

**ROTARY CLUB
OF
CAMBERWELL INCORPORATED**

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL – DISTRICT 9800

ANNUAL REPORT

2009 – 2010



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME

54TH YEAR

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS

CLUB OFFICERS

President:	Dennis Coleman
Vice President / Past President:	Neil Hookey
Secretary:	Richard Gray
Treasurer:	Peter Pratt

DIRECTORS

Club Service / President-Elect :	Rob Davies
Community Service Committee:	Geoff Day
International Service Committee:	John Phillips
Vocational Service Committee:	Don Jago
New Generations Committee:	Karen Nolan
Membership Committee:	Don Fotheringham
Fellowship Committee:	Michael Blood
Fund Raising / Art Show Committee:	Graeme Hope

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

President – Rotary International:	John Kenny
District Governor:	Colin Muir
Assistant District Governor:	Philip Rowell

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank all of you, the members of the Rotary Club of Camberwell for giving me the opportunity and privilege to be its 54th President. When I first joined our Club in 1994, it was not with the intention of joining any office, but like all of us who join Rotary, I wanted the opportunity to give back to the community that has been so good to me. Taking up the office of President gave me the opportunity to not only give back to the community, but to give back to the Club that has been so good, not only to me but to my family also.

It is not my intention in this report to go into detail about the activities of each Committee, as each Director will cover these in their individual reports.

It was my intention at the beginning of my term, to have a fun year; I believe that we have in fact had an exemplary year.

It has been said that it is fellowship that is the glue that binds us all together, and this year it has been made possible by the excellent work of Director Michael Blood and his entire team.

One of the highlights of the fellowship Committee's work was when we surprised our foundation member, Les Brown and his wife Yvonne, with Les's Past President's night he never had. The look on both of their faces was priceless and as well worth the months of planning.

This year our Club was recognized by our District for having the best, 'New Generations Project' it was our 'Dictionaries 4 Life' project which was instigated by our Vocational Service Committee. This is a huge achievement considering there are 70 Clubs in our District.

Vocational Service has been for many years the 'forgotten Committee', but this year, with the leadership of P.D.G. Don Jago it has come to the fore.

Rotary Wedding

Although it was not planned to be this year, Anita and I decided after 17 years and two children together, to make it official, and on the 9th September, 2009, on our 17th anniversary together, we married at the Melbourne Zoo with many Rotarians in attendance.

When you read each individual Director's report, you will see that each Committee has been very busy, and I thank each Director for supporting me this year and for the time and dedication they have given to our Club.

R.Y.L.A [Rotary Youth Leadership Award]

This was one of the goals I set at the beginning of my year, for our Club to host a great R.Y.L.A. and as the sponsoring Club this year our New Generations Committee helped put together, one of the best R.Y.L.A. camps in recent years, where at the 'open night' we filled the dining room to standing room only, with representatives from not only our Club but from nearly every Club in the District.

Youth Exchange

An excellent District project, taken up by our Club this year with the arrival of Ana Flavia from Brazil, who arrived in early January and will stay for 12 months with her time shared between five Rotary families including myself and our new President Rob. Ana is a delightful young lady, from Sao Paulo who is giving all of a chance to learn about her live in Brazil.

President's Report [C'td]

Art Show

This year our Club, saw our main fundraising project move from the Camberwell Civic Centre to the Caulfield Racecourse. This monumental project was headed by Graeme Hope who oversaw what proved to be one of the best Art Shows our Club has ever presented.

A huge thank you to not only the entire Committee but to the partners and friends of Rotarians and to the various Rotary Clubs throughout our District without whom this project could not go ahead.

Another first for our Art Show was the able assistance in all aspects of our Show, by the entire Rotary Club of Glen Eira and the visit they made two weeks later to our Club meeting as our guests. 'This is what Rotary is all about!'

District Conference

This year it was in Perth W.A. and was attended by myself and Anita, along with Gary Goldsmith, Fabienne Nichola and our exchange student Ana.

Although this Conference was not attended as highly as in previous years, the speakers were first class and every session and activity were well attended. At the Foundation breakfast, Fabienne collected our Club's award for overall commitment to Foundation, and I had the pleasure of presenting the 'Boroondara Cares' project to the District at the final plenary session.

To Rotary's newer members. Welcome to our Club and the family of Rotary, it has been a joy getting to know you and your families, and I hope that you get as much out of Rotary as I have.

Our Bulletin

Mike Pavey's commitment to our Club Bulletin has been amazing, each week he has put together what is arguably one of the best Bulletins in our District.

My weekly editorial 'from the humidor' has been an absolute pleasure to write and each week, I have tried to inspire you and make you think not only about Rotary but life in general, and how lucky we are to be able to use Rotary as the vehicle for us to give back to the community that has given us so much. This column would not be possible without the help of all my children who at various times throughout the year have done my typing.

One of the things I have tried not to do in my column is be a meeting reporter as over the last 12 months various members of our Club have each week done a report. To all of you who have done these reports, thank you very much, they have been well written and well read by all the members.

Paul Harris Fellowships

This year through Club donations we named Bernadette Blood and Geoff Day as Paul Harris Fellows.

Michael Blood, Aub McLaren, Yvonne Brown and Rob Davies were each presented with a sapphire recognition.

Malcolm Munro and Richard Gray were each presented with a ruby recognition for their long and contentious devotion to our Club and for the betterment of Rotary in general.

President's Report [C'td]

Our foundation member, Les Brown was presented with a double ruby recognition for not only being part of the group that started our Club, but for his continual and ongoing involvement and participation in every aspect of the Clubs smooth running and constant participation in every Club project.

People we can't do without

This report would not be complete without mentioning the person we love to hate every week, our Sergeant-at-Arms, Peter Allen and his trusty Corporals. Each week, in good humour they have relieved us of – cash all of which has gone to subsidise our various functions throughout the year.

Peter Pratt our Treasurer, with his trusted assistant Frank Leigh, have kept the books in order throughout the year.

Our ever trusty and good humoured Almoner, Gerry Lavender has kept us aware of all the hatches, matches and dispatches, in a way only he knows how.

To my friend, Richard Gray, I could not have asked for a better or more contentious Secretary, although we have not agreed on everything; it has been your support and friendship that has made my year the pleasure it has been. Most of us do not realise the work that goes in to being Secretary of a Rotary Club, it is a constant every day job this is taken for granted but our Club could not exist without one.

To Anita my Bride

Thank you for your support at the many meetings you've attended. At P.E.T.S, at the District Conference, thank you for the great suppers you put on at our Board meetings and for all the hard work you have done at the New Years Day function, the many dinners and afternoon tea's. Without your help, love and support I could not have had the smooth running and successful year that I did.

Finally, to the members coming on to the Board for the first time, I have a couple of words of advice. Deep breaths and patience. Enjoy yourselves it is the beginning of a wonderful journey.

To my friend and incoming President Rob Davies

I hope you and Glenda have a wonderful year and enjoy the best year of your Rotary life.

