



**ROTARY CLUB
OF
CAMBERWELL**

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9800

ANNUAL REPORT

2003 – 2004

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OFFICE BEARERS & DIRECTORS

President:	Ron LEAR
President Elect:	Gary GOLDSMITH
Vice President:	Bern CONNELL
Secretary:	John PHILLIPS
Treasurer:	Walter FAWCETT
Sergeant at Arms (Non Director)	David BAKER

DIRECTORS

Community Service:	Geoff DAY
Club Service:	Gary GOLDSMITH
International Service:	Barry ASTON
Vocational Service:	Ian BENTLEY/ Michael BLOOD
New Generations:	Paul SULLIVAN
Membership:	Dennis COLEMAN
Fellowship:	Pierre KRIEGLER
Art Show:	Michael PAVEY

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Bulletin Editor	John STEVEN
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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT

Rotary International President	Jonathan B MAJIYAGBE
District Governor	Don JAGO
Assistant Governor, Burke Cluster	Anne SCOTT (Hawthorn)
District Secretary	Frank LEIGH
District Conference Chairman	Jonathan OPPY
Assistant Governor, Stonington	Malcolm MUNRO
RAWCS Southern Region, ITHF & D9800 BMDI	
IGFR	John STEVEN
RYLA District Chairman	Pierre KRIEGLER Paul SULLIVAN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 48th year of the Rotary Club of Camberwell will be best remembered as the year the Club produced its first District Governor. District Governor Don Jago and Margery did our club proud in the thorough and caring way they performed their responsibilities throughout the year. The Club organised the District Governor's changeover at Crown Casino in June 2003 and conducted the District Conference in Adelaide in March 2004. Both events were outstanding successes and a credit to District Governor Don and his organising committee. It was also a great experience for members & partners. As a result of our large member presence at the conference, our Club was awarded the G Fred Birks Conference Attendance Trophy for the best attending club. It is the third time that Camberwell has won this award.

Camberwell received a Presidential Citation from Rotary International President Jonathan B Majiyagbe in recognition of the Club's commitment to alleviate poverty and promote peace and support of the Family of Rotary through Rotary service.

We distributed over \$100,000 through club projects, by providing financial assistance in the form of research grants, equipment purchases, personal assistance and through contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

The Club conducted another very successful Art Show under the chairmanship of PP Michael Pavey & an Art Show committee with a number of new faces. Profit from this event is expected to be in the order of \$100,000. We also conducted another successful Business of Winning Luncheon with the assistance of sponsor Expo Hire. This raised more than \$13,000 for Myeloma Australia to assist it with clinical trials and research.

The Club combined with the Rotary Club of Hawthorn & Boroondara Council to conduct a Leisure & Finance Forum with over 250 persons attending and we combined with Burke Cluster Rotary Clubs to conduct a Men's Health Seminar to which about 200 Rotarians and friends attended. We presented the "Warriors of Fire" painting by the late Kevin Taylor to the Country Fire Authority to be hung in its Board room as the centre piece for a fire service honour board.

This has only been a brief outline of some of the programs and events the Club has been involved with and there were many other achievements as a result of the efforts of the various committees and individual members. These are detailed in the reports that follow.

A personal disappointment was that the Club was unable to get a major local project under way this year. This remains a significant challenge for the Club.

Over the year we welcomed 5 new members into our club:

Stephanie Reynolds
Eric Heyburn

Peter Dyson
Mark Gerimia

Graeme Hope

Regrettably, we had 12 resignations:

Dino Consalvo
Loreto Resubal

Ian Bentley
Barry Kennedy PHF

John Horscroft
Ian Farmer
Marilyn Ohlson
Kevin Connolly PHF

John Morkham
John O'Keefe
PP Ken Heyes PHF
Trevor Byard PHF.

The Club is particularly indebted to PP Ken Heyes and Norma, Barry Kennedy and Rosemary, Kevin Connolly and Marie and Trevor Byard and Elma. Each has been a member of our club for more than 30 years (in Ken's case, 42 years) and during that time, they have made an enormous contribution to the Club's success and well being. The respected position we find our club in today is in no small way due to the efforts of these 4 members.

It was with regret that honorary member PP Bill Dobney PHF & past member Jim Henry were called to higher service.

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Paul Harris Fellow recognitions were awarded to Margaret Gurry, Ern Trembath, PP Bern Connell & District Governor Don (5th sapphire) and Margery Jago (Ruby). An Order of Australia Medal was awarded to Gordon Duxbury in the Queen's Birthday honors list.

I am very appreciative of the support members and partners have given Judy and me throughout the year. I wish to make particular mention of the following:

- District Governor Don & Margery: For support, assistance & guidance;
- Assistant Governor Anne Scott (Hawthorn): For her Cluster co-ordination and assistance;
- The Conference Committee under Chairman Jon Oppy: For an outstanding conference and District Governor change over;
- Club Directors and Committees: For assisting me and delivering a good range of programs;
- To retiring Directors Geoff Day, Paul Sullivan, Dennis Coleman, Pierre Kriegler, PP Bern Connell and PP Michael Pavey: For your valued contributions to the Club;
- Michael Pavey: As Chairman of a high quality Art Show and a member of the Conference Committee responsible for conference registrations and accommodation;
- Club Secretary John Phillips: For his behind the scene assistance;
- Treasurer: Walter Fawcett: For taking on this important role and with the assistance of wife Trish, keeping the Club's finances in good shape;
- Bulletin Editor John Steven: For one of the best year's of the Bulletin the club has had;
- Ken & Norma Heyes: For distribution of the Bulletin weekly;
- Sergeant David Baker: For lightening our meetings and setting up the venue weekly;
- Peter Anderson (& Pam): For taking member apologies and advising the kitchen weekly;
- Don Fotheringham: For arranging an interesting line up of weekly speakers;
- District Secretary and Conference Secretary Frank Leigh: For taking on a huge workload and handling it well;
- Assistant Governor Malcolm Munro; District New Generations Chairman Paul Sullivan; RAWCS Southern Region Executive & International Travel & Hosting Fellowship Vice-Chairman John Steven; & Golfing International Fellowship of Rotarians Chairman Pierre Kriegler: For contributions to the wider Rotary movement;
- Our spouses, partners, family and friends who have assisted the Club in any way. Your contributions and assistance are always valued and appreciated; and
- My wife, Judy: Thanks for all your support and assistance throughout the year.

Finally, I extend my appreciation to the Club for the honour you have bestowed on me this year in allowing me to serve as the Club's 48th President. It has been a privilege to have been given the opportunity. Judy & I thank you all for your confidence and for your endless support.

Best wishes for the year ahead to incoming President Gary & Gabrielle, the new Board, members & partners.

**Ron Lear
President 2003/2004**

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

It has been indeed a privilege and a pleasure for Margery and myself to serve Rotary District 9800 as Governor in 2003 – 04

At the commencement of this Rotary year, President Jonathan invited us to Lend a Hand and asked for Clubs in our District to identify the problems of Literacy, Health and Poverty, and to foster the concept of the Family of Rotary. He asked for our emphasis on these concerns. I am proud to report that Rotarians in this District did heed his call.

