



THE FOUR WAY TEST OF  
THINGS WE THINK, SAY  
OR DO:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY is  
to encourage and foster the ideal of  
service as a basis of worthy  
enterprise and, in particular, to  
encourage and foster:

**FIRST.** The development of  
acquaintance as an opportunity for  
service:

**SECOND.** High ethical standards  
in business and professions, the  
recognition of the worthiness of all  
useful occupations, and the  
dignifying of each Rotarian's  
occupation as an opportunity to  
serve society:

**THIRD.** The application of the the  
ideal of service in each Rotarian's  
personal, business, and community  
life;

**FOURTH.** The advancement of  
international understanding,  
goodwill, and peace through a world  
fellowship of business and  
professional persons united in the  
ideal of service.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010

## Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc. New South Wales Australia

(Chartered 23 March 1964)

Rotary International District 9750





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# Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc 2009/2010 Board, Committees & Members



## BOARD MEMBERS

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| President                    | Bruce Inglis     |
| President Elect              | Jim Christensen  |
| Immediate Past President     | Bruce Inglis     |
| Secretary                    | Patrick Roberts  |
| Treasurer                    | Bob Armessen     |
| Auditor/Public Officer       | John Harper      |
| Club Administration          | Marilyn Phillips |
| Membership                   | John Chaplin     |
| Community Service & Projects | Michael Campbell |
| Public Relations             | Jim Christensen  |
| Youth Projects               | Ken Potter       |
| Rotary Foundation            | Michael Crowley  |

## COMMITTEES

### CLUB ADMINISTRATION

|                         |                |                                                                                     |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Attendance & Fellowship | Arthur Booth   | Bob Armessen, Brian Davis, Dennis Simpson, Julie Price, Anne Mitchell, Angela Capri |
| Bulletin                | Noel Watt      | Kim Hockings, Angela Capri                                                          |
| Program                 | Marcel Benson  | Dennis Simpson, Noel Watt, Jessie Blundell                                          |
| Sergeant-at-Arms        | Netty Broekman | Dennis Simpson, Ken Dixon, John Harper, Jim Christensen                             |
| Risk Management         | Kim Hockings   | Michael Campbell                                                                    |

### MEMBERSHIP

|                            |               |                                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Membership                 | John Harper   | Angela Capri, Ken Potter, Netty Broekman, Julie Price |
| Welfare & Member Retention | Anne Mitchell | Bob Ridley, Albert Cachia, John Harper                |

### COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PROJECTS

|                    |                  |                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Baby Capsules      | Kim Hockings     | John Harper, Bob Ridley, Julie Price, Angela Capri, Janelle Ridgeway, Brian Hedley, Netty Broekman, John Erickson |
| Bowelscan          | John Crakanthorp |                                                                                                                   |
| Charles Hotel      | Dennis Simpson   | Ken Potter, Bob Ridley, Marilyn Phillips, Julie Price, John Harper, Ken Dixon, Brendan Bermingham                 |
| Citizenship        | Brian Davis      | Albert Cachia, Patrick Roberts, Tim Koppel, Marilyn Phillips, Arthur Booth                                        |
| Vocational Service | Dennis Simpson   | Aditya Ghose, Jessie Blundell, Albert Cachia, Jim Christensen, John Erickson                                      |

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

|                         |                 |                                                                    |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Advertising/Website/RDU | Arthur Booth    | Aditya Ghose, Noel Watt, Albert Cachia, Tim Koppel, Jill Bridgfoot |
| Webmaster               | Jessie Blundell | Janelle Ridgeway                                                   |
| Club History            | Brian Hedley    | Brian Davis, Marcel Benson                                         |

### YOUTH PROJECTS

|                                                          |                 |                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Youth Projects (RYLA, RYPEN, RYDA, MUNA, Youth Exchange) | Jim Christensen | John Chaplin, Jessie Blundell, Angela Capri, Netty Broekman, Tim Koppel, Marilyn Phillips, Jill Bridgfoot, Liz Depers, Brendan Bermingham |
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### ROTARY FOUNDATION

|                                 |                 |                                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Foundation Projects             | Patrick Roberts | Ken Dixon, Anne Mitchell, Ken Potter, Bob Armessen. John Harper, Tim Koppel, Kerrie Hayes-Williams, Liz Depers |
| International, ShelterBox & GSE |                 |                                                                                                                |

## MEMBERS ON DISTRICT COMMITTEES

|                  |                                                                  |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jessie Blundell  | Assistant Governor Group F                                       |
| Marilyn Phillips | MUNA, Youth Exchange Committee                                   |
| Angela Capri     | MUNA Committee                                                   |
| Jim Christensen  | MUNA Committee                                                   |
| John Chaplin     | Youth Exchange Committee                                         |
| Patrick Roberts  | District Resolutions                                             |
|                  | Host Organising Committee - 2014 Rotary International Convention |
|                  | Club Leadership Plan Advisor                                     |

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

John Kenny

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Glenn Wran

## ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

Ian Johnston

## HONORARY MEMBERS

Ron Pedersen  
Goolam Ganey  
Peter Lainela  
Barry Blundell



RI President  
John Kenny



District Governor  
Glenn Wran



Assistant Governor  
Ian Johnston



President  
Bruce Inglis



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summing up my thoughts on how this Rotary year has progressed would be one of satisfaction in the way club members have been prepared to be involved in all facets of Rotary. In doing so members can be proud of our achievements which have resulted in a vibrant and progressive club.

Service projects under Director **Michael Campbell** gave the club involvement in BBQ's for **The Illawarra Grammar School, Marco Polo Village** and **Interchange** which gave members the opportunity for hands on service to the community.

The baby capsule project continued under **Kim Hockings** supervision and the contribution of team members and in particular **John Crackanthorp, Bob & Kath Ridley** who were prepared to fill rosters on short notice, helped maintain the capsule operation running. The efforts of **Kim Hockings** and **Julie Price** in updating the capsule accounts is much appreciated.

