

Celebrating the Club's Golden Jubilee Year



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ROTARY SERVICE: All 117 guests enjoyed celebrating the Club's 50 years of service to the Ku-ring-gai community. Held at the Miramare Gardens the night was a reflection of what 50 years service to the community achieves. The night was full of fun, laughter and a pride in what the Club had done. The Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai also pledged to continue its service to the community in the next 50 years.

The Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai reports on a great year. May President Malcolm's be as rewarding!



CHRISTMAS CHEER: Members and partners celebrate Christmas 2008. From left to right Susan White, Eleanor Filewood, Sue Thompson, John Thompson, Tanya McHeyzer and Frank White.

Greg Newling reports on his presidency

2008-2009, our 50th Anniversary, saw an active, growing Club enjoying good fellowship and serving both local and international communities. The reports from our Standing Committee Chairs show how we have served those communities in the last 12 months.

This year as a Club we were privileged to meet Sally and Marten Wynd, the amazing people who run Eagles RAPS. They are very successfully helping to break the inter-generational cycle of poor education, low self-esteem, crime and unemployment among young people in Doonside. We have been able to help from our own resources and also by working with other clubs in our District and the Rotary Club of Blacktown. I look forward to an ongoing relationship with Eagles RAPS.



CROWDED CLASS-ROOMS: We have delivered 11 computers to Eagles RAPS, thanks to Tony McClelland's Timothy and Petra.

Sally and Marten have proved the doubters wrong and produced some very highly skilled and motivated young adults contributing positively to society.

We have inducted 10 new members and it is exciting to see them becoming involved as office bearers and active Rotarians. We were joint winners of the District Governor's Membership Growth Award for large Clubs. One of the most important aspects of our growth has been the number of members who have introduced new members to the Club. Tony started the growth with his stall at the Garden Festival during Paulus's year and continued it at other events, but introducing new members has now become something the Club just does! If we continue to do that we can be sure of a strong future.

Sadly, the end of this Rotary year sees the retirement of a number of long serving Rotarians, all of whom will be missed: Brian Jessep, Ian St Clair, Gerry Hoy, Allan Rowe and Len Jackson.

A number of members this year have suffered losses of loved ones and far too many have endured illness and are still doing so. The Club always tries to be supportive in these situations.

With the impetus for growth underway, our Membership Director Frank White, has been active in presenting Rotary information segments to a number of Club meetings. Frank and John Thompson have also implemented a stall at the Gordon Markets to promote Rotary in general and encourage membership enquiries. Reg Barlow has produced a leaflet to introduce Rotary and the Club to prospective members.

Our main fundraising effort, the Ku-ring-gai Garden Festival, was a great success in terms of attendance, stall

holder numbers and entertainment. It helped raise our profile and gave the local community an enjoyable weekend. The only area in which it disappointed was in profit making! However, it is a pleasure tonight to be able to present cheques for \$10,000 to both Eagles RAPS and ShelterBox.

Early in the year, catering for 600 young Dutch visitors at the World Youth Day helped us meet our contribution to the Polio Plus Challenge.



After that, feeding Ted Price's customers was a piece of cake as he celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his West Pymble Pharmacy. We had fun, helped Ted and his customers buy a ShelterBox and found some new members.

Malcolm Braid, as Director Administration, ensured that the Club ran as it should and organised a series of very successful "Dinners for 8" which were good fellowship events and gave members a chance to get to know some others better.

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration in February was a great success with over 100 members, partners, former members and friends of the Club enjoying a night of celebration, fellowship, good food and wine. We also celebrated by making a \$3,000 donation to the Polio Plus Challenge; and in particular by creating two Paul Harris Fellows. We were able to honour our last continuing Charter Member, Norris Dunn; and our Vice President and first Director of Projects, PP Tom Jackson. Reg Barlow made a memorable DVD record of the evening.

Our attendance at District Conference was disappointing, but those of us who went had a lot of fun and heard some moving presentations. This year, for the first time in a long time, we contributed as a Club to a District event when we helped with the logistics of several training days. That exercise was also good fellowship for all involved.