Dennis Coleman,

President, 2009 – 2010.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in Conochie Hall, Canterbury Centre, on Wednesday 25th November, 2009, in accordance with the Club Rules & Constitution and the *Associations Incorporation Act* requirements.

APPOINTMENTS

The following Officers and Directors were elected for the year 2010 - 2011:

President:	Rob Davies
President-Elect:	David Baker
Vice President:	Dennis Coleman
Secretary:	Richard Gray
Treasurer:	Peter Pratt
Fund Raising Chairman / Art Show:	Graeme Hope
New Directors:	Fabienne Nichola, Nick Pane,' Richard Stewart
Ongoing Directors:	Geoff Day, Don Jago
Casual Vacancy	Jon Oppy

CLUB ANNUAL REPORTS

The audited Financial Statement, the Auditor's Report and the Club's Annual report for the period ending 30th June, 2009 were formally received and adopted at the Annual General Meeting on 25th November, 2009.

BOARD MEETINGS

Twelve [12] regular Board meetings were held during the year, as well as additional Special Meetings, as required. Special thanks to Board members who made their homes available, and their wives/partners who provided wonderful suppers.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

The District Governor, Colin Muir, made his official visit to the Club on 19th August, 2009. Assistant District Governor, Phillip Rowell, made his official visit on 15th July, 2009.

MEMBERSHIP

As at the 30th June, 2009, the Club had 60 Active members, three [3] past members had been made Members for Life,' the Mayor, City of Boroondara, Cr. Wegman, Honorary member. At the 30th June, 2010, the Club had 67 Active members.

Secretary's Report [C'td]

During the year the Club lost the following member: Richard Ballasillie.

We welcomed: David Atkinson, Ross Tor'Bey, Loreto Resubal, Ian Farmer, Marcus Falay, Adrian Campbell and Justine Browne.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance for the year was: 76.50% an increase of 7% compared with 69.61% for the year 2008-2009.

The following members achieved 100% attendance: Peter Allen, David Baker, Dennis Coleman, Gary Goldsmith, Eric Heyburn, Don Jago, Malcolm Munro, Peter Pratt, Michael Pavey and John Steven.

PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITIONS

During the year the Club presented the following Paul Harris recognitions to:

- Michael Blood [Sapphire] and Bernadette Blood [PHF], for their service and contribution to the Club and community over 30 years;
- Rob Davies [Sapphire] for his service and contribution to the Club, the community and his continuing material support of Foodbank Victoria,
- Les Brown [two Rubies], Yvonne Brown [Sapphire], the only active charter members, for their service, contribution to the Club and community over 54-years,
- Aub McLaren [2 Sapphires], for his continuing service, to the Club and community over a 16 years [in this Club]
- Geoff Day [PHF] for his service and contribution to the Club and community over 10 years
- Malcolm Munro [Ruby], for his service and contribution to the Club and community over 30 years
- Richard Gray [Ruby] for his service and contribution to the Club and community over 30 years

In closing I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Alan Lorenzini, Board Minute Secretary, for his support and conscientious recording of Club Board meetings.

I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Honorary Members, Ken and Norma Heyes for their assistance in the printing of the Club Directory.

Richard Gray,

SECRETARY – PUBLIC OFFICER, 2009 - 2010

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet for Club Funds as at 31st. May, 2010

Assets

Cash on Hand

Cheque Account – 2131	\$15,642.11	
Cash Drawer	\$ 1.00	
Total Cash on Hand	\$15,643.11	
Total Current Assets		\$15,643.11
Total Assets		\$15,643.11

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

GST Liabilities

GST Collected	\$9,770.85	
GST Paid	-\$9,124.71	
Total GST Liabilities	\$646.14	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 646.14
Net Assets		\$14,996.97

Equity

	\$13,348.60	
Retained Earnings	\$ 1,648.37	
Total Equity		\$14,996.97

Financial Accounts – Club Income & Expenditure up to 31st May, 2010

Income

Subscriptions	\$18,068.19
Meal Surplus	\$ 1,332.95
Weekly Levy	\$ 2,714.50
Sundries	<u>\$ 2,517.68</u>
Club Income	\$24,633.32

Expenditure

Accounting Fees	\$ 923.64
Bank Charges	\$ 15.00
District Expenses	\$12,537.26
I.T. Costs	\$ 480.00
Membership Expenses	\$ 886.31
President's Allowance	\$ 1,100.00
Printing & Stationary	\$ 1,420.00
Sundries	<u>\$ 1,654.20</u>

Surplus Club Account [11 Months] \$5,616.91

Sunshine Income

Beverage Deficit	-\$ 2,261.11
Share of Weekly Meal	\$ 2,714.50
Fines	\$ 1,471.25
Functions	<u>\$14,695.44</u>

Total Sunshine Receipts \$16,620.08

Sunshine Expenses

Function Expenses	\$20,587.71
Shine Deficit [for 11 Months]	-\$ 3,967.63

Club Account

Balance 1 st July 2009	\$ 4,435.18
Surplus [for 11 Months]	\$ 5,844.18

Balance carried forward 30th May 2010 \$10,279.36

Sunshine Accounts

Balance 1 st July, 2009	\$ 8,912.79
Deficit [for 11 Months]	<u>-\$ 3,967.63</u>
Balance carried forward [30 th May, 2010]	\$ 4,945.16

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Overall Club Funds Available

\$15,224.52

Financial Accounts – Charity Funds Expended up to 31st May, 2010

Community Service

Vic Food Relief Foodbank	\$12,000.00	
Rotary Club of Cobram- 'Boroondara Cares'	\$ 9,000.00	
Bass Care	\$ 5,000.00	
Epilepsy Foundation	\$ 4,368.99	
Epilepsy Foundation - Respite	\$ 3,000.00	
St.Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,000.00	
Boroondara Family Network	\$ 3,000.00	
Australia Leukodystrophy	\$ 1,100.00	
Rotary Club of Kew – Christmas cakes	\$ 1,000.00	
Camp Getaway	\$ 700.00	
Donations in Kind	\$ 500.00	
Craig Family Centre	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$ 43,168.99

International Service

Rotary Foundation – Annual Giving	\$ 7,000.00	
Rotary Club of Metro Sorsogon-Matching Grant	\$ 3,990.00	
Rotary Foundation - \$200m Polio Challenge	\$ 3,000.00	
Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund/DIK	\$ 2,500.00	
Shelta Box Australia	\$ 2,400.00	
Rotary Oceanic Aid for Children	\$ 2,000.00	
Interplast Australia & New Zealand	\$ 1,400.00	
Australian & Overseas Aid [RAM]	\$ 1,000.00	
Tibetan Village Project	\$ 1,000.00	
RAWCS East Timor	<u>\$ 160.00</u>	\$23,950.00

New Generations

Friday Night School	\$ 5,000.00
Camberwell High School	\$ 4,000.00
Rotary Youth Exchange	\$ 2,561.00
National Youth Science Forum	\$ 2,000.00

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Box Hill Institute \$ 2,000.00

New Generations [C'td]

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \$ 600.00 16,161.00

Vocational Service

Dictionaries 4 Life \$13,731.59

Bert Stevens Awards \$ 2,000.00 15,731.59

Total Expended to 31st. May, 2010 \$99,011.58

This year's Art Show was held later in the year than normal. At the time of this report being written the Club had just completed the Show: 27th to 30th May. Accounts were not available for inclusion in this report.