Contributing in a significant way thanks to **Dennis Simpson's** chairmanship, the Hotel Charles raffle has once again resulted in club members supporting our fundraising efforts and fellowship as a bonus.

The organisation of our club programme for the year was once again effectively organised by **Marcel Benson** some of the highlights were:

- Group Study Exchange – **Liz Depers**
- Wine tasting
- RAM and Ranfurly – Rotary projects
- Green Gecko project
- Surrogacy – legal aspect of
- Polio Plus
- Australia Industry Group
- Vocational Awards
- Trivia Night
- Citizenship night
- BlueScope Steel
- Visit to NM Trophies & Engraving
- State Emergency Service
- ARH Scholar
- Samoan Project
- ARH Dr Helen Jagger



Preparation of the club bulletin was instrumental in keeping members informed, thanks to **Noel Watt, Kim Hockings** and **Angela Capri** and of course **John Chaplin** for his informative International toasts.

A successful year in membership gave us five new Rotarians, **Jill Bridgfoot, Brendan Bermingham, Kerrie Hayes-Williams, Liz Depers**, and **John Erickson**. Their worthwhile contribution and involvement in club activities is appreciated by all members. During the year we also appointed two honorary members **Barry Blundell** and **Peter Lainela** for their valued involvement in Rotary over the years.

With the assistance of chairman **Arthur Booth** and his committee, a variety of social functions involving members and partners kept the fellowship foremost including restaurant nights at :

- Beaton Park Tennis Club, Roppingi Japanese, Co May Vietnamese, Twenty Twenty at Wollongong TAFE.
- "Wicked" stage show.
- Murder Mystery weekend
- Observation Drive & Picnic

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**A** highlight of the year was once again the **Pride of Workmanship Awards** night organised by President Elect **Jim Christensen** and his committee. This high profile event was well received by awardees and their sponsors and is testament to the efforts of Jim and his team.

**Ken Potters** organisation in youth activities gave the club involvement in a variety of projects:

- **RYLA – Emma Cucelj & Darren Koppel** were our nominees
- **Youth Exchange** – inbound student **Denise Wornig** from Austria, a delightful young lady, co hosted by Albion Park Rotary Club and our club Rotarian **Angela Capri** as counsellor and home hoster. Youth Exchange outbound student **Karina Capri** was successful in her application and is currently hosted by Austrian Rotarians. Youth Exchange outbound nominee for 2011 **Pierce Hanson** and inbound **Lucas Grundmann** are currently being processed.
- **RYDA – Youth Driver Training**
- **MUNA** - under the efficient organisation of **Marilyn Phillips** we were once again assisting in the running of this youth project day. Marilyn's committee members **Jessie Blundell** and **Angela Capri** contributed to the ongoing success of this project.

A project of significance started during the year by **Bob Armessen** to assist schools in Samoa has resulted in a much larger effort following the Tsunami in that country. Bob and his co-opted committee has now seen the successful despatchment of a shipping container load of supplies for distribution by Rotarians in Samoa. The recent visit by a number of our club members to Samoa has helped cement the relationship between our club and our sister club in Samoa.

Other projects our club has been involved in include:

- **RANFURLY** – Books for school - **Bob Armessen** and **Patrick Roberts**
- International Indian GSE team visit – **Jessie Blundell, Liz Depers, Ken Potter, Michael Crowley**.
- Wings over Illawarra
- Christmas food donation to Wesley Kitchen
- Refrigerator donation to Port Kembla Hospital Physiotherapy Department

Rotary Foundation under director **Michael Crowley** has been instrumental in keeping Rotary projects such as **Australian Rotary Health, Polio Plus, & ROMAC** at the forefront of our fundraising.

**ShelterBox** was another project under chairman **Ken Dixon** which involved members setting up and manning displays at various functions to showcase this project. The recent wind down of this project by the Australian and British organisers is regrettable.

The contribution of members to district positions in addition to supporting our club amounts to **"Service above Self"** and **Jessie Blundell, Patrick Roberts, Marilyn Phillips, Angela Capri, Jim Christensen, John Chaplin** are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Our club has progressed well in this last year and I would like to thank the board and club members for their support in making our club the envy of the district.

A special thanks to secretary **Patrick Roberts** for his assistance during the year and of course to my other **"secretary" Gail** for her assistance and understanding during my two years as president.

I would like to wish incoming president **Jim Christensen** a successful and enjoyable year and I am sure all members will support Jim and his executive as you have supported myself.

**Bruce Inglis**  
**President 2009/2010**





## TREASURER'S REPORT

**I**t is a pleasure to report that as a result of many years of good fiscal management the club was, is, and will continue to be in a good financial position.

During the 2009-2010 year I have truly enjoyed being able to be involved in the disbursement of considerable funds to assist peoples world-wide, all made possible by the exemplary work carried out by the members of this club.

As well as the figures below, a special mention to our 2010-2011 president, **Jim Christensen**, for his efforts in securing a government grant of \$3,760 enabling us to purchase some much needed materials and goods.

Also very worthy of mention is that the staff of **Southern Classic Cars** (under the guidance of **Tim Koppel**) took it upon themselves to raise sufficient funds to enable us to finance a complete ShelterBox to assist in one of the many recent overseas disasters.

Members of our club must also be thanked and congratulated for their assistance in a number of projects (especially **ShelterBox** and **Samoa Literacy**) by way of cash donations and much labour.

