ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBERWELL INCORPORATED

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9800

ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009



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53rd YEAR

OFFICE BEARERS

President: Neil Hookey

Past President: Peter Matthews

Secretary: Ron Lear

Treasurer: Frank Leigh

DIRECTORS

Community Service: John Phillips

International Service: Richard O'Brien

Vocational Service: Tim Landsberg

New Generations: Karen Nolan

Fellowship: Don Fotheringham

Membership, Classification and Attendance: Graeme Hope

Fundraising: Jonathan Oppy

Club Service: Dennis Coleman

Art Show Chairman: Jonathan Oppy

District Governor: Jim Studebaker

Assistant District Governor: Keith Ryall

President Rotary International: Dong Kurn Lee

Rotary International Theme 2008/2009



PRESIDENTS REPORT

This has been a challenging year but one which I believe finishes with the Club in a better position to move forward next year.

The first challenge was that last year we inducted a number of younger members whom we did not successfully absorb. The problem manifested with a spate of "no-shows" at dinners which left the club out of pocket with the caterer. Attempts to recoup dinner-fees caused resentment among people who because of their employment often were unable to attend regularly or to give notice of their unavailability. As a result five members were lost through resignation — we should have explained our attendance rules better and made more flexible arrangements with our caterer.

The second challenge also occurred quite early when in August we were asked to approve the Polio Plus Challenge cake project as lead club. This caused much concern among some Board members who felt we had been given scant notice and were under severe pressure because of imminent timelines which gave us insufficient time to properly research the project. I regret we were unable to approve the project under these circumstances but am pleased another club was willing to pick it up. I still believe our decision was the right one at that time but through goodwill among all parties we have since given the project significant support.

The third challenge occurred on February 7th now known as 'Black Saturday', the worst natural disaster in our history and for which we were ill-prepared. Despite key members of our Club being on holidays we were able to give immediate practical support to rehabilitating Hamer Court, a disused former nursing home which within 3 weeks was re-opened for emergency accommodation. We co-operated with other Boroondara Clubs as we sent teams to the relief centres in Alexandra and Flowerdale and donated money and clean-up tools directly where it was needed. PDG Don Jago who was personally involved in the fire suggested we move one of our dinner meetings to Flowerdale and the attendance of 65 Rotarians and friends ensured the publican had a bumper night.

The fourth challenge concerned the venue for our Art Show. After 40 years at the Camberwell Civic Centre we had to make a decision whether to stay and risk the increasing disruption of the venue as it is progressively re-developed, or to move before we are forced to. After careful research and negotiations the Art Show Committee resolved to move to Caulfield Racecourse for the last weekend in May 2010. The venue has a lot going for it but is more expensive to hire, so we will have to work smarter and take more money in a shorter period of time than we ever have before. It is a huge ask, but if we plan well and all pitch in, we can do it.

Regrets? – I've had a few, such as a reluctance by the majority of our members to participate in hands-on service projects apart from the Art Show, and the lack of interest in International Service.

Now the good things: I have really enjoyed leading the team. In a chat with D G Jim Studebaker at the Boroondara Paper breakfast I thanked him for his co-operation for the year, and he said: "Yes Neil, but you have a VERY good club".

If we had done nothing else, we could be proud of our leadership role in Boroondara Cares, in its second year of working to improve the lot of the drought-devastated Shire of Moira. We hosted a Dinner attended by 230 Rotarians to publicise Boroondara Cares, and were pleased to look after school children brought down to further their education and enhance their employment opportunities, as well as providing funding for concerts, outings and Harness Racing at Cobram.

Despite the economic slump and the re-development of the Civic Centre, the Art Show was a great success, with more people through the door than ever before and sales exceeding expectations. Chairman Jon Oppy and his committee really worked hard to make this a success and to achieve a nett profit of \$120,000 in this difficult economic climate was a terrific effort.

Our 10th Business of Winning Luncheon suffered from reduced attendance but still returned a healthy profit. Peter Allen and David Baker have laboured mightily for 10 years on this project and need a rest.

It was a great pleasure to be able to acknowledge the efforts, both past and present, of Trish Fawcett, Kay Connell, Christopher Carra and his mother Jennifer, Eric Heyburn and Peter Allen with Paul Harris Recognitions [Peter with a Sapphire]. It really is humbling to see the amount of time and love our members and partners are willing to spend to help make this world a better place.

The greatest joy in my job this year has been to induct new members and see the interest shown by our new and recently-new Rotarians. Jo-Anne Tamlyn, Colin Gould, Andy Spry, Rodger Madigan and now Jeevan Vasimalla have all contributed well in making this such a successful year.

It has been a real pleasure to have worked with the Board this year, and I wish to particularly thank Ron Lear who has been rock-solid in his support and meticulous in ensuring I didn't mess up too badly.

To my dear Margaret - I couldn't have done it without you. Margaret's hand-made birthday cards were a huge labour of love, and her coffee and dessert suppers brought us a lot closer as a group.

And to all our members, thank you for allowing me a ride in the box seat.

Neil Hookey President 2008 - 2009

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the Canterbury Centre on 26th November 2008 in accordance with Incorporation requirements.

Appointments

The following officers of the Club were elected for the 2009/2010 year:

President Elect:

Robert Davies

Secretary:

Richard Gray

Treasurer:

Peter Pratt

Fund Raising Chairman:

Jonathon Oppy

New Club Directors:

Don Jago, Joseph Orlando, Geoff Day

Ongoing Club Directors:

Karen Nolan, Don Fotheringham and John Phillips

Club Annual Report

The Annual report for 2007/2008 was tabled, having previously been circulated to all Active Members.

Club Accounts

The audited Financial Statements and Auditors Reports for the period ending 30 June 2008 were received and adopted.

Board Meetings

Twelve (12) regular Board meetings were held during the year, as well as additional special meetings as required.

District Governors Visit

The District Governor, Jim Studebaker made his official visit to the Club on 15th October 2008. Assistant Governor Keith Ryall made his official visit on 16th July 2008.

Membership

As at June 2009, the club had 61 active members and 13 honorary members. The Board determined that with the exception of 3 past members who had been made members for life and the Boroondara Mayor of the day, other honorary memberships would cease at 30 June 2009.

