

Rotary Club of Box Hill Central

Annual Report 2007- 2008



Whitehorse Farmers Market

President's Report

The 2007/08 Rotary theme was **"Rotary Shares"**. For the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central (RCBHC), this meant sharing our time, resources, expertise and care for others to make a difference in communities within Whitehorse, in the broader Australian community, and in communities overseas. It also meant sharing Rotary with others as club members undertook many projects throughout the year.

The **International Committee**, led by Lesley Bell, oversaw several significant projects in 2007/08, none more so than Operation Cleft, which this year, moved from being a partnership between the club and the Glencoe Foundation to become the Operation Cleft Australia Foundation Trust, largely due to the tireless and dedicated work of Brian Martin. The project is now operating solely in Bangladesh, where a mission in February 2008 was attended by Colin Macfarlane, Brian and Sue Martin, two Rotarians from Bendigo and the recently appointed Project Manager, Naanki Pasricha. Other highlights were the acceptance by the Honorable Alastair Nicholson of Patron, the funding of the 3,000th operation since program inception, and the raising of over \$560,000 in donations within this Rotary year! Congratulations to Colin Macfarlane, Brian Martin and the team for these outstanding achievements.

Other successes of the International Committee included the coffee plantation and water dam projects in Oecussi in partnership with the Whitehorse Friends of Oecussi and championed by Bernie Millane and the awarding of the second RCBHC Medical Traveling Bursary, through which Monash medical student Gausi Sivarajah spent three months in southern India undertaking various medical projects. The year was capped off when, in response to the disasters in Burma and China in April/May, the club purchased 2 ShelterBoxes to add to the Box purchased earlier in the year and 2 were purchased by individual club members. Congratulations and thank you to Lesley and her team on a great year.

The **Community Service Committee**, under the leadership of Ralston Wood, also had a busy year.

A number of highly successful events were conducted in partnership with RC's Forest Hill, Nunawading and Mitcham working with the RC Benalla, to assist farming families struggling under prolonged drought conditions in the Benalla area, and these will continue into the new Rotary year. My thanks to Ralston, Malcolm Chiverton and Geoff Limmer for their support for this project.

The Whitehorse Farmers Market continues to be a great success, generating in excess of \$5,000 per month for Rotary programs within the City of Whitehorse, and beneficiaries from RCBHC's share have been Eastern Emergency

Relief Network, Louise Multicultural Centre, Whitehorse Men's Shed and Roberts McCubbin Primary School. In February 2008, the Presidents of all the clubs and the City of Whitehorse signed an Agreement which guarantees, among other things, the right of the Rotary clubs to conduct the Market for the next 5 years with an option on a further 5 years. This Agreement was driven by Michael Kirk, and his work on the Agreement and in initiating and implementing the Market was recognized by the 6 Cluster clubs with a Sapphire for his PHF in February 2008. Congratulations Michael, and thoroughly deserved!

The EastLink Open Day on June 15th saw several club members and partners join with Rotarians from all over the District to provide food, drinks and assistance to an estimated 100,000 visitors. The total amount raised is still to be announced, and the beneficiaries will be the Rotary Foundation, ARHRF and ROMAC. Thank you to Ian Port

for coordinating this on behalf of the club.

The Schools ANZAC Day Service was again a great success at the new Box Hill Gardens venue, and thank you to Brian McPhail and his team for organizing this important event.

Michelle Hart and her **Vocational Service Committee** arranged many successful programs with local schools and the Box Hill Institute, including sponsoring two students from Our Lady of Sion to participate in MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly), supporting the attendance of several students from Roberts McCubbin Primary School at the Young Leaders Day, sponsoring a young adult to RYLA, and nominating students as possible attendees at the 2009 National Youth Science Forum. The highlight of the year was the presentation at the Box Hill Institute 2008 Centre for Media, Design and Arts Graduation Evening of the \$750 RCBHC Fashion Scholarship to mature age student, Natalia Pelaez.