### INCOME

|                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| • Baby Capsules                         | \$ 10,000 |
| • Charles Hotel Raffle (after expenses) | \$ 13,052 |
| • Samoa Literacy                        | \$ 6,455  |
| • Pride of Workmanship                  | \$ 1,236  |
| • Donations ShelterBox                  | \$ 1,351  |
| • Donations General                     | \$ 418    |
| • Wings Over Illawarra                  | \$ 835    |
| • RYDA                                  | \$ 87     |
| • TIGS BBQ                              | \$ 814    |
| • MUNA                                  | \$ 220    |

### EXPENDITURE

#### YOUTH PROGRAMS

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| • Exchange Student         | \$ 3,220 |
| • University of Wollongong | \$ 2,000 |
| • William Campbell College | \$ 1,000 |
| • RYLA                     | \$ 1,400 |
| • MUNA                     | \$ 720   |
| • The Science Experience   | \$ 210   |

#### VOCATIONAL SERVICE

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| • Pride of Workmanship | \$ 1,402 |
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#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| • SCARF       | \$ 630 |
| • Citizenship | \$ 225 |
| • Care South  | \$ 500 |

#### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| • RAWCS ShelterBox | \$ 2,400 |
| • Samoa Literacy   | \$ 9,862 |
| • A For a Life     | \$ 250   |
| • Ranfurly         | \$ 500   |

#### ROTARY PROGRAMS

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| • Australian Rotary Health         | \$ 3,771 |
| • Polio Plus                       | \$ 4,000 |
| • Rotary Foundation Centurion Club | \$ 3,500 |

**Bob Armessen**  
**Treasurer 2009/2010**



## CLUB ADMINISTRATION

**A**s Club Service Director I have found this year to be an enjoyable one. We are lucky in this club to have a team of dedicated members and this makes it easy to get projects completed and achieve success.

We have had some great fellowship times again this year thanks to the efforts of **Arthur Booth** and **Bruce Inglis**. Our recent car rally and dinner at **TAFE** are just small examples of the fun and fellowship we enjoy in the club.

Our trip to **Samoa** was a great success with the trip highlighting the need and importance of Rotary throughout the world.

The bulletin provides us all with a fountain of information thanks to the devoted team of **Noel Watt**, **Kim Hockings** and **Angela Capri**.

**John Chaplin** inspires us with his far reaching, international toasts. It is great to hear Rotarians many miles away are also enjoying our toasts.

**Marcel Benson** and his committee are always able to enlist the services of extremely interesting guest speakers. To add to this they always provide an array of topics that provoke us all to action.

**Sergeant-at-Arms, Netty Broekman** and her team keep our meetings running to time while ensuring our fine session raise valuable funds for the club. Whether the incidents are real or imaginary, they have given the members lots of laughs.

Our attendance records are extremely good and we are one of the highest ranked clubs in the District. This is aided by our make-ups from a number of diligent members and our two fundraising projects. We have a number of members who have maintained 100% attendance throughout the year.

Our risk assessment has been updated thanks to the continual efforts of **Kim Hockings** and **Michael Campbell**, resulting in no accidents or adverse incidents recorded.

I continue to be involved in a number of District Committees and enjoy the challenge this provides along with my club work.

In closing I would like to thank my wonderful team for their conscientious attention to duty, enabling us to continually provide such a high standard of Rotary service.

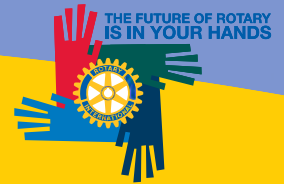
**Marilyn Phillips**  
Club Administration Director 2009/2010



Board Members 2009-2010

L to R: Bruce Inglis, Jim Christensen, Patrick Roberts, Bob Armessen, Marilyn Phillips, John Chaplin, Michael Campbell, Michael Crowley, Ken Potter

## MEMBERSHIP



**M**embership is a constant challenge. In the ordinary course, a Rotary Club can expect to lose ten percent of its members in any year through normal attrition such as retirements, transfers and the like. This requires members to be constantly alive to the need to propose new members so that the club can maintain its numbers and grow.

That our members respond to this challenge is a real indicator of the strength of the spirit within the club. This spirit has been shown year after year and is to be found in the growth of the club in this year.

We have welcomed five new members – **Kerry Hayes-Williams, Jill Bridgfoot, Liz Deepers, Brendan Bermingham** and **John Erickson**. All of these excellent Rotarians have quickly established themselves as members, which is itself a tribute to the success of the mentoring program and the practice of assigning new members to working committees at the time of their induction.

During the year we lost **Matthew Cula**. We end the year with thirty five members, a net gain of four. In addition we gained one new honorary member **Barry Blundell** this gives us a total membership of thirty nine. The increased active membership reflects itself in more satisfactory rosters for the standing club projects and a stronger fellowship at our meetings. This excellent outcome underlines just a couple of the real benefits of membership development. We look forward to a continuation of this good result in the coming year.

We should keep in mind that in three year's time our club will be fifty years old. It would be appropriate to have, as a medium term goal, to bring our active membership by 23 March 2014 to the most sustainable number of strong, contributing members. The goal of a net growth of three additional members in each year would give us active membership of forty four with which to go forward into our second half century. Certainly a challenge, but one well within our capability.

**John Chaplin**  
Membership Director 2009/2010



## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PROJECTS



Fellow Rotarians and friends,

This is the second year as community services director. I am delighted to report that all projects went well due to the wonderful generosity of those who have done the work this year. Each project has been managed well and run well by those who took the responsibility.

### Baby Capsules.

The project continues as a show piece for the club, under the chairmanship of **Kim Hockings** and a dedicated team. It remains a magnificent fund raiser for the club and a great service to the community, in particular to those in the first six months of life.

The ongoing commitment from all members, in particular, **Julie Price** for doing the bookkeeping. **John Crackanthorp** always offers his support when others can't make it. We are indebted to him for all those extra things which ensure the vitality of the project.

**John Chaplin** was seriously injured at the project a year ago. He has returned with renewed enthusiasm, he is an inspiration to us all!

The site at Warrawong is in need of constant care, and a concerted working bee may be required in the near future.

The project continues to address operational and risk issues as they become evident. Thank you **Kim Hockings** and committee.

### Charles Hotel Raffle.

There is an ever ready band of dedicated Rotarians who support the project under the chairmanship of **Dennis Simpson**. It just happens and happens, without any fuss, but again a lot of dedication and commitment.

