



Rotary Club of West Wollongong Inc. New South Wales Australia

(Chartered 23 March 1964)

Rotary International District 9750

ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011

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?

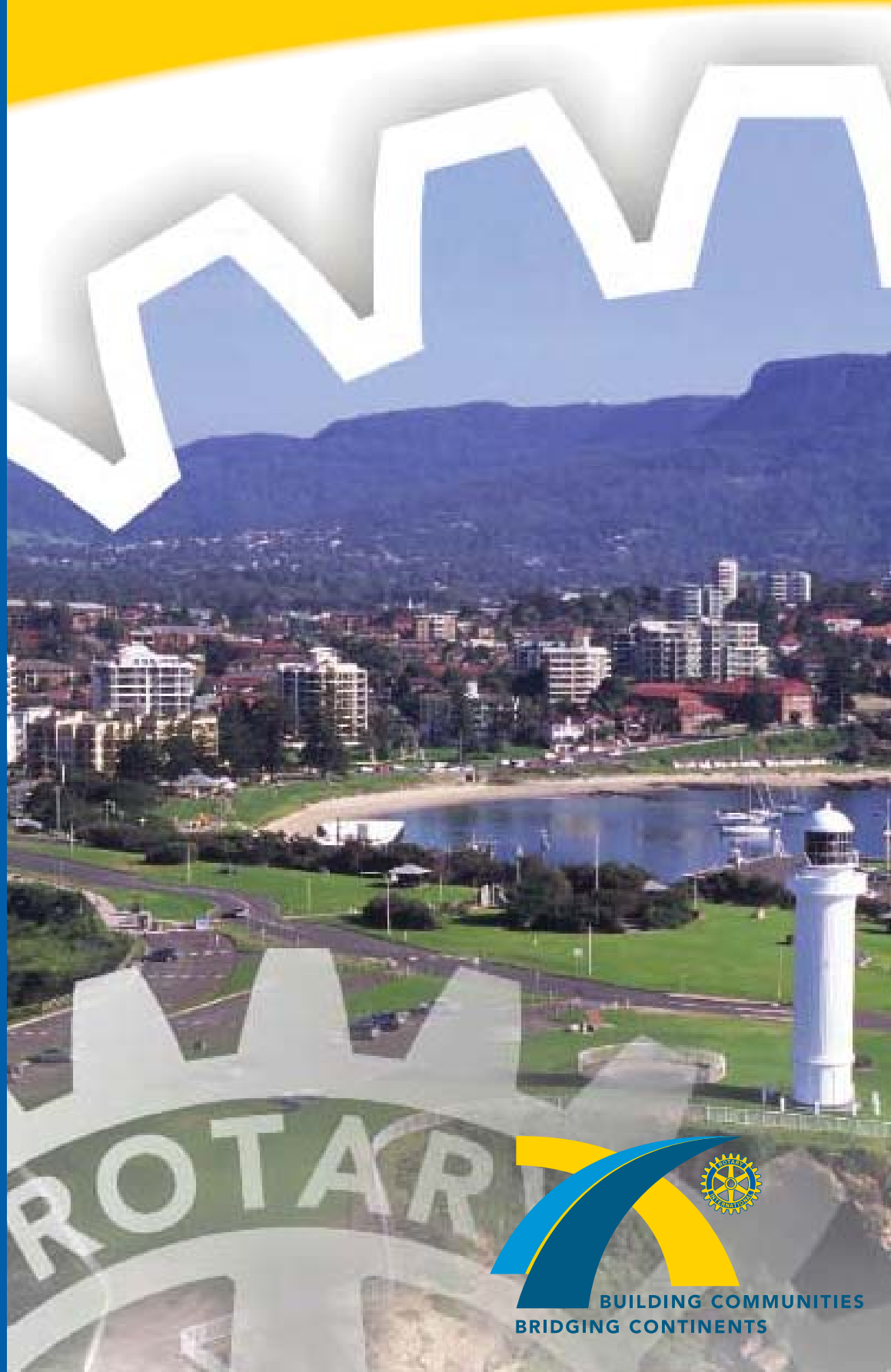
THE OBJECT OF ROTARY is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

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.





