



THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL CENTRAL

DISTRICT 9810 VICTORIA AUSTRALIA

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Annual Report

2005 2006



Theme:

SERVICE Above Self

President

Michael Kirk

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 (Chartered, April 4th 1990)

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Annual Report 2005 - 2006
President's Report, Michael Kirk
Theme – Service Above Self

The choice of theme by RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar for this Rotary year was an apt one. Rotarians everywhere were challenged to embrace this longstanding Rotary motto and I am happy to say that members of our wonderful club did just that. The net result is that we achieved a great deal, and in so doing have helped many people far worse off than ourselves to have better lives, or indeed in some instances, simply survive.

The year was notable for a number of events which saw Club members address all four avenues of service – Club, Community, Vocational and International Service.

Within Club Service we had the incredible opportunity to work together (along with our partners and the good folk from Karinya) in a unique way as cleaners at the Commonwealth Games Village (in 1600 volunteer hours, we worked 204 shifts, made 3335 beds, and cleaned 715 bathrooms!). A net consequence was that we experienced a unique blend of teamwork and fellowship over the month of March.

On the Community Service front, the Men's Shed project has become a reality. After some extensive negotiation we have formed important partnerships with the Whitehorse Community Health Centre (who are now the formal auspice of the Men's Shed), Whitehorse Council and SCOPE. We look forward to the opening of this important community asset in July. We again supported Eastern Emergency Relief through the organisation of the Police Band Concert in February and in our regular Saturday furniture pick up duties.

The Club's Vocational Service Committee was challenged by our District Governor Philip Hedley to promote literacy projects and subsequently our Club was able to obtain a District Simplified Grant to purchase teaching aids for the Blackburn English Language School. These will be used to help the adjustment of newly arrived migrants and refugee children to life in Victoria. Our New Generations team once again held a highly successful three day RYPEN camp at Mt. Evelyn for some 87 young women and men, a challenge they succeeded in most admirably. We were fortunate to have an outstanding Group Study Exchange candidate in Charlotte Lennie and she became a member of the District 9810 team that went to Northern France in November/December 2005.

It was on the International Service aspect that the Club gained perhaps its most significant outcomes. In August 2005 the Club launched Operation Cleft, the brainchild of a new and extremely enthusiastic member – Colin Macfarlane. This program began with an initial trial of the project by raising funds to treat sixty children with cleft palates in Bangladesh. This trial was so successful that we determined to proceed with full scale expansion of the project and by the close of this Rotary year in excess of 500 children (and some adults) had been treated in Bangladesh, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka. Children in India will soon be added to the program. The project has been outstandingly successful and the Club extends its appreciation of the work done by Colin and Operation Cleft chair Lindsay Mackay in promoting this extraordinary project. International Service did not end there, sadly two major disasters – the Pakistan earthquake and the Indonesian earthquake has seen the Club purchase two Shelter Boxes to aid survivors. We also participated in a District organised matching grant to provide clean water to schools in Indonesia, as well as provide aid to two projects in Oecussi in East Timor. Another initiative – the establishment of a Monash University Medical School travelling scholarship will commence in 2006/07.

A full listing of all club projects and the financial support given is provided at the conclusion of this report. However, it is worth noting that the Club contributed an outstanding \$55,786.50 in direct expenditure, \$15,150.00 in notional inputs, plus a further \$56,860 came in external donations to support Operation Cleft (notably \$44,450 from other Rotary Clubs) thus the overall value of Club projects was \$127,796.50. This figure excludes the value of work done in collecting furniture for Eastern Emergency Relief on Saturday mornings! The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central has certainly made a difference in 2005/06!

The Club has a great deal to be proud of in its achievements, but it would not have been able to do so without the significant efforts of many club members, and I commend the work done by members of the Board in this Rotary year. To do a lot demands much effort in organisation, communication and personal effort and to Bruce McEwen, Brian McPhail, Libby Rice, Lesley Bell, Lindsay Mackay, Malcolm Chiverton, Ian Port, Ken Clark, Tony Stokes and Greg Cooper I extend my grateful thanks. The work of Garry Randall as sergeant and Ralston Wood as his deputy has also been much appreciated (also Garry's work in organizing the Police Band Concert and wine sales).

To this list of significant contributors, I must add the redoubtable Ken Rice for his willingness to assist in so many activities especially for his leadership in organising our Commonwealth Games Village Cleaning Project, for which he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship with Sapphire. Another person who has given a great deal to the Club was Geoff Limmer through his editorship of the weekly bulletin. This important document keeps us all informed as to our activities and matters considered by the Board and is highly important to the well being of the Club.