I wish to thank the Assistant Treasurer, Frank Leigh, for his valuable contribution throughout this Club year.

Peter C. Pratt,

TREASURER, 2009 – 2010.

[8th June, 2010]

CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Introduction

I am pleased to report on Club Service for the 2009 – 2010 year; all areas within the Service portfolio have run smoothly thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of Club members.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Peter Allen was the Sergeant for this year and fulfilled the role admirably; Club regalia and meeting hardware were always set up efficiently and ready for meetings to start on time. Peter was assisted by Corporals David Baker, Andy Spry, Jo-Anne Tamlyn and Rodger Madigan.

Apologies and Bookings

Alan Lorenzini did a great job in taking apologies and extra bookings for Club Meetings and advising the Centre of the number of meals required.

Catering

Doug Gillam, Catering Manager and staff at the Canterbury Centre did a great job and meals were of a good standard.

Canterbury Centre – Conochie Hall

Next year it is proposed that our meeting venue Conochie Hall will be refurbished, we were invited by BassCare CEO, David Cotter, to suggest that improvements we would like to see; we submitted improvements in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Canterbury; most of our suggestions have been taken up. It will be good to see the venue more functional and in tune with our needs.

Programs

We had guests from many backgrounds speaking on a wide variety of Rotary and other topical subjects, as well as our 'Member Behind the Badge' presentations. Ron Lear was in charge of programs and did an excellent job.

Weekly Bulletin

Michael Pavey did a great job in publishing a most informative Bulletin on a weekly basis. The standard of our Bulletin is among the best in the District and is a great communicator of Member, Club, District and Rotary International events.

One of the highlights of the Bulletin was the weekly words of wisdom from 'The Humidor' – our Club President, Dennis Coleman editorial.

Some Club members assisted Michael in taking notes at weekly meetings so that Michael could occasionally relax and enjoy meetings.

Almoner

Gerry Lavender again carried out the role of Club Almoner well as he always has; his knowledge of past and present members is fantastic and it is good that Gerry keeps us well-informed of the happenings with the Camberwell Rotary family.

Weekly Reception Desk

Rosters were prepared at the commencements of the year with members rostered for one month at a time for Reception Desk and Club Welcome duties; the roster was given to the Bulletin Editor who then published the details two months in advance. It is the responsibility of the rostered member to find a replacement if unable to attend. This system works well and eliminates the tedium of rostering members for one week at a time.

Public Relations

This role was fulfilled ably by Peter Allen, David Baker and Michael Pavey; most of the publicity we received was via Boroondara Cares and the Art Show.

Club Historian

This role is carried out ably by Les Brown; Les is the ideal person to be Club Historian being a member since the Club was chartered in 1956.

Summary

The Club has had a successful year and has run smoothly; I would like to thank all members for giving of their time and talents to make membership of Camberwell Rotary an enjoyable and satisfying experience.

Robert Davies,

President-Elect,

Club Service Director, 2009 – 2010

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members

Geoff Day	[Chair]
Jo-Anne Tamlyn	[Deputy]
David Atkinson	Malcolm Munro
Bern Connell	Andy Spry
Rodger Madigan	John Steven

Introduction

This year's committee comprised an excellent mix of experience (three past Presidents in John Steven, Malcolm Munro and Bern Connell) combined with more recent club members (David Atkinson, Andy Spry, Rodger Madigan and Jo-Anne Tamlyn).

We had a diverse program this year with on-going support for a number of activities, the establishment of new programs created last year under John Philips and the identification of some new programs that our club has not previously supported.

Our budget this year was \$65,000 and we have made commitments for approximately \$60,000. There are a few programs under consideration which will continue into next year's program.

The programs the Club supported are:

VicRelief FoodBank



VicRelief Foodbank is Victoria's largest independent food relief resource centre. VicRelief Foodbank acts as a key link in the emergency relief supply chain by connecting the valuable contributions of a wide spread group of donors, to provide organisations that deliver aid to where it's most needed. In 2009 VicRelief Foodbank distributed almost 3 million kilos of food and material aid worth over \$28 million.

The Club has supported Foodbank for many years and provides one tonne of rice per month. Foodbank had been able to source lower cost rice this year.

The Club provided Foodbank with \$12,000 this year.

John and Audrey Steven hosted a dinner for ten club members and their partners. All the proceeds (\$1,000) were donated to Foodbank.

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Boroondara Cares



Boroondara Cares is a Rotary-led community partnership between the City of Boroondara and the Moira Shire in the Murray Valley. Boroondara Cares exists to provide on-going support for the residents of Moira Shire as they seek to deal with the severe economic and social challenges caused by a 7 year long drought. This innovative and exciting program brings together the resources of the two municipalities and the volunteer resources of twelve Rotary Clubs – eight in Boroondara and four in Moira Shire.

'Boroondara Cares' is a very important part of the clubs program and one which we have supported for a number of years. Our Club together with Boroondara Council and the Rotary Clubs of Boroondara district has provided to our friends in Moira Shire extensive and important support during their difficult times.

Our Club supported four activities this year being the Evening with the Stars (\$6,000), Christmas Hampers (\$1,000), Food Vouchers (\$1,000) and Social Trotting Event at Cobram (\$3,000). Malcolm Munro and Rodger Madigan represented Community Service at Boroondara Cares and a special thanks to Malcolm for his extensive assistance to the Rotary Club of Cobram in developing their program of activities.

St Vincent de Paul Soup Vans



The St. Vincent de Paul Society's soup van services provide assistance to more than 703 people each night and serve over 232,284 meals per year. This year we provided \$3,000 for special food containers for their soup vans.

Many thanks and congratulations to Eric Heyburn for his efforts on securing the special containers at a cost of \$3,000.

Boroondara Family Network



Young families today are increasingly stressed, often with greater demands and less support. Difficulties in child-rearing and social isolation can in some cases exacerbate the problem. The Boroondara Family Network (BFN) works towards enhancing the potential of children in such families within the Boroondara Municipality, which comprises the suburbs of Camberwell, Hawthorn, Kew, Ashburton and North Balwyn and Balwyn. BFN helps these parents (and other family members) cope by providing much needed emotional support following the arrival of the new baby. This year the Club donated \$3,000 to BFN. Congratulations to Kay and Bern

Connell on their work in support of BFN.

Camp Getaway



Rotary Camp Getaway is an exciting project providing a camp / nature retreat for community based groups and Rotarians to use. The camp aims to provide a highly accessible, quality recreational facility serving the needs of various Rotary and community initiatives. Rotary Camp Getaway caters for those of all abilities and mobility, provides a meeting place for support groups, and offers those who need it most a sanctuary away from their daily struggles.