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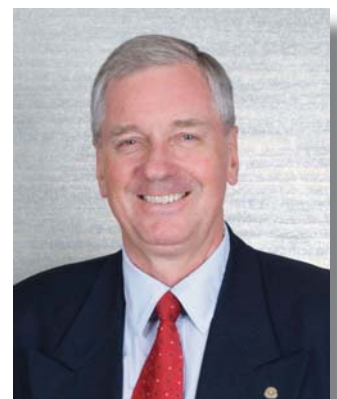
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Bowelscan	PP John Crakanthorp (dec'd)	
Charles Hotel	PP Dennis Simpson	PP Ken Potter, Bob Ridley, Marilyn Phillips, Julie Price, Ken Dixon, Brendan Bermingham, PAG Jessie Blundell
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RYLA, RYPEN, RYDA, MUNA, Youth Exchange	Jill Bridgfoot	PP Arthur Booth, PAG Jessie Blundell, Angela Capri, Netty Broekman, Tim Koppel, Marilyn Phillips, Jill Bridgfoot, Liz Depers, Brendan Bermingham, Bernadette Downing.
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ROTARY FOUNDATION - Director Michael Crowley

Foundation Projects	Netty Broekman	PDG Patrick Roberts, PP Ken Potter, Bob Armessen, Kerrie Hayes-Williams, Liz Depers
International, ShelterBox & GSE	Ken Dixon	PP Ken Potter, Tim Koppel, Liz Depers

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PAG Jessie Blundell	Youth Exchange, GRAND Stories	Ken Dixon	Chair ShelterBox
Marilyn Phillips	MUNA, RYDA, District Grants	PP Ken Potter	RYDA
Angela Capri	MUNA, Youth Exchange	PP John Crakanthorp (dec'd)	
PP John Chaplin OAM	District Resolutions		
PDG Patrick Roberts	Treasurer H.O.C - 2014 RI International Convention		RYDA, Bowelscan
	District Committee Chair - Community Service		
	Convenor GRAND Stories Project		

Is it really 3 years since **Past President Bruce** suggested that I might like to stand for President after his two year term? It gives me great pleasure to present the annual report for the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong for the Rotary year 2010-2011**.

The year was a challenging and a great learning experience for me, quite different from my years as a Past President and member of the Rotary Club of Menai with a membership, during the past 10 years, of less than 12 members. It was an experience which I have enjoyed. I will also enjoy next year helping **President-Elect, Netty Broekman**, if, when and where I am needed.

One of my learning experiences was to see how some members spend so much of their own quality time silently conducting **Rotary** business that many members would not be aware of.

Just a few Club Highlights....

- Kerrie Hayes-Williams - My story
- Julie Price - My Story
- Christmas in July
- Tim Mathie, our University of Wollongong Scholarship recipient
- GSE Inbound and outbound team visits
- The Somoan Project
- Weekly wine raffles
- Bob and Kath Ridley at the door
- Pride of Workmanship
- Vocational Service Awards
- Peace Oration Night
- Citizenship Night
- Launching of club's District Project "GRAND Stories"
- Great Debate
- Lukas Grundmann Inbound YE presentation
- Karina Capri Outbound YE presentation
- KINESIOLOGY, Neural Organisation Technique
- Kaitlyn Lieschke National Youth Science Forum
- Cassandra Lieschke, Siemens Science Experience
- Combined Meeting with RC of Corrimal
- Our Board Meetings

Our Many Club Projects are highlighted by your Board Directors.

Many thanks to each and every one of you.

Membership is not just the responsibility of our **Director, John Erickson**, we are all Membership Director assistants and need to support John even more in the new year. However we are pleased and fortunate to have inducted **Bernadette Downing**, who has embraced the **Youth Exchange** program as well as our **Baby Capsule** service. Welcome to the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong**.

Bob Armessen, in his thankless task of treasurer, convener of our raffle and chairman of the **Samoan Project** has again done a thorough job of balancing the books. Thank you.

Patrick Roberts, was not only the club secretary but also my right-hand man on many occasions and I thank him for his time, especially in between his heavy family and Rotary District commitments.

A special thanks to **Ken Potter** for carrying out the most difficult portfolio of **New Generation (Youth Service)**. He has managed to keep us active in most **Youth Projects** and even crossing the line in **RYPEN**, our first involvement.

Thanks to my **Marilyn Phillips** for her dedication to Club Administration as well as her hard work with **MUNA** and many other supporting projects.

Michael Campbell is another stalwart. As **Service Projects Chair**, he with his team worked hard to make this year great. Thanks to him and **Aditya Ghose** for the **Peace Oration**. A great night.

One of the more difficult Chairmanship roles would definitely have to be the **Rotary Foundation**. **Michael Crowley** has indeed mastered this portfolio and engaged the Club with the monthly Foundation talks. We also had a fantastic **Great Debate** and I expect next year's should be an even greater event.

It is always difficult to engage the media and it has been a thankless task, but **Aditya Ghose** has constantly tried to obtain information for his leadership role in Public Relations, and I thank him for that.