During the year we lost members David A Baker, Ian Bentley, Ray Cox (deceased), Greg Cuthbert, Peter Dyson, Mark Geremia, Gino Gnoato, Floyd Gomes, Nathalie Gomes, Bali Kashyap, Darren Saunderson, Andrew Tulloch and Luke White.

We welcomed new members: Jo-Anne Tamlyn, Colin Gould, Andy Spry, Rodger Madigan and Jeevan Vasimalla.

Attendance

The average attendance for 11 months to the end of May 2009 was 69.61% compared with 75.35% for the 2007/08 Rotary year.

All statutory and required District and Rotary International reports and returns were submitted appropriately.

General

I wish to record my thanks and appreciation to Geoff Day for assisting me during the year, particularly his accurate keeping of minutes at Board meetings.

A record of thanks and appreciation is also extended to Honorary Members Ken and Norma Heyes who assisted with printing of the Club Directory.

Ron Lear

Secretary

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TREASURERS REPORT

Financial Accounts

Balance Sheet for Club Funds as at 31 May 2009

Club Assets.

Bank	\$8,704.16
Debtors	\$ 250.00
GST due to Club	\$ 9.19
Changeover Deposit	\$ 95.50 \$10,228.85 \$10,228.85
Club Liabilities	
Meal Levy due to members	\$2,820.00 \$ 2,820.00
Members Equity 1st July 2008	\$9,862.88
less deficit for 11 months	2,454.03 \$ 7,408.85 \$10,228.85

Balance Sheet for Charity Funds as at 31 May 2009

Assets

Cash at Bank

\$ 10,931.43

At Call Account

\$ 64,737.56

Art Show Call Account

\$190,427.39 \$266,096.38

Sponsor Debtors

\$ 1,782.00

Deposit paid to MRC

\$ 10,000.00

Acquired Paintings (at WDV)

\$ 20,456.00

Total Charity Assets

\$ 298,334.38

Liabilities

GST Due

\$ 20,370.01

Due to Artists

\$ 13,700.00

Art Show Accruals

\$ 2,000.00

\$ 36,070.01

Total Charity Liabilities

\$ 36,070.01

Equity held in Trust

\$ 262,264.37

\$ 298,334.38

Financial Accounts - Club Income & Expenditure up to 31 May 2009

Club Account			
Income			
Subscriptions	\$15,919.65		
Meal Surplus	\$ 802.08		
Weekly Levy	\$ 2,325.40		
Sundries	\$ 460.67	\$	19,507.80
Expenses			
Audit Fees	\$ 600.00		
Bank Charges	\$ 90.00		
District & R.I Subs	\$11,781.90		
IT Costs	\$ 280.00		
Membership Expenses	\$ 1,360.00		
Sundry Expenses	\$ 1,469.15		
Postage	\$ 126.37		
President Allowance	\$ 2,000.00		
Printing & Stationery	\$ 1,641.91	\$	9,349.33
Surplus for 11 months to 31st May 2009		\$	158.47
Sunshine Account			
Income			
Beverage Surplus	\$ 800.19		
Weekly Levy	\$ 2,325.40		
Sundries	\$ 1,217.15	\$	4,342.74
Expenses			
Deficit on Functions	\$ 2,837.08		
Sundries	\$ 4,118.16	\$	6,955.24
Deficit for 11 months to 31st May 2009		\$	2,612.50
Club Account			
Balance 1st July 2008		\$	4,568.76
Eleven Month Surplus		\$	158.47
Balance at 31st May 2009		\$	4,727.23
Sunshine Account			
Balance - 1st July 2008		\$	5,294.12
less Deficit above		\$	2,612.50
Balance - 31st May 2009		\$	2,681.62
Overall Club Members' Funds		\$	7,408.85

Financial Accounts - Income & Expenditure Statement to 31 May 2009

Herald Sun Camberwell Rotary Art Show

Income				
Commissions Earned	\$1	23,107.25		
Artist Entry Fees	\$	43,584.23		
Door Receipts	\$	58,999.18		
Interest Received	\$	3,781.41		
Raffle	\$	5,890.90		
Sponsorship	\$	42,327.27		
Acquired Art	\$	6,722.00		
Sundry Income	\$	4,000.70	\$	288,412.94
Expenses				
Audit Fees	\$	1,363.64		
Advertising	\$	12,956.41		
Deficit on Preview Night	\$	4,211.36		
Bank Charges	\$	5,281.80 🕳		
Commission paid	\$	4 ,305.82	•	
Computer Expenses		4,000.00		
Display Stand Hire	\$ 2	25,512.69		
Donations	\$	500.00		
Freight & Storage	\$	668.18		
Civic Centre Rent	\$ -	45,027.69		
Insurance	\$	3,418.80		
Judging & Demonstration	\$	1,000.00		
Mailing Expenses	\$	1,098.51		
Members Refreshments	\$	506.62		
Postage	\$	728.39		
Prizes	\$:	52,800.00		
Printing & Stationery	\$	6,510.06 -		
Sundries	\$	5,704.19		
Telephone	\$	844.22	\$	176,438.38
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Surplus as at 31st May 2009

\$ 111,974.56

Business of Winning Luncheon - 28 November 2008

Income	
Luncheon	\$ 28,560.17
Raffle & Auction	\$ 10,760.58
	\$ 39,320.75
Expenditure	
Luncheon Cost	\$ 24,056.54
Payment to Entertainer	\$ 990.00
Printing	\$ 831.82
Sundries	\$ 403.18 \$ 26,281.54
Surplus	\$ 13,039.21