District 9800 is a wonderful diverse District, a unique blend of metropolitan, inner and outer suburban, large and small provincial clubs all contributing in their own way to these and other programs, all with the intent of Service above Self. This was the real pleasure for Margery and myself, to visit each club, to learn and sometimes be able to participate in their programs.

There were many highlights in this year. The ones which directly concerned our Club were the District Governors Changeover, the District Assembly and of course the most successful District Conference widely acknowledged as equal to the best ever.

In all of these I must acknowledge the work and total cooperation of the Club Committee, President Ron, Chairman Jon Oppy, Frank Leigh, Tom Maclean, Mike Pavey, John Steven, Don McRae, Geoff Heath, Peter Pratt, Barry Kennedy and many others.

I must particularly acknowledge the assistance of our partners, the work they did at the Conference venue as outstanding, and contributed to the efficient running of the operation. Another highlight to me was the most successful GSE exchange with D1160 from Ireland. Both the outgoing and incoming teams endeared themselves to all, their participation was outstanding. It is worthwhile to note that during the problem years in Ireland, one organization embraced as one District both the North and South, this being Rotary International. The other highlights were the full participation in RYLA, RYPEN and MUNA, and the District response to the Conference Literacy project, "The Ade Majiyagbe Memorial Literacy Project".

All Clubs in the District embraced the concept of the Family of Rotary, family participation and recognition was encouraged. Further to this we chartered 1 Rotary Club, 4 Probus Clubs, 2 Rotaract Clubs and 1 Interact Club.

We also addressed the urgent and difficult problem of Child Protection, the policy that has been introduced has been acclaimed by Rotary International "as an excellent document to serve both our Rotarians and the children and vulnerable adults in our care".

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Other problem areas addressed were District and Club Incorporation and increased Insurance demand and responsibly.

Finally, to President Ron, District Secretary Frank Leigh, Assistant Governor Malcolm Munro, to all members and partners of the Rotary Club of Camberwell, Margery and I wish to express our gratitude for the total cooperation and encouragement given to us this year. May we also say a humble thank you for the acknowledgement as Paul Harris Fellows at the conclusion of this Rotary year.

Yours in Rotary Service

Don Jago

Governor D9800, 2003 – 04

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at Conochie Hall, 2 Rochester Road, Canterbury on 26th November, 2003, in accordance with Incorporation requirements.

Appointments

The following officers of the Club were elected for the 2004/05 year:

President Elect:	Bill Parker.
Secretary:	John Phillips.
Treasurer:	Walter Fawcett.
Fund Raising Chairman:	Peter Allen.
Club Directors	David Baker, Ian Feder, Michael Mullins & Peter Pratt.

Ian Bentley resigned from the Board and Michael Blood accepted the casual vacancy in October 2003.

Board Meetings

Twelve (12) regular Board meetings were held during the year, with attendance as below:

DIRECTOR	No. of MEETINGS ATTENDED
R.Lear	12
B.Aston	10
M.Blood	9
I.Bentley	2
D.Coleman	7
G.Day	10
W.Fawcett	10
G.Goldsmith	11
P.Kriegler	9
M.Pavey	8
J.Phillips	10
P.Sullivan	11

M.Mullins & J.Oppy each attended one (1) meeting as deputies for Directors.

By-Laws

At a properly constituted meeting of members, Article X of the Club By-Laws was amended to enable more flexible handling of Club finances, and in particular those relating to the Art Show. These amendments have subsequently been approved by the Department of Justice.

District 9800

District 9800 has decided to become incorporated, and as a consequence the Rotary Club of Camberwell Inc has applied for membership of the Association to be known as District 9800 Incorporated.

Membership

During the year the resignation was accepted with regret of Ian Bentley, Dino Consalvo, Ian Farmer, John Horscroft, John Morkham, Loreto Resubal and Peter Tinholt.

Peter Dyson, Mark Geremia, Eric Heyburn, Graeme Hope and Stephanie Reynolds were inducted as members.

John McIntosh and Alan Stacey have accepted Honorary Membership, while Trevor Byard, Kevin Connolly and Ken Heyes, have been invited to become Honorary Members.

We were saddened by the passing away of Past President and Honorary Member Bill Dobney.

As at June 30th 2004, we had 72 Active members, 5 Life members and 5 Honorary members.

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Attendance

The average attendance for the year was 72.53% compared with 79.24% in the previous year.

To the best of knowledge, all statutory and required District and Rotary International reports and returns were submitted appropriately.

I wish to record my thanks to PP Richard Gray and Peter Matthews for assisting me during the year, particularly during my occasional absences. The contribution by Minute Secretary Alan Lorenzini at Board meetings is also acknowledged with thanks.

**John Phillips
Secretary**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR YEAR END 30 JUNE 2004 (UNAUDITED)**

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	
Current Assets	
Club Funds	
Club Funds - General Account	\$10,879.39
Club Funds - Sunshine Account	\$11,396.84
Petty Cash Float	\$60.00
Total Club Funds	<u>\$22,336.23</u>
Charity Funds	
Charity Funds - Charity Funds	\$8.65
Charity Funds - Charity Call	\$98,068.85
Total Charity Funds	<u>\$98,077.50</u>
Art Show Funds	
Art Show - Account	\$106,353.62
Art Show - Call Account	\$25,513.99
Loan to Contemporary Art Show	\$10,000.00
Total Art Show Funds	<u>\$141,867.61</u>
Contemporary Art Show	
Contemporary Art Show-Accounts	\$672.79
Contemporary Art Show - Call	\$8,121.21
Total Current Assets	<u>\$271,075.34</u>
Fixed Assets	
Computer Equipment at Cost	\$6,800.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$6,800.00</u>
Sundry Debtors	
Sundry Debtors - Club	-\$5.00
Sundry Debtors - Art Show	\$20,947.05
Total Sundry Debtors	<u>\$20,942.05</u>
Reserves	
Investments - Charity Funds	\$30,110.00
Art Show Reserves	
Club Owned Paintings	\$12,390.91
General Contingency	\$20,000.00
Capital Expenses Reserve	\$25,055.00
Total Art Show Reserves	<u>\$57,445.91</u>
Contemporary Art Show	
Total Reserves	<u>\$87,555.91</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$386,373.30</u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Contemporary-Loan from ArtShow	\$10,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Accounts Payable	
Accrued Expenses-Art Show	\$2,551.96
Club - Sundry Creditors	\$3,000.00
Total Accounts Payable	<u>\$5,551.96</u>
GST Liabilities	
GST Collected	-\$3,247.47
GST Paid	-\$5,562.19
GST Collected Art Show	\$15,391.69
GST Paid Art Show	-\$8,140.72
Total GST Liabilities	<u>-\$1,558.69</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$13,993.27</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$372,380.03</u>
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$364,188.85
Current Year Earnings	\$8,191.18
Total Equity	<u>\$372,380.03</u>