Kim Hockings has consistently managed our major fundraiser and Community service program, **Baby Capsules** as well as chairing **Risk Management**. His professionalism and dedication are truly appreciated.



Following in the footsteps of a two term president has its advantages and **Bruce Inglis** has indeed been inspirational with support. I truly appreciate his help and thank him for it.

One position of great importance is the **Programs Chairman**. As he has done for so many years, **Marcel Benson** has kept me and the club on line and entertained. Thanks, and keep 'em coming.

Our Club has become reliant on the **Hotel Charles** meat raffles as part of our income. Thanks go to **Dennis Simpson** for again maintaining his dedicated grip on this and hopefully will do so for another 12 months.

Keeping the Web page up to date has and always will be a difficult and thankless but a very important task. **Jessie Blundell** has shown seemingly effortless dedication to this task.

Noel Watt has been available to assist where and when ever, especially at short notice. Thanks for all your support.

We are all so pleased and happy for **Brian Davis** on overcoming his bout of illness. Thank you and Babs for all the great work you have put into our social calendar. We all appreciate your successful efforts.

Master of Ceremonies and Rotarian Extraordinaire, John Chaplin is always there when needed. Thanks for your great support.

Always a smiling face and a fine example of Service above Self, **Liz Depers**. Thanks for introducing the **Indigo Foundation**, great participation with our debate and for being a great Rotarian.

Ask **Tim Koppel** to tackle any Club task and immediately he is heavily immersed and professionally managing the task at hand. Thanks.

It is always great to have Vocational site visits. **Brendan Birmingham** opened his doors to his business; we all had a learning experience. Thanks.

The **ShelterBox** project is not just a Club event but a District and beyond project which is managed very professionally by **Ken Dixon**. Thanks for all your support.

Our books are professionally audited every year by **John Harper**, thank you. This is indeed THE most thankless task but John has managed another great year.

Partaking and giving all your best in our **Great Debate** as well as your fantastic support at our **Baby Capsule** project, **Kerrie Hayes-Williams**, thanks.

Keeping our banking and books balancing is not just the job of the Treasurer but also our Bookkeeper, **Julie Price**. Your enthusiasm and support is very much appreciated.

Our longest serving and most supportive member is always available at short notice. **Arthur Booth**, thanks for your assistance during the year.

Another long team member who provides fantastic support and is available for most of our events and projects is **Albert Cachia**, thanks.

One of the proudest moments of my Presidential year was listening to a speech by **Jill Bridgfoot**. She expressed her feelings toward **Rotary** with pride and dedication. It is difficult with a very young family to participate in **Rotary** projects but she always manages to provide quality time.

Rotary Youth Exchange at the District level is indeed a demanding role. **Angela Capri** not only sent her beautiful daughter away for a year but assisted with our inbound students. Her dedicated work with our Club projects and the printing of the Bulletin is very much appreciated.

Tudor Mackay has slowed down somewhat during the year, but is in our hearts and thoughts and prayers. Many thanks to you Tudor for dedicated "**Service above Self**" over your many years service to the Club.

VALE - John Crakanthorp - John was a gentle, humble man who thought little of himself but poured his heart and soul and time into other people whether through his Medical Practice, **Rotary** or his private life. He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word and we will all sadly miss him.

It is with sorrow that we say farewell to one of the hardest working and least thanked **Rotarian Bob Ridley**. He and Kath are retiring to Nowra for a life of fishing, fun and frivolity. We wish them enjoyment in their new found freedom and welcome them back to visit us whenever they are in town.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the support from my Partner, **Anne Mitchell**. I thank again all my club directors, who throughout the year made my life easier, and to all club members who also did their bit. I also wish Netty and her directors a successful and happy year which is about to arrive so quickly.

Pres. Jim Christensen
President 2010-2011





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IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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TREASURER'S REPORT



This financial year has been another rewarding one for me as I have had the pleasure of writing many cheques to so many worthwhile causes and persons.

All members should "feel the glow" of this expenditure as it is one of the major reasons for being a Rotarian, and is a direct result of their ongoing involvement in our projects - especially the Baby Capsule teams and Dennis Simpson and his "Charles Angels".

Also a special thanks to so many members who have assisted in many ways to continue the success of the Pacific Literacy Project - a separate report on this project will soon be distributed.