Ken Rice again headed up the club's **Fundraising** programs which are crucial to enabling the club to support the many projects it does. This year saw three successful Bunnings BBQ's, the Grand Final Breakfast, this year featuring Andy Collins, the sale of Christmas cakes, plum puddings, shortbread and Christmas Cards, Footy Tipping, ably organized by Bruce McEwen, the PLAN collection box. The major event was the Whitehorse Charity Golf Day which generated over \$15,000 to be shared between NADRASCA, SCOPE, Karinya Counselling Centre and Blackburn English Language School. Congratulations to Ken, Vici Funnell and Matthew ETTY-Leal on another fantastic day of golf followed by the Gala Dinner. A successful wine sale funded the two ShelterBoxes purchased by the club in response to the Burma and China disasters. The annual Police Band Concert, which raised over \$6500 to support Eastern Emergency Relief and other club projects, was again ably organized by Keith Rooney and Garry Randall.

Despite considerable emphasis by Steve Bell, before his relocation to Canberra, and thereafter by Bruce McEwen and his **Membership Committee**, club membership further declined in 2007 – 2008. We started the year with 37 members, and gained only one new member, Alison Gregory, but unfortunately lost Steve Bell as well as John Cybula and Ian Milton. This was despite 22 letters of invitation being sent to Business and Community Leaders in Box Hill (followed up by phone calls) and some success with promoting Rotary in the area through the media. Clearly, this issue will require further dedicated attention in 2008 – 2009.

Owen Jenkin and his **Fellowship Committee** organized several successful fellowship events including a restaurant night, Christmas breakup at the Baseball Club and a day out on Puffing Billy. On-to-Conference Chair Ian Port and Judy coordinated a very successful attendance for 21 club members and partners at the District Conference in Albury on the March long weekend.

Another highlight of the year has been the great **Guest Speaker program** organized by Tony De Fazio. Standouts were many, including Jane Tongs who amazed us with her concise explanation of the Global Economic situation, and Det Senior Sergeant Ron Iddles who enthralled us with the true "Underbelly" story! There were also great speakers from within Rotary, including our own Murray Baird, Lesley Bell, Ian & Lyn Milton, Brian Martin and Colin Macfarlane, and some inspirational young people, Suhanya Ponniah (GSE participant), Gausihi Sivarajah and Nadia Foti (2007 BHI Fashion Award winner), the Roberts McCubbin students as well as the outstanding Christmas meeting held at NewHope Church and hosted by Senior Pastor Allan Demond.

And again, a big thank you to Geoff Limmer for his outstanding work on the weekly **Club Bulletin** and **Website**. Always up-to-date and always accurate, informative and interesting. And to our Sergeant Trevor Dalziel for his quick wit and entertaining sessions.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the Board members for their great support, advice and guidance throughout the year, and especially to Secretary Lindsay Mackay who kept the club and me in order, and to Treasurer Ken Clark (with assistance from Greg Cooper and Don Sweeney) who battled with the complexities of the RICAS Accounting system!

It has been an immense pleasure and privilege to be your President in 2007/08, and I have greatly benefited personally from working with the members of this great club, who continually demonstrate professionalism, commitment and a real desire to "make a difference". I would like to wish Greg Cooper and his team the very best for a successful year in 2008/09 that will see the club continue to grow and prosper.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS 2007 - 2008

DIRECTOR

: Ralston Wood

Committee: Maurice Benington, Malcolm Chiverton, Jim Killeen, Brian McPhail, Ian Milton.

Eastern Emergency Relief:

A well supported Roster system resulted in regular collection of household goods and furniture for distribution to the many needy families in the Eastern

Suburbs.

Once again we recognise the tremendous efforts of our Honorary Member Keith Rooney in ensuring the continued success of this operation.

Men's Shed

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This Community facility continues to grow under the leadership of Barry Phillips, with the

support of the City of Whitehorse and our own Don Sweeney.

ANZAC Service

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Our 4th. Whitehorse Schools Anzac Service was conducted at the new Memorial Venue in Nelson Road, Box Hill ably supported by the City of Whitehorse and the Box Hill R.S.L.(Sub - Branch.) Over 270 attendees comprising students, teachers, representatives of local government (including the Mayor), Federal and State Politicians, and Rotarians

(including D.G. Dick Garner) celebrated this important occasion.

The Anzac address was ably delivered by Ms. Geraldine Greenland, a local school teacher

who had escorted

a student group to Anzac Cove last year.

The after event hospitality courtesy of the R.S.L. was greatly appreciated and capped off a most memorable day. My special thanks to P.P. Brian McPhail for his great assistance in organising the 12 schools in attendance.