Financial Accounts - Charity Funds Expended up to 31 May 2009

	Expended	
Community		
City of Boroondara - Miscellaneous	\$ 9.00	
Portsea Camp Maintenance	\$ 2,300.00	
Odyssey House - Donation	\$ 5,000.00	
Boroondara Cares Projects- Moira Shire Drought Relief	\$10,859.00	
Victorian Relief - Food Bank - Supply of Rice	\$18,000.00	
Camp Getaway - Hands-on Working Bee	\$ 295.75	
Victorian Bush Fires – Purchase of Tools & Equipment	\$ 2,952.43	
Victorian Bush Fires - Flowerdale Hotel Trust	\$ 1,000.00	
Victorian Bush Fires – Refrigerator for Emergency Shelter	\$ 940.00	
Victorian Bush Fires – Purchase of 2 Shelter boxes	\$ 2,400.00	
Australian Rotary Health Fund - Donation	\$ 500.00	
Australian Leukodystrophy Support Group – Emergency		
Assistance	\$ 2,500.00	
Epilepsy Foundation – Emergency Assistance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 49,256.18
International		
Project Advertising - Leader Newspapers	\$ 459.09	
Australian Rotary Health Research	\$ 3,000.00	
Rotary International Polio Plus (Bill Gates Challenge)	\$ 2,500.00	
Rotary against Malaria Donation	\$ 1,000.00	
Rotary International Foundation - Donation	\$ 10,000.00	
Rotary Australia World Community Service - Donations in Kind	\$ 5,000.00	
Zimbabwe Project – Chidamoya Trust	\$ 6,000.00	
Rotary Foundation –(Royce Abbey Awards Program)	\$ 2,320.00	
East Timorese Student Study Grant - C. Freitas	\$ 2,000.00	
Rotary Australia World Community Service - Bicol, Philippines	\$ 8,500.00	
Teachers Across Borders - Education in Cambodia	\$ 2,000.00	
Shelter Box Australia – Purchase of 6 Shelter boxes	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 49,979.09
New Generations		
University of Melbourne Tuition	\$ 718.25	
Siemens Summer School	\$ 525.00	
Camberwell High School	\$ 4,000.00	
RYLA	\$ 1,980.00	
Friday Night School	\$ 5,000.00	
Pied Piper Project	\$ 1,500.00	
RYPEN	\$ 550.00	
Box Hill Institute	\$ 8,000.00	
National Science School	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 24,103.25
Vocational		
Box Hill TAFE	\$ 3,000.00	
Echuca-Moama Project	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Total Expended to 31 May 2009		\$ 131,338.52

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Budget approved:

\$80,000

Spent (at time of writing):

\$45,000

- 2. The following major activities were undertaken.
 - i. Homeless World Cup, December 2008: Six (6) members worked as marshals in various capacities.
 - ii. Foodbank Vic: The extension to Bendigo has been successfully completed. The Club continued to provide funds (\$18,000) to purchase rice, some of which was diverted to bushfire relief supply. A Club meeting was also held at the Footscray premises
 - iii. **"Know Your Numbers"**: Six (6) members assisted with blood pressure testing at Gunn & McConville Pharmacy in Balwyn North in October 2008.
 - iv. Odyssey House: A donation of \$5,000 was made.
 - v. Camp Getaway: A team undertook a working bee at the Camp in December 2008.
 - vi. Victorian bushfire relief: \$10,400 was made available to purchase tools to aid the recovery work, replace two (2) Shelter Boxes, make a contribution to the Flowerdale Trust, and provide appliances to Hamer Court for emergency accommodation. In addition, several members worked delivering equipment to emergency centres, sorting donated goods, and refurbishing Hamer Court. At the request of the Hawthorn Community Chest twelve (12) members and some partners arranged and conducted a sausage sizzle and wine & cheese bar at the Hawthorn Town Hall musical gala which raised just over \$400 a lot of work for relatively little monetary reward, but greatly appreciated and acknowledged by the Chest. Further opportunities to participate in the recovery and reconstruction are being investigated.
 - vii. Emergency Assistance: A fund was established on a trial basis to provide last resort emergency assistance to disadvantaged families suffering financial and other hardships. Strict criteria are set for qualification, and a publicity payback is expected. The initial organizations to be partnered are Epilepsy Foundation Victoria and Australian Leukodystrophy Support Inc. for \$2,500 each. The success of this program is already evident and it is strongly recommended it be continued and expanded in future years.
 - viii. Salvos Red Shield Appeal: Six (6) members worked as door to door collectors on 23/4 May in the area designated by the Army. It is clear that early organization for this event results in more volunteers.

- ix. Global financial crisis: Contacts have been established in the City of Boroondara community with a view to identifying groups that may be feeling exceptional hardship as a result of the current economic conditions.
- 3. The following are under consideration for involvement
 - VicSport The committee decided to publicize the concept of training community members in coaching and administration of sport at grassroots level.
 - Greenpeace "Australia's energy (r)evolution". A study on climate change at community level. To seek a guest speaker for a future meeting.
 - BialA Box Hill Inc. An Early Childhood Intervention Program which assists
 children with development delays or disabilities, as well as their families. This
 program warranted further investigation

The Committee received many requests for funding which were rejected after review and others which were not undertaken due to manpower shortages or lack of interest/support. The major ones in this category were a working bee at the Portsea Camp and participation in a survey by mental health agency ORYGEN.

Of significant concern this year has been the apathy amongst the majority of members to participating in hands on projects. In all the above projects it was difficult to get enough volunteers to conduct them satisfactorily, and in most cases it was the same few "die-hards" who put their hands up. A survey is being undertaken in an effort to determine the reasons for this, and to hopefully tailor activities to attract more participants.

My thanks to the efforts of the Committee during the year, and a special welcome to new members Rodger Madigan, and particularly Jo-Anne Tamlyn who contributed wholeheartedly and introduced an exciting new concept of funding to the Club.

- 4. <u>Boroondara Cares:</u> This campaign was conducted by a committee comprising members from all cluster clubs and the Boroondara and Moira Shires, and reported to the Board through the Community Service Committee. It was again highly successful in assisting the community under hardship as a result of continuing drought. The following major activities were undertaken by our Club:
 - Financing a bus to bring children to Melbourne for recreational activities.
 - Funding an 'Evening with the Stars' at Katunga
 - Assisting funding of the Cobram Trotting meeting.
 - Provision of Xmas cakes & puddings.

A total of approx. \$14,275 was spent on this initiative, which was partially sponsored by proceeds from the Business of Winning Lunch (\$13,000).