The Charles Hotel has changed ownership this year and there have been some changes at the hotel. Dennis with his great negotiating skills has ensured the raffle continues for now.

*"There has been a great response from members on a weekly basis, taking part in the raffles on a Thursday night. Club members sell raffle tickets between 6 and 7pm. It has become a fantastic source of revenue for the club as well as fellowship for members"*

**Dennis Simpson**

### Vocational Service Awards 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Dennis Simpson** had four **Vocational Service Awards** to present, three on the night and the fourth presented when the recipient was invited as guest speaker.

**Michael Naughtin** a partner in the firm **RMB** lawyers introduced our first recipient **Melissa Pereira** who is a PA to one of the other partners in **RMB**. Melissa has worked for **RMB** for 5 years starting as a junior and she is now one of their most valuable employees.

**Patrick Roberts** introduced our second recipient **Paul Gregory** from **Northern Refrigeration and Appliances**, Austinmer. Patrick engaged Paul on a number of occasions and was impressed by Paul's professionalism.

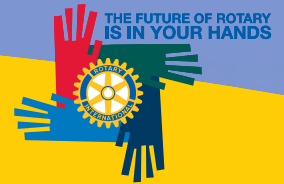
**Liz Depers** introduced **Clementina Velasco** our third recipient and explained Clementina's enthusiastic dedication and work with the **Green Geko Project**. Clementina gave us a fantastic presentation to our meeting on the 30 September giving an insight to the wonderful support she has given to so many children in Cambodia.

**Dot Henessey** accepted the award on behalf of our fourth recipient **Leanne Grogan** the area manager for the **Australian Industry Group**.

It was pleasing to report that **Shane Ashton**, last years' recipient, having represented Australia in Calgary, Canada (International Work Skill). Shane returned as a guest speaker during the year to tell us of his experience.

A great project developed and run by **Dennis Simpson**.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PROJECTS



### Citizenship Night 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010

This year, was a year to remember, **Patrick Roberts** supported by **Marilyn Phillips** and **Yvonne Roberts** ensured the night went smoothly.

**Jim Callow**, the **Director NSW Citizenship** from the Department of Immigration administered the **Pledge of Commitment to Australia** to 11 people who became citizens of Australia at our meeting on 24th February.

#### The new citizens are:

|                      |                    |                          |               |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Vijendran CANDASAMY  | - India            | Lindi HOWELLS            | - Africa      |
| Chin Lam CHEUNG      | - HKSAR of the PRC | John Alexander MATTHEUS  | - Netherlands |
| Violeta DE LUCA      | - Yugoslavia       | Philip Stephen MIDGLEY   | - Britain     |
| Mehran GAEINI        | - Iran             | Colin Henry NICHOLSON    | - Wales       |
| Gareth James HOWELLS | - South Africa     | Patricia Irene NICHOLSON | - Wales       |
| Margaret RIDDELL     | - United Kingdom   |                          |               |



Members and guests participated in an affirmation ceremony, by repeating the following affirmation:

*"As an Australian citizen,  
I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,  
Whose democratic beliefs I share,  
Whose rights and liberties I respect,  
And whose laws I uphold and obey."*

Following the ceremony, **Tim Koppel**, delivered a brief address of welcome to the new citizens.

Thank you to **Patrick Roberts** for his perseverance in attracting **Jim Callow** to perform the ceremony and to **Marilyn Phillips** and **Brian Davis** for their work.

### Pride of Workmanship

#### Rotary Club of West Wollongong "PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT" 17th March 2010

The guest speaker **William Campbell** of **William Campbell College**, gave an insight to the philosophy of his organisation by stating

*"Our objective is to provide all children and young people in our care stability and permanency, allowing independence in their growth and development, and a feeling of strength and soundness in their character. This reinforces all dimensions of their lives, i.e. emotional, physical, spiritual, cultural, intellectual and social, enabling them to become healthy, confident citizens of the future."*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PROJECTS



**Pride of Workmanship** continues to be an annual event dedicated to the local Community employees who have exemplified themselves to their profession.

Those recognised were:

Barry Ryan, Funeral Director  
Natalie Potter, Clinical Psychologist  
Michael Tiernan, Wardsman  
Robert Minns, NSW Police  
Craig Stevenson, Catering Manager  
Craig Dobson, Project Officer and Mentor  
Kelly Rowe, Duty Manager

Sponsored by Alan Parsons - Rankins Funerals  
Sponsored by Dee Neveling - Caresouth  
Sponsored by David Crowe - Figtree Private Hospital  
Sponsored by Inspector Brian Wyver - NSW Police  
Sponsored by Joanne Pieper - Illawarra Leagues Club  
Sponsor William Campbell  
Sponsored by Nerine Ockwell - Wollongong Golf Club

**Jim Christensen** sent out hundreds of letters and did so much work to make this event a great success. We were sponsored by **H Parsons Funeral Directors** and **Illawarra Leagues Club**.

### Bowlscan

**John Crackanthorp's** tireless management of this wonderful community work, I am sure has saved lives! To quote **Jake Pearson**, a guest speaker from **Interchange Illawarra**, last year. **"Bowlscan saved my father's life!"**

John has been a tireless worker, attending many meetings and managing the sale of the kits as well as reporting back to the club regularly.

### Cringila Co operative District Simplified Grant

We have supported the Co op for a number of years now and we were fortunate to be granted **RI's District Simplified Grant** of \$2,600 for the Co op. The club then presented a cheque for \$3000 to their **Community Development Worker Anica Talevski**.

### Care and Support

We also supported the **Marco Polo Nursing Home** fete by supplying our BBQ and Rotarians. We also supported **Interchange Illawarra** BBQ Stuart Park. At these types of projects we get the opportunity to mix with those great people (heroes in the community), who do marvellous work in caring for others.

Our BBQ and catering skills were recognised by the **Illawarra Grammar School**. We catered for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We donated all proceeds to their chosen charity.