We have again supported our Rotary charity, The Rotary Foundation, to the tune of \$US100 per member but it would be good to see an increase in personal contributions to get back to the spirit of the original idea for the Foundation.

This year the Club moved to a new leadership structure, introduced by Rotary International. Under the new structure the Board is smaller and concerned with governance, strategy and the support of the Avenues of Service Committees. These are now standing committees of the Club, reporting to the Board through the Director of Service Projects.

Our committee involvement is growing with excellent leadership from Eleanor Filewood (Youth) and Graham Timms (International). Doug Miller is now back in harness and leading the Community Service Committee. We owe very special thanks to Peter Kipps who stood in as Chair for Community whilst also carrying Vocational this year. All Avenues of Service Chairs have had the benefit of Tom Jackson's wise counsel whenever needed. Our other Standing Committee is the Garden Festival, very capably and productively chaired by PP Dilys Geddes.

Judy Houghton thought only 15 months ago, that women were not welcome in Rotary. She now knows that not only are women welcome in this Club, but that they can make a huge and greatly appreciated contribution, as she has so clearly demonstrated in her performance as Club Secretary. Our first female Sergeant, Susan Lafferty, managed our meetings well and kept me on time! She also arranged with Emyr Evans to supply the needs of our speakers. What a brilliant job Emyr has done this year with the programme!

I would especially like to thank our Vice President, PP Tom Jackson, who has always been available with considered advice when needed and PP David Forsythe, who stands down tonight as Treasurer. David's experience, sense of humour and helpful comments were always of great value.



TOM JACKSON: (Left) and **NORRIS DUNN:** (Right) receiving their Paul Harris Fellowships at the Club's 50th anniversary celebrations.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of this Club for the support you have given me, and the honour you did me by allowing me to lead the Club this year. It has been a privilege.

Greg Newling

Malcolm's Club Administration report 2008-2009

Club 50th Anniversary

Our celebration at Miramare Gardens in Terry Hills was a most memorable evening. The venue and room layout catered for over 100 past and present Rotarians, partners and guests. Many thanks to all who assisted in making this event very special. Greg will no doubt have more to contribute in his President's report.

Speakers Program:

Emyr has done a sterling job in sourcing an interesting and varied number of speakers. Despite his frequent trips abroad he is well organized and ensured each speaker was suitably welcomed and thanked.

Sergeant at Arms

In Susan's first full year in Rotary she accepted the challenge of keeping the meetings in order and to plan as well as extracting contributions to Club funds through entertaining fine sessions. Susan undertook the tasks with enthusiasm and delivered a great result.

Door Team

Many thanks to the members who undertook their turn on the door team during the year. The introduction of a weekly Greeter assisted the door team in ensuring all members and guests were received well and provided with their badge and a welcoming handshake.

Gordon markets

The market rosters were reviewed and revised by Judy Le Compte at the start of the year.

With new members and others with busy schedules it was important to ensure that all shifts were covered. Many thanks to the regular team of Frank, Graham, Judy Le Compte who undertook the monthly tasks of banners, signs and set up.

Bulletin

The onerous weekly task of writing and emailing our Koongga was again well done by Tony. His able assistant, Bob provided many great photos which added to the visual presentation of our bulletin.

Welfare

The important aspect of our Club to keep in contact with members throughout the year was undertaken by Tim and other members. Many thanks to all members who take the time to keep in touch with our past and present members and families who are on occasions unable to attend due the family or personal ill health reasons.

Risk management

Our risk management continues to be managed by Ross who ensures that all Club activities are assessed and the risks managed in a professional manner.

Social events

A new social activity was introduced during the year in the form of "Dinners for 8".

Many thanks to the 6 host Rotarians and partners who provided the venues and contributions to the Dinners. It was a great opportunity for the new Rotarians to meet others in an informal atmosphere and share a meal.