During March Andy Spry organised a working bee and sleep over at Camp Getaway for over 20 club members and partners. It was a great weekend of fellowship with a lot of work done including the initial work for the flag pole relocation.

We have under consideration a request for funds to assist in the reduction in energy costs which are significant due to the costly hot water/hydronic space heating system in Units 1, 2 and 3. Given the fact of non-continuous occupancy of the site, Camp Getaway has decided on the augmentation of the current heating with energy efficient reverse cycle air-conditioning units.

Welfare Programs

The Club supported two organisations as a last resort supporter when all other sources of funding had been unsuccessful and for families needing urgent support. The two organisations were the Epilepsy Foundation and the Australian Leukodystrophy Support Group. These programs were managed extremely well by Jo-Anne Tamlyn.

Epilepsy Foundation



Epilepsy is a common neurological condition affecting up to 1-2% of the population. Although it is more likely to be diagnosed in childhood or senior years, it is not confined to any age group, sex, or race and can be diagnosed at any age. While greater than 70% of

people become seizure free taking medication, an important step in managing epilepsy is gaining an understanding about the condition.

It is therefore valuable for people with epilepsy, their family, friends and carers to understand the many aspects of this disorder to improve their chances in obtaining seizure control.

Our Club assisted parents and their children in attending support weekends so those families can learn further about Epilepsy and also meet other families to better understand how to cope with the pressures.

These are very important weekends with our club meeting the travel costs to enable families to attend. We support over 20 families during this year by meeting costs of \$7,369

Australian Leukodystrophy Support Group (ALDS)



The ALDS plays an important role in supporting those affected by Leukodystrophy which is a group of rare genetic disorders that affect the central nervous system. In most instances, these disorders are progressive and symptoms often include loss of muscle tone, blindness and other

debilitating factors.

Unfortunately at this stage there is no cure for this cruel genetic condition, although research into Leukodystrophy continues.

Our Club assisted parents and their children in attending support weekends so those families can learn further about ALDS and also meet other families to better understand how to cope with the pressures. These are very important weekends with our club meeting the travel costs of \$1,100 to enable families to attend.

Individual Humanitarian needs

The Committee set aside some funds to enable support to be given to individuals in strong need where a small amount of funds could make a significant difference to their lives. We supported a refugee with two young children to obtain her drivers licence to provide her with the capacity to better deal with a violent partner. We also assisted a MS suffer by meeting \$440 of expenses she was unable to pay.

Swags for the Homeless



Swags for Homeless is a National not for profit charity run 100% by unpaid volunteers. It is funded 100% by volunteers. Swags for Homeless distribute the World's ONLY fire retardant, Backpack Bed™ (swag) to homeless around Australia and the World.

There are some very disturbing facts about Homelessness in Australia:

- There are over 104,600 homeless in Australia:
 - Improvised Dwellings, sleepers out 16,375
 - Boarding houses 21,596
 - SAAP (Supported Accommodation Assistance Program) accommodation 19,849
 - Friends and Relatives 46,856
- People on park benches don't want to be there
- 30% increase on homeless children
- Many Homeless are men with kids
- 44% of Homeless are single women over 25

Our Club provided \$6,000 to pay for over 90 swags to be distributed in our local area, in wider Melbourne and also other places of urgent need throughout Australia. The current Committee has recommended to the incoming Committee that we investigate how we can form a stronger alliance with Swags for Homeless, so as to bring the skills of Rotary to help those without homes. This project was introduced to the Club by Adrian Campbell.

Hands on Learning



Hands on Learning is a centre of excellence in applied learning and student wellbeing, engaging kids in their school and community. Hands-On-Learning Australia has developed a set of creative, flexible, learning

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programs designed to provide an alternative learning framework for disengaged students to reconnect with their school and community. Students are invited to join a small team formed from Years 7 to 10.

They are engaged one day per week working on real creative projects in their local community. The students remain part of their normal school program the other four days.

This project was introduced by Adrian Campbell and is under review by David Atkinson and Rodger Madigan. The Committee is hopeful this will develop into a program that the Club can support in 2010/2011.

Other Projects

The Club also provided \$500 for Donations in Kind, \$2,000 to support the Ashburton Markham Reserve Half Basket Ball Court and also provided \$3,000 to support the Vocational Committee Project "Dictionary 4Life Books".

Thank you

I would like to thank all the Committee members for their enthusiasm, hard work, and regular attendance at Committee meetings and their strong desire to help a wide range of our community. I would especially thank Jo-Anne as Deputy for her great support particularly when I was not able to attend meetings.

The support by the Board and the Club Members for Community Service was again very significant and much has been achieved by your hard work.

Geoff Day

Chair,

Community Service Committee, 2009 - 2010

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members

John Phillips	[Chair]
Ian Feder	[Deputy]
Les Brown	John Maxwell
Ian Farmer	Sydney Warneke
Bob Heinemann	

Budget: \$20,400, plus \$15,000 committed to Matching Grant Project in Katebo, Uganda, and \$US3,600 for Matching Grant Project in Sorsogon, Philippines.

Activities:

1. **'Adopt a Village' – Katebo, Uganda** This project was a carry-over from 2008-2009 and required considerable effort, in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Lilydale and Kiwatule [Uganda]. As well as liaison with D9800 Dedicated District Funds Committee. The documentation and financing arrangements for the \$US21,140 works has been approved by D9800 Foundation Committee and forwarded to the Foundation in Evanston. At the time of writing we are awaiting final go ahead.
2. **Matching Grant Project in Sorsogon, Philippines.** This application had been submitted to Foundation by RC Brighton Beach in the 2008-2009 year, and finalized early in 2010. Our commitment of \$US3,600 was paid and the final report of Stage 1 received.
3. **The Rotary Foundation** It was agreed to continue the practice of donating \$100 to Rotary Foundation to recognize guest speakers, with our total contribution for the year to be \$10,000.
4. **Donations in Kind** A working bee of members took place in July, 2009, at DIK facilities to load a container for Timor Leste. A further exercise was planned for the second half of the year.
\$2,500 was donated to meet rental costs of the warehouse.
5. Financial support was provided to the following organizations: Rotarians Against Malaria, ROMAC and INTERPLAST, as well as ShelterBox.
6. Smaller activities included collection of goods for Samoan tsunami victims; purchase of soap from the Alola Foundation in Timor Leste as gifts for guest speakers; and support for sanitation facilities on the Kokoda Track.
7. The Chidamoyo Trust is a U.K. based organization supporting a hospital in north/north-west Zimbabwe. Our Club had previously provided funds to purchase a washing machine for this impoverished institution where patients are often housed on the floor due to the lack of equipment.

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International Service Committee Report [C'td]

They desperately need building materials as well as beds and Manchester. This would appear to be an excellent long-term project for us, and \$US150 was donated to buy a bed and linen. [Member – Tim Landsberg has visited this establishment and vouches for its integrity].