### Future Planning

The Board this year continues to look to the future. We are investigating the possibility recognising people and organisations who contribute positively to environmental issues. Planning is well advanced toward a **Rotary Peace Lecture** series at the **University of Wollongong**, under the chairmanship of **Aditya Ghose**.

Our members developed a method of support to the **Rotary Pacific Literacy Program** through a **Rotary Club in Samoa**. It had a simple foundation with two members **Albert Cachia** and **Bob Armesson** passion to do something for education in Samoa.

We are still exploring the opportunity of having a **Mental Health Forum**. There are so many potential activities we could considered, it is important not to compromise the strong spirit which exists in the club by taking on too much.

I would like to thank all chair men and women, and committees, for their wonderful contribution. It made my job easy and it made our club more vibrant and enjoyable.

**Michael Campbell**

**Community Services and Projects Director 2009/2010**

**O**ur year has been an exciting one with many opportunities to boast the brand, Rotary International.

**Advertising** - Chairman **Arthur Booth** has skillfully penned some great articles of our more prominent community events but the local media seem to not hear us.

**Baby Capsules** has been the PR winner this year with our new flyers distributed to the three major hospitals as well as the majority of surgeries within the Illawarra.

**Bowelscan** has again had a great media exposure thanks to the district and Illawarra clubs in general.

**Pride of Workmanship** - Even though we were not able to achieve the higher level of PR through the media, we were definately a great hit with participants which include

- NSW Police
- Wollongong Golf Club
- Figtree Private Hospital
- Illawarra Leagues Club
- CareSouth
- Rankins Funerals
- William Campbell College



**Website** - This is obviously "Work In Progress" and chairman **Jessie Blundell** has mastered many upgrades and technical features here.

**Business Cards** - This was a great initiative from our Board providing all members with Business Card invitations to our club.

**MUNA** - Not a direct Rotary Club of West Wollongong project however chaired by **Marilyn Phillips** and has had a fantastic exposure within the greater Illawarra region.

**Charles Hotel raffle** - This is a direct community marketing project. One of our larger money earners and has a close relationship with many of the community patrons at the hotel.

**Citizenship Night** - Again a great opportunity to promote Rotary International and indeed our club.

**Rotary Youth Exchange** - While this would appear to only affect our inbound and out bound students please do not underestimate the direct impact of this program on up to at least 8 families and with a potential to affect another 50+ families, friends and school colleagues. The Rotary name within the Global Exchange program is without doubt the premier and preferred program.

All in all we believe we have achieved many direct and in direct media and PR exposure opportunities for the year and to all who have assisted, thank you

**Jim Christensen**  
**Public Relations Director 2009/2010**



**F**oundation and international issues were but some of the many activities that shaped a busy year for the club. Members worked diligently to ensure we achieved the objectives set early in the Rotary year and we also had the benefit of hearing from a number of interesting and thought provoking speakers over 2009/2010.

Some of the highlights included:

- **Liz Depers**, who was inducted as a member of the club in August 2009, represented not only our club and district, but also our country on a **Group Study Exchange (GSE)** program with Brazil earlier in 2009. Liz provided members with an insightful presentation on her activities whilst in Brazil and she has also addressed several clubs within the district on her team's achievements as well as the benefits of the GSE Program. It is the Board's intention to continue supporting the GSE program going forward.
  - In November last our members participated in a joint club meeting to welcome and hear from the inbound **GSE team from India**. The Indian Consul General, **Amit Dasgupta**, also attended as a keynote speaker for the event. **Jessie Blundell** was instrumental in organising placement for team members with selected businesses in our area as well as other activities for the team while they toured Wollongong.
  - **Tim Mathie**, the recipient of our club's **University of Wollongong sponsorship**, met with members in July and again in January to provide an insight into his studies, performance to date and, of course, his future aspirations. We will hear more from Tim throughout the duration of his scholarship.
  - The untiring efforts of **Anne Mitchell** and her band of loyal supporters continued to knit, collect and dispatch clothing for aids orphans in Africa. **Anne Mitchell** also spoke to members on the activities of 'Rotarians for Fighting Aids'.
  - During Foundation month in November we were fortunate to have guests speak on **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** and related issues on two separate occasions. Firstly, **Suzanne Campbell (District Chair)** covered The Rotary Foundation's origins, history and brought us up-to-date on current programs, grants and fundraising activities for TRF. Secondly, **Brian Petschler (Representative from the District PolioPlus committee)** provided us with an update of **PolioPlus**. Apart from a brief history and the background to **PolioPlus**, Brian focussed on the efforts now being made to eradicate polio and Rotary's US\$200M challenge in conjunction with the help from the **Gates Foundation**.
  - The **Pacific Islands Literacy Project** started small but really took off under the watchful eye and organisational skills of **Bob Armessen**. From what started as a collection of stationery-related items for distribution to a number of schools in Samoa, this exercise developed into a significant project that has seen donations of both cash and goods from many individuals, schools and businesses within the Illawarra.
- Bob Armessen** also organised a local team of Rotarians and supporters to visit Samoa in April. While the objective was to help unload and distribute goods from the shipping container sent many weeks beforehand, unfortunately the ship was delayed and the team was unable to participate in the distribution process. Nevertheless, the group made good use of the trip by visiting schools, the **Rotary Club of Apia** and a number of officials. With the likelihood of further involvement and a clearer understanding of their requirements, the **Pacific Islands Literacy Project** will be able to better focus on the specific needs of schools in Samoa in the future.
- Although **ShelterBox** is not a Rotary International program, our club continued to support this project over the 2009/2010 year to assist those around the world in great need as/when disaster strikes. During the past 12 months, **ShelterBox** has assisted thousands of people affected by a variety of disasters and tragedies. Due to the tireless efforts of **Ken Dixon, Tim Koppel & John Crakanthorp**, our club was pivotal in organising **ShelterBox** equipment displays and acted as an information base for other clubs in the district.