Whitehorse Farmers Market

A truly great success story of co-operation between the 6 Whitehorse Clubs creating a Fund of some \$60,000 for distribution to deserving organisations in the City of Whitehorse.

Grants of \$1000 were made by our Club to :-

- Roberts McCubbin Primary School
- Eastern Emergency Relief Network
- Louise Multi Cultural Centre
- The Mens Shed

Once again the Clubs roster system worked very well with special thanks to P.P. Michael Kirk and P.P. Malcolm Chiverton for their market committee and personal contributions.

Ambulance Emergency / Bowel Scan Kits:

250 Emergency and a supply of bowel kits were issued to local chemists for distribution.

Other Grants:

Additional grants were made to the Mens Shed, Eastern Emergency Relief Network, with a matching District grant obtained for the Louise Multi-Cultural Centre.

Other Activity:

Support for the Whitehorse Refugees Festival via a private donation.

Distribution of National Bilby Day flyers to local schools.

Drought Relief:

Again an example of co-operation with a committee formed from 4 participating

Whitehorse Clubs

in association with the R.C. of Benalla, to provide drought relief to the many needy families in the Benalla area.

Our Club Co-funded:

- The purchase of a large commercial food refrigerator.
- Organised and co-funded a "Footy Day" at the M.C.G. providing transport and meals to a bus load of excited farming families.
- Funded and delivered 50 "Pamper Packs" towards a ladies relaxation day held at Benalla.
- Organised and delivered 85 Christmas hampers donated by the 4 Clubs, for distribution to needy families via the local schools.
- Collection and hand over of some 450 donated knitted items for issue via the Benalla food bank.

My personal thanks to President Tony Stokes and P.P. Malcolm Chiverton for their unstinting support in this most rewarding project.

Further areas of support such as another footy day, winter food hampers, provision of items for a local Mens Shed and an Agricultural Scholarship are being considered.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS 2007 – 2008

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DIRECTOR: PP Lesley Bell

Committee: PP Andrew Forgas, Colin Macfarlane, PP Brian Martin, Bernie Millane & Don Sweeney

Operation Cleft Australia Foundation (Brian Martin & Colin Macfarlane)

In 2007-08 Operation Cleft moved from a partnership between the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central and the Glencoe Foundation, to become the Operation Cleft Australia Foundation Trust, an Ancillary Fund controlled by the Club that offers tax deductibility as a Designated Gift Recipient registered organisation.

The project has grown dramatically since inception and now provides a total care approach to cleft management in Bangladesh, incorporating surgical management and follow-up speech therapy. Operation Cleft has recently funded its 3000th operation and has been supported by over 300 Rotary Clubs from 21 out of the 23 Rotary Districts in Australia

Naanki Pasricha has been appointed Project Manager and has already developed the four year business plan, and will oversee the expansion of the project to include speech therapy.

I would like to acknowledge the Honorable Alastair Nicholson, Patron of Operation Cleft, for his enthusiastic support and active endorsement of the project, Murray Baird and Derek Mortimer from Moores Legal for guiding us through the complex DGR application process, and PDG Jenny Coburn for all her support and advice on how to develop Operation Cleft in the Rotary network.

I would also like to thank Operation Cleft volunteers including; Ken & Suzanne Clark, Diane Robertson, Raeleen Hoath, Ian and Lyn Milton, Ralston Wood and Ian Port, and Craig Hoath for his assistance with printing.

Thank you to Julie Stein, the project's administration manager (and to the Glencoe Foundation for funding her position). Thanks also to Tim Phan and Jackie Quan for their volunteer work in printing and audio visual services, to H  l  ne Canavan, author of *Lunchbox* for sharing the profits from the sale of her book with Operation Cleft, Cassandra Bench from the RC of Ferntree Gull, Operation Cleft Australia Foundation committee members, Bob Pitts, Lesley Bell and Don Sweeney for their efforts in assisting Operation Cleft to become an significant club-based international Rotary project, and of course Colin Macfarlane whose drive and enthusiasm has resulted in over 3,000 disadvantaged children having their lives changed forever.