It was a matter of significant regret that we were advised by Libby Rice in late April that she would not be able to proceed to take up the presidency of the club in July. Libby has made a great contribution to all facets of the club's activities and we wish her a speedy recovery to full health. President Nominee, Brian Martin gallantly accepted the challenge to assume the office, and Tony Stokes was subsequently elected as the Club's President Nominee for presidency in 2007/08.

There were substantial changes in membership of the Club during the year. We welcomed : Daryl Ellis, Lin Martin, Ian Milton, Alan Fry, Jim Killeen, Mei Yu Tsai, and Steve Bell. Unfortunately we lost some members, all of whom had given the club significant service over the years, These were: Richard Anderson, Dorothy Jackson, John Lambert and Neil McMillan. We express our appreciation to them for all their efforts during their membership of the Club. Sadly, we also record the death of our long time member and friend Ross Humphries.

The membership year was also marked by a very high level of leave of absences, a feature which reflects the many other challenges imposed on members (mainly through work demands or ill health), we hope that 2006/07 will be an easier time for Team Box Hill Central in this regard. In late May 2006 Lesley Bell once again organised an excellent Information Breakfast at the Box Hill Institute which it is hoped will result in the introduction of more new members.

The final act for the Rotary year has been the introduction of the new Rules & Constitution and By Laws. These new documents will bring us into line with the guidelines established by Rotary International and also meet the requirements of the Victorian Incorporations Act.

On Saturday 1st July 2006 at the District Changeover the then District Governor presented the District 9810 Community Service Award to the Club for it's Men's Shed project. This was followed up with the District 9810 Award for Excellent Service recognising the work done by Club members for the Operation Cleft, RYPEN and Men's Shed projects. In addition, Ken

Rice was recognised by the District for his outstanding work in the preparation of the District Directories and District Bulletin with the award of a Paul Harris medallion with two sapphires.

In conclusion, I would like to say that it has been a privilege to be President of this wonderful Club during the past year. It has been a unique opportunity to gain a real insight into the workings of the amazing organisation known as Rotary International and to get to know you all just that little bit better. Thank you all for your support and friendship.

Michael Kirk
President,
2005 – 2006

Club Project Funding, 2005 2006 Year

Items	Rotary	Community	Vocational	International	Total
Direct Expenditure	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rotary Foundation	5,092.00				
Group Study Exchange	300.00				
ARHRF	440.00				
Whitehorse Rotoract	168.00				
Ambassadorial Fellow	520.00				
Eastern Emergency Relief		6,037.00			
Men's Shed		204.00			
Gawa Community (Elcho Island NT)		2,000.00			
Relay for Life		3,214.00			
SCOPE - Young Ambassadors Program		500.00			
Louise Multi Cultural Centre		500.00			
Wesley Youth Services - Box Hill		500.00			
Seeing Eye Dogs Australia		250.00			
Whitehorse Schools ANZAC Day Service		804.00			
Student Exchange			447.00		
Roberts McCubbin School			150.00		
RYLA			500.00		
Box Hill Institute Scholarships			1,400.00		
Blackburn English Language School (1)			958.50		
Our Lady of Sion College			500.00		
Operation Cleft - Club				11,015.00	

Operation Cleft - Club Admin Provision (2)				12,500.00	
Interplast				500.00	
ROMAC				1,000.00	
RC Surabayit Rungkit, Indonesia (1)				530.00	
PLAN International				607.00	
Whitehorse Friends of Oecussi, Timor				2,300.00	
Shelter Boxes Pakistan/Indonesia				2,400.00	
School Rebuilding Sri Lanka (Tsunami)				250.00	
Wheelchairs for Kids				200.00	
Sub Total - Direct Expenditure	6,520.00	14,009.00	3,955.50	31,302.00	55,786.50
Notional Inputs					
RYPEN (3)			13,050.00		
House for Homeless Youth (4)		2,100.00			
Sub Total- Notional Expense		2,100.00	13,050.00		15,150.00
Donations - Operation Cleft					
Other Rotary Clubs				44,450.00	
Other Sources				12,410.00	
Sub Total - External Operation Cleft				56,860.00	56,860.00
TOTAL	6,520.00	16,109.00	17,005.50	88,162.00	127,796.50

NOTES :

- (1) This expenditure is matched by Rotary Foundation Grants
- (2) Funds set aside to cover Administrative Expenses of Operation Cleft
- (3) Notional Cost - 87 students x \$150
- (4) 7 days labour saving to Box Hill Institute (est \$300 per day)
- (5) It has not been possible to assign a value to Eastern Emergency Relief pick ups

Community Service Report, 2005 - 2006

Director, Malcolm Chiverton

The Club through the Community Service Committee was involved with the following projects: - TARALYE, EASTERN EMERGENCY RELIEF, MEN'S SHED, ANZAC SERVICE and SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY.