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PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Income	
Club Income - General	
Interest Received	\$2,016.87
Meal Receipts	\$39,684.54
Miscellaneous Income	\$350.91
Nomination Fees	\$90.91
Subscriptions	\$17,136.11
Total Club Income - General	<u>\$59,279.34</u>
Club Income - Sunshine	
Drinks	\$6,778.15
Functions	\$8,162.37
Raffle	\$2,507.80
Sargeant	\$1,749.85
Interest Received	\$0.15
Total Club Income - Sunshine	<u>\$19,198.32</u>
Charity	
Interest Received	\$4,777.17
NAB Interest Received	\$1,091.16
Donations	\$170,212.00
Total Charity	<u>\$176,080.33</u>
Art Show	
Artists Entry Fees	\$51,614.40
Door Receipts	\$42,091.54
Interest on Investments	\$5,395.17
Parking Fees	\$806.91
Pre View Launch Receipts	\$11,265.43
Proceeds Raffle - Net	\$5,833.20
Sponsorships	\$45,809.10
Sales of Acquired Paintings	\$20,050.00
Commission on Sale of Painting	\$110,835.14
Total Art Show	<u>\$293,700.89</u>
Contemporary Art Show	
Interest Received	\$50.31
Total Contemporary Art Show	<u>\$50.31</u>
Community Services	
Fund Raising-Business of Win	\$15,698.78
Fund Raising-Christmas Cards	\$509.09
Fund Raising-Cakes & Puddings	\$2,318.29
Total Community Services	<u>\$18,526.16</u>
International	
Matching Grant-Tonga Books Pro	\$2,200.00
Total International	<u>\$2,200.00</u>
Total Income	<u><u>\$569,035.35</u></u>
Cost of Sales	
Gross Profit	
	<u><u>\$569,035.35</u></u>
Expenses	
General Club Expenses	
General Club-Rotary Internatio	
District 9800 Levy	\$4,877.09
District Assembly	\$240.00
International Levies	\$3,525.57
RDU	\$2,363.27
Total General Club-Rotary Internatio	<u>\$11,005.93</u>
General Club - Other	
Accounting	\$4,450.00
Badges	\$175.59
Bank Fees	\$468.78
Club Bulletin	\$625.59

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PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT (Cont)

Flowers & Gifts	\$271.18	
Meal Costs	\$38,334.82	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,166.11	
Postage	\$201.82	
PO Box Rental	\$79.09	
Printing & Stationery	\$565.45	
Presidents Allowance	\$813.26	
Speakers Gifts	\$332.05	
Misc Exp - Hats for Conference		
Akubra Hats for Conference	\$1,980.00	
Less-Hat Sales	-\$1,381.82	
Total Misc Exp - Hats for Conference	\$598.18	
Total General Club - Other		<u>\$48,081.92</u>
Sunshine		
Donations	\$1,400.00	
Drinks	\$2,178.12	
Functions	\$8,479.98	
Gifts & Other Function Expense	\$1,100.53	
Total Sunshine		<u>\$13,158.63</u>
Art Show		
Artists Entry Expenses	\$10,278.15	
Entry Form Mailout	\$3,903.32	
Door Patrons Mailout	\$286.36	
Advertising	\$7,282.00	
Bank & Credit Card Fees	\$7,143.36	
Computer Software Changes	\$1,350.00	
Computer/Hardware Maintenance	\$80.00	
Cost of Catalogue	\$13,935.00	
Display Stand Hire	\$20,505.45	
Door Receipts - Expenses	\$777.00	
Freight	\$1,530.00	
General Repairs & Maintenance	\$356.69	
Insurance	\$3,700.46	
Judging/Demonstration	\$3,863.68	
Operating Costs - Sundry	\$1,859.34	
Painting Sales Expenses	\$2,777.00	
Portrait Costs	\$260.00	
Postage	\$205.91	
Pre View Launch Expenses	\$20,308.08	
Printing & Expenses	\$603.99	
Prizes	\$47,204.89	
Public Relations Fees	\$4,656.05	
Rental - Camberwell Centre	\$34,939.18	
Telephone	\$762.60	
Sundry Expenses Prev. Show	\$7,139.35	
Donation to Charity Fund	\$170,000.00	
Total Art Show		<u>\$365,707.86</u>
Contemporary Art Show		
Discounts		
Contemporary Art Show-Sundry Exp	\$83.03	
Community Service		
Christmas Cakes	\$1,800.00	
Christmas Card Purchases	\$574.55	
Community Health	\$5,500.00	
Foodbank Appeal	\$19,574.99	
Sundry Donations	\$33,833.77	
Multiple Myeloma	\$13,341.50	
Other Fund Raising	\$2,500.00	
Community Toy Project	\$1,818.18	
Van Hire	\$153.00	
Total Community Service		<u>\$79,095.99</u>
New Generations		
Graduate Diploma AH	\$2,526.50	
National Youth Science Forum	\$2,115.00	

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New Generations - Other	\$3,100.00	
RYLA	\$5,450.68	
RYPEN	\$309.09	
Samantha Park/Belgrave Rotary	\$519.09	
Total New Generations		<u>\$14,020.36</u>
International		
Rotary Foundations	\$10,500.00	
International - Other	\$19,190.45	
Total International		<u>\$29,690.45</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$560,844.17</u>
Operating Profit		<u>\$8,191.18</u>
Other Income		
Other Expenses		
Net Profit / (Loss)		<u>\$8,191.18</u>

The Club is in a sound financial position as shown by the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement. These reports are subject to audit in the normal manner.

I wish to thank my wife Trish, for her invaluable assistance throughout the year with this time consuming position.

Walter Fawcett
Treasurer

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AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBERWELL INC. - TRUST ACCOUNTS

The Club raises monies to apply in its world wide community service activities. The Club acts as a bare Trustee of the funds raised. The monies are held in separate accounts.

The following statements show the position of those accounts at 30 June 2003, and a summary of the receipts and payments for those accounts during the year ended 30 June 2003.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - TRUST ACCOUNTS
AS AT 30 JUNE 2003**

	NOTE	2003	\$	2002	\$
GENERAL CHARITY FUND					
National Australia Trustees Common Fund Account		27,582		158,727	
		27,582		158,727	
Units in NM Australia Income Fund at Cost		30,110		30,110	
		57,692		188,837	
Less: Transfer to be made to Sunshine Account				400	
		57,692		188,437	
ART SHOW ACCOUNT					
Cheque Account		17,546		9,920	
Trustees Common Fund Account		188,840		64,391	
Cheque Account - Contemporary		900		-	
Trustees Common Fund Account - Contemporary		7,663		-	
		214,950		74,311	
National Australia Bank Income Securities		45,055		30,000	
Units in NM Australia Income Fund at Cost		-		15,055	
		260,005		119,366	
Less: Transfer to be made to Sunshine Account		-		1,728	
		260,005		117,638	

In addition the Club holds several paintings in Trust. A value of \$12,300 has been placed on these paintings.