The other major social event was our Tennis and BBQ Day at Thornleigh. Whilst some did not show their skills with the racket, those who did attend enjoyed the day and the entertainment provided on the court.

Catering

The Bowling Club has continued to provide the venue and meals for our weekly meetings. Always a challenge to satisfy the palate of attendees the Bowling Club has done well in working with the two different Caterers during the year.



Christmas party

Many thanks to Michael and Louise Tyler who provided their home for a lovely Christmas party. In addition, special thanks to Judy Houghton who did the 'lion's share' of the food preparation and to the other members who assisted in providing desserts, salads etc and the hiring of tables and chairs.

Malcolm Braid



ABOVE: Greg celebrating Christmas .. Where did that elf go?
RIGHT: Some of the many school children waiting to perform at the Garden Festival. **BELOW:** Another group of happy Rotarians enjoying the 2008 Christmas celebrations with an abundance of good food, wine and fantastic fellowship!



Treasurer's report for the past Rotary year

Despite the GFC, the club has financially been able to keep its heels clean.

On the Club front, we have maintained our working balance at approximately \$8,000. We did find it difficult to maintain the discipline of full non-attendance apologies. This has waxed and waned as a major problem in past years, and again inevitably left us with many disputes where the Bowling Club did not have adequate evidence, and many unhappy campers conveyed their frustration through me. Judy Houghton has provided some relief in taking on the task of receiving apologies and conveying numbers, and I believe this evidences the need for a permanent officer to take on this important task.

Club operating costs have been kept in check, but as in past years, final balances will as always depend on the level of subsidy for changeover.

The project account commenced the year with us holding about \$34,000. The board considers \$25-30,000 to be a prudent level to work with and maintain. It provides a working capital base for future projects, and a sufficient fund from which to respond to emergencies. Spending is now geared to what we can raise in addition to this base level. We should finish the year with approximately \$28-30,000 in Project Account funds, depending on any final late allocations.

Markets are yielding less than in previous years and should come in at about \$12-13,000 for the year, and our Garden Festival was again the success we anticipated, but contributing \$20,000 this year, again with a little less from Stallholders, but bigger crowds, and with a greater percentage enjoying the discounted entry fee for seniors.

Our overall net project account revenue will be in the vicinity of \$34,000 for the year.

Youth has utilised approximately \$4,000, and has supported a wide variety of projects including RYDA, RYLA, RYPEN and local school support, demonstrating our belief that our youth is our future, and worthy of nurture, support, encouragement and challenge.

Community is supporting Eagles RAPS with a donation of half the proceeds of the Garden Festival, anticipated on final receipt of all funds to be just in excess of \$10,000. Yet we have not forgotten our carers and other projects. In total, Community will spend approximately \$13,000. Again our "hands on" work at The Wildflower Gardens is on hold, and appears unlikely to be a "goer". New alternative projects are under consideration.

International will predominantly support ShelterBox project with an amount anticipated to be in excess of \$10,000 with half of the net proceeds of the Garden Festival. We again support ROMAC and School of St Jude East Africa Fund.

Vocational Service has again promoted awareness in vocations in a manner to help the Treasurer to balance the books by spending nothing.

The Rotary Foundation programs will benefit as we meet the challenge of the magic US\$100 per member once again, through personal donations, and PHF and club donations of \$2,500 and a special 50th Birthday donation of \$3,000. Speaker recognitions of \$850 in support of Polio Plus have also been made.

The avenues of service may make some late final fund allocations, but it is expected that these will be kept to a level that allows us to carry our target working capital at approximately \$28-30,000.

Congratulations and thanks to all in the club for your support over the year, including anyone I abused for not paying up, or for committing any other monetary indiscretions. The GFC has changed the way everyone thinks and acts, and we as a Rotary club are not isolated, and we need to be ever vigilant for the right opportunities to

enable us to discharge our community responsibilities.

I wish Petra Le Compte every success in taking over the treasury reins.