INCOME (Net of Expenses)

• Baby Capsules	\$ 8,000
• Charles Hotel Raffle	\$ 11,014
• Pacific Literacy	\$ 7,700
• Donations ShelterBox	\$ 2,200
• Donations 9750 Flood Appeal	\$ 1,000
• Donations General	\$ 117
• National Science Summer School	\$ 1,120
• PolioPlus	\$ 992

EXPENDITURE

YOUTH PROGRAMS

• Exchange Student	\$ 2,196
• University of Wollongong	\$ 2,000
• RYLA	\$ 725
• MUNA	\$ 575
• GSE/VTT	\$ 375
• National Science Summer School	\$ 2,240
• RYPEN	\$ 600

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

• Pacific Literacy	\$ 7,140
• ShelterBox	\$ 2,000
• Peace Oration	\$ 338
• Ranfurly Library	\$ 500
• Indigo Foundation	\$ 500

COMMUNITY/VOCATIONAL

• Special Care Nursery	\$ 3,000
• Pride of Workmanship and Vocational Service	\$ 1,623
• D9750 Flood Appeal	\$ 1,500
• Parameadows School	\$ 2,000
• GRAND Stories	\$ 850
• Citizenship	\$ 757
• Triple Care Farm	\$ 500
• Cringilia Co-op	\$ 500
• Charles Hotel..."Jacko"	\$ 500
• Denny Foundation	\$ 500

ROTARY PROGRAMS

• Australian Rotary Health	\$ 1,000
• PolioPlus	\$ 4,992
• Rotary Foundation	\$ 1,000

Bob Armessen
Treasurer 2010/2011



Another year has passed and it is time to inform the club members about the workings of the **Club Administration** for the year 2010 and 2011. Once again, I have found the portfolio to be most enjoyable due to a fantastic team. We are lucky in this club to have such dedicated members and this makes it easy to get projects completed and achieve success.

We have enjoyed some great fellowship times again this year thanks to the efforts of **Bruce Inglis** and **Brian Davis**. Our trips to the shows have been great and I know our latest venture to Jersey Boys was another success story. Even with my leg in plaster I was still able to participate in our fellowship events thanks to the efforts of **Brian Davis**. We will certainly miss **John Crakanthorp** at our fellowship events, but hope Janet and Ian will continue to join us on these occasions. The Restaurant nights have proven to be popular with most members of the club, and our last one to farewell **Bob and Kath Ridley** was no exception. I know it was very sad to see them leave us and we will all miss them but the send-off was particularly memorable and fitting for such a dedicated partnership as Bob and Kath.

The **Bulletin** provides us all with a fountain of information thanks to the devoted team of **Jim Christensen** and **Angela Capri**. We all receive the **Bulletin** by email in plenty of time to plan our social events and allow us to make changes as necessary. Jim always makes sure the **Bulletin** reaches us well before the meeting, keeping us well informed on events. **Jessie Blundell** does a wonderful job as webmaster and posts lots of news from the Bulletin on the web.

Our **International Toasts** recognise events from past, and the club closest to the area of this event is acknowledged each week at our club meeting. **Jim Christensen** inspires us with his research for the international toasts. It is great to hear about other **Rotary** clubs and the membership and meeting times. It also helps the members of the club who enjoy travelling, to know a club will meet near where they are visiting, and offers a new and exciting perspective on the workings and projects of other clubs.

Undoubtedly our greatest organiser of high calibre guest speakers has to be **Marcel Benson**. I realise he has the help of other club members but he always seems to be able to deliver an outstanding speaker at every meeting. To add to this they always provide an array of interesting topics that provoke us all to action and ensure our meetings are interesting and varied.

Sergeant-at-Arms, organised by **Ken Potter** and his team keep our meetings running to time while ensuring our fine session raises valuable funds for the club. Whether the incidents are real or imaginary, they have given the members lots of laughs. And we were always surprised each week by who was to be the Sergeant due to the inventive rostering of Ken.

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. We must not forget our honorary members, with whom we would not have such a fantastic club. We always enjoy visits from **Barry Blundell**, **Brian Hedley**, **Tudor Mackay** and **Peter Lainela**. I am hoping some club members are in contact with **Goolam Ganey** and **Ron Pederson** and would report any changes to the club. At this time we must also remember the efforts and dedication of **John Crakanthorp**, he was a wonderful help in all aspects of the club and especially our service projects and will be sadly missed by all members.