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GENERAL CHARITY ACCOUNTS

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003**

	2003 \$	2002 \$
INCOME		
Interest Received	6,660	4,849
Sales of Xmas Cakes, Puddings & Cards	3,348	4,548
Donations	65,042	-
Business of Winning - Surplus	-	10,000
Grants	20,400	-
Postage Audit Project	463	-
Transfers from Art Show Account	5,000	225,000
	<u>100,912</u>	<u>244,397</u>
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	163	99
Donations (See attached Schedule)	157,680	96,537
Community Health	662	540
GST Paid / (Recovered)	1,471	-
New Generations		
- RYPEN and RYLA	6,087	1,100
- Student Exchange	2,188	-
- Summer Science School	2,673	2,300
- Graduate Diploma	2,625	-
- Miscellaneous Projects	3,568	-
O. Tatler - Youth Challenge Australia	-	500
Purchase Xmas Cakes, Puddings & Cards	3,286	3,366
Rotary Club of Melbourne - Water Supply Project in East Timor	-	3,000
Rotary Club of South Hilo	2,000	-
Rotary District 9780 Tools for Tonga Project	-	4,295
Rotary International - Madang Sawmill Project	24,359	4,507
Rotary International - USA Wheelchair Foundation	-	2,613
Solomon Islands Project	-	2,115
Sundries	8,000	10,990
Toy Project	529	1,620
Transfer to Art Show Account	15,080	1,920
Vocational Awards	1,285	7,043
Young Achievement Australia	-	131
	<u>231,657</u>	<u>142,676</u>
Profit from ordinary activities	(130,745)	101,721
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		
	188,437	56,606
Adjustment to opening balance		30,110
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		
	<u>57,692</u>	<u>188,437</u>

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**SCHEDULE TO GENERAL CHARITY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003**

SCHEDULE OF DONATIONS	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Rotary Foundation		
- Club Website Alteration	-	297
- Club Contribution	192	12,500
- Polio Plus Project	12,000	10,000
Alfred Hospital	500	-
Archaeology Travel Grant - Melbourne University	3,600	-
Austin Hospital	500	-
Australian Medic-Alert Foundation	-	200
Australian Rotary Health Research Fund	5,000	2,000
Australians Against Child Abuse	3,000	3,000
Berry Street Victoria	-	250
Boroondara Network	3,000	-
Camberwell Grammar School Foundation	-	1,000
Camcare (2003 - Chairs and Computer system)	4,286	7,500
Camp Getaway	93	-
Canterbury Centre for Social Work	5,000	5,000
Christian Blind Mission International	-	2,300
Children's Film Festival	800	-
Cord Blood Bank Appeal	-	350
Court Network Volunteers	-	500
Drought Relief - Rotary Club of Echuca	750	-
Friday Night School (Desks & Computers)	7,500	-
Huntleigh Healthcare	4,176	-
International Presidents Appeal - Afghanistan Appeal	-	1,000
Lord Somers Camp	227	250
Lynden Aged Care - 2 Electric Beds	1,864	4,640
Margaret Pratt Foundation	500	-
Melbourne Foodbank	23,925	24,750
Men's Health - Rotary Club of Balwyn	2,700	-
Metropolitan Ambulance	100	-
Myeloma Foundation (2002 - Business of Winning Surplus)	12,569	10,000
Our Lady of Victories Parish (Art Show Car Park)	500	500
Portsea Camp, Materials etc	-	1,700
Rotarty District 9800 Multiple Sclerosis Committee	-	500
Rotary Bone Marrow Research Centre	-	1,000
Rotary House Project - Rotary Club of Horsham	1,000	-
Rotary Liver Cell Bank	5,400	2,500
Salvation Army - Sails Project	-	4,800
Sundries	3,498	-
Uniting Care	5,000	-
Villa Maria	50,000	-
	<u>157,680</u>	<u>96,537</u>

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CLUB SERVICE REPORT

The smooth working of a large club relies upon the work undertaken by a number of people who without fanfare make certain the club functions effectively. The tasks set out below require an eye for detail and a weekly commitment. In each case the member has carried out his task with diligence.

Weekly Bulletin

John Steven has present a chronicle setting out the clubs events with accuracy. The presentation has been of the highest standard and he is to be truly commended for the effort he has put into making certain we are all kept fully informed. From time to time he was assisted by Geoff McCormick, Ron Lear, Bern Connell and myself.

Sergeant-at-Arms

David Baker has kept the sunshine account health, answered and mesmerised us with his stories and jokes. He and his corporals have made certain the room was set up on time. An excellent effort and a job well done.

Program

Don Fotheringham has provided us with an enormous variety of speakers to stimulate the thought and even from time to time loosen the pocket. His job was not easy, to find each week a speaker suitable for our club is not an easy task. With little fuss he has done this and helped make each of our meetings most enjoyable.

Apologies and Catering

Peter Anderson has again accepted the responsibility for dealing with members telephone calls each week. He and Pam provide an invaluable service in estimating the number of members who will be at the meeting each week. Based on his estimates, the club is billed for meals regardless of the members and their guest's attendance. He has been able to display great initiative in keeping the losses incurred by the club to a minimum. It is however regrettable that this problem persists. It has been referred to in many previous annual reports yet unfortunately the difficulty continues.

On-to-Conference

Bern Connell, after a fabulous conference Bern allowed our members, who had worked so hard, to unwind and relax. His driving tour was enjoyed by all of the members, partners and friends of our club who took part.

Almoner

Gerry Lavender always seems to know the right thing to say, no matter how sick the person might be, he has carried out the role with dignity, keeping us all informed about the health of our members and friends.

Summary

Although I have singled out a number of members for special mention there are many others who have assisted in the smooth running of our club. I thank each of them for making this year most successful and enjoyable.

**GARY GOLDSMITH
Club Service Chairman**

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COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Chairman: Geoff Day

Committee members: Geoff Angus, Les Brown, Laurie Derrick, Peter Dyson, Ian Feder, Peter Hancock, Eric Heyburn, Barry Kennedy, Tim Landsberg, Tom MacLean, Michael Mullins, Jim O'Hara.

The Committee adopted the following objectives for the 2003/2004 year:

- To build our profile in the Community through local press
- To undertake a new hands on Project while maintaining current projects
- To undertake an environmental project in our area/district
- To assist the Club in identifying a larger long term project
- To communicate what we are doing to all Club Members on a regular basis

These objectives were met with varying degrees of success but it was particularly pleasing to see the Club support an environmental project within our local community.

We undertook a number of **fund raising activities**, which varied in size but not in the efforts of all committee and club members:

- The Business of Winning luncheon is the second largest fund raising activity of our club and our major sponsor, Expo Hire. This year we raised a record \$13,342 (compared to last year's record figure of \$12,569). Many members of the Club supported this project through their own attendance and encouraging their friends to attend. Expo Hire takes all the financial risk of the project through a guaranteed return to the Club. This with the raffle and auction.
- Sale of tickets for the Toss the Coin raised \$805 to assist Polio Plus program.
- Sale of Christmas Cards raised \$510 to assist Polio Plus program.
- Sale of Christmas cakes and puddings in conjunction with Camcare raised almost \$3,000. This year we decided to donate some surplus cakes and puddings to Camcare..
- Sale of product on behalf of Juvenile Diabetes raised about \$409.
- Door knocking for the Red Shield Appeal raised over \$700.

Together with the Board approved budget of \$85,000 our total available funds for contributing to projects was approximately \$93,000.