David Forsythe

Treasurer 2008-09

Community service — a year of achievements

The year's activities were a bit disjointed due to Chairman Doug Miller's absence for a significant period of time caring for his late wife during her illness; but many thanks go to Peter Kipps who willingly took over as caretaker and kept focus on our basic commitments. We wish him well as he works his own way back to full health.

Garden Festival

Although not exclusively a Community Service project the Garden Festival was once again the Club's major fund-raising effort for the year, and harnessed each member's enthusiasm, talent and energy, in many cases for months beforehand. Under Festival Team Leader Dilys Geddes' stewardship, and due in no small part to Entertainment Coordinator Emyr Evans' innovative planning and the tireless work of Bob Ivey (Stallholder Marketing), it has become a major attraction in Ku-ring-gai's community events calendar, and generated \$20,000 in net income which we were able to allocate to ShelterBox and Eagles RAPS (our two major International and Community Service support projects for 2008-09). Congratulations to all concerned for their focus, effort and contribution.

Gordon Markets

We maintained our joint involvement in Gordon Markets with our colleagues in the Rotary Club of Turramurra and it continues to generate a reliable income stream for us both for disbursement to a range of locally and overseas-based charitable organizations.

As with the Garden Festival however we are mindful of the impact of the economic downturn on both its operating costs and reduced discretionary spending among its customers; and have established a joint steering committee with Turramurra to improve the way it 'works', its promotion, and community appeal. Special thanks go to Linda Lam-Rohlf, Geoff Hungerford and John Thompson for their enthusiastic championing of our efforts and as always, to Frank White, Ross Egan and Graham Timms (among others) for their tireless support behind the scene.

Eagles RAPS

In response particularly to President Greg Newling's 'discovery' and enthusiastic championing, your Committee and our Club as a whole have embraced Eagles RAPS as one of our most inspirational and deserving causes in recent times. Based in outer-western Sydney and run on an almost entirely voluntary basis by a husband, wife and son team, this organization (with 'RAPS standing for the **R**ecognition **A**nd **P**revention of youth **S**uicide) has established a drop-in and self-paced learning center on a shoe-string budget for in excess of 120 local youths who would otherwise have been 'discarded' as 'dropouts' – and is working with incredible patience, understanding, discipline and effectiveness to rebuild their (self) worth. As mentioned earlier, we have been pleased to allocate half the net proceeds from our Garden Festival this year to their cause, in addition to over 10 computers and a range of desks and bookshelves sourced from office re-fits. Other plans are in hand to support their building and operations at Doonside. One of the pleasing aspects of this has been the opportunity to combine with other Rotary Clubs in our District and Blacktown to target and coordinate future aid (particularly in relation to the development of a new 'satellite' organization in Orange) more effectively.

Other recurrent commitments

Trees for Joy/Christmas Puddings Ted Price once again took charge of our efforts, and those of his pharmacy staff team, to give us a sizeable contribution to our pool of funds for distribution to other charitable causes. In later celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of his (family's) pharmacy, he not only ran in addition to

these two activities a highly successful fund-raising sausage sizzle, but also managed to increase local community awareness of our Club and its activities, and to enlist two new recruits.

Daffodil Day

Our thanks also go once again to Tony McClelland for his efforts and contribution in organizing our team of collectors to participate in this worthy anti-cancer fund-raising event.

Red Shield Appeal

And likewise to Chris Hoch, for organizing our team of collectors and drivers to support the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal. Working in conjunction with Turramurra we were able to collect a record amount in donations this year.

Carers' night

Bob Vernon hosted yet another annual Carers' Night two months ago. This year the six carers he brought with him to join with us in a Club dinner and to talk to us about the challenges and rewards involved in what they were doing were, for the first time in a while, all men. And what an inspiration they were – loving, living **and learning**: not only about what previously their wives and partners had done unsung and 'behind the scenes' to keep their households in order; but about the exhilaration involved in finally being able to master more than simply opening a tin of baked beans! It reminded us all of the pitfalls involved in taking too much for granted, and left us all filled with admiration for their courage, selflessness and strength.