TARALYE

Members of the Club along with Rotaractors from The Rotaract Club of Whitehorse and Rotaract District 9810 organised and acted as marshals for the Taralye Community Open Day Fun Walk/Run event along Creeklands Reserve and Black's Walk.

EASTERN EMERGENCY RELIEF

Many members once again (with occasional help from Rotaract) picked up household goods and furniture to assist the Eastern Emergency Relief Network to dispense the items to the many charities operating in the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

MEN'S SHED

After the tabling of the initial report in November 2003 by Rotarians Julia Thornton and Malcolm Chiverton and the many hours of work by Brian Martin (who took up the fight), we look forward to the launch of the Men's Shed Project on 1st August 2006. For almost two years the initiative stalled due to the lack of funding, however Brian's dogged perseverance together with the help of Jim Killeen, Don Sweeney and Daryl Ellis (along with the Community Committee), The Whitehorse Men's Shed was established under a Partnership Agreement to establish roles and responsibilities of the four partners, i.e.: Whitehorse Community Health Service Inc. (Jim Killeen -CEO); City of Whitehorse (Helen Killmier-Manager/Community Development); Scope (Vici Funnell-CEO); Box Hill Central Rotary Club (Malcolm Chiverton-Community Service Director). The Whitehorse Men's Shed will operate under a Steering Committee made up of the four partners.

ANZAC SERVICE

For a second occasion, the Club organised a Whitehorse Schools ANZAC Service with nine schools in the Whitehorse area. The event was again celebrated at the War Memorial in the centre plantation at the intersection of Whitehorse Road and Station Street Box Hill. Major Partners again were the Box Hill RSL Sub Branch and The City of Whitehorse. Invited guests included representatives from government (Federal, State and Local), The RSL, officers of Rotary in District 9810, students, teachers and Club members. The event was again a success even though student numbers were down due to the closeness of Easter and the early school holidays because of the Commonwealth Games.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Board has agreed to Sponsor Our Lady of Sion in their entry to the RACV Energy Challenge. The Challenge was established in 1993 to provide an opportunity for school students to demonstrate a practical application of their studies in technology and energy efficiency through the construction and racing of a human powered vehicle (HPV). This year is the first year that Our Lady of Sion College will enter the event. The sponsorship of \$500.00 by the Club allows the school to purchase the HPV and essential maintenance equipment. In return the Club receives advertising space on the vehicle and the team shirts. The RACV Energy Challenge enjoys local and state-wide media coverage and the team is dedicated to providing maximum exposure for the vehicle and its sponsors.

Apart from the educational and practical benefits to the students, such a sponsorship will strengthen our ties with the School and improve the profile of the Club and Rotary in the local community.

Members who served on the Community Service Committee were: Brian Martin, Jim Killeen, Vici Funnell, Daryl Ellis, John Cybula and Malcolm Chiverton-Director. Thank you to all the Committee members who contributed in the different projects and special thanks to Dorothy Jackson and Tony Stokes (Taralye); Rob Collier (Eastern Emergency Relief); Don Sweeney, Kerry Barrett and Michael Kirk (Men's Shed); Ralston Wood and Lesley Bell (Anzac Service).

Malcolm Chiverton
Director

Family and Fellowship Annual Report 2005- 2006
Director, Ian Port

It has been my privilege to convene the Family & Fellowship Committee over the past year. It has been an exciting year with probably our early morning odysseys to the Commonwealth Games Village during March 2006 being the unexpected highlight – hardly an intended activity when our program for the year was being planned. The *Village People* - as we liked to call ourselves was an amazing exercise in club fellowship and fun with our club teams looking after the household needs (mostly cleaning and bed-making) of visiting teams from PNG, Tonga, Samoa and Malta. It was a wonderful experience, one that will never be repeated, and our deep appreciation is extended to Ken Rice for his extraordinary effort in making our club involvement possible. To top it all off we earned around \$20,000 for the club coffers. This can only be described as a magnificent outcome for the club.