Water Dam & Coffee Plantation Projects - Oecussi / East Timor (Bernie Millane)

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In partnership with a number of community support groups, including

Whitehorse Community Friends

of Oecussi, the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central has made a significant contribution towards the restoration of the settled and productive existence for the citizens of Oecussi Enclave in Timor-Leste (East Timor).

Coffee plantations located in Buquill Village in Suco Naimeco and Bijaepunu Village in Suco Costa have been innovative and very exciting projects. With the help of members and other committed supporters \$3,370AUS had been raised to support the purchase, sowing and survival of 2000 coffee plants, including \$1,600 from Rotary Club of Box Hill Central. The recently formed Solenusat Community Foundation group and its member villagers are confident beans will be available later in 2008, for both local consumption, and for sale in Timor-Leste and to us !!

As a follow on to the coffee plantations project, a request for funds was received in late 2007 for the construction of two small water dams, to be located adjacent to the coffee plantation sites, at a total cost of \$3,000AUS. Donations from our Club and a number of other local Rotary Clubs, and many supporters of Oecussi Enclave were sought and received. This resulted in \$3,000AUS being sent to the Solenusat Community Foundation in Oecussi. Two suitable sites were identified and prepared; with villagers to provide the manual labour and construction. Heavy monsoon rains caused a number of construction problems; however, the manual construction of the two water-retaining walls is progressing. The sites will be visited late June 2008 by Rotarian Bernie Millane.

Papua New Guinea - Koko Village Clean Water Project (Don Sweeney):

This international project builds on the relationship between the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central and the Rotary Club of Goroka in Papua New Guinea. The relationship came about through RCBHC hosting an Ambassadorial Scholar, Lawrence Gerry, from the Rotary Club of Goroka in 2007. The Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills (MASH) also assisted by partially funding the project.

The aim of the project was to install a rainwater catchment system from the roofs of buildings in the village. The existing houses and buildings have metal roofing so only fascia boards, guttering, tanks and pipes will need to be installed. Alternative water sources are located 400-500 metres below the village, but it is not economical to pipe and pump water from those sources. The provision of clean water for drinking and cooking has directly benefited 102 villagers, as well as school children during the day. In addition, the village is set up for the AIDS VCT (voluntary, counselling and testing), with a treatment centre planned to benefit 15,000 people from surrounding mountain villages who are unable to travel to Goroka. The budget of approximately 48,000 Kina / US\$16,532 donated by RC Box Hill Central (US \$4,675), RC MASH (US \$935), RC Goroka (US \$120), Rotary Foundation (US \$ 7,062) and D9810 (US \$4,675), covered the purchase of 8 water storage tanks, all pipe work, plumbing hardware and transport costs. There were no labour costs, as construction was carried out with the support of the youth and men from the Koko station and village.

The project was completed in May 2008. A major problem was vehicle access as the heavy rainfall made the roads impassable for weeks at a time. Special thanks to RC Goroka for selecting this worthy project knowing the difficulties involved.

Rotary Club of Box Hill Central Medical Travelling Bursary (Lesley Bell)

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With assistance from the Monash University Faculty of Medicine, Gausihi Sivarajah was selected as the 2007 recipient of the annual Rotary Club of Box Hill Central Medical Travelling Bursary. Gausihi used her \$2,000 award to travel to southern India, where she joined many other international undergraduate medical students or a six-week experience, equally divided between the Christian Medical College in Vellore, a rural city near Chennai (formerly Madras) in the Cardiothoracic Department, before moving to a leprosy clinic connected with a Community Health Clinic for the remaining three weeks of her international experience. We will follow Gausihi's medical career with great interest!

PLAN International (Andrew Forgas)

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Activities include continuous liaison between Plan (Australia) and Rotary Club of Box Hill Central, for regular summaries of Plan's projects specific to our sponsored child in the Philippines, seven year old Marichu Donadillo, including writing letters to her and reproducing her letters to our Club, in addition to reporting on Plan's annual results and achievements in an abbreviated form. The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central donated \$468 this year in support of Marichu.

Also facilitation of a meeting a meeting between our Club's Bernie Millane (also Chair of the Whitehorse Friends of Oecussi group) and Plan's National Executive Director, for the purpose of setting up a meeting with Plan's Country Director during Bernie's planned visit to Timor- Leste in June 2008. Such a liaison would assist our Club's endeavours in Oecussi and with other NGO's in Timor-Leste, to continue improving the lives of people there.