- Our club has been an active supporter of **Australian Rotary Health** (ARH) over the years with 2010 being no different. During the month of May, members were given an insight into current research in the treatment of prostate cancer from a remarkable young man by the name of **Kevin Loo**, a 20 year old PhD research scholar proudly supported by ARH and Rotary District 9690.

Also during ARH month, **Dr Helen Jagger** addressed the club's members on the topic of 'Mental Health Issues of Young Australians'.

- Other notable speakers during the year included:
  - **PDG Richmond Manyweathers** covered the topics of **Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)** & the great work undertaken by **Ranfurly Library**
  - **PDG Bob Richards** spoke on **ROMAC** (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)
  - **Kerrie Guillaume** talked about the history and work undertaken by **Interplast**
- As a further level of support for **The Rotary Foundation**, the Board decided to make a \$100 donation via the **Centurion Club** program under the name of each member.
- It is fitting to include thanks to **John Chaplin** for preparing and eloquently delivering the **International Toasts** each week. This exercise heightens the international essence of Rotary by providing us with an insight into the origins and activities of other overseas clubs and their members. These weekly communiqués act as a clear reminder of the depth of Rotary and the vast efforts of Rotarians around the world.

Activities have been accomplished in no small part to the dedication and tireless efforts of members. Without input and cooperation of all members very little would be achieved.

Thanks to all members of the club for supporting our Foundation and international projects and related activities throughout the 2009/2010 Rotary year, with particular thanks to the chair and all members of the Foundation committee.

**Michael Crowley**  
**Rotary Foundation Director 2009/2010**



## YOUTH SERVICES

I am pleased to report that, at the recent Council on Legislation **"New Generations"** has been officially adopted as the **"Fifth Avenue of Service"**. Such is the importance of this endeavour, both to the future of Rotary and mankind.

I am pleased to report that the club has been busy with its many Youth Projects:

- **Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)** - In July last we were happy to receive our incoming exchange student, **Denise Wornig** from Austria. The club partnered with the Rotary Club of Albion Park to host Denise and her exchange experience has been very worthwhile for all concerned. I thank in particular the efforts of **Angela Capri** for smoothing out the *"ruts and corrugations, on the road of an exchange students life"* in her role as a host mum and counsellor to Denise. At the end of January the club's **"Outgoing Exchange Student"**, **Karina Capri** was sent from an Australian summer into a European winter, but I am assured that she is, *"handling the change and the exchange of culture"*, very well. Recently, **Pierce Hanson** has been endorsed as the club's **"Outgoing Exchange Student"** [subject to district approval] and **Lukas Grundmann** is the inbound from Germany. The club has sought the support of Edmund Rice College to provide schooling for Lukas and approaches to the school were very well received. Host families are being sought through the school.
- **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** - The club was again strongly involved in the planning and operation of **The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Project** held at the Croome Sport Complex at Albion Park. **Marilyn Phillips** was heavily involved in both the planning and operational modes of this project at club and district levels and I thank her for her untiring support.
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)** - In January of this year the club supported the **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** by sponsoring two attendees to the week long camp at Stanwell Tops. **Emma Cucelj** and **Darren Koppel** were *"suitably Impressed"* by their involvement in this "Life \Changing Program"
- **Model United Nations Assenbly (MUNA)** - This year again, the club supported the **"Model United Nations Assembly"** at the **Nan Tien Temple** at Berkeley. **Marilyn Phillips** was again involved at both club and district levels with organization and operation on the day. This year our club sponsored the **Illawarra Grammar School** who represented the country of Belgium. Our sponsored students were **Sasa Gray-Spence**, **Charlotte Gillespie** and **Daniel Dutkiewicz**.
- **National Youth Science Forum** - At the time of writing, the club has interviewed **Kaitlyn Lieschke** as our nominated attendee to the **National Youth Science Forum**. Attendance at this event is very prestigious and vigorously sought by many of our future scientists and numbers are very limited.

My thanks to all members, who assisted this portfolio, during the year.

**Ken Potter**  
Youth Services Director 2009/2010



## DONATIONS 2009/2010



### Donations made during the year.

#### Rotary - Youth - Local

|      |          |
|------|----------|
| MUNA | \$ 1,170 |
| RYLA | \$ 1,400 |

#### Rotary - Community Support

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| Australian Rotary Health | \$ 3,000 |
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#### Community - Youth

|                                      |          |
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| Seimens Science Experience           | \$ 210   |
| Scholarship University of Wollongong | \$ 2,000 |

#### Community Support

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| SCARF - Refugee Assistance | \$ 630   |
| Port Kembla Hospital       | \$ 215   |
| Cancer Carers Wollongong   | \$ 1,000 |
| Care South                 | \$ 500   |
| William Campbell College   | \$ 1,000 |

#### International - Rotary Club Projects

|                      |          |
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| ShelterBox           | \$ 2,400 |
| A For Life Vitamin A | \$ 250   |

#### RC West Wollongong - International Project

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| Samoan Project | \$ 9,962 |
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#### Rotary - Literacy

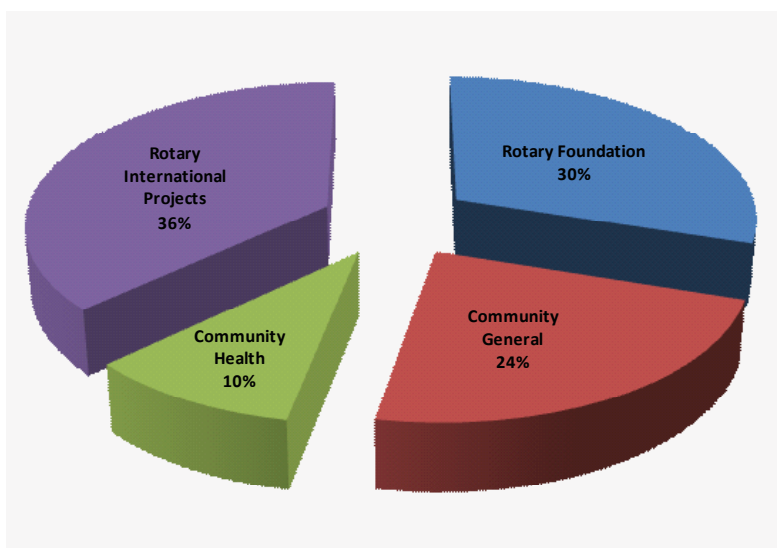
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| Ranfurly | \$ 500 |
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#### Rotary - Foundation