The year ahead

Your Committee has been re-formed, refreshed, and strengthened with new members. During the past two months we have reviewed, revised and updated our plans and ways of working - drawing on past learning, but with 'Service above Self' our basic credo and 'Making Dreams Real' a key goal, we have embarked on a course of action that will revitalise our ongoing commitments, and tackle innovatively but practically a significant number of new challenges. Under incoming President Malcolm Braid's enthusiastic direction we are looking forward to contributing significantly to 'the difference' that we all in our Ku-ring-gai Club want to make.

Doug Miller



Garden Festival a great success in 2009

Chair Dilys Geddes
Committee John Aitken, Reg Barlow, John Boyle, Ross Egan, Emyr Evans, Bob Ivey, Tanya McHeyzer
Doug Miller, Adele Mitchell, Tim Philips, Ian St Clair, Graham Timms and Frank White.



The Ku-ring-gai Garden Festival 2009 was a great weekend with good crowds, more stallholders, quality entertainment and a wonderful atmosphere.



Bob Ivey was rightly complimented by many stallholders for his efficiency; and Emyr Evans did an outstanding job with the centre stage entertainment.

Ross Egan, Frank White and John Aitken very effectively and unobtrusively delivered the logistics which often go unnoticed but are essential to the success of the event.

The Club is very grateful to the Garden Festival's sponsors:
J L Boyle Real Estate, Inspired Travel St Ives and Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council for assistance.

Financially, the result was disappointing but the economic situation caused a couple of potentially significant sponsors to withdraw.

We have identified and documented a number of valuable ideas for improvement at next year's festival but will need to find much more sponsorship funding.

The overall benefits of the festival were great. It produced good involvement for Club members, gave the community an enjoyable festival and resulted in a \$20,000 profit which will help ShelterBox and Eagles RAPS.

As I am writing this on behalf of Dilys Geddes, who is unfortunately not able to be here, I can say on behalf of her committee how very much they appreciate her leadership and management skills. She has again done a magnificent job for the Club.

Greg Newling



International committee report for 2008-2009

Chair Graham Timms

Deputy Chair Tony McClelland

Committee John Aitken, Emyr Evans, Susan Lafferty, Peter Tang, Michael Tyler

Aims To review and identify key international projects to be supported by Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai based on: -clear and present need

-preferably Asia/Pacific

-some hands on Club involvement if possible

-on going project with clear audit trail

To allocate "champions" from within the International Committee for each of the projects identified to present funding proposals for these projects to the Board of the club

To develop three specific "International" fund raising activities to be undertaken by Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>CHAMPION</u>	<u>07/08 ACTUAL</u>	<u>08/09 RECOMMENDATION</u>
ROMAC	Timms	500	1,000
Interplast	Timms	500	nil
Bo Hospital	McClelland	12,700	nil
Malaria	Tyler	2,000	2,000
Wheelchair	Lafferty	500	2,500
St Judes	tba	500	2,200
ShelterBox	Aitken, Tang	2,750*	12,000
Burma	n/a	136	nil
Polio Plus	Timms	0*	n/a*
		<u>19,586</u>	<u>19,700</u>

* *Polio Plus is a whole Club responsibility and not included in this budget*

During the 2008/9 year the Club's International AOS Committee undertook a complete review and consolidation of the projects that Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai has been sponsoring in the past because it seemed to the Committee that many of the projects may well have reached a stage of maturity no longer requiring our support. In the case of others the amounts contributed seemed not sufficiently large to justify the supervision that we considered necessary to ensure that the funds were appropriately directed.

This process involved assigning specific individual projects to specific Committee members and seeking detailed reviews based on the aims established at the beginning of the year.

In the event it was pleasing to find that all the projects being supported were well constructed and well chosen and this reflects very highly on the past International AOC team and especially past Chair, Adele Mitchell.