Over the year we enjoyed lots of club fellowship including -

- A great Change-Over night when we welcomed Michael Kirk as our new club President.
- A most enjoyable fellowship lunch at the Blackburn hotel that followed the District Rotary Foundation seminar held at Nunawading.
- A fun-filled Saturday evening's entertainment at Dorothy Jackson's home where we played crazy whist and snooker –while some watched the TV screen where the Saints gave the Magpies a hiding (how pleasing!!).
- A night out at the Whitehorse Centre to enjoy the performance of *Tarantara Tarantara* by the Babirra Theatre group. Especially great for our Gilbert & Sullivan fans.
- A Christmas BBQ Party at the Baseball Clubrooms in Surrey Park was a great night's fun – we even had a visit from not one - but two Santa's. How privileged can you be!!.
- A thoroughly enjoyable night's entertainment in the Fitzroy Gardens with the very best of Dixieland jazz performed by the popular Society Syncopators.
- A well organised and well attended District Conference in Adelaide where *Operation Cleft* was a major feature.
- A day out at the highly recommended *LAZZARS* winery at Balnarring where we enjoyed a delightful Ploughman's Platter lunch with dessert and coffee afterwards as guests of our former club member Denise Kempster and Ron at their new Somers home.

It was a year thoroughly enjoyed by club members and we thank President Michael for his support and encouragement.

Ian Port
Director

Fund Raising Committee Annual Report, 2005 - 2006
Director, Ken Clark

The Fund Raising Committee organized a number of successful fund raising activities throughout the year. However, the most successful activity emerged during the year, when the opportunity arose to provide a team of people each day to clean houses in the Commonwealth Games Village, during the Commonwealth Games.

A big thank you to PP Ken Rice who accepted the substantial role of co-ordinating the Commonwealth Games Village project. Thanks also to members, partners and family members who volunteered to work at the Games Village. We were also assisted by a group from Karinya Counselling, who worked with club members as part of the team. The net result of our efforts was that the club netted \$17,149 and Karinya received \$4,700.

Once again, we combined with Eastern Emergency Relief Network and held a sell-out combined Police Bands Concert at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading. Our share of the proceeds amounted to \$4,030. Thanks are due to Garry Randall for organizing the concert, to the City of Whitehorse for providing the excellent Whitehorse Centre free of charge, and to members who sold tickets and helped with the raffle on the night.

We also ran two very successful sausage sizzles at Bunnings Warehouse in Nunawading, raising \$583 on a Friday, and \$1,545 on a Saturday. Thanks to members who assisted at these fund raisers, and also to Bunnings for giving us, and many other community organizations, the chance to raise funds in this way.

Garry Randall organized wine sales pre Christmas, which raised \$1,956 net. Thanks for your hard work Garry. It was decided to hold wine sales only once each year, to reduce the financial pressure on members.

As a result of these and other events, net amounts raised this year comprised:-

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – November 2005	\$583
Sausage Sizzle – Mega Mile Event	-\$32
Christmas Puddings & Whisky Cakes	\$666
Wine Sales	\$1,956
Police Bands Concert	\$4,030
Commonwealth Games Village Cleaning	\$17,149
Footy Tipping Competition	\$231
Entertainment Book Sales	\$464
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – June 2006	\$1,545
Total	\$26,592

Thank you to everyone in the club for your support of our fund raising activities. Please continue to assist the incoming committee with this essential task, as it provides the funds for our club to support many worthy causes in our community and internationally.

Ken Clark
Director

International Committee Annual Report, 2005 - 2006
Director, Lindsay Mackay

The Club has continued to support a child through PLAN. Our current child is Marichu Donadillo from San Augustin, Samai West, Philippines who is 7 years old and in Grade 2. Marichu thanked the Club in a recent letter and advised that she “loves to sing to read any kind of books or pamphlets, and to dance.”

The Club has participated in a shared District 9810 Matching Grant Program with District 3480 in Indonesia. This involved providing five schools with access to clean water for consumption and sanitary toilet facilities. The project involves establishing deep-water wells and electronic pumping systems.

The Club has funded a Shelterbox for survivors of the Pakistan – Kashmir Earthquake in October 2005, and a Shelterbox for survivors of the Yogyakarta, Indonesia Earthquake in May 2006.