John Phillips

Community Service Chairman 2008 - 2009

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Members

Richard O'Brien (chair), Richard Balsillie, David Loftus, Geoff McCormick, Michael Mullins, Jim O'Hara, John Steven, Don Jago (Foundation), Malcolm Munro (Foundation)

I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their support and participation throughout the year. Our youngest (in Rotary terms) member, Richard Balsillie, deserves special recognition for his thoughtful and enthusiastic approach to a number of projects. Thanks are also due to Don Jago for his valuable advice on Foundation matters.

Introduction

The Committee worked well during the year. It was agreed at the first meeting that the approach would be similar to that followed in the previous year, i.e. that projects to be supported should meet most, if not all, of the following criteria:

- There should be a clear and well-defined need for the project (as described by the intended recipient(s);
- The project should contain a strong humanitarian element (provision of food, water, shelter, education, health facilities, etc);
- The project should deliver a long-term sustainable benefit;
- As much of the equipment and supplies needed should be purchased locally, to keep shipping costs to a minimum;
- The project should satisfy the requirements for matching grants wherever possible, to maximize the use of our funds;
- The work carried out should be checked by a local Rotary club or Liaison Officer;
- Any auditing and reporting procedures should be able to be met.

Standing Obligations

There were two standing obligations:

- A donation to the Rotary Foundation District Fund (for this year \$10,000) this money is invested by Foundation for three years and the donation plus interest is then returned to the District to service matching grants;
- A donation of \$100 to Foundation for each guest speaker (a total of \$2,500 for the year). This year, the committee proposed to the Board and the Board agreed that each guest speaker should receive a gift of hand-made soap, made in East Timor as part of a Rotary project.

The Committee agreed strongly that funds should be committed to on-going Rotary projects such as RAM and Polio Plus Partners, and that other projects that should be looked at included education, Donations in Kind, micro-loans, and Adopt a Village.

Budget

The initial budget put to and approved by the Board is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Proposed budget of the International Service Committee for 2007-2008

		Committed from 2007- 2008	Proposed	Spent
		(AUD)\$	(AUD)\$	(AUD)\$
1.	Rotary Foundation - Club donation on behalf of members		10,000	10,000
2.	Bill and Melinda Gates Bequest Fund - Guest Speaker Donations [\$100/speaker]		2,500	2,500
3.	Katebo School, Uganda	10,500	5,000	15,000**
4.	Philippines (Sorsogon) Project	8,500	5,000	8.500*
5.	R.A.W.C.S.		6,000	
	5.1 D.I.K.		·	5,000
	5.2 Shelter Box			7,200
6.	Royce Abbey Awards Program		3,000	2,320
7.	Micro Credit Loan Program		5,000	
8.	R.A.M.		1,000	1,000
9.	Sundry Projects to be identified/adopted [Contingency Sum]		17,500	
	Chidamoyo Trust (Zimbabwe)	,		6,000
	Christina Freitas (completion of studies)			2,000
	Total		<u>55,000</u>	<u>36,020</u>
				+15,000**

^{*} There was a sum of \$8,500 forward committed from 2007-2008 for the Philippines project (Rotary Club of Brighton Beach).

^{**} The committee proposed, and the Board approved, the forward commitment of \$15,000 into 2009-2010, for the Katebo project.

Specific projects

Uganda (Katebo)

The Katebo School project entered into by the Committee in 2007-2008 with the Rotary Club of Lilydale was carried out. This year the committee looked at an extension of this project, and committed \$15,000 to the expanded project. This funding has been forward committed to 2009-2010. We received notification in May 2009 that the Rotary Club of Kiwatule in Uganda is prepared to oversee the project, together with a detailed plan for the project. The project is essentially an Adopt-A-Village project.

Plans include further work at the Katebo School, testing to find ways of improving soil condition and crop yields, and provision of reliable, easily accessible drinking water supplies.

It is intended that the project will run for approximately three to four years.

Philippines (Bicol)

The Rotary Club of Brighton Beach was successful in its application for a matching grant for this project. Therefore the committee contributed the sum of \$8,500 to the project, as agreed in the letter of intent signed by both clubs last year. Work on the project has commenced. It is envisaged that the project will run for approximately three to four years. This project is intended to be carried out under the RAWCS umbrella.

Royce Abbey Awards

Rotarians Warwick Heil and Karen Nolan were nominated for Royce Abbey Awards. This involved a donation of \$2,000 (through the Rotary Foundation) to the Royce and Jean Abbey Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship Program, which is available to young men and women in developing countries.

RAM (Rotary Against Malaria)

\$1,000 was donated to the RAM program. This program provides bed nets for use in areas where malaria is endemic. Recent reports indicate that this program has led to a significant reduction in the incidence of malaria in those areas where the nets have been made available.

Polio Plus and Polio Plus Partners

\$2,500 was allocated to this program, together with an application for matching grants. The success of this program has been reported to the club on several occasions by Past District Governor Don Jago. Polio is now considered a major health problem in only four countries.

DIK (Donations in Kind

The Committee agreed to donate \$5,000 to this program, noting that the program has a wide-ranging impact in several countries and is perennially short of funding to cover the cost of transporting materiel. Richard Balsillie prepared a promotional presentation for DIK to help raise the image of the program, both within Rotary and the wider community.

ShelterBox

Two donations, of \$4,800 and \$2,400, were made to the ShelterBox program, from the RAWCS and Contingency allocations, to sponsor the purchase of six shelter boxes. There have been several significant events in the last twelve months, both nationally and internationally, and the Committee agreed that this program is very worthy of support.

GSE (Group Study Exchange)

The Club participated with several other clubs in the hosting of a GSE team of educators from Turkey. This involved arranging home hosting for part of the visitors' time in Melbourne and visits to educational institutions, and a presentation to the Club by the visitors.

Teachers across Borders

A presentation on this project was made to the Club in late 2008. It was noted that this project clearly met many of the criteria mentioned early, and would have a significant impact on the future education of many Cambodian children. The Committee agreed to donate \$2,000 to this project.

Chidamoyo

A request from the Chidamoyo Trust was received during the year; the specific aim was to obtain funds to purchase an industrial washing machine for a hospital in north-western Zimbabwe. The committee agreed that this proposal also met the selection criteria, and \$6,000 was donated to the Trust.