Our projects this year were:

- *Foodbank Rice Project (\$26,100)* – This extremely important project remains the largest single project of the club. We contribute three tonnes of rice each month, which enables Foodbank to distribute 20,000 tonnes of food each week through 250 welfare agencies. In the last 12 months Foodbank Victoria has distributed in excess of 1,200,000 kg of food and assists 40,000 needy people in Victoria each week. The Community Services Committee has committed funding for July 2004 to allow the incoming committee an opportunity to determine the ongoing support for this important project.
- *Myeloma Victoria (\$13,342)*. This year \$13,342 was provided to assist Myeloma Victoria in its efforts to raise the profile of Myeloma, increase education for patients and carers and provide much need support through the employment of a support nurse. Myeloma Victoria now extends its support throughout regional areas of Victoria and offer telephone support via an 1800 number to New Zealand and all other States and Territories in Australia. Myeloma Victoria can only do this with the support of our club and Expo Hire – the result is that people are alive today who would not be but for your help!
- *Toys (\$1,818)* Purchase of toys and donation of these at Christmas to the Salvation Army. While these toys were educational they provided a lot of happiness at a special time of the year.
- *Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation (\$909)*. The objectives of the foundation are to do and undertake all things necessary for, or tending toward or

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likely to promote, the maintenance and improvement of the medical and health care and general welfare of veterans and their dependants, whether in sickness or in health.

- *Blue Light Kidsmart Handbook (\$500)*. The handbook is used in locals primary schools to educate children about drugs and assist the children identify those persons who may try and entice them to use drugs.
- *Camcare (\$3,190)*. We were able to help Camcare in two ways this year. \$1,800 was provided to assist with the purchase of chairs for counselling sessions and \$1,305 was provided for a computer to assist the Camcare in-house Support Co-coordinator and has made a very significant contribution to improved efficiency in her duties.
- *Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (\$5,000)*. – A donation to continue the club's support of this outstanding Rotary organisation and its efforts in mental Health. ARHRF has pledged to spend \$1,000,000 per year for medical research and public awareness campaign for mental illness, which affects 1 in 5 Australians annually. Our club's total donations ARHRF total \$32,500.
- *Rotary Liver Cell Bank (\$5,000)*. As with many organisations there is an increasing need for computer equipment and we were able to provide funds for two computers. DG Don Jago has reported these computers are providing very important help.
- *Indigenous Trees (\$6,000)*. This is the first environmental project that the club has financially supported for a number of years. The Club has supported the planting of indigenous trees in the Boroondara area as the area is an important migratory path for many bird species. The Rotary logo will be shown on every "indigenous plant voucher" which goes to Boroondara residents. It also shows "sponsored by Rotary" on it. There will be an article in the Boroondara publication about the project and its sponsorship by Rotary.
- *Cerebral palsy (\$2,950)*. The club made a contribution to the purchase of a wheel chair and a 'Second Skin' support suit to assist a young disabled boy in our local area. The wheel chair will be returned to Cerebral palsy once the young boy has outgrown it. [Unfortunately the young boy passed away a few days ago].
- *Boroondara Family Network (\$3,000)*. This Rotary supported project provides sensitive support to mothers who have little or no help and generally are isolated from the normal family support mechanisms.
- *Through your eyes program (\$2,250)*. Suzie Taylor prepared a video pertaining to the "Through Your Eyes" program involving the indigenous members of a Christian parish.
- *Bone marrow Donor Institute Accommodation Appeal (\$5,000)*. BMDI is raising funds to renovate what will become a multi-family centre with self-contained private apartments. The apartments will be specially designed to give recovering patients the privacy, care and isolation they need to prevent infection.
- *Eva Tilley (\$5,000)*. Eva Tilley Memorial Home is a not for profit, independent residential home for aged people, committed to providing high quality personalised care for residents in a home-like environment of dignity, security and respect. The funds donated will assist Eva Tilley to maintain a program of continuous improvement to ensure the current policies and procedures meet and exceed The Residential Care Standards.
- *Canterbury Council of Churches (\$800)*. To assist with the staging lighting and public address system for Christmas Carols. The proceeds of the function was donated to the Family Access Network which provides services of accommodation and support for handicapped young people no longer able to live at home with parents.

All the groups to whom we donate have provided us with a letter of thanks and all express the great thanks for the efforts of our club in helping them with their difficult tasks. For all of us we need to remember that we do help in many ways and there are a lot of people in our community that still need our support and help in the future.

The Community Services Committee presented to the Board and the Club a proposal to assist BassCare in a rebuilding program at Chatham Lea by providing \$30,000 per annum for three years. The members voted to defer a decision on this proposal for three months.

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The Club has considerable financial resources with funds available for charity purposes approaching \$300,000. This level of resources has been available for a number of years and irrespective of the final decision on Basscare it is important that the Club members identify long term projects so that these funds can be utilised to benefits those in need.

Many thanks to all the members of the Community Services Committee who provided a great deal of support, advice, enthusiasm and effort.

Geoff Day

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

Budget approved for 2003/4 Year.		\$20,000
Original plan allocation -		
East Timor	4,000	
Project in conjunction with Sister Club	3,000	
Responses to specific requests	3,000	
Project to be selected for a Matching Grant	\$10,000	\$20,000

East Timor

An initial contribution of \$3000 was made in support of the Fatu Hada Orphanage Project organised by the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. An additional contribution of \$2000 was later made so as to attract a matching grant from District (\$5,000) making a total contribution including the grant of \$10,000. The District grant was arranged by DG Don Jago as an allocation from the Conference surplus fund.

Sister Club Project

Due to the inactive nature of Sister Club relationships, it was decided to re-allocate this budget item to the Tonga Children's Book Project undertaken by David Greenall. This project was undertaken following encouragement from DG Don Jago to include a project associated with literacy. As a consequence we were able to attract a Grant from District designated funds of an additional \$2,200 bringing the total contribution including the Grant to \$5,200.

Responses to specific requests

Contributions were made to four requests for assistance.

District ROMAC Committee	\$1,000
Zimbabwe - Salvation Army AIDS Program.	3,000
Nepal - Dr. McManammy Plastic Surgery project	500
Global - Shelter Box Project - RC of Endeavour Hills	<u>4,400</u>
Total	\$8,900

Project for a Matching Grant

Several projects were assessed for this purpose but apart from the Tonga Childrens Book Project, no others were submitted. This was mainly due to finding that the project selected had previously attracted significant support in the form of Matching Grants thereby reducing the likelihood of further support, that the criteria necessary to attract a matching grant was unlikely to be met by the project, that in two instances, despite the project being shown as current on the RI - WCS listing, it was subsequently determined that the requested support had either already been given, or was about to be given, by another Rotary Club.

Nevertheless, a total of \$7,500 was attracted in the form of District Grants as mentioned above.

Summary of total expenditures / financial support given.

	Club	Matching	Total Grants
East Timor - Fatu Hada Orphanage	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Tonga - Children's Book Project	3,000	2,200	5,200
Global - ROMAC	1,000		1,000
Zimbabwe - AIDS Program	3,000		3,000
Nepal - Plastic Surgery	500		500
Global - Shelter Box Project	4,400		4,400
Sub-Total	\$16,900		
Plus transfer of budget to Foundation	1,500		
Totals	\$18,400	\$7,200	\$24,100

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Other activities in the International Service Plan and action taken.

Promotion of Recreational Fellowships – Visiting guest speaker Rtn. Richard Groom from RC Hawthorn.

World Understanding – The Committee decided to address the subject of "Islam in the World today" (or similar title) and provide a better understanding of that subject by inviting a Guest Speaker to address the Club. Because of perceived sensitivities associated with the subject, the selection of a speaker required care. A suitable person was identified but after that, a program date was not available in the current year. For that reason, arrangements are yet to be confirmed. The incoming Committee Chairman has indicated interest in proceeding with this.

