

Brian Hodgson has put a lot of effort into the design and bringing on line our Club website, which we hope may attract new members as well as being a source of information to members. Our Annual Report this year will be available to members on line for ease of reference as well as saving club administrative costs.

Brian has also led the Club to undertake an Interplast project in 2016 and to this end two fund raisers were held, a Trivia night and a Film night, and as a result \$15,500 has been raised to date. Fund raisers in the coming year will hopefully bring funds raised to the needed \$45,000 or more if a club member is to participate in the project. We thank Brian for his leadership on this project.

We have also provided unplanned support for needy causes. A local family was supported by a donation of \$1000 towards a carer for a child who suffers cerebral palsy and was recovering from hip surgery. We also donated \$2000 via RAWCS plus a generator and rice for Vanuatu following Cyclone Pam, and we donated \$2000 to the Nepal earthquake relief efforts via the Rotary Club of Healesville's contacts with the Nepal Women's Foundation.

Gavan McIntyre organised several fellowship events, a luncheon at Rose Cottage and a Car Rally (with help from Ray Barrett). A third fellowship event was a dinner held in place of a meeting that was cancelled in favour of attendance by a party of ten to the District Conference. Another fellowship/fund raising event was hosting a luncheon for the Rotary Club of Knox's visit to the Yarra Valley.

Two informative Vocational visits were organised, one to the Garden City Plastics in Monbulk and the other to the Trafalgar Abattoir which is nearing completion after a rebuild. We thank Heinz Budweg for our Vocational activities.

In the unexciting but necessary area of governance, we adopted a new Constitution and By Laws, and we became a Registered Fund Raising organisation, and will have to meet certain reporting requirements, as well as renewing this registration every three years.

Membership, the most critical area for our future, was the one area of disappointment. We gained a new and enthusiastic member in Tony Knox, but lost five members, We have several good prospects but all members need to work harder in this area which is critical to the club's long term future.

I would like to thank all Board members for their support – the Committee Chairs whose work has already been acknowledged, our Treasurer Russell Hayes who also plays a leading role in Wheelchairs for Kids throughout the District, and Secretary Graham Edward who managed to continue on despite Carmel's illness. Thanks are also due to Sergeant Clive McPherson for creatively leading one of the highlights of our weekly gatherings. Others with weekly responsibilities include Peter Manders (Bulletin), John Hassan (Bar), and Cliff Riseborough (Attendance) and I thank them for their work.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the support we receive from the members of Inner Wheel at events that included the Trivia night, Australia Day breakfast, and Anzac Day morning tea.

Past President David Gamble positioned the Club well for this past year, and I am confident that incoming President Ray Barrett will lead us to a very successful 2015-2016.

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