Christina Freitas

A request was received for funding from several Rotary Clubs to enable an East Timorese student, Christina Freitas, to complete a course in business studies in Melbourne. The request was strongly supported by a very prominent East Timorese individual. The Committee agreed to donate \$2,000 in response to this request.

Other projects

The Committee rejected a number of proposals, because it was felt that the proposals did not meet the selection criteria, for a variety of reasons, including overall cost, safety considerations, and lack of clear focus.

It was not possible to organize a micro-loan program, but this may be possible in future years, through the Katebo project.

Richard O'Brien

Chair – International Service Committee 2008-2009

VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Of the original committee nominated before the annual changeover at year end 2008, only Gary Goldsmith and Peter Anderson were available. Tim Landsberg was asked to take the position of chairman after the year had begun. Over the year additional Rotarians joined the committee until there was a full committee in the early part of 2009, namely: Peter Anderson, Richard Gray, Patrick Cunniffe, Gary Goldsmith, Andy Spry, Michael Neumann

Starting Projects

There were a number of projects initially, notably:

- · Police mentoring program
- Echuca-Moama schools program
- Beacon Foundation: Career support program for Moira Shire Youth.

Police Mentoring

Geoff McCormick, from the previous committee, had generously agreed to continue with the police mentoring program. He has continued this through the year and it has been successful.

Echuca-Moama Schools Program

Gary Goldsmith ran the Echuca program which is an ongoing program. The purpose is to prepare young people who have limited educational and social background for career training and development. No financial support has been given to this yet but it is expected that a payment of \$5000 will be made before the end of the financial year.

Beacon Foundation

Gary was also chiefly responsible for the Beacon Foundation to which \$5000 was paid. This is a support program for those in the farming community most severely affected by drought. It has been aimed particularly at women in the farming community and has proved to be effective.

Bert Stevens Award

The annual award is to encourage and assist promising apprentices. Two candidates from Box Hill Institute have been approved and approval for payment has been requested from the Board. The students are Gabrielle Ledun and Scott Hill.

The Box Hill Institute gave these two candidates very good references and each was awarded \$1,000.

Pride of Workmanship Award

The annual award was not made last year but this year the committee has agreed that the award should be made to Andrew Rigg. He was nominated by President Neil Hookey, following a previous nomination by then President Peter Matthews, both of whom provided very good references. Andrew Rigg was awarded the Rotary plaque that is widely used for this purpose.

Vocation Award - Disadvantaged Young People

Many disadvantaged young people come to study at Box Hill Institute. They are students who are overcoming or who have overcome homelessness, mental illness, trauma, abuse, substance abuse issues, family breakdown, unemployment, refugee background, learning difficulties and other difficulties.

Two such young people were presented as worthy cases of people overcoming great difficulties to pursue a career. The committee recommended to the Board that an award of \$1,000 each should be made to Teagan Dietz and Claire Savage, two young people who have coped with immense difficulties and remained focused on developing their careers. This was approved by the Board and payment was to the Institute to use it to meet fees and costs for these two young people (they were aged 17 and 19 respectively). The award was called the Vocation Award.

Work-place Visit

This was organized for 13 May and 43 people took part in what was a most successful visit.

Biala

This is a Box Hill institution which cares for disabled children; the proposal was for training of carers. While there was full agreement that this is a very worthy and important cause, the majority view of the committee was that it was a matter for Community Service. That committee has taken on this project.

Committee Expenditure:

Approved	Amount
Beacon Foundation	\$ 5,000
Vocation	\$ 3,000
Bert Stevens Award	\$ 2,000
Total approved	\$10,000
Proposed	
Pride of Workmanship	Payment for award plaque \$250??
Starthrower	\$ 5,000
Total proposed	\$7,500
Budget	\$27,000
Unused funds available	\$10,500

Tim Landsberg

Vocational Chair 2008-2009

NEW GENERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

A total of nine projects have been funded in the past year with one project still being considered. A budget of \$23,000 was requested by the committee and was approved by the Board.

Camberwell High School Emergency Fund

A donation of \$4,000 was made to Camberwell High School to aid students who couldn't afford such items as text books or in some instances to fund students on educational outings or school camps.

Seimens Science School Project

This is an annual event that is organized by Swinburne University offering students aged 15 years the opportunity to spend time during term break to have an informal introduction into the world of Science. This year we took a slightly different slant in that we selected 5 students from Moira Shire, as part of Boroondara cares. We had 2 boys and 3 girls come down to Melbourne and they were billeted with 5 Camberwell Rotary families over a 4 day period. This project was at a cost of \$525.

National Youth Science School Program

New Generations sponsored 2 students for this more formally structured science course held at the Australian National University, Canberra in January 2009. One of the students was a young girl who was sponsored by both Camberwell Rotary as well as Rutherglen Rotary. The other student was from Boroondara and had half the cost funded by Camberwell and the other half funded personally. The students spent a week in Canberra where they increased their scientific knowledge as well as participating in a number of social activities. Andrew Sandbach gave the club an excellent talk when he returned. The total cost was \$1,830.

Pied Piper Toy Library

A request was made by the Pied Piper Toy Library in Ashburton, for a donation to help purchase computer equipment. An amount of \$1,500 was donated which was gratefully received and with this money they have obtained the necessary equipment that will help with the running of the library.

Friday Night School

Margaret Gurry has been running the Friday Night School in Collingwood for many years and is well known to Camberwell Rotary. New Generations donated a sum of \$5,000 to help with the continuing cost of stationery and other expenses that enable the students from the lower socio-economic areas of Melbourne to obtain extra tuition especially in maths and English.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

This year we gave 3 young men the opportunity to attend RYLA. Total cost was \$1,950. This is an exceptional week long camp in November 2008, where young people between the ages of 18-25 are able to help develop their leadership skills, which may help in helping them in their business and personal life decisions. Two of the participants are to give a talk of their experiences at Rotary on June 10, 2009.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

Two students, one from Xavier College and one from Balwyn High School, were selected to go to the RYPEN camp, which was held in March. Both students were aged 15 years. The camp was run over the course of a weekend from Friday night till Sunday afternoon. The cost for the 2 students was \$550.