8. The Tibetan Village Project, an organization that facilitates the building of critical infrastructure such as, educational, water and health, captured the imagination of members, and an initial \$500 was donated. The project is managed by Don Cullen of the RC of Brighton Beach.

9. A sister club arrangement with RC West Taguig in the Philippines was proposed and we are awaiting proposal from that club.

10. Consideration was given to awarding Royce Abbey awards to two new members. Due to the lack of budgeted funds a decision was deferred by the Board until the financial outcome of the Art Show is clearer.

Some years ago the Club had provided money to establish and equip a school in Katebo, Uganda, through Julie Sale. Advice was received that the land on which the school was built had been reclaimed by the owner who would not negotiate to save the school. Some of the salvageable materials and equipment were relocated to the nearby village church grounds, but no more could be done. The lesson here is to fully research all aspects of projects, particularly those overseas.

A number of other activities were investigated and proposed, but abandoned due to the lack of members' physical support.

Recommendations:

The commitment to the Katebo Matching Grant project needs to be maintained until resolved.

Teachers Across Borders – worthy of further investigation.

Chidamoyo Trust – strongly recommend a continuing relationship be established.

Donation in Kind – requires on-going assistance with rental costs.

Tibetan Village Project – this is also an organization with which we should maintain future and regular contact and support.

My thanks to those Committee members who regularly attended meetings and contributed to the discussions and implementation of the various projects.

John Phillips,

Chair,

International Service Committee, 2009 - 2010

VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members:

Don Jago [Chair]

Geoff Angus [Deputy]

Peter Anderson

Gordon Duxbury

Richard O'Brien

Jeevan Vasimalla

The Committee met each month in members' homes, and we thank our partners for their hospitality in this regard.

PROGRAMES:

1. Vocational Service Visit

On 23rd August, 2009, 45 members and guests visited Port Phillip Prison, the largest privately owned prison in Victoria. The prison is owned by G4S Australia Pty Ltd, an international company. Members were given an insight into a modern electronically controlled facility, housing both long and short term inmates. No firearms or weapons are kept on the premises!

2. Bert Stevens Award for TAFE Students

Two apprentices were selected from Box Hill Institute, being Jessie Chadwick, a cookery apprentice, who excelled in the VCAL Hospitality program not without facing many personal and social challenges, and Chris James, a building apprentice, who is continuing his studies despite a medical condition of Crohns disease.

Both students were presented with a certificate and \$1,000 to assist in the fee payments.

3. Shine on Award

With the cooperation of Camcare, our nominee was Pamela McCarthy. Pamela contracted polio in 1945, was then confined to a wheelchair. She has overcome this severe difficulty to partake in everyday life at a level most would consider too demanding. Pamela worked full-time in the public service. In 1962 she won a Gold medal for swimming and Bronze medals for discus and shot-put at the Commonwealth Games. In her community work she has supported Camcare, Eva Tilley, the Eastern Polio Support Group and the 'Paravics' Sports Club as Secretary.

Pam was awarded the Shine-On Award for being an outstanding role model, with fortitude, cheerfulness and dependability.

Vocational Service Committee Report [C'td]

4. Excellence in Business and Community Support Award

Abbotsford Biscuits was chosen for this award, demonstrating excellence in service, high ethical standards and importantly a high level of community support. Abbotsford Biscuits employs people who have been excluded from mainstream training and employment opportunities. As the General Manager, Tony Layt said on receiving the award, "We don't hire people to bake biscuits, we bake biscuits to hire people."

5. Literacy Program: Dictionary 4 Life

In 2009, our Committee adopted the Dictionary 4 Life program, and enthusiastically took it to primary schools in Boroondara. The record shows the effort has been most successful and appreciated by educators, parents and [best of all] the student recipients of the illustrated dictionary – a personal gift of a quality book from Rotary.

The Committee distributed 1760 books at a cost of \$18,000 to 16 primary schools, and in addition to The Friday Night School, The Worna Aboriginal College, The Belmore School for handicapped children and the bushfire devastated Marysville Primary. We also acknowledge a generous donation from Mrs. Sam Sharman which allowed us to extend this outstanding program.

6. Recognition

Each new and recent Club members were presented with a 'Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions' on their induction.

As Chairman, I extend to each Committee member a heartfelt thank you for an outstanding Vocational Service year to Rotary.

Don Jago,

Chair,

Vocational Service Committee, 2009 - 2010

NEW GENERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members

Karen Nolan [Chair]

Michael Mullins [Deputy]

Gary Goldsmith

David Loftus

Tim Landsberg

Geoff McCormick

Michael Neumann

Overview

A total of eight [8] projects were funded in the past year, with one project handed over to the incoming Committee for consideration. A budget of \$26K was requested by the Committee and was approved by the Board. One of the highlights for Camberwell Rotary was the arrival of Anna, our exchange student from Brazil.

Projects

1. **Camberwell High School Emergency Fund** Has been a project the New Generations Committee has funded over many years, and 2009-2010 was no exception, with \$4K donated. Children whose families were having difficulty finding extra money for activities such as the school camp or books were helped.
2. **N.Y.S.F.** The National Youth Science Forum is a two-week long project held in Canberra in January of each year. This science project is a more formal model and we funded two students to attend. We were delighted to hear from the two attendees, Monica Pham and Claire Leong when they returned and gave the Club an excellent talk on their insight to the science forum and how it may shape their future career choices. Funding of \$2K was provided.
3. **Box Hill TAFE Student Grants** The Committee decided to support two students from Box Hill TAFE to enable them to complete their schooling, so that they had a greater chance to be offered apprenticeships in their chosen fields. Both of these students had suffered from abusive and destructive environments, but despite this, they continued to keep up their studies, so were thought to be worthwhile candidates. Total funding \$2K.
4. **R.Y.L.A.** One of the best projects of this year went to RYLA. The Rotary Club of Camberwell was the host for 2009 Seminar, which saw great participation and support from our Club. It was one of the best RYLA's that has been held. A lot of time and energy was put into the presentation night. Initially we had three candidates, but in the end only one, Anh Van Trinh participated at a cost of \$660.

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5. **F.N.S.** Friday Night School is another long-standing project that this Committee has supported for many years. This year, a donation of \$5K helped purchase books and stationery for the children of disadvantaged backgrounds, who require extra support with their schooling, often in subjects of math's and English. This year also saw a donation of the dictionaries that were received with many thanks.

6. **Home for the Homeless** Another project from Box Hill TAFE, which involved the construction of a safe home for a family suffering from domestic violence and need emergency accommodation for a period up to a year. A house was built by trade apprentices, which as well as providing a safe haven for a family, it also gave apprentices a great opportunity to involve themselves in such a project that will enable them to build on their knowledge as well as giving back to the community. A grant of \$4K was provided.

7. **Rotary Youth Exchange Student** In January 2010, our Club welcomed Ana Flavia from Brazil as our Rotary International exchange student. Ana will have a total of five host families. Karen Nolan was the first host Mother and as the first one, had the responsibility to enroll Ana at school, Strathcona Baptist School, Canterbury, as well as all the things necessary, such as, uniforms, books and stationery etc.