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| Polio Plus | \$ 4,000 |
| Centurion  | \$ 3,500 |
| Foundation | \$ 3,000 |

**Total \$34,737**

### Summary of Donations



## HONOR ROLL

### PAST PRESIDENTS

|              |                               |           |                  |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Charter 1964 | Elwyn Mackay                  | 1988-1989 | Ian Bowmaker     |
| 1965-1966    | Alan Reid                     | 1989-1990 | Barry Blundell   |
| 1966-1967    | Jack Poel                     | 1990-1991 | Goolam Ganey     |
| 1967         | Neville Trotter               | 1991-1992 | Brian Davis      |
| 1968         | Elwyn Mackay                  | 1992-1993 | Michael Campbell |
| 1968-1969    | Bill Shoobert                 | 1993-1994 | Bill Whitting    |
| 1969-1970    | Ron King                      | 1994-1995 | Darryl Pearce    |
| 1970-1971    | Roger Kee                     | 1995-1996 | Michael Mitchell |
| 1971-1972    | Doug Gorrell                  | 1996-1997 | Arthur Booth     |
| 1972-1973    | Allan Hoy                     | 1997-1998 | Ross Willmot     |
| 1973-1974    | Vic Evans                     | 1998      | Arthur Booth     |
| 1974-1975    | Hubert Burrows                | 1998-1999 | Albert Cachia    |
| 1975-1976    | Bill Fancourt                 | 1999-2000 | Patrick Roberts  |
| 1976-1977    | Mike Calway                   | 2000-2001 | Jessie Blundell  |
| 1977-1978    | Ken Barnes                    | 2001-2002 | John Bown        |
| 1978-1979    | Marcel Benson                 | 2002-2003 | Noel Watt        |
| 1979-1980    | John Chaplin                  | 2003-2004 | Kim Hockings     |
| 1980-1981    | George Reynolds               | 2004-2005 | John Crakanthorp |
| 1981-1982    | Tudor Mackay                  | 2005-2006 | Jason Hedley     |
| 1982-1983    | Harvey<br>Chesterfield- Evans | 2006      | Greg Hart        |
| 1983-1984    | Hilton King                   | 2006-2007 | John Crakanthorp |
| 1984-1985    | John Aldridge                 | 2007-2008 | Ken Potter       |
| 1985-1986    | Brian Hedley                  | 2008-2009 | Bruce Inglis     |
| 1986-1987    | Ron Pedersen                  | 2009-2010 | Bruce Inglis     |
| 1987-1988    | Neil Preston                  |           |                  |

### PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 2005-2006 | Patrick Roberts |
| 2008      | Patrick Roberts |

## VALE



### Lillian Mackay PHF

Lillian Mackay, the wife of our esteemed member Tudor, passed away during the year. Lillian was a wonderful supporter of Rotary and her husband Tudor. She is remembered with fondness by all members of the West Wollongong Club and District 9750 for her significant input into the Youth Exchange Program of Rotary. She will also be remembered by a myriad of students both inbound & outbound who had the opportunity to experience her love & wisdom during their youth exchange year.

## WEEKLY PROGRAM JULY 2009 TO JUNE 2010



| Date       | Topic & Speaker                                                      | Date       | Topic & Speaker                                                                                            |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1-Jul-09   | Changeover Night                                                     | 6-Jan-10   | Fellowship Night                                                                                           |
| 8-Jul-09   | GSE - Brazil Experience<br><i>Liz Depers</i>                         | 13-Jan-10  | Australian Industry Group<br><i>Leanne Grogan/Shane Watson</i>                                             |
| 15-Jul-09  | University Scholarship Recipient<br><i>Tim Mackie</i>                | 20-Jan-10  | Short Night - Board Meeting                                                                                |
| 22-Jul-09  | Club Assembly                                                        | 27-Jan-10  | Club Trivia Night                                                                                          |
| 29-Jul-09  | Experiences of the Great Australian<br>Bike Ride<br><i>Noel Watt</i> | 3-Feb-10   | Interplast<br><i>Kerrie Guillaume</i>                                                                      |
| 5-Aug-09   | Refugees<br><i>Prof Philip Ogunbona</i>                              | 10-Feb-10  | Club Assembly                                                                                              |
| 12-Aug-09  | Website Development<br><i>Jessie Blundell &amp; Russell Paine</i>    | 17-Feb-10  | My Talk<br><i>Brendan Bermingham</i>                                                                       |
| 19-Aug-09  | Short Night - Board Meeting                                          | 24-Feb-10  | Citizenship Night<br><i>Partners Night</i>                                                                 |
| 26-Aug-09  | District Governor's Visit<br><i>Glenn Wran</i>                       | 3- Mar-10  | Midnight Basketball<br><i>Bob Purcell</i>                                                                  |
| 2-Sept-09  | RAM & Ranfurley<br><i>Richmond Manywethers</i>                       | 10- Mar-10 | Bluescope Steel<br><i>Mike Archer - Public Affairs<br/>Manager</i>                                         |
| 9-Sept-09  | Winetasting - Golden Grape<br><i>Jeff Forster</i>                    | 17- Mar-10 | Pride of Workmanship Night                                                                                 |
| 16-Sept-09 | AIDS orphans in Africa<br><i>Charmaine Wheatley</i>                  | 24- Mar-10 | Short Night - Board Meeting                                                                                |
| 23-Sept-09 | ROMAC<br><i>PDG Bob Richards</i>                                     | 31- Mar-10 | Club Debate<br><i>"Do not get hot under the<br/>collar about Climate Change"</i>                           |
| 30-Sept-09 | Green Gecko Project<br><i>Clenentina Valesco</i>                     | 7-Apr-10   | IRIS Research<br><i>Natalie Vaselli</i>                                                                    |
| 7-Oct-09   | Club Assembly                                                        | 14-Apr-10  | New Millennium Trophies &<br>Engraving<br><i>Brendan Bermingham</i>                                        |
| 14-Oct-09  | Exchange Student - <i>Denise Wornig</i>                              | 21-Apr-10  | Short Night - Board Meeting                                                                                |
| 21-Oct-09  | Short Night - Board Meeting                                          | 28-Apr-10  | State Emergency Services<br><i>Bob Smith</i>                                                               |
| 28-Oct-09  | Vocational Service Awards<br><i>Dennis Simpson</i>                   | 5-May-10   | Club Assembly                                                                                              |
| 4-Nov-09   | Surrogacy<br><i>Linda Wright</i>                                     | 12-May-10  | Australian Rotary Health<br>funding partner scholar<br><i>Kevin Loo</i>                                    |
| 11-Nov-09  | Indian Consul & GSE Team<br><i>Combined with Corrimal Club</i>       | 19-May-10  | Short Night - Board Meeting                                                                                |
| 18-Nov-09  | Rotary Foundation /<br>Board Nominations<br><i>Suzanne Campbell</i>  | 26-May-10  | A.R.H.F.<br><i>Helen Jagger</i>                                                                            |
| 25-Nov-09  | Polio Plus / Board Meeting<br><i>Brian Petcher</i>                   | 2-Jun-10   | The Samoan Project<br><i>Bob Armessen &amp; Team</i>                                                       |
| 2-Dec-09   | Board Elections & AGM                                                | 9-Jun-10   | Our Exchange Student's<br>Experiences - <i>Denise Wornig</i><br>Short Presentation - <i>Care<br/>South</i> |
| 9-Dec-09   | Club Christmas Dinner                                                | 16-Jun-10  | Short Night - Board Meeting                                                                                |
| 16-Dec-09  | Short Night - Board Meeting                                          | 23-Jun-10  | Para Meadows School<br><i>Linda McLaughlin</i>                                                             |
| 23-Dec-09  | No Meeting                                                           | 30-Jun-10  | Club Changeover                                                                                            |
| 30-Dec-09  | No Meeting                                                           |            |                                                                                                            |