Peace Clown

New Generations has committed \$850 to this anti-bullying program that is aimed at children in the 9-11 age group. It is run by Ms. Susan Carew who has set up similar programs overseas with great success. At the time of this report a suitable school has not been allocated to commence the program so the funding will be carried into the 2009-2010 year.

Future Leaders Program

An amount of \$2,000 was allocated for this leadership building program offered by Box Hill TAFE. It is aimed at 17-18 year olds who are currently at TAFE doing their HSC or are actively involved in a TAFE course. The program aims at developing the leadership skills of these young students to help them realize their full potential.

The program is conducted via a number of breakfasts throughout the year that feature a guest speaker, who talks about their achievements and how they used leadership to fulfil their potential.

House for the Homeless.

This is another Box Hill TAFE program that is 2 fold. Firstly it is aimed at providing emergency accommodation for children from 12-16 years for up to 12 months and secondly the house is built by the students in the various trades, thus providing a wonderful opportunity to increase their knowledge and gain valuable skills. An amount of \$4,000 has been allocated towards this project and as with the Future Leaders Program, New Generations hope to continue the support of both of these projects into the 2009-2010 Rotary year.

Concluding remarks

At the time of this report, New Generations has contributed a total of \$15,355 to the first seven projects mentioned above. An amount of \$850 has been committed to the Peace Clown project and will be forwarded to next year's budget. The two Box Hill TAFE projects will be funded within the next month. Taking all into consideration the total expenditure for the 2008-2009 will be \$22,205, which leaves a balance of \$795 from the budget. I would like to take this time to thank my New Generation's committee, Anne Murphy, Geoff Angus, Mark Hassed, Bob Heinemann and John Maxwell for their invaluable help and contribution throughout the year that has resulted in the completion of many worthwhile projects.

Karen Nolan

New Generations Chair 2008-2009

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members: Don Fotheringham (Chair), Bern Connell (Deputy), Les Brown, Eric Heyburn, Alan Lorenzini and Fabienne Nichola.

Our first function for the year was a theatre night at "Guys and Dolls" on July 22nd, backed up a week later with a bumper attendance for "Christmas in July" at the clubrooms, which featured Christmas Fare and much revelry and a string quartet from Strathcona to add a festive air to proceedings.

On August 27th, our **Partners Night** was strongly attended to hear Lambis Englezos tell of his quest to unearth British WW1 war graves at **Fromielles** in France, and in particular the search for the remains of his Great Uncle. All who attended were both enthralled and moved by his story.

This year, **Past President's Night** was held in September and included Partners for the first time. The venue was the East Malvern RSL Club, where our Charter President *Ian Barnes* had been a member of long-standing Many Past Presidents and their wives were able to join us, adding to the 80-strong throng who thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to acknowledge their service. Our thanks go to PP's *John Phillips* and *Jon Oppy* for the tributes they delivered during the evening, and to PP *Bern Connell* for the audio-visual presentation.

The "Spring Racing Scandal of 1939" was the scenario for a Murder Mystery night on October 29th. This was all the excuse members and Partners needed to dress up and go crazy. So crazy, in fact, that the script was torn up early in the night as the natural exuberance of our cast members took over leaving only enough time to reveal the main villain before stumps were drawn. To no one's surprise, *John Phillips* was found to have "dunnit", although several other shady characters did come under suspicion. The depth of talent within the club defies adequate description.

Our Christmas Dinner, this year was held at Arlington, Wattle Park. The Duo of Divas and their wonderful pianist "Jonno" entertained us, and Charlie Chaplin put in a brief appearance, all adding to the party atmosphere. As usual, toys were placed beneath the Christmas tree for donation to the children of the Moira Shire via St Vincent DePaul. Thanks to *Eric Heyburn* for arranging this.

A week later, on December 17th, Santa paid an early visit to the clubrooms for our **Children's Christmas Party**. Joy was unbounded during his visit as presents were hauled from his sack, but he eventually made good his exit. The large number of children who attended, with ages ranging from a few months to 16 years, were also entertained by a dance teacher and by night's end had enjoyed themselves greatly. The grown-ups, too, went home tired but happy. Special thanks to *Patrick Cunniffe* for his important contribution to proceedings.

Forty seats to see "Billy Elliot" on March 5th were quickly snapped up and two weeks later our clubrooms took on a distinctly Turkish flavor, as members and partners crowded in to welcome the visiting Turkish GSE team. The following week 67 members and friends traveled to fire ravaged Flowerdale where we held our meeting at the Hotel – one of the few buildings there to survive the Black Saturday Fires. We were treated to a dramatic Bush Poetry recital, splendid music from a local musician and a wonderful, "home-cooked pubmeal". In return we were able to make a donation to The Flowerdale Trust from our Community Service funds. Feedback has confirmed this as being a most memorable and worthwhile event.

During April, the first of our **Home Hostings** were held, the idea being that small groups of members, selected at random, are invited to a host's home to mix and mingle informally. These gatherings have been very enjoyable and our thanks go to those host members who graciously opened their homes. Regrettably, not all invitees could accept the invitation, but on the success this year, there should be other opportunities in years to come.

To celebrate the end of another successful Art Show, the wind-up dinner was held in the newly refurbished "Old Camberwell Town Hall", overlooking Inglesby Road on May 3rd. This afforded us the opportunity to see at first hand the results of the building works, which have so seriously impacted the Show in recent years, and the newly renovated foyer of the old building proved to be a very suitable setting.

At time of writing, two matters remain on the agenda for this committee, namely the forthcoming Wine Tasting which will be hosted by Brian Lynn from Majella Wines of the Coonawarra on May 27th, and our Changeover Dinner on June 24th at The Carlton Brew House, both of which promise to be memorable occasions.

I have been very fortunate this year to lead a willing and enthusiastic committee who have shared the workload and contributed their time and their ideas to help provide our members with an enjoyable and varied range of Fellowship activities.

To our Sommelier, the incomparable *Eric Heyburn*, the ever creative *Bern Connell* for his technical wizardry, *Alan Lorenzini* for keeping a true and faithful record of our deliberations and allowing us to use and abuse his Amex, our ideas girl *Fabienne Nichola* always there to offer a different approach, *Kay Connell* who has been a great member of the team and *Les Brown* on whose great experience we were able to draw, I say "*Thank you!*". You have my gratitude, and, I hope, that of all the members of the Club for a job well done.