Rotary Exchange Student [C'td]

Ana was also able to attend the District Conference in Perth which she enjoyed along with other exchange students. The total cost [at the time of reporting] was \$2,982.00 which includes everything, from the Conference, airfares as well as school items and \$150 monthly allowance which Ana will receive until the end of this year. Ana has settled into Australian life and her English has improved since her arrival in January.

8. **Take a Break** This project is one that will be handed over to the incoming Committee. The Committee thought that if the Club could offer some respite to some parents with disabled children, either at Camp Getaway or in their own home, it would offer some precious time for 'R and R' for these parents, who are on-call 24/7. Time prevented this project to be completed, but hopefully it will be implemented in the future by the incoming Committee.

Conclusion

The year, 2009 – 2010, saw some great projects completed and this would not have been done without input into RYLA by David Loftus, Michael Neumann, Geoff McCormick and Tim Landsberg. Thanks everyone for your help and insight. The total cost for 2009 – 2010 was \$21,142.00, which gives a surplus of \$4,858.00.

Karen Nolan,

Chair –

New Generations Committee, 2009 – 2010.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members

Michael Blood	[Chair]	Eric Heyburn	Ross Tor'Bey
David Baker	[Deputy]	Pierre Kriegler	
Adrian Campbell		Fabienne Nichola	
Patrick Cunniffe		Jim O'Hara	
Mark Hassed		Joseph Orlando	

Fellowship Functions/Partners Nights held during the year included:

1. **2010 Art Show** An introductory visit to the Caulfield Racecourse was held on Wednesday 29th July 2009 to acquaint members and partners with the venue for the 2010 Herald-Sun Camberwell Rotary Art Show. A dinner was held afterwards in the Caulfield Tabaret, following a visit to the Medallion Room and the adjoining Art Show presentation area. Excellent fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance.
2. **A Vocational Committee** visit to Port Phillip Prison, Laverton, was held on Wednesday 26th August 2009, and this provided another opportunity for partners to attend and partake in a meal that was served in the prison canteen.
3. **The Past-President's Night** for out-going President Neil Hookey was held at the Kew Heights Sports Club on Wednesday 23rd August 2009. Ninety Rotarians and guests attended this wonderful event, which is so special in the Rotary Club of Camberwell's calendar. Several Past Presidents who are no longer active in the Club attended – PP Ken Heyes and Norma, PP Albert Maxwell and Marion, PP Tom Maclean and Helen, PP Sean Kennedy and Audrey and Don McRae – and they spoke briefly of the highlights of their year as President. PP Bill Parker and Jenny also attended for pre-dinner before heading to the airport, bound for Dubai.

The evening was superbly chaired by Don Fotheringham, PP Jon Oppy spoke on the history and tradition of this function, PP Neil was suitably 'roasted' by Gordon Duxbury, whilst Patrick Cunniffe made a personalized presentation to Neil. Outstanding audio-visual presentations were made by Bern Connell and the very talented David Baker. An indoor bowling competition was held during the evening. The Committee planned the evening meticulously and transformed the ambience of the bowling club markedly for the function. A Sub-Committee of Jim O'Hara, Patrick Cunniffe and David Baker were backed to the hilt by all members of the Committee, to make this night an outstanding success.

4. **A Trivia Night** was held on Wednesday 4th November 2009 at Conochie Hall. A Sub-Committee including Patrick Cunniffe [Quiz Master], David Baker [Quiz and Music Questions] and Fabienne Nichola [Entertainment and Raffle] oversaw an extremely successful function. An upgraded meal was served and all drinks were provided free by the Sunshine Fund. A floor show was provided by Rodger Madigan [Elvis Presley] and John Phillips [Dolly Parton] was a highlight! Further, a Spring Carnival/Crazy Hat competition was conducted. Eighty-four Rotarians and guests attended.

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5. **Our Christmas Function** was held at Butleigh Wootton Receptions in Kew on Wednesday, 9th December 2009. This function was spearheaded by a Sub-Committee of Ross Tor'Bey, Fabienne Nichola and David Baker. One hundred and ten Rotarians, partners and guests attended a wonderful evening! PE rob Davies was a marvelous chairman for the night. The Christmas theme was evident in the donation of gifts for needy children through Boroondara Cares by members. Two members, Marcus Falay [Turkey], Loreto Resubal [Philippines] and Anita Bejerano – wife of President Dennis Coleman [Israel] spoke of festivities and practices that occurred in their native lands in the Christmas period.

6. **A Tribute to PP Les Brown Night** was held on Wednesday 17th February 2010 at Conochie Hall. This was a 'top secret' night arranged to give our one and only foundation member, who is still active in the Club after 54 years an outstanding and dedicated service to the community, a Past President's tribute.

The reason behind this was that the Club tradition of honouring Past Presidents was not in place when Les was President in 1959/1960. The Fellowship Committee once again accepted the challenge presented to us by President Dennis and organized another outstanding function.

Bern Connell produced an amazing audio-visual [PowerPoint] presentation on the life of Les Brown, including his marriage, his career as a Jeweller and his war time career. David Baker arranged appropriate music to back the theme of Time that was appropriate to Les. However, the gem of the night was a brilliant, extremely humorous and entertaining address by PP Ken Heyes on the life and times of Les Brown. Compare Patrick Cuniffe presented the traditional gift that he had created to Les. Finally to cap the evening off, President Dennis Coleman presented Les with a Paul Harris recognition, a **double ruby award** and a Paul Harris sapphire award to his wife, Yvonne.

This function illustrated superbly the way in which the Fellowship Committee 2009-2010 has worked together, through individual and collective efforts and with other Club members to make functions such as this so memorable. The meal was again upgraded; the sparkling and still wines were specially selected by our resident expert, Eric Heyburn, who does an unbelievable job in providing excellent wines for member, but at a very reasonable cost.

7. **A second Fellowship dinner** was organized at the Caulfield Tabaret on Wednesday 12th May, 2010, following an Art Show briefing for the Club in the Medallion Room at the Caulfield Racecourse. Seventy members and partners attended.

8. **The 'Thank-God-Its-Over' Dinner** was held at the clubroom, Conochie Hall, on Wednesday 2June, 2010 to celebrate the completion of a very successful Art Show at its new venue at Caulfield. Graeme Hope, the Art Show Chairman, thanked all those concerned with the running of the Show and outlined the many positive aspects of the Show. Glen Eira Rotarians were our guests on the night and the business of the evening was kept to a minimum, so that the total focus was on fellowship. Bern Connell presented a PowerPoint coverage of the Show as a background feature and Sergeant-at-Arms, Peter Allen, and others levied many humorous fines that emanated from the Show. Ninety-seven members, partners and guests attended. This was another excellent night of fellowship.

9. **The Changeover Night** is scheduled for the 30th June, 2010, at the Riversdale Golf Club.

