park \$15,000, W/Slide \$4,500, Timor Leste \$8,000, International Disaster \$11,904, W/Divining \$670)

East Timor Trailer account \$3,995

Markets account \$752

The Clubs trading accounts and balance sheet are in a strong financial position.

Thank you once again to President Bruce McDonald, Secretary John Martin and fellow Board and Club Members.

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Wayne Phillips



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Rotary Club of Bright - Admim Account
Profit & Loss
July 1, 2014 through June 3, 2015

	<u>Jul 1, 14 - Jun 3, 15</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dinner Levies Received	13,555.00
Fines	826.00
Interest received	67.33
Membership Fees	5,587.00
Raffles	1,579.20
Total Income	<u>21,614.53</u>
Gross Profit	21,614.53
Expense	
Bank Fees	
Service Fee	<u>4.20</u>
Total Bank Fees	4.20
Dinner Levies	13,515.00
District 9790 Subscriptions	2,287.00
Member Welfare & Gifts	870.20
Postage	122.00
Printing and stationery	702.09
RDU Magazine Subscriptions	499.48
Rotary Insurance	900.00
Rotary International	
Semi-Annual Fees	<u>2,853.09</u>
Total Rotary International	2,853.09
Stationery	<u>282.48</u>
Total Expense	<u>22,035.54</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-421.01</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-421.01</u></u>



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Rotary Club of Bright Inc - Projects Account Profit & Loss

July 1, 2014 through June 3, 2015

Jul 1, 14 - Jun 3, 15

Income

Book Sales	100.00
Bright Rod Run	1,500.00
Tour of Bright	500.00
Carols By Candlelight	1,025.70
Preserved Income	41,320.00
Saturday Sausage Sizzle	10,878.95
Bicycle Victoria	3,960.00
Bowel Scan	1,450.00
Catering Hospitality	6,380.80
Donations Received	1,404.00
Interest received	5,705.76
Markets	45,600.00
Waterslide	42,692.00
Total Income	162,318.21

Expense

Vocational Service_Donation	
Childrens Literacy Program	1,438.00
Total Vocational Service_Donation	1,438.00

Youth - Donations

Murray Darling F/Water Research	450.00
Halogen Foundation	880.00
International Youth Exchange	1,843.71
Life Education-	600.00
Bright P12 College	350.00
Alpine Shire Youth Awards	350.00
Total Youth - Donations	4,453.71

Rotary Foundation	3,000.00
Membership	1,442.60

Community Service - Expenses

Vehicle Registration	364.30
Vehicle Insurance	275.00
Vehicle_Fuel	38.00
Venue Hire	90.00
Vehicle Repairs	120.00
Club Merchandise	1,310.98
Guest Dinner Levies	2,519.80
Member Training Courses	710.90
Market Refund	540.00
Annual changeover	1,380.25
Total Community Service - Expenses	7,347.23

Catering & Hospitality

Dinner Nights	400.00
Saturday Sausage Sizzle	4,779.21
Catering & Hospitality - Other	3,089.32
Total Catering & Hospitality	8,268.53

Administration costs

Compliance (Consumer Affairs)	53.00
Shire Permits	51.00
Advertising	2,197.96
Stationery	715.21



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Rotary Club of Bright Inc - Projects Account
Profit & Loss

July 1, 2014 through June 3, 2015

	<u>Jul 1, 14 - Jun 3, 15</u>
Telstra Phone/Fax/email	1,059.04
Water Rates	549.95
IT Services	299.40
Total Administration costs	<u>4,825.58</u>
Community Services - Donations	
Brighter Days-Charities	1,000.00
Waterslide_Preserve	4,500.00
Wangaratta Special School	2,100.00
Alpine Health _Maternal Care	500.00
St Vincent De Paul	1,545.70
Beyond Blue	500.00
Bright Tennis Club	5,000.00
Footscray Brass Band	500.00
Breast Cancer Network Assoc_	1,000.00
Bright Rotunda	2,756.40
Bright Aquatic Park	20,000.00
Social Assistance	250.00
Bright Spring Festival-BDCC	10,000.00
Market Entertainment	1,800.00
Burmese Chin Community	1,320.00
Bright Autumn Festival BDCC	10,000.00
Carols By Candlelight	3,428.20
Anglicare-	500.00
Concerts in the Park	2,000.00
Alpine Driver Education	180.00
Bright Hospital Re-dev	4,975.48
Aust Rotary Health	3,145.00
Cardiac Challenge	500.00
Waterslide	265.55
Bright Pony Club	1,500.00
Relay for Life	1,510.00
Total Community Services - Donations	<u>80,556.31</u>
International - Donations	
Kylie Cyrus Foundation	1,000.00
Shelter Box-Nepal	2,000.00
International Disaster_Preserve	8,822.10
Vanuatu Appeal	500.00
AquaBox	1,000.00
RAWCs	2,000.00
Port Villa Hospital	1,000.00
Rotary Friendship Exchange	1,035.20
ROMAC	500.00
Wheelchairs for Kids	600.00
Polio Plus	1,874.00
Interplast-	1,000.00
Medicins Sans Frontieres	1,000.00
Rams	500.00
East Timor	31,202.51
Total International - Donations	<u>53,833.81</u>
Total Expense	<u>165,286.75</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-2,948.54</u></u>