Contributions to Rotary programs:

Shelter Box Australia (\$3,600), Interplast (\$500) and ROMAC (\$500), Rotarians Against Malaria (\$100), Draw A Child's Smile (\$100) & Wheel Chairs for Kids (\$750).

VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS 2007-2008

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DIRECTOR – Michelle Hart

Committee – Craig Hoath, Kerry Barrett, Peter Enlund, John Maddock, Lin Martin

The Vocational Committee have supported many programs this year especially for the education of young adults.

MUNA Model United Nations Assembly - Our Lady of Sion College. The purpose of MUNA is to encourage young people to learn about other nations and to understand and appreciate the workings of the United Nations while they develop debating skills and gain self confidence in public speaking. The club sponsored two students from Our Lady of Sion College to attend MUNA on 3 – 4 May 2008.

Leadership Day for year 6 students - Robert McCubbins Primary School. This is a leadership day held with many other schools in Victoria. Inspirational Speakers motivate these young people to strive to achieve their best. The club assisted with the cost of sending student leaders from Roberts McCubbin to this event in February 2008.

RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Award. Is an intensive training program for community youth leaders. Young people from 18 to 26 are chosen for their leadership potential to attend an all-expenses-paid seminar, camp, or workshop to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice, and the club was pleased to support the application and participation of a young adult at RYLA on 6 – 11 July 2008.

RYPEN Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

Several schools were approached to nominate students for this excellent program, and it was disappointing for the club, which has a strong association with the program, that no schools took up the offer this year.

NYSF National Youth Science Forum - Our Lady of Sion College The program's objective is to introduce the scientists of the future to Australia's most distinguished scientists of the present and provide opportunities for participation in open and group discussions and forum sessions. Two students from Our Lady of Sion College have been nominated by the club for the District interviews on 26th July to attend the Forum in January 2009.

RCBHC Fashion Scholarship - Box Hill Institute

To encourage and assist an outstanding student in their area of study, nominated by their teachers. In a highlight for the year, Tony Stokes and Michelle Hart attended the Box Hill Institute 2008 Centre for Media, Design and Arts Graduation Evening on Wednesday 7th May at the Beson Centre to present mature age student, Natalia Palaez with her \$750 award.

Citizenship Award

The award recognizes an outstanding young citizen in the community, and this year was supported by the club with a Citizen watch presented to a student from Our Lady of Sion College.

Fundraising Programs 2007 - 2008 (excluding Operation Cleft)

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DIRECTOR: Ken Rice

Committee: Murray Baird, Rob Collier, Michael Kirk, Gary Randall, Vici Funnell

This was another year comprising a diverse range of fundraising projects and events.

Three **Bunnings Sausage Sizzles**, in July, August and January, made a combined profit of about \$3,700. These events have been hugely successful from a fundrasing and fellowship point of view and we have much to thank Michael Kirk for organising them.

At what has now become the traditional **Grand Final Week Footy Breakfast** on 26th September, members enjoyed a presentation by Andy Collins and \$400 was raised.

In November \$1,560 was raised in **Wine Sales**. The Club Board had previously decided that the proceeds from this 'amongst members only' wine sale project would be used top up Club Admin funds and thus alleviate possible pressure to raise members' annual subscription or the weekly meeting fee.

The usual Christmas fare – **Whisky Cakes, Plum Puddings, Shortbread and Christmas Cards** – wasn't what could be described as a rip-roaring financial success, although Kerry Barrett did an excellent job selling the no-profit-in-the-selling-price Christmas Cards. Ken is still trying to sell the balance of the edible Christmas fare resulting from the huge volume of returns from Box Hill Hospital!

The monthly **Whitehorse Farmers Market** continues to reap huge rewards for the Whitehorse Cluster Clubs. Our club's annual proceeds are expected to be somewhere in the region of \$9,000, some of which has already been distributed to causes situated in the City of Whitehorse. Michael continues to be the driver of this hugely successful combined clubs' project, and he was appropriately rewarded by the Cluster Clubs with Paul Harris Sapphire recognition during the year. He has been ably assisted by Malcolm Chiverton, and of course the four Club Members who are rostered on each month.