Fellowship Committee Report [C'td]

10. **The Past President's Night for 2010** to celebrate Dennis Coleman's year of office is scheduled to be held at Butleigh Wootton Receptions in Kew on Wednesday 28th July, 2010.

It has been an honour to chair such a hard working, creative and supportive Committee. The Committee has provided hospitality drinks both before and during all Club meetings held at the Canterbury centre. I must single out and thank Eric Heyburn for all the hard work that he does to source fine wines and premium beers for our enjoyment, and also thank each of the members for their commitment to our monthly roster. Our meetings have been extremely well-attended and we have worked collaboratively to achieve our successful outcomes. Each member of the Committee has made a substantial contribution to Club Fellowship.

Finally I wish to thank my predecessor, Don Fotheringham, for his advice and for the very generous surplus that our Committee inherited.

Michael Blood,

Chair,

Fellowship Committee, 2009 – 2010.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members:

Don Fotheringham	[Chair]	Geoff Heath
Murray Dance	[Deputy]	Warwick Heil
Lesley Daniels-King		Anne Murphy
Colin Gould		Richard Stewart

New Members

We were set the ambitious target of achieving a net gain of 10 members for the year. As the year draws to a close we have inducted four new members and welcomed back two former members and have a further induction planned for Changeover Night, therefore swelling our numbers by seven for the year.

The Club is the richer for having *Ross Tor'Bey*, *David Atkinson*, *Marcus Falay* and *Adrian Campbell* join us and for the return of *Loreto Resubal* and *Ian Farmer* to the fold. Their contribution to Club activities is already evident.

Welfare

As part of our brief, we also had responsibility for members' welfare, providing mentors where needed to help ensure that all newer members in particular, felt included and comfortable with Club life. We are grateful to *Fabienne Nichola* and *Ross Tor'Bey* who spontaneously arranged for an afternoon of fellowship at the home of *Pierre Kriegler* whom we also thank for his hospitality. This gathering was an excellent way for the newer members to get to know each other, and I recommend similar activities be taken up formally by the ensuing Membership Committee.

Friends

'*Friends of Rotary*' is a concept on which our predecessors put in much work. 'FoR' was set up to formally encourage people who are not members to actively support Club activities, such as the Art Show. Some 'Friends' would also be potential members. *Neil Hookey* and *David Loftus* comprised a Sub-Committee to coordinate this initiative and receive nominations for 'Friends' status.

Art Show

We presented a compelling case for membership of the Rotary Club of Camberwell at the Art Show with a stand featuring an Audio Visual presentation ably put together by *David Baker* and projected on a large Flat Screen TV supplied by *Richard Stewart* [thanks to Richard and the *Good Guys*] as well as on monitors throughout the venue. Printed material and posters and a membership enquiry coupon in the Art Show Catalogue supported this. The end result we have 32 leads to follow up.

Membership Committee Report [C'td]

Future

Serving on the Membership Committee causes one to view the Club with a critical eye, looking for ways to make us a more attractive option for membership than the next club. It is a competitive marketplace and people of the caliber we need for membership of the Rotary Club of Camberwell are few and far between, but *we all know someone* who would meet the level of commitment we need. In recent years Rotary International and we as a Club have modernized and moved with the times to allow for the demands of modern life and to facilitate membership in Rotary. We must not leave to others the responsibility of identifying potential new members of our Club.

It is often said, '*Membership is everyone's responsibility.*' Often said and mostly ignored. With few exceptions, the Membership Committee are the only members of the Club who actively address the vital matter seeking out potential members.

We allow this situation to persist at our peril. *We – all of us – must devote more time and effort to recruiting like-minded people to join our great Club.*

The motto chosen by our RI President John Kenny 2009-2010 for his year at the helm could not be more applicable: '*The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.*'

Thanks

In conclusion, I would like to thank all members of the Membership Committee for their participation in our activities this year. In particular Murray Dance for his wise counsel and Warwick Heil for his tireless canvassing in Burke Road ably assisted by Anne Murphy.

Don Fotheringham,

Chair,

Membership Committee, 2009 – 2010.

FUND RAISING - ART SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee

Graeme Hope

Chair

Peter Matthews

Secretary

Peter Pratt / Frank Leigh

Treasurer

Teams

Operations & Infrastructure

Ron Lear, David Loftus

Electronics & Transactions

Geoff Heath, Chris Carra

Artwork, Artists & Judging

Jon Oppy, Neil Hookey, Loreto Resubal

Exhibition

Michael Pavey, Peter Matthews

Security & Marshalling

Richard Gray, Geoff Day

Marketing & Sales Desk

David Baker, Richard Stewart, Anne Murphy

Sponsorship

Robert Davies, Nick Pane' Richard Stewart

Art Show Advisors

Artist Entries & Sales Desk

Judy Lear

Presentation

Denise Oppy, Glenda Davies, Margaret Hookey, Judy Pratt

Art Show Consultants

Jonathan Oppy, Frank Leigh

New Initiatives

The 2010 Art Show was different to those held for the past 43 years in the Camberwell region for a number of key reasons:

1. **Short Duration** The Show was conducted over eight days, with approximately 3.25 days for selling. This compares with approximately sixteen days in the past and some eight days for selling.
2. **New Venue – Caulfield Racecourse** Spacious facility with significant increase in hanging space. In excess of 2,400 paintings were displayed, compared with some 1,640 in 2009.
3. **Expanded Gallery Representation** Following the success of the 2009 experiment where we invited Peter Messer, this was extended to five other galleries. The Galleries were: Jenny Pihan Fine Art, Kew, Pivotal, Sorrento/Flinders, Without Pier and Showcase [Peter Messer]. The Galleries provided another dimension of Art, generated significant sales plus their stand hire rental.

Art Show Committee Report [C'td]

We received good feedback from a number of Gallery owners expressing their satisfaction of being invited to present at the Show and would be pleased to participate again.

4. **Enhanced Facilities** Patrons and Rotarians were uniform in their acknowledgement of these facilities. The key benefits being ample free car parking within close proximity to the venue and dining facilities within the venue during the Show and in the adjacent Tabaret.

5. **Website Registration** Artists were encouraged to register on line to streamline the registration process. Significant work was undertaken by Chris Carra and Judy Lear in establishing this system. A very pleasing 60% take up was achieved which is a great result in the first year.

Entries

This year we attracted some 2,700 entries [an increase of 400 over 2009] as well as some 300 not-for-competition paintings from leading galleries. Artists were permitted to enter six works, with each painting having a maximum total length of not more than six metres.

Judging Panel

Chair of the panel was Kit Wise, Acting Head, Department of Fine Arts, Monash University, Caulfield Campus, assisted by Herman Pekel. Due to the time constraints of the Show, judging was conducted with paintings predominantly in location and was a demanding and exacting task. Our thanks to Kit and Herman and also to Jon Oppy for making the arrangements for the schedule of winners' prizes.