**Barry Aston
Chairman**

19 June 04

FOUNDATION REPORT

Budget approved for 2003/4 Year

\$9000

An amount of \$1500 was reallocated from the International budget enabling a contribution of \$10,500 to be made, and the District Contribution Target set for Clubs of A\$140 per member to be met.

Foundation Information - Guest speaker Pres. Henry Drury from the RC of Hawthorn spoke to the Club.

Group Study Exchange

Nomination of Group Study Exchange Team member or leader. – this program was deferred by District with the selection process starting in August 04 instead of March 04. Referred to 2004/5 International Committee.

World Peace Scholarship

Nomination of candidate for World Peace Scholarship - The selection process for this program was also deferred by District to begin in July/August 04 instead of May/June 04. The criteria established for candidates is particularly demanding and the field is therefore very narrow. Discussions have been held with Ms. Di Bretherton at Melbourne University who has provided successful candidates for this program in the past. Gordon Duxbury has been handling the matter and has referred it to the incoming Committee for their consideration.

Centurion Program

All Club members have been circulated with full details of this Program encouraging their participation through an ongoing commitment, or by a single donation, to the Foundation.

**Barry Aston
Chairman.**

19 June 04

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NEW GENERATIONS REPORT

Despite being one of the smaller committees in terms of personnel, and despite the disappointing attendance at committee meetings, and the fact that the director needed to take leave of absence during the latter portion of the year, we still managed to have a busy year. I must express my sincere thanks to the New Generations Committee for the work they all put in. This is a report of projects in which the New Generations Committee participated, and the projects are listed in no particular order of importance.

RYLA

We sponsored 2 candidates to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar, conducted in December 2003 at the Rutherford Park Complex near Daylesford. The RYLArrians were Peter Sexton and Fatima Soares from Same, East Timor. Both reported having gained a great deal as well as having enjoyed the seminar immensely. Peter recently addressed our club, along with Hamish Lucas, who spoke on behalf of Fatima Soares.

RYLA has really taken off as a district project in the last few years, and District 9800 hosted 63 candidates at the camp this year. Many clubs now sponsor multiple candidates

Special Camberwell Youth Project

We were fortunate to be in a position to bring three young East Timorese students from East Timor to participate in RYLA. Germano (Jerry) da Costa Boavida, Lusitania (Lusi) da Costa Lopes and Fatima Soares, were able to come to Melbourne to attend RYLA. The Rotary Club of Camberwell contributed the cost of air travel, travel documents and visas. Rotary Club of Dili assisted in recruiting the participants, and organised their overnight stay in Darwin with Rotary families. Particular thanks go to Stephanie and Tim Reynolds, Bill & Jenny Parker and the Sullivans who provided home hosting for the students for the time spent in Melbourne before and after the RYLA camp. The Rotary Clubs of Hawthorn and Collingwood assisted by contributing \$570 per head for the RYLA sponsorship cost for Lusi and Jerry.

For these young people, attending RYLA was a fantastic experience. They all have interesting vocations – Lusi works in the media office of President Xanana Gusmau, Jerry, whilst still involved in study has worked as an interpreter for Government departments, and was involved in interpretation work for the UN during the time of the first free elections, and Fatima works with a women's advocacy group in the village of Same. (Same has a sister city arrangement with the City of Boroondara) They contributed keenly to discussion during the seminar, and opened the eyes of some of their Australian peers when sharing their experience of the time of turmoil that their country experienced in the time leading up to independence, before the arrival of the Australian and foreign peace keeping troupes, as well as life and the living conditions, (over 75% unemployment lack of infrastructure etc.), that still exists in East Timor. I hope to see our club repeat this project in the coming year; the longer term to create a district project to assist District 9550 in the establishment of a RYLA experience in East Timor, under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Dili. The long term aim of this project is to assist East Timor by providing training otherwise unobtainable to tomorrow's leaders.

All three East Timorese RYLArrians were present at our Christmas Celebration, where they addressed the Club, Jerry especially in a particularly eloquent manner.

RYPEN (Rotary youth Program of Enrichment)

We sponsored two students (Nick Fielden and Prue Kasby) to attend the course, held at Camp Weekaway near Lancefield. They will address the membership when Program permits.

We sponsored the two candidates to the April camp. This is a weekend program aimed at adolescents (ideally year 9-10 students). It is aimed at students who do not excel at school, and is aimed at reinforcing values, self confidence / self esteem, co-operation and a good work / study ethic.

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Youth Exchange

We all know what a great experience Hana Nilsson had. We saw Hanna off at the very beginning of this Rotary Year. Thanks to all who had input, especially host families.

Unfortunately, we had a degree less success with our proposed out-going student early this calendar year, and she eventually withdrew voluntarily from the program, due to health issues.

Under Commonwealth Law, Student Exchange is exactly that, (EXCHANGE) and so as we currently stand, our club owes the Youth Exchange Program an out-going student. We are able to carry this "debt" over to following years.

It is my recommendation that our club continues to support this worthy program.

Camberwell High School

We funded an after school program that provides a service for youth who are not coping with school work (often due to poor or toxic family environment). Teachers volunteer to provide an after school program whereby these young people stay on at school for the afternoon and receive help with homework on a one-to-one basis, as well as simply to provide companionship. The program provides for them to remain at school in a safe environment rather than return home to either an empty house, or an environment of instability. The intention is to help youth in crisis before they are pushed over the edge.

We also provided sponsorship for four Camberwell High students to attend camps that they would otherwise have missed out on attending.

Siemens Science Summer School (for Year 9-10 students)

So successful was our recruitment campaign for this project we ended up sponsoring 2 candidates, and passing others on the Rotary Clubs of Kew and Boroondara for them to sponsor. Thanks to Alan Lorenzini for the recruitment drive. The students attended the Summer School held at Swinburne.

Muna

We sponsored two students to attend the Model United Nations Assembly recently held at Melton.

Lord Somers Camp

A camping experience for high school students, aimed at reinforcing leadership and moral values. We sponsored a young man from Camberwell High School to attend the camp in December.

National Youth Science Forum

Student Penny Brussen attended the NYSF sponsored by our Club. It was an extremely good result to have a candidate selected, there are only 17 places available for the whole of our district. We have recently selected two candidates to attend district selection for next year's Forum (late 2003 – early 2004).

Lord Somers Camp

We sponsored one candidate for this camp. He recently attended our club along with his parents and gave a very positive report. I have since learned he has volunteered to attend Lord Somers this coming December to assist with the facilitation of the camp.

Festival of Sail

This project provides for a country youth of high school age to travel to Melbourne and participate in a Yacht Race from Williamstown to Geelong as part of the Australia Day celebrations, as well as to attend the Australia Day Luncheon in the presence of the Governor of Victoria. (An experience the average country kid could never otherwise aspire to.) There are only 6 places available to D9800, and we were able to facilitate attendance by student identified by our friends in RC Rochester.