Garry Randall and Rob Collier once again organised the very successful annual **Police Band Concert** in February. \$6,500 was raised, half of which was presented to the Eastern Emergency Relief Network through our tireless

honorary member Keith Rooney.

Malcolm Chiverton used his well practised real estate selling techniques and as a result most members bought an **Entertainment Book!** Thank you Malcolm for another great perennial effort!

Bruce McEwen once again organised **Footy Tipping** online this year. 23 tipsters were involved and as a result about \$290 will be going to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. Well done Bruce.

Almost \$500 was raised through weekly donations into the **PLAN** box. Thank you one and all!

For the second year running we organised the annual **Whitehorse Charity Golf Day**. It was held on Monday 21st April at the Box Hill Golf Club and by all accounts was again a very successful day long event. Not only because it was held on a beautiful day weather-wise but also by the contribution from a large number of Club Members and the organisational input by Ken Rice, Vici Funnell and Matthew Ety-Leal ex-Scope. The resulting profit of just over \$15,000 was distributed to Nadrasca Inc, Scope, Karinya Counselling Centre and Blackburn English Language School. A very special thank you must go to Club Members who entered teams and/or played on the day. Their contribution was the singular reason that made this year's event the hugely successful fundraiser that it proved to be.

Following news in May of the terrible cyclonic and tsunamic damage caused in the Irrawaddy Delta in Burma the Board approved the purchase of a ShelterBox costing \$1,200 in addition to the one already approved and purchased earlier in the Rotary year. Ken Rice came up with the idea of **selling 50 dozen (600) bottles of wine** to Club members and families and friends to raise sufficient funds, not only to cover the purchase of one ShelterBox already approved, but another one. To raise the \$2,400 required, the average markup per bottle had to be \$4 yet the wine had to be good quality and no more pricey than similar wine purchased in the local wine store. Get Wines Direct, an online wine merchant based in Brisbane but with only one retail outlet - in Richmond, Victoria - very kindly supplied the wine at absolute rock-bottom prices and all bottles were sold within two weeks. A further spin-off was that two members responded by donating one additional ShelterBox each, so five ShelterBoxes were donated in a year of horrendous natural disasters not only in Burma but shortly afterwards in China.

Very satisfactory overall and many thanks to the committee members and each and every Club Member – all of whom contributed one way or another.

MEMBERSHIP & PR 2007 - 2008

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DIRECTORS – Steve Bell / Bruce McEwen

Committee – Trevor Dalziel, Tony Stokes

Date	Total members	New members	Lost members	Attendance Average %
As of 1/7/07	37			81.53% (Previous year)
As of 30/6/08	35	Alison Gregory (30/1/08)	Steve Bell (31/12/08) John Cybula (12/5/08) Ian Milton (30/6/08)	79.83% (Current Year)

The Club was delighted when President Tony welcomed and inducted Alison Gregory into membership at our meeting on Wednesday, January 30th, 2008. Alison quickly became involved in a wide range of Club service and other activities.

It was disappointing to lose Steve Bell (work transfer to Canberra), John Cybula (change of residential address to Dandenong) and Ian Milton (transfer to Rotary Club of Phillip Island), all three have made significant contributions to the life and spirit of our club; we wish them every success in their new endeavours.

100% Member Attendance Record

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Congratulations to members Brian Martin, Malcolm Chiverton, Ken Rice and Ralston Wood for achieving 100% meeting attendance over the year and for their many other significant contributions to the life and well being of the Club.

Membership Initiatives

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Growth and retention continued to be a strong focus over the year, with several meetings devoted to membership issues. Steve Bell and his committee developed some excellent initiatives including a 30 question member survey, which received a high level of participation from Club members. Questions included "Would Associate Membership of our Club be acceptable?" to a question on "What is your best Rotary memory?", the results of the survey were

fed back to the Club and were found to be very enlightening and helpful in setting further plans for the year.

Steve Bell was posted to Canberra with his work in December and handed the Committee leadership over to Bruce McEwen. At the meeting on January 30th, Bruce addressed the Club on the subject of "Growing Club Membership" and challenged members to see that the most effective way to increase club numbers is by individual members inviting friends and colleagues to join the club. The positive outcome following this meeting was a list received from members of 23 key prospects, a letter of invitation was prepared by President Tony and distributed, encouraging these friends, colleagues and prominent prospects to attend a normal meeting and experience first hand the value and excitement of being involved in Rotary. The outcomes from the exercise were so far disappointing, one young lady attended one meeting and a young businessman several meetings but neither continued to attend. Further follow up of this list of prospects and this initiative will be encouraged in the new Rotary year.