Don Fotheringham

Fellowship Chair 2008 - 09

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

As Chairman of Membership, I have pleasure in summarising Committee activities for 2008/09.

Committee -David G Baker (Deputy), Peter Allen, Michael Blood, Sydney Warneke, Nick Pane.

Goals

The Board set guidelines to maintain the momentum of recruiting established in 2007/08 concurrent with maximising retention of new and existing members. The Membership Committee set a programme in place to identify/introduce/invite and induct new members. In an endeavour to increase awareness and attract prospective members via access to the Club website, a separate link ServiceIsUs.com.au was established. The thematic message Picture yourself in Rotary has continuous pictures of members in action at the Art Show. Rotarians from around the world are also represented enjoying fellowship and participating in local international and global projects. If you can picture yourself in Rotary then we would be delighted to hear from you is the call to action.

Art Show Initiatives

In order to attract potential new members, a tear off enquiry slip was attached to the Art Show catalogue. Over 100 enquiries were received which required considerable time and effort by David Baker and Peter Allen in analysing the enquires, firstly, by location /approx 12km radius of Camberwell and then, contact by email and phone. This process narrowed the prospects significantly and has identified a small number, of which two people have subsequently attended two recent Dinner meetings. Both guests have expressed interest and are likely new members.

During the Art Show a large screen Plasma TV (supplied via Richard Stewart) was located at the Sales Desk. Continuous segments of Rotary activities with quotes from Rotarians as to what Rotary meant to them provided a personalised message in promoting awareness and potential membership enquiries.

Friends of the Rotary Club of Camberwell

Guidelines have been prepared to provide recognition to those people who, whilst not members of The Rotary Club of Camberwell or partners of members actively support Club activities such as the Art Show. Intention is that a Friend of Rotary Club of Camberwell name badge would be available when attending Club meetings or official Rotary events. Friends would also be included in the Club Directory and receive invitations to social functions of the Club. Nominations for this recognition should be forwarded to the Board via the Membership Committee.

In regard to the Club Directory, where members status is either Active or Honorary, at the Board meeting in May, motions were passed "That those persons holding Life Membership of the Club be granted Honorary Membership for Life" and "That current Honorary Members be invited to become Friends of Rotary".

New Members

We are very pleased to welcome the following five new members into the Club during 2008/09:

Jo-Anne Tamlyn Andy Spry Colin Gould Rodger Madigan Jeevan Vasimalla

Nominations for a further three new members are in process at time of preparing this report

All new members have been actively involved in Club activities and were able to take on a number of roles during the Art Show .We are very conscious of ensuring new members are involved in and enjoy their membership of the Club .In this regard I would like to particularly thank David G Baker for his ongoing role in being a catalyst to maintain contact with new members.

Continuous Improvement Committee

A questionnaire/survey prepared by John Phillips was circulated to members to review their attitudes to participation in hands on activities conducted by the Club. The intent of the questionnaire was to ascertain why some members are often reluctant to participate in Club projects.

Committee

The Membership Committee and Continuous Improvement Sub Committee have completed a very active programme during 2008/09. I would like to thank all members for their contribution, enthusiasm and commitment to working together to achieve goals set by the Board.

Graeme Hope

Chair, Membership and Continuous Improvement 2008-09

CLUB SERVICE REPORT

As Director of Club Service this year, I have been very lucky as it has run super smooth. I would like to claim credit for this but all the credit goes to the people involved in our wonderful club.

- * Rosters for the desk have been attended mostly by those rostered, but when someone has not been able to attend, another member has always stepped in without hesitation.
- * We have been blessed with having a very conscientious sergeant who took over at a moments notice when the originally appointed sergeant resigned. Thankyou Bern, and thanks also go to Leslie Daniels King, as his very able corporal, often stepping up to the sergeant's mantle when Bern hasn't been available.
- ★ Our every present almoner Gerry, has done another year's sterling work and if we ask him nicely, might favour us with his keyboard expertise again (but only on special occasions).
- * Richard Gray has kept us entertained, well informed and amused with a never ending supply of interesting guest speakers.
- * Alan Lorenzini has done a terrific job juggling apologies and numbers for dinner booking, most of the time getting it spot on, except when he is not notified of guests.
- ★ Our bulletin editor Mike Pavey, every week gives us a newsletter that any Rotary club would be proud of having.
- ★ On to conference organiser Geoff Heath, led a small but enthusiastic group on tour to Tasmania prior to this year's conference.
- * Catering this year was assisted by Doug Gillan from Centre management who has tried to give us something a little different each week. We have had barbequies on warm evenings, a Turkish feast when the G.S.E team visited us from Turkey and our Christmas Kids party when we all enjoyed party pies, cocktail frankfurts and choc wedges. Doug and I talked almost weekly trying to cater to everyone's different tastes.

It has been an absolute pleasure being the club service director this year, and I look forward to my next year as Club President.

Dennis Coleman

Director Club Service

FUND RAISING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

HERALD SUN CAMBERWELL ROTARY ART SHOW 2008-2009

Chairman	Jonathan Oppy	Printing	Jonathan Oppy
Treasurer/Secretary	Frank Leigh	Presentation	Glenda Davies
Freight	Neil Hookey	Operations/Equipment	Ron Lear
Publicity	Jonathan Oppy	Roster/Storage	Ron Lear
Computer System	Chris Carra	Sponsorship	Robert Davies
Sponsorship	Nick Pane		
Presentation	Denise Oppy	Presentation	Margaret Hookey
Presentation	Judy Pratt	IT Systems Assistance	Judy Lear
Computer System	Geoff Heath		

New Moves and Directions

- 1. OPENING NIGHT: The Show opened Friday evening with energy and enthusiasm leaving the economic crisis in the background. This was an enormous success financially and amazingly popular. It generated an extraordinary atmosphere of warmth, friendship and networking. Feedback was outstanding and we were all thrilled.
- 2. GALLERY EXPERIMENT: We invited Peter Messer who has been our interstate agent for many years. His knowledge of his artists, their galleries and painting styles and history proved to be invaluable. The number of paintings sold equating to many dollars was well beyond our expectation and filled us with enthusiasm about expanding this concept next year at Caulfield inviting more galleries to attend.