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Graduate Diploma of Adolescent Health & Welfare

Samantha Park continues well, although has deferred a semester in order to undertake travel around Australia. It remains her intention to complete the course of study. Earlier this Rotary Year she addressed the club, giving a brief presentation of how her course of study is going, (all high distinctions so far) and a very in-depth presentation of her work as a volunteer with the drop-in centre, Mission Impossible in Belgrave. At the conclusion of her presentation we presented her with a computer and printer (along with modem, etc) for the use of the people who have the necessity to use the facilities of Mission Impossible.

A new student, Michelle Blanchard will commence before the end of this Rotary Year.

New Generations Award

Our New Generations award was made to Mr James Lee, a young man involved along with Margaret Gurry with the Friday Night School, and the Wednesday Night Tutoring Program, assisting the children of recently arrived immigrants living in the Richmond high-rise flats with their studies. A donation of \$1,000 was made towards the purchase of text books for the program

Paul Sullivan

New Generations Director 2003/2004.

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VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

Committee Members:

Ian Bentley (Chair) resigned 1/10/03

Michael Blood (Deputy – assumed Chairmanship 1/10/03)

Chris Carra

Graeme Hope

David Loftus

Michael Neumann

Sydney Warneke

The initial focus of the Vocational Service Committee 2003/04 was directed towards establishing terms of reference for the coming year. In short it was agreed that a project is Vocational if it involves the application of Rotarians vocational expertise to serve society, if it acts to develop anyone, including Rotarians, within their vocation, or it serves to develop the vocational area itself. This would include activities such as mentoring, scholarships, vocational guidance, recognition of excellence, the sharing of ideas and expertise and promoting the ideals of Rotary within business and the professions.

The Committee completed the following activities during the year:

Awards.

Shine On.

Our nomination, Georgia Cheal, was one of fifty three candidates with a disability, who were recognised by Rotary Southern Districts, for their contributions, in a voluntary capacity, to the quality of life in their communities. The Shine On awards were presented at the Village Green Hotel, Mulgrave, on Sunday 18th May 2004. I wish to record special thanks to Paul Sullivan for his assistance with this project.

Apprentice Awards.

Three apprentices, Brett Dean, Troy Frazer, and Mark Harrison, each received an Apprentice of the Year Award and a Citation to acknowledge their excellence and achievements in their trade of Carpentry and Joinery, at the Holmesglen Institute of TAFE, at the club meeting on Wed. 16th June 2004. Earlier in the Rotary year, a similar Apprentice of the Year Award was presented to Jasa Tora in the area of Plumbing and Gasfitting.

Vocational Awards.

Two candidates have been identified for their outstanding Service above Self in their vocation, in Public School Education. Their awards will be carried over into the 2004/2005 Rotary year due to the absence overseas, of the nominating Rotarian.

Workplace Visit

A very rewarding and successful visit was conducted on Wed. 26th May 2004 to Art Show and "Business of Winning" Sponsors, Expo Hire (Aust), at their showroom and offices and their factory and storage area at 44 White St. South Melbourne. Club members and guests were received most hospitably by the staff of Expo Hire and we were given a presentation on the Company's history and its activities, and later a tour of their premises. Following the Workplace visit, we proceeded to the Albion Hotel, Port Melbourne, where we enjoyed a meal and excellent fellowship.

Many of our members, partners and guests travelled from the Club rooms on a Ventura Bus, and were privileged to hear a most informative address from Ventura Managing Director, Andrew Cornwall, on the history, the present and the future plans for the Company. Hence the evening comprised two Workplace/ Vocational elements. Special thanks is also recorded to Peter Allen for his pivotal role in facilitating the evening.

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What's new in my business

On two occasions during the Rotary year, four club members gave 5-7minute addresses on the latest phases of their business activities. These talks were all very interesting and informative, and were extremely well received by fellow club members. Thanks to Frank Leigh, Jon Oppy, Bill Parker, Clinton Sceney (October Speakers), and Peter Allen, Geoff Angus, Rob Davies, Geoff Heath (May Speakers).

Medical Research Scholarships

The Club on the recommendation of the Vocational committee has approved the following donations to support medical research.

The Bionic Ear Institute. \$3000 to assist research into rehabilitation of spinal cord injury, which is overseen by Prof. Graham Clark.

The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. \$4000 to allow the completion of a clinical trial of a new drug which can assist with the collection of adult stem cells from patients, prior to receiving chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatment for cancer of many varieties. The research is being carried out by Dr Kirsten Herbert and is being supervised by Associate Prof. Miles Prince.

Both of these research projects may be eligible for Vocational Grants through the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund through their Funding Partners program. This prospect is currently being investigated.

Archaeological Scholarships 2002/2003

Prof.Tony Segona and three students who were sponsored by the previous vocational committee, reported back to the Club in May 2004, on their archaeological dig in Turkey. The dig took place late in 2003, due to delays associated with the Iraq war. The students were extremely grateful to our Club, for its support with this unique vocational experience.

Shell Livewire Project

Tim Landsberg's name was forwarded to District as a proposed mentor.

However he was not required to act in this role as there was insufficient candidates to match with his area of expertise. Our thanks go to Tim for his offer to carry out this time consuming role.

I wish to acknowledge the leadership and vision of Ian Bentley (Our Chairman) in the first few months of the Rotary year and give special thanks to my fellow committee members for their great support with all the areas that we covered this year.

Michael Blood

Chairman

Vocational Service Committee 2003/2004.

June 2004.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

COMMITTEE

Dennis Coleman (Chairman)
Robert Davies
Gnoato

Murray Dance (Deputy)
Anne Murphy

Peter Allen
Gino

Two years ago, I came onto the Board of our club determined to make a difference. In that time, we have inducted seventeen new members with sixteen of those still with us.

This year our committee got off to a slow start due to many committee members being on leave or absent due to illness. Despite this, we have managed to meet our objective of a solid group of new members who are integrating into our club.

We have introduced a mentoring program in which newer members have been shown the ropes by a more experienced Rotarian. We re-introduced "fireside chats" for new members and their partners following their induction so that the new member and partner are able to meet a number of Rotary couples in an informal atmosphere.

The bulk of our new members have again come as a direct result of nomination by the Membership Committee. We, as a club, must all get behind membership for the club to remain strong and vibrant. We must have a constant flow of new members as a healthy membership is the life blood of any organization.

Early in my first year on the Board, I had advice that we need quality, not quantity in our club. I believe we have had both, bringing twelve new members in last year and five in this year.

Unfortunately, we have had eleven resignations this year in Ian Bentley, Dino Consalvo, Ian Farmer, John Horscroft, John Morkham, Loreto Resubal, John O'Keefe, Marilyn Ohlson, Ken Heyes, Barry Kennedy, Kevin Connolly and Trevor Byard.

On a sad note, our great friend Bill Dobney and past member Jim Henry passed on to higher service.

I would like to thank the Board and members at Camberwell for their support for my two years as Director and thank them for their patience. In my ten years in Rotary, this has been the most rewarding.

It is with great pleasure that I list our five new members and wish them as much pleasure in Rotary as I have had.