Several Board members completed the "Club Health Check" – outcomes and recommendations are awaited from District and will be considered by the 2008 - 2009 Board.

FELLOWSHIP

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DIRECTOR – Owen Jenkin

Committee – John Cybula, Sam Pho, Ian Port

The Christmas function was held at Box Hill Baseball Club on 24th November where many members enjoyed dinner together, carol singing and gifts from a pretty authentic looking Santa.

A film night at Balwyn Theatre was enjoyed by a good turn-out of members and partners on 26th February when we watched, 'The Bucket List'.

Some members and guests enjoyed a trip on 'Puffing Billy' and lunch together on 26th April at Emerald Lake.

On-to-Conference Chair, Ian Port, and Judy arranged a very successful attendance for 21 club members and partners at the District Conference in Albury on the March long weekend. A great time was had by all, especially at the "Camelot" themed dinner, where some amazing costumes were to be seen, but some not to be believed!

FINANCIALS 2007 - 2008

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TREASURER – Ken Clark

DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIPS

4/07/2007	Rotarians Against Malaria	\$100.00
1/08/2007	Victorian Council of Churches Refugees Seminar	\$500.00
25/09/2007	ARHRF	\$319.00
31/10/2007	Plan International (Sponsor Child)	\$468.00
31/10/2007	Interplast	\$500.00
14/11/2007	Draw A Child's Smile Project	\$100.00
5/12/2007	Monash Medical Student Travelling Bursary	\$2,000.00
12/12/2007	Shelterbox	\$1,200.00
16/01/2008	Louise Multicultural Centre	\$750.00
29/02/2008	ROMAC	\$500.00
17/03/2008	Louise Multicultural Centre	\$665.00
19/03/2008	MUNA (Sponsor 2 students)	\$420.00
9/04/2008	Roberts McCubbin PS (Sponsor 2 students to Leadership Course)	\$200.00
14/04/2008	RC Ringwood (Donation towards shipping costs PNG Relief)	\$200.00
14/04/2008	Victorian Council of Churches Refugees Seminar	\$500.00
23/04/2008	RYLA Sponsorship	\$550.00
7/05/2008	Box Hill Institute (Student Scholarship)	\$750.00
12/05/2008	Shelterbox	\$1,200.00
28/05/2008	Shelterbox	\$1,200.00

4/06/2008	Rotary Foundation (Annual Giving)	\$2,880.00
18/06/2008	Wheelchairs For Kids	\$750.00
25/06/2008	Nadrasca (Profit share from Whitehorse Charity Golf Day)	\$6,016.00
25/06/2008	Scope (Profit share from Whitehorse Charity Golf Day)	\$3,008.00
25/06/2008	Karinya (Profit share from Whitehorse Charity Golf Day)	\$3,008.00
25/06/2008	Blackburn English LS (Profit share from Whitehorse Charity Golf Day)	\$3,008.00
30/06/2008	Operation Cleft Australia	\$3,790.00
		\$34,582.00

ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL CENTRAL INC

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - FUND RAISING ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2008

INCOME

ANZAC Day Schools Ceremony - Box Hill RSL	\$1,600.00	
Charity Golf Day	\$25,443.00	
ARHRF Christmas Card		
Sales	\$400.00	
Christmas Cakes, Puddings & Mince		
Pies	\$3,478.00	
District Simplified Grant	\$665.00	
Donations	\$1,200.00	
Entertainment		
Books	\$3,840.00	
Footy Tipping	\$528.00	
Lunchbox Book Sales	\$4,100.00	
Operation Cleft Dinner	\$4,216.00	
Plan Collection	\$610.00	
Police Bands Concert	\$7,387.99	
Project Contributions from other Rotary Clubs	\$1,900.00	Note (1)
Sausage Sizzles	\$3,732.25	
Sergeants Fines	\$1,102.35	
Shelterbox Wine Sales	\$5,914.75	
Other	\$901.00	
Bank Interest (Maxi Account)	\$845.89	