Nevertheless the current Committee did recommend to the Board that several changes in our support should be made. In particular:

Supported projects

Interplast/ROMAC: We currently support both ROMAC and Interplast for modest amounts and both perform roughly similar but complimentary work. Interplast is, however, strongly supported by an active social committee largely unassociated with Rotary and is currently well funded whereas ROMAC is dependent almost exclusively on Rotary contributions. We recommended that support of Interplast be discontinued and that support for ROMAC be increased with the caveat that we wish to become more involved in ROMAC activities and not simply be regarded as a passive "milk cow."

Bo Hospital

The Bo Hospital project was the recipient of the International component of the Garden Festival fund raising in 2008. Although the project is progressing well there are the inevitable delays involved in a start-up in a distant

location such as Sierra Leone. For this reason it was recommended that no funds be donated to the Bo Project in 2008/9 as there was no current need.

Wheelchair, Malaria

Both projects met our tests and are well worthy, in our judgment, of on-going support and thus contribution increases were recommended.

School of St Jude

This school run by Australian woman, Gemma Sisia, has long been a beneficiary of our support. In recent years our contributions have been directed to providing and supporting a school bus. However the school has been particularly hard hit by the global financial crisis and has asked for help. After reviewing the performance (outstanding) and our budget we recommended, and the Board approved, an increase to \$2,200 for 2008/9. This will continue the bus program and also provide for one residential student at the school.

ShelterBox

The continuing need for ShelterBoxes hit home most strongly when over forty boxes were deployed in Victoria in the wake of the devastating bushfires in 2009. To see such "third world" aids deployed in our own country demonstrated more than anything else could, their versatility, practicality and need. ShelterBox was the International beneficiary of the Garden Festival this year and so the Club will provide at least eight replacement boxes. Due to the generosity of Ted Price and the customers of his pharmacy, and the Club's sausage cooking skills, another ShelterBox was donated.

Polio Plus

Although this is technically an International AOS responsibility it was decided early in the year that given the project's importance and the expectation from Rotary International for what amounts to a levy on each Club the responsibility in our Club should be assumed by the Board itself. Our obligations in 2008/9 were met by a sausage sizzle at World Youth Day.

Fund raising

International was supported by two main events during 2008/9 - the Garden Festival and an International Night Dinner.

The success of the Garden Festival is reported elsewhere but in relation to the International Night Dinner it has to be reported that it resulted, apart for almost \$1,000 being raised, in two unfortunate side effects. Tony McClelland became even more supercilious in regard to his cycling prowess (if that is possible) as his time on the exercise bike clearly exceeded almost all best estimates and Dilys Geddes was infected with the golf bug after successfully chipping a practice golf ball over the swimming pool and into the target circle while many "regulars" failed miserably. We sincerely apologise to Dilys for this infection. No apology for Tony is possible.

Future

Having undertaking the necessary consolidation in 2008/9 it is now time to move forward. Although it is likely that the existing projects will be supported (subject to on-going review) the Committee is actively investigating two new projects, one in East Timor and one predominantly in Nepal, that may involve significant hands-on participation by the Club - a most desirable feature.

In order to support these new projects we will have to increase our fundraising activities. A reprise of the International Night Dinner is already scheduled and the new Committee is actively considering other events.

People

The Committee worked well and with harmony during the year. New Rotarians such as Peter Tang, who was assigned responsibility for ShelterBox, performed above and beyond the call of duty and "older" Rotarians (in years of service, not necessarily age) as usual contributed willingly and without complaint - something we take too often for granted. Thank you, John, Emyr, Susan, Tony and Michael.

At the end of the year Michael Tyler resigned to take on the role of Rotary Foundation Chair. He will be missed.

In 2009/10 we have three new Committee members - Caroline Jones, David Forsythe and Tim Philips. The on-going Committee welcomes them and promises them all the work and fun they could want.

Graham Timms

Youth Committee

Eleanor Filewood reports on youth for 2008-2009

Eleanor Filewood (chair), Judy LeCompte (deputy chair), Petra LeCompte, Tanya McHeyzer, Ross Egan, Gerry Hoy.