**Dennis Coleman
Membership Chairman 2003/2004**

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ART SHOW REPORT

Chairman	Michael Pavey	Secretary	Peter Pratt
Treasurer	Ian Feder	Presentation	Jonathon Oppy
Freight	Neil Hookey	Operations/Equipment	Ian DeLacy
Sponsorship	Anne Murphy	Roster/Storage	Peter Matthews
Computer System	Richard O'Brien	IT Development	Dennis McCluskey
Systems Development	Clinton Sceney	Presentation	Denise Oppy
Presentation	Margaret Hookey	Presentation	Judy Pratt

2004 Art Show

This year's Art Show being the 41st year had the benefit or the disadvantage of a new committee. Most of the members were new to the Art Show Committee and this brought a new perspective to our deliberations. In addition to the Rotarians Denise, Judy and Margaret were co-opted onto the committee and provided valuable input.

An observation, it is important, especially where an ongoing project is concerned, that the level of information and records passed on to any new Committee are comprehensive and complete so that information is immediately available for both reference and action, so as to make the work of any new committee continuing rather than starting.

New Moves and Directions

The Committee in its planning reviewed all aspects of the Art Show so as to question all previous methods and operations of the Show. Out of the review came some new directions and briefly summarized, together with the effect on the show these included:

1. Use of the black fabric finish to stands – This worked well and added a further enhancement to the Show and has been universally endorsed. These panels have been booked for next year.
2. Non-acceptance of entries delivered by freight and general carriers, thus eliminating unpacking and repacking paintings – the number of couriered items handled through the rear door amounted to approximately 800 paintings not many less than in previous years. Whilst there was some criticism from interstate artists, most artists appeared to cope and were able to send entries by couriers. It also made the work of the "freight" department again run by Neil Hookey much easier and efficient. A success and will be repeated in future.
3. Deletion of the marquee to front of Centre. The previous year's position of the marquee at the front of the Centre did not work for a variety of reasons. This year consideration was given to a marquee in the gardens to the west of the Parkview Room to provide more space, however due to sponsorship problems this was not preceded with, it will be considered again as an option.
4. Handling of "out" paintings in separate racks to hung paintings thus limiting myriad handling. This worked well with the amount of handling required significantly reduced. This had the added benefit of reducing the damage to paintings which was limited to seven paintings only. This method of handling the "outs" will be further refined with better labeling in the future.
5. The maximum size of paintings was increased from previous years to a maximum length of any side to be 1400 mm. This gave rise to larger paintings being entered, but was able to be accommodated and did not appear to limit our hanging and handling options, other than difficulty of some to lift the larger paintings. This will be reviewed for future shows.
6. Identification labels for paintings - A new system of adhesive labels was introduced for the couriered paintings by preprinting on standard self-adhesive labels. This worked well and will be expanded for future Shows, with perhaps color coding.

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7. A new computer system was agreed to be developed and was endorsed by the Board. – Whilst hardware has been purchased including "point of sale" equipment, the new system as proposed to be developed by Dennis McCluskey, whilst being extensively briefed was not able to be developed for this Show, however it is planned to have a new system completed by the end of 2004.

8. Entry Form included on Web Site – the entry form was able to be downloaded from the web site and a large number of entries were provided from down loaded forms. This will be expanded with the option to enter on line to be investigated.

9. Awards Ceremony – This important ceremony was transferred from the Monday night to the Preview Function.

Entries

Entries were down to approximately 2,700 from the 3,250 received last year. This may be due to the increased entry fee of \$20.00 per entry. The perception was that the standard overall was up. The number hung was again approximately 2,000.

Judging Panel

Chair of the panel was Colin Johnson (artist and Rotarian) assisted by Barbara McManus (artist) and Peter Perry (Art Museum and Gallery Director). The panel worked well together in this difficult and exacting task. Our thanks go to all three for their time.

Major Winners

- "Best of Show" Joseph Zbukvic "Tranquil Moment";
- Major Oil, Herman Pekel, "From the Westgate";
- Major Watercolor, Greg Allen "Sun showers – Paris"

Preview Function

Peter Pratt again organized this important event. The same format as previous years in being a Cocktail Function was held with approximately 380 participants. The awards ceremony was held on this night and was generally well received. Mr. Julian Clarke, Managing Director, Herald & weekly Times Ltd presented the award to the Best of Show Winner.

Attendance

The attendance this year was down against previous years with approximately 5,000 persons attending down from approximately 8,500 last year. This was due to several factors but major influences were, not sending out a patron's mail out, not obtaining suitable articles in local newspapers and the affect of the "Affordable Art Show" held the previous week to ours.

Publicity

The question of publicity is one we have to address, this years Show did not receive as much publicity as we have received in previous years. The Art Show Committee has not got the benefit of a member who has "marketing" or "publicity" skills and this area suffered this year. The Club has to address this deficiency in the future.

The level of publicity received in all forms will be reviewed in the future to provide the most effective publicity in all forms of media.

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Sales

Sales this year amounted to \$486,000 a reduction of approximately 30% on the previous year. This although disappointing will however provide a surplus in excess of \$100,000, the final result will not be known until all the receipt of all accounts.

Roster and Club Involvement

Peter Matthews ably prepared the roster but the timing of its preparation and issue was affected by the Club's hosting of the District Conference in Adelaide. The preparation of the roster is always a difficult task; it is not helped by the number of Club Members who indicate their availability for only a minimum of sessions.

It is of concern that a large number of members make themselves available for only a few sessions or in a significant number of cases for none at all. It should be a duty of all members of the Camberwell Rotary Club to be involved in the Art Show during the 19 days of operation. I do not believe that a member cannot attend at least for a few hours.

The Show can only operate with the willing participation of members, partners and friends. The number of friends who volunteer their services during the Show is significant and our thanks are due to them.

This is a continuing problem, which is not improving and will impact on the ability of the Club to host the Art Show in its present form. The Committee in future will have to monitor this in a more aggressive manner.

Overall Operations

This Committee as has previous committees undertaken to make all aspects of the Show as efficient as possible and to minimize the Club labour required. This helps the rostering problems identified above.

The Show this year was the most efficient in recent years especially in the ten days prior to the Preview Function and also after the Show. All tasks were achieved well before time with the Show largely in "opening" mode before Wednesday. All those who worked to achieve this should be congratulated.

As a consequence the manning requirements of all sessions will be reviewed for next years show.

Computer System

The current computer system again performed all tasks both before and during the show effectively and without any problems under the management of Richard O'Brien who again this year was "on duty" all day and every day during the Show.

However it is apparent that the current system is not able to handle all that is likely to be required in the future, including entry and reporting of the data on artists, patrons, buyers, etc., interface with electronic entries, web pages, internet, banking and accounting.

The amount of time used in checking and entering data is immense and highlights the need for a new system that does not depend on the willing ability of one person.

Summary

The show was a success returning a substantial return to the Club for use in projects. Many compliments have been received on the standard of the show both in its presentation and standard of the entries.

The Show was affected by the Club's hosting of the District Conference, by diverting the attention of key members of the Art Show Committee in a key period of 4 – 6 weeks prior to the Show.

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Fellowship again was the winner during the Show, with the highlight being the "End of Show Function" at Columbo's in Balwyn arranged by the Fellowship Committee.

Acknowledgements

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 contributed to the deliberations and review process. They have all worked hard and enthusiastically on their various tasks.

I thank Peter Pratt who has served as Secretary for the last 2 years and will be a Director of the Club next year, all other committee members have indicated their willingness to serve again next year, for which I thank them.

Mike Pavey
Chairman June 2004