Entries

Entries were down on last year with approximately 2,400 received. Once again, Artists were permitted to enter six paintings- a huge success from selling point of view. The number hung was again approximately 1,700.

Judging Panel

Chair of the panel Warren Joel assisted by Herman Pekel. They worked well together in this difficult and exacting task. Our thanks go to Warren and Herman. The judging system was greatly improved on previous years.

Winners for 2009

Award	Artists Name	Title
Herald Sun-Best of Show -GOLD	Kasey Sealy	BIG VALLEY COUNTRY
Herald Sun-Best of Show - SILVER	Chris White	LITTLE SWANPORT BR
Herald Sun-Best of Show - BRONZE	Fu Hong	THE WINDOW
Still Life Less \$3000	Tom O'Callaghan	STILL LIGHT
Australian Landscape Less \$3000	Jeremy Elkington	INVOCATION
Best Work any medium Less \$2,500	Joseph Bezzina	NATURES AMPHITHEATRE
Best Pastel Less \$2,500	Christine Ramsey	SERENE
Best Work Not exceeding \$1500	Stephen Doyle	CAFÉ SCENE
Best Work Not exceeding \$ 900	John Walsh	HANGING ROCK
Best Work Not exceeding \$800	Neville Hunt	RUE DE LE REPUBLIQUE
Best Work Not exceeding \$800	Tilly Barton	PINE BEACH-SHOREHAM
Best Work Not exceeding \$400	Janis Viksne	COFFEE AT BEECHWORTH
Encouragement Award - Watercolour	Helen Cottle	MORNING AIREYS INLET
Encouragement Award - Acrylic	Christine Cafarella- Pearce	FROM ASHES TO RICHES
Encouragement Award - Pastel	Nancy Thurlby	SHADES OF BLUE
Encouragement Award - Oil	Sylvia Hallam	THE SCHOOL PREFECT
Framing Award	Fay Joseph	THEY'RE RACING
Framing Award	Sandra House	THARNA SCENE

Attendance

The attendance this year showed a large increase against previous years with approximately 9,500 persons attending. This was due to several factors but major influences were, sending out a patron's mail out early, and increasing the publicity for the Show. The "Melbourne Art Show" which again was held on the same week end did not appear to affect our attendance. Their demographic is quite different from ours as we have researched this in depth.

Publicity

Publicity was addressed this year similar to last year. Advertisements and exposure was provided in advertisements in the Leader Newspaper Group in 11 publications, the Melbourne Weekly, The Melbourne Age, mail out to 12,000 patrons, editorials and advertisements in the Herald Sun and, Billboards, TV/radio Advertisements. This greater level of publicity was obtained at an extra cost of approximately \$15,000.

Sales/ Result

Sales this year amounted to \$460,270. This was an excellent result as overall income was increased, expenses reduced. This will provide a surplus in excess of \$120,000; the final result will not be known until all the receipt of all accounts.

Raffle

The raffle was organized efficiently by Peter Pratt and all available tickets were sold at the Show. Many club members sold multiple books. The prize painting was donated by Tom O'Callaghan, for which we thank him.

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. The continued use of Wanzl trolleys and rubber strips to the racks proved a success with the effect of minimizing damage to paintings. The Show this year was the most efficient in recent years. All tasks were achieved well before time with the Show largely in "opening" mode before Wednesday. Denise, Margaret, Glenda and Judy P are under enormous pressure to achieve all panels of matching colour hues and well known artists placed in the appropriate spots within minimum time frame ready for the big "hanging" nights. An enormous achievement and we thank the girls sincerely. All those who worked to achieve this should be congratulated and a special thanks to Ron Lear.

Sales Desk and Operations Centre

Once again Judy Lear spent weeks prior to the Art Show entering all entries, and was dedicated in her commitment to running the Sales desk.

Summary

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

Fellowship again was the winner during the Show, with the highlights being the daily Jonny's Jottings Bulletin- a huge thank you to David Baker for the humour and hours put in to add to our communication and enjoyment! And the Last Supper" in the Old Town Hall complex arranged by the Fellowship Committee and our back room organized by Sid and Eric.

Acknowledgements

In passing over to Graeme Hope, 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 and we do

THE BUSINESS OF WINNING LUNCHEON 2008

Friday 28 November, 2008, Sofitel Melbourne.

The 10th Business of Winning Luncheon (BOW) attracted 304 people (294 paying guests) and a surplus of \$13,039.30. Proceeds went to Boroondara Cares, a Rotary club led partnership with the City of Boroondara and the Moira Shire in Victoria's drought challenged Murray Valley involving the resources of two municipalities and the volunteer resources of twelve Rotary Clubs.

Notwithstanding a global financial crisis, stock market crashes, belt tightening and predictions of deep recession, the outcome was pleasing to a small but determined BOW committee lead by Chairman Peter Allen.

The BOW sports / entertainment format was highlighted by a return of ABC Radio 'Coodabeen Champion' Greg Champion, ably supported by Richmond AFL legend Francis Bourke, Olympic bronze medallist diver Dean Pullar and 'Oarsome Foursome' rower, Mike McKay.

Master of Ceremonies was (once again!) Mike Derum who did a great job.

Thanks go to Camberwell Rotarians Dennis Coleman, Joseph Orlando, Gary Goldsmith, Nick Pane and Jo-Anne Tamlyn (Greg Watson) for their generous raffle/auction prize donations and help. Major event sponsor was Tivoli Hi-Fi, Camberwell.

The BOW Committee also acknowledges support from the Club and individual members over the past 10 years. Thank-you Frank Leigh for 'crunching' the numbers this year. And a big thank-you to Chairman Peter Allen for his outstanding contribution and commitment over the past decade. Well done!

BOW 2008 COMMITTEE

Chairman-Peter Allen

Deputy- David Baker

Don Fotheringham

Joseph Orlando

David Baker

Deputy Chairman

2008 BUSINESS OF WINNING LUNCHEON