TOTAL FUND RAISING INCOME

\$67,864.23

EXPENDITURE

ANZAC Day Schools Ceremony	\$1,600.00	Note (2)
ARHRF Christmas Card Purchases	\$400.00	
Benalla Drought Relief Project	\$2,851.84	
Bowelscan Advertising	\$480.85	
Charity Golf Day	\$10,331.55	
Christmas Cakes, Puddings, & Mince Pie Purchases	\$2,864.54	
Donations and Sponsorships	\$34,582.00	Note (3)
Eastern Emergency Relief Network	\$4,048.00	
Entertainment		
Books	\$3,617.00	
Footy Tipping		
Prizes	\$319.00	
GSE Team Hosting		
Expenses	\$185.90	

Legal Expenses - Formation of Operation Cleft Foundation	\$770.00
Lunchbox Book Purchases	\$2,050.00
Oecussi Water Dams Project	\$1,600.00
Operation Cleft Dinner	\$2,856.00
Police Bands Concert	\$892.00
Shelterbox Wine Purchases	\$3,135.00
Other	\$1,488.29
TOTAL FUND RAISING EXPENDITURE	<u>\$74,071.97</u>
FUND RAISING - SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	<u><u>-\$6,207.74</u></u>

NOTES:

(1) Rotary Clubs of MASH, Forest Hill and Mitcham contributed funds towards the Occussi Water

Dams project and PNG Water project

(2) Box Hill RSL reimbursed our expenditure on this project.

(3) See attached page for details of these items.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL CENTRAL INC**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2008****INCOME**

Breakfast	\$18,008.50	
Membership Fees	\$9,460.00	
Wine Sales (Members)	\$4,603.00	
Club Changeover	\$2,135.00	Note (1)
Polo Shirts	\$315.00	
Bank Interest (Working Account)	\$58.12	
Reimbursements from Members	\$1,064.00	
Contra Entries	\$762.25	Note (2)
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION INCOME	<u>\$36,405.87</u>	

EXPENDITURE

Bank Fees	\$875.57	
Breakfast	\$18,628.06	Note (3)
Club Changeover	\$3,340.19	
Dist 9810 Dues & Insurance Levy	\$3,936.00	
Member Badges	\$178.43	
Legal Expenses	\$396.10	
Payments To Be Reimbursed by Members	\$960.00	
PO Box Rental	\$181.00	
Polo Shirts	\$487.19	
President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)	\$65.00	
President's Allowance	\$1,500.00	Note (4)
RI Dues	\$2,205.54	
Rotary Downunder		
Subs	\$1,477.50	
Sundry Expenses	\$195.93	

Wine Purchases (Members)	\$2,880.00	
Contra Entries	\$762.25	Note (3)

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURE	<u>\$38,068.76</u>
ADMINISTRATION - SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	<u>-\$1,662.89</u>

NOTES

- Some income for the 2007 changeover was included in 2006-07 accounts, hence
- (1) expenditure in these accounts exceeds income.
 - (2) Contra entries relate to Operation Cleft donations where the cheque was payable to RCBHC.
 - (3) Includes \$675 donated to Operation Cleft in lieu of gifts for Guest Speakers. Covers 2006-07 and 2007-08, as payment was overlooked in
 - (4) 2006-07.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL CENTRAL INC**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2008**

Financial Statements
Hon.Treasurer: Ken Clark
Hon. Auditor: Dean Matchett

ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL CENTRAL INC**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 2008****ASSETS**

Cash At Bank - Westpac		
Maxi Account	\$ 14,291.45	
Operating Account	\$ 14,326.37	
	<u>\$ 28,617.82</u>	
Less Unpresented Cheques	\$ 19,780.00	
Net Cash At Bank		\$ 8,837.82
Sundry Debtors		\$ 2,552.55
Stock On Hand (at Cost)		\$ 274.00
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 11,664.37</u>
LIABILITIES		
Prepayments Held		\$ 822.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>\$ 822.00</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>\$ 10,842.37</u></u>

EQUITY

Retained Surpluses Carried Forward	\$	18,713.00
Current Surplus/(Deficiency)		-\$7,870.63
TOTAL EQUITY	\$	<u>10,842.37</u>