Opening Night

The Show opened on Thursday night, 27th May, with a format of a complimentary drink to patrons on arrival and the intention of patrons purchasing at their expense thereafter. This was driven by cost constraints. Sponsors were provided drinks and catering in a sponsors lounge. There was a good attendance and atmosphere for the presentation of awards with the Show opened by [Show Patron] Harold Mitchell AO. Sales activity was strong on the night. Feedback from patrons would suggest that there is an expectation of some form of food and drinks to continue during the evening. This matter will be addressed in 2011.

Publicity & Sponsorship

Extensive marketing and publicity was undertaken by David Baker who also managed the relationship with our principal sponsor, 'Herald – Sun.' Marketing initiatives included the Art Show printed material [entry forms, poster, flyers, 124 page catalogue] a dedicated Art Show website, direct mail [personalized] to artists and patrons, suburban press [selected Leader Newspapers, Australia Jewish News], daily press [Herald-Sun and The Age], magazine, radio [3AW], television [placement in all commercial networks], outdoor signage [throughout City of Boroondara] and PR. Rob Davies, Richard Stewart and Nick Pane' managed the demanding task of re-engaging our very important sponsors.

Art Show Committee Report [C'td]

Attendance

The Show opened on Thursday night and closed on Sunday 30th May, providing for 3.25 days attendance. Approximately 5,000 persons attended with positive feedback. Thematic message was that: the Art Show was visually impressive and of a high standard with ample room to view in a relaxed and well illuminated surroundings.

Sales Result

Sales amounted to \$412, 020. This was marginally lower than in 2009 due to the shorter duration of the Show. Unit sales price was however marginally higher at approximately \$1,250 per painting. Overall surplus based on preliminary accounts is - approximately \$58,500. This is an excellent result in light of the short duration and considering an untimely range of negative economic factors at the time [i.e. Greece, Europe and rising interest rates, etc].

Raffle

The raffle was organised efficiently by Richard Stewart. The vast majority of all available tickets were sold at the Show. Some club members sold multiple books. The prize painting was donated by Kasey Sealey, for which we thank him.

Overall Operations

The Committee, as with previous Committees, planned well-ahead to make all aspects of the Show efficient as possible and optimize Club labour required. The short duration of the Show heightened this preparation particularly in regard to additional staff support required. The efficient receipt and hanging of 3,000 paintings in under 3 days was a great achievement and confirmation of effective planning.

The efficient receipt and hanging of some 3,000 paintings in under three days was a great achievement and confirmation of effective planning. The continued use of Wanzal trolleys and delivery of paintings direct to stand, with reduced use of racks proved a success with the effect of minimal damage to paintings. Set up of the Show was very efficient and largely in 'opening mode' by Wednesday night. All who worked to achieve this are to be congratulated with special thanks to Ron Lear. Denise, Margaret, Glenda and Judy Pratt were under enormous pressure to achieve all panels of matching colour hues and well-known artists placed in appropriate locations within a minimum time frame. This is an enormous achievement and we thank the girls sincerely.

Sales Desk & Operations Centre

Once again, Judy Lear spent weeks prior to the Art Show together with Chris Carra entering entries and fine tuning those entered via the website. Judy, Anne Murphy and Chris Carra are to be congratulated on their commitment to running the sales desk, often under pressure. The frequent enquiries at the sales desk, not always sales related has identified a need to establish a Help desk. This matter will be addressed in 2011.

Art Show Committee Report [C'td]

Acknowledgements & External Assistance

The Show could not function without the support of Rotarians, Partners, Friends and relatives. I take this opportunity to express on behalf of the Committee my sincere thanks to all those who have cheerfully contributed their time and efforts in helping to make the Show a success.

I would also like to acknowledge the significant input by those groups who supported the Art Show this year. We were very fortunate to have good support from 'Boroondara Cares' group, organised by Peter Allen, Rotary Club of Glen Eira, members of Lions and friends of Rotarians. Rotary Club of Glen Eira members worked predominantly in security and marshalling roles which was a major task and was coordinated by Richard Gray and Geoff Day.

Summary

By a number of criteria the 2010 Art Show and the move to Caulfield Racecourse was a success. The surplus provides a significant contribution to the Club for use in its projects. The standard of the Show was high, both in its presentation and standard of the entries plus the added dimension provided by the Galleries. Many compliments have been received on the standard we have achieved.

Fellowship continued to be a winner with daily bulletin updates [thank you David Baker] providing anecdotes and catchy action photos plus the hospitality provided by Sydney and Eric in the staff room. Many also enjoyed meal breaks in the Tabaret.

Committee

I would like to thank the Committee, both the appointed and co-opted members who during the year attended faithfully the nearly twenty scheduled Committee meetings prior to the Show and ongoing deliberations and review process.

The move to Caulfield created new challenges and all members are to be congratulated on their contribution to achieving a smooth transition to the new venue and their dedication to their tasks; without this extraordinary commitment, we could not achieve these excellent results.

I have enjoyed the challenge and opportunity to chair the Art Show Committee. I believe I have provided leadership which has enabled the successful transition and operation of the Show at Caulfield Racecourse.

Our de-brief has identified issues arising from the 2010 Show which we need to learn from, refine and create opportunities for next year. I look forward to working with the Committee to make those opportunities happen 2011.

Graeme Hope,

Chair,

Art Show Committee, 2009 - 2010

Winners for 2010

Award	Artists Name	Title
Herald-Sun – ‘Best of Show’ – GOLD	Tom O’Callaghan	QUARRY AFTER RAIN
Penfold Motors Group – SILVER	Joseph Zbukvic	INTERLUDE
Penfold Motors Group – SILVER	Robert Simpson	WHITE ASCENSION
Camberwell Rotary – BRONZE	Chris Kandis	SUNSET OVER LAKE JINDABYNE
Camberwell Rotary – BRONZE	Claude Ciccone	KATSUYAIN IN HIS STUDIO
Still Life – Less \$3,000	Ronald Gibbings-Johns	SOFTLIGHT ON JAPONKA
Best Landscape – Less \$2,500	Chris White	INTO THE MORNING LIGHT
Best Pastel – Less \$2,500	Christine Ramsey	DUSK
Any Medium not exceeding \$1,500	Elena Kolotusha	BAG OF TREASURES
Best Watercolour not exceeding \$900	Rena Littleson	HIDING
Best Watercolour not exceeding \$800	Loyis Gedye	JAPAN BLACK
Best Work not exceeding \$600	Hannah Blackie	THE JOKE
Best work not exceeding \$400	Christine Hogan	NESTING
Encouragement Award – Watercolour	Clive Sinclair	EVENING
Encouragement Award – Acrylic	George Kendall	COUNTRY GIRL IN THE GARDEN
Encouragement Award – Pastel	Jan Hudson	ONIONS & GARLIC
Encouragement Award – Oil	Lydia Miller	STILL LIFE WITH FIG
Encouragement Award	Kate Collins	BLUE MOO
Encouragement Award	Otto Boron	DILAPIDATED SHED
Best Porcelain Art	Judy Seymour	GUM BLOSSOMS
Best Realist Artist	Pipa Chapman	CLASSICAL BED