Support for Oecussi is one of the Club’s priorities, and this year two projects have been supported. In January 2006, the Club provided funding of US\$1000 to support a Womens Group in Oecussi, East Timor [Grupo Feto Nasila (Woman Group Nasila)]. Through the provision of this small scale financial assistance the group was able to plant bean seeds to run an additional feeding program for children (0-4years) during the dry season, which is referred to locally as Tepo Hamlaha (Hungry Season). In June 2006, the Club provided \$1000 towards the Whitehorse Friends of Oecussi solar lighting project, which will provide a light in several villages in Oecussi.

Towards the end of 2005, Colin Macfarlane inspired the Club to partner with the Glencoe Foundation in a pilot project to sponsor 60 operations on children with cleft lips or cleft palates at Lamb Hospital in northern Bangladesh. The required sponsorship of \$6,000 was rapidly obtained, and it was decided to develop the program further in 2006. Operation Cleft was born, and as they say “the rest is history”. A presentation on Operation Cleft was made at the District 9810 Conference in Adelaide, and promotion of the project gathered pace. Through the extraordinary commitment of Colin Macfarlane and his unceasing fundraising efforts, and the support of many others that he has inspired, 500 cleft operations in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Vietnam were completed by the end of May 2006. To mid-June 2006, in excess of \$70,000 in sponsorship has been raised for Operation Cleft. The Club and Glencoe Foundation meet all the administrative costs associated with Operation Cleft, so that 100% of funds from sponsors of operations are applied to operations. India has now been added to the list of countries in which operations will be conducted, and the target for 2006 has been set at 1000 operations. We are confident that the required sponsorship funds can be obtained, and the operations completed.

Through Operation Cleft and the other activities listed above, The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central has made a difference internationally.

Lindsay Mackay
Director

Club Membership Annual Report, 2005 - 2006

Director, Lesley Bell

The 2005 - 2006 Rotary year commenced with 38 x Club members; however, with the induction of Daryl Ellis, Lin Martin and Ian Milton at the Changeover Dinner on 6 July 2005, membership grew to 41 x Club members. In August 2005, a further more three more inductions were conducted, with Alan Fry, Jim Killeen and Mei Yu Tsai, bringing the total Club membership to 44 x Rotarians.

Resignations were later received from John Lambert / 6 x year Rotarian (August 2005), Richard Anderson / 14 x year Rotarian (October 2005), and Neil McMillan / Charter member and 15 x year Rotarian (December 2005), thus rendering the Club's membership back to 41 Rotarians.

In February 2006, Dorothy Jackson / 5 x year Rotarian resigned in order to relocate to her new permanent home at Inverloch, thus reducing the Club membership to 40 x members. Steve Bell (formerly a member of the Rotary Club of Warrigal for 7 x years) was inducted as RCBHC's newest member in mid June 2006, resulting in a total of 41 Club members ie. Net increase of 9.3%.

From the membership activity outlined during the 2005 – 2006 Rotary year, it is clearly obvious that membership retention and recruitment must become the responsibility of all Club members and not just those who have been designated to membership responsibilities. A healthy Club can expect resignations in any given year, especially with a Club like ours which attracts members who are active in a wide range of business and community activities.

A Rotary Interest Breakfast was conducted in late May 2006 at the Box Hill Institute, following a similarly successful membership recruitment activity held twelve months earlier. Working from a list of 24 x potential attendees, drawn from local government, business and community personnel, and previous guest speakers, the following outcomes are noted:

- 8 x guests + 12 x Rotarians attended the Rotary Interest Breakfast
- 4 x apologies received from interested guests
- 7 x invitees interested, but too busy to make a commitment to Rotary
- 5 x invitees not interested in pursuing further information about Rotary

It is anticipated that approximately three to five of these people will join Rotary over the first few months of the new Rotary year.

Lesley Bell
Director

New Generations Committee Annual Report 2005 - 2006

Director, Tony Stokes

The 2005-2006 Committee, led by Tony Stokes and comprising Kerry Barrett, Lesley Bell, Michelle Hart, Alan Fry and Jim Killeen, had a particularly busy year with many projects for young people undertaken, including:-

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN):

- The camp was again conducted by the club on behalf of District 9810 at the Oasis Youth Camp, Mt Evelyn, on 31 March – 2 April 2006.
- 97 students participated, including 87 Year 10 students and 10 Year 11 students as camp leaders (selected from the 2005 camp participants).
- 32 Rotary clubs sponsored the students who represented 41 schools in the District. There were 12 session presenters.
- Thanks to the Committee for their work in ensuring a successful event; Craig Hoath, Kerry Barrett, Ken Clark, Tony Stokes and Michelle Hart, who was camp leader. Also to the many club members who assisted over the weekend.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA):

Simone Tatas (former Youth Exchange participant) was sponsored by the club to attend the RYLA camp in December 2005. Lesley Bell was a member of the District organizing committee.