AIMS

To provide a range of opportunities to youth in our local community.

To support organisations working with needy young people.

To build a closer relationship with Interact and Rotaract.

RYLA [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards]

We were very pleased to sponsor Jacqueline Andrews, a student of Fine Arts and Journalism, working as a Communications Manager. Jacquie was an excellent participant in the programme at Vision Valley in January. Ross Egan organised the RYLA sponsorship and represented the Club at the Camp Dinner

RYPEN [Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment]

Two Yr 9 students from Turrumurra High School were selected to be sponsored to the camp at Collaroy in January. They were Madeleine Barnett and Nicolas Katada. Petra organised this programme.

RYDA [Rotary Driver Awareness Programme]

Once again we helped sponsor students from Ku-ring-gai High School to this very popular and beneficial programme, teaching many aspects of driving including the economics and responsibilities with which a young driver needs to be acquainted. Gerry Hoy organised a team [Ian St Clair, Peter Kipps, John Thompson, Tom Jackson and Judy LeCompte to assist with supervision on the day.

MUNA [Model United Nations Assembly]

This programme gives senior students an opportunity to debate and to learn about the customs, cultures and problems of the world's nations. We sponsored one of two teams from PLC. Our team, Helen Xue and Julie Mitchelmore, represented the Czech Republic.

Camp Breakaway

We donated to assist a disabled person to attend this camp on the Central Coast.

Operation Hope

We sponsored two students to attend this camp which aims to break the cycle of abuse, poverty, family breakdown, death/suicide etc in 10 – 16yr olds.

Life Education

We donated to assist this programme which provides education on effective prevention of drug and health related problems in our primary schools.

NYSF [National Youth Science Forum]

We assisted with sponsorship of a senior student to this summer school in Canberra in January.

School achievement awards

The Benefic Award goes to a yr9 student from each of the 3 local high schools and to one student at Clarke Rd

Special School.. Recipients should display honesty, fairness and goodwill amongst peers. Petra, Graham and Eleanor represented the club at Presentation Days when perpetual trophies and book vouchers were presented.

Youth Insearch

Tanya is hoping to organise a Rotary catering team for one of the camps in the new Rotary year. These camps give opportunities to disadvantaged youth and by assisting with a catering team one weekend, we can save the camp about \$3000.

Youth Night

This year we decided to bring some of the people we'd sponsored, to the club on the one night to speak to members about their experiences in the various programmes. This was also an opportunity for newer members to become acquainted with the programmes of YOUTH. Jackie Andrews spoke about her time at the RYLA CAMP, Julie Mitchelmore and Helen Xue spoke of their experiences at MUNA, Dani Fogarty, St Ives Rotaract incoming president acquainted us with the doings of her club and Petra LeCompte interviewed the RYPEN candidates and relayed their message to the club.

Concluding comments

The committee and I have worked through our programme and achieved most of our goals sometimes with the assistance of other club members. My thanks go to them and to President Greg and Projects Director Tom for their support and encouragement during the year.

Eleanor Filewood

Youth Chair — 2008 - 2009

Directors



DICTRICT CONFERENCE: This year's District Conference was held at Newcastle's Entertainment Centre.



RAISING FUNDS:
 A diversity of public service. From left to right: Bob Ivey, Tim Phillips and Judy Houghton manning the Club's barbecue during World Youth Day. Proceeds went to Polio Plus.

and Office Bearers as at 30 June 2009

Directors:

President	Greg Newling
Vice President and Director – Service Projects	Tom Jackson
Secretary	Judy Houghton
Treasurer	David Forsythe
President Elect and Director – Administration	Malcolm Braid
Director – Membership	Frank White
Director – PR	Adele Mitchell
Immediate Past President	Paulus Briels

Sergeant-at-Arms: Susan Lafferty

Avenues of Service Standing Committee Chairs:

Community	Doug Miller
International	Graham Timms
Vocational	Peter Kipps
Youth	Eleanor Filewood

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