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



**I**n appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.

### Dr John Crakanthorp PHF - Sapphire Pin



### Kath Ridley PHF



## INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT - DENISE WORNIG

**A** word from our exchange student **Denise Wornig's** counsellor **Angela Capri:**

"Denise comes from the south of Austria in a rural area near Klagenfurt which is the capital of the federal state of Carinthia. The region is a very popular tourist destination because of its wonderful lakes and mountains.

She has a very close family who have encouraged her to travel and to see and enjoy new experiences. Her father Herbert is an Engineer who works as an Employment Officer, mother Monika is a teacher and she has a sister Innes who is two years younger. The family also have a pet dog - Mara.

One of Denise's passions is her accordion and she has been continuing her studies this year through the Conservatorium of Music in Wollongong. This will culminate in two performances - one in Liverpool and one in Kogarah, before she returns home.

Denise has had a very full year. She has attended many Rotary dinners with our co-hosting Club in Albion Park and also at West Wollongong. Denise was kept very busy during her time in Australia so that she didn't have an opportunity to get homesick. She has travelled to Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Blue Mountains and the Snowy Mountains with her three host families. With Rotary she has attended Surf Camp, hiked through the Royal National Park, travelled to the Blue Mountains again and travelled around Australia on the Capricorn Ramble.

Denise has attended the Illawarra Christian School, Tongarra Campus where she has fitted into the school environment very well. All reports from the office staff through to the teaching staff and her year advisor have been full of praise. The comparison of ICS to Denise's school back home - ICS is a Christian School, in Austria she attends a selective music/arts school, ICS is 17 years old, in Austria the school is over 800 years old, at ICS she wears school shoes, in Austria she wears slippers in class, at ICS the teachers are young, in Austria Denise says the teachers are old.

From a host family perspective - Denise has fitted into our family extremely well. On occasions we have to remind ourselves that she hasn't been living with us for the last 16 years and that she was raised in Austria. We have thoroughly enjoyed having her stay and enjoyed our many dinner time conversations. Denise and Karina have become the best of friends and they can't wait to catch up again in Vienna. We are certainly going to miss Denise when she returns home but she will always be part of our family."

### A word from Denise:

Dear Rotary Club of West Wollongong

First of all I would like to thank you for this incredible year!

Before I came to Australia I never imagined that I would have such a loving Host Family, or would make such amazing friendships and meet such nice people.

Rotary gave me the opportunity to experience Youth Exchange as it should be.

I learned heaps about Australia and got to live the "Australian-Way of life" on a day to day basis.

I learned that a 15 hour car drive is not all that long, that you wear school shoes (even if they are ugly), snakes usually don't turn up in your backyard, and that meat is your main vegetable.

But these are just a few things, I could write whole books about my experience.

Through my three different Host Families I received three very different impressions of how you can live in Australia, which was a very important experience. I am very thankful for how much, especially my last Host Family, travelled with me. Without their effort and goodwill my exchange would have never been as incredible as it is.

I would also like to mention the great times I have had with Rotarians. I learned how to do archery, attended the air show, helped with Riding for the Disabled, saw my first proper basketball game, cruised the beautiful Hawkesbury River, went to a Scottish Festival, and listened to an incredible Concert of the WWSO and Konstantin Shamray the winner of the prestigious Sydney International Piano Competition in 2008. I saw how "Baby Capsules" and "Shelterbox" work and learned heaps about fundraising projects.

All in all I am extremely thankful for all the efforts you went through for me!

It was the year of my life and it is really hard to say goodbye because I have a family in Australia now which I love!

Denise Wornig



## FELLOWSHIP



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