Interact:

Efforts to initiate an Interact Club at Box Hill High School have been slow and difficult, despite Lesley Bell's persistence. Information sessions were conducted at the School, and some meetings have been held, although poorly attended.

Summer Science Programs:

The club proposed a Yr 11 student from Box Hill High School to participate in District selection to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January 2007. District selection will be in July 2006. If successful, the club will contribute 50% of his participation costs (\$850).

Roberts McCubbin Primary School

The club donated \$150 to assist the school with the cost of sending 9 students to the Young Leaders Day in February 2006.

The Epilepsy Foundation

Club members assisted with the delivery of "Understanding Epilepsy" kits to local schools.

Tony Stokes
Director

Vocational Committee Annual Report 2005 - 2006

Director, Greg Cooper

The Vocational Committee has had a good year with a number of events which served to highlight this important avenue of Rotary.

A significant number of the guest speakers were from local businesses and organisation, notably, Centro, Skilled Engineering, Whitehorse Community Health Service Wesley Youth Services, the City of Whitehorse, our two local hospitals Epworth Eastern and Box Hill Hospital and Whitehorse Business Group to name but a few. We also paid a visit to the offices of SCOPE to hear an inspiring address concerning just one of it's initiatives – the Young Ambassadors Program.

Our 2005 Rotary exchange student to Brazil, Niama Wessely, spoke to the Club about her experiences in that country. It was gratifying to learn that her host club had involved her in work with the people living in poverty in Favela. She was obviously very moved by the wide range of her experiences. Niama also came with the Club to the District Conference in Adelaide.

We were also able to send a former exchange student, Simone Tatas, to the RYLA camp in December. In a talk to the Club in March Simone said that she benefited greatly from her involvement in the camp, and vigorously praised its work in the personal development of young adults.

The Club again supported students from the Roberts McCubbin Primary School to attend a leadership program in February. Students subsequently spoke to the Club about their experiences.

During the year we gave Encouragement Awards (2004/05 and 2005/06) to two students in the Centre for Computer Technology, Box Hill Institute of TAFE. A further award was given to a student in the Fashion Centre of the Institute. In addition to the work done by club members at the House for Homeless Youth project these scholarships serve to emphasise the continuation of our longstanding commitment to this major vocational education centre based here in Box Hill.

We have also supported Our Lady of Sion School through sponsorship of a car the students are developing in the RACV Energy Challenge to be held in November. We believe that this will encourage the students in their studies in a very practical “hands on” way.

Perhaps the most rewarding project was through the District Simplified Grants scheme whereby we were able to purchase texts in a variety of languages plus a digital camera, to assist the Blackburn English Language School in its work with recently arrived migrants and refugee children. The improvement of literacy is a major activity of Rotary internationally and we were very pleased to participate in the program.

Greg Cooper
Director

Club Service Annual Report, 2005 – 2006
Director, Libby Rice

2005-2006 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE STATISTICS						
As at:	Members	New members	Withdrawn members	Month End	Meetings	Attendance
01.07.05	38	Daryl Ellis				
		Lin Martin				
		Ian Milton		41	4	86.59%
01.08.05	41	Alan Fry	John Lambert			
		Jim Killeen				
		Mei Yu Tsai		43	5	89.86%
01.09.05	43			43	4	89.53%
01.10.05	43		Richard Anderson	42	4	88.10%
01.11.05	42			42	5	84.76%
01.12.05	42		Neil McMillan	41	3	80.49%
01.01.06	41			41	3	73.17%
01.02.06	41		Dorothy Jackson	40	4	90.63%
01.03.06	40			40	5	85.00%
01.04.06	40			40	4	83.75%
01.05.06	40	Steve Bell		41	5	75.98%
01.06.06	41					
30.06.06	41			41	4	79.88%
					AVERAGE	83.98%

Average attendance for the year was 83.98%, with 652 make-ups for the year – a whopping 168 in March!

Members with 100% attendance for the whole year are: Lesley Bell, Malcolm Chiverton, Michael Kirk, Brian Martin, Ken Rice and Tony Stokes.

Well done on a great year guys. Your individual and collective contributions have been enormous and it was great to see the Club receive so many accolades at the District Governor's Change-over night last Saturday.

Libby Rice
Director