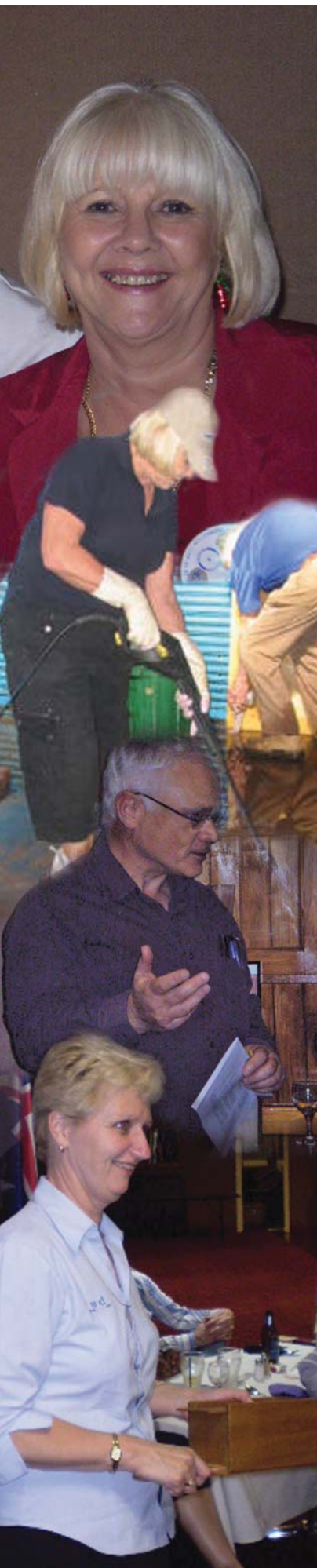
Each **Rotary club** must report attendance to District each month and these are then forwarded to **Rotary International**. It is my job to organise this report each month so it is necessary for members to report all make-ups by the second week of the month. It is always good for members to realise if they are not at the meetings, but have attended one of our service projects or other **Rotary** meetings outside the club meeting within two weeks either side of their absence they are eligible for make-up status.

Risk assessment in this day and age becomes an important part of all our **Rotary** projects, and we must thank **Kim Hockings** for his continual efforts to keep this continually updated and in the forefront of our working missions. As a result there has been no accidents or adverse incidents recorded for this year.

I continue to be involved in a number of **District Committees** such as **RYDA** and **MUNA** 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. Without such dedicated club members we would not be able to continue to raise the funds necessary to support the worthy projects that we assist.

Marilyn Phillips.
Club Administration Director 2010/2011



There is no doubt that the first imperative of any service club is the growth and maintenance of a strong and actively committed membership. In order to maintain the level of fundraising activities and community projects a club needs continued growth and strong leadership.

This year we have unfortunately dropped our membership numbers but it is interesting to note that no member departed the club due to reasons of dissatisfaction with our club's activities or the philosophy of the aims and aspirations of **Rotary**.

It is appropriate that I acknowledge the enormous contribution that each of our retired **Rotarians** made to our Club and the District.

PP Tudor Mackay PHF (2 x Sapphire)

PP John Crakanthorp PHF (Sapphire)

Bob and Kath Ridley (both PHF)

The club attracted one new member **Bernadette Downing** who I am sure will make a great contribution to our club in the years to come.

Several members were granted honorary membership during the year (2) which brings our membership numbers to 6 for the years end.

Discussions are currently underway to introduce some new and innovative categories of membership to increase the membership intake and these recognise and attempt to overcome some of the current barriers to joining **Rotary** especially amongst the younger generations of business leaders.

Even with the reduced number of members the club has achieved an active program of community projects and supported both financially and physically many worthwhile local organisations. This has been achieved by the active membership and the willingness to support each other in these worthwhile activities.

PP John Erickson
Membership Director 2010/2011



Fellow Rotarians and friends,
This was my third year as community services director. I am delighted to report that all projects went well due to the generosity of dedicated rotarians. 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 his dedicated team. It remains a magnificent fund raiser for the club and a great service to the community. The commitment of all members is to be admired, in particular, **Julie Price** for doing the bookkeeping. **John Crakenthorp** was always generous to support when others couldn't make it. We are indebted to him and he will be remembered as **a man of empathy and great integrity**. The site at Warrawong is in need of constant care, and a number of working bees during the year has insured the project's viability. We continue to address operational and risk issues as they become evident. Thank you Kim and his committee.

Charles Hotel.

There is an ever ready band of dedicated **Rotarians** who support the project, under the chairmanship of **Dennis Simpson**. It just 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.

Four worthy recipients were awarded, **Diana Novak, Jeanette Davies, Lindy Davis** and **Margaret Purcell**.

Diana Novak works at the **Catholic Education Office** and is responsible to the **Head of Religious Education and Learning Services** in all areas of administration. Diana has a professional and personal commitment to excellence in her work place. She has a personal commitment to the office and often goes above her clerical duties as an executive administration officer. Diana is both gracious and giving, a quiet achiever who puts service above herself.

Lindy Davis is a welcome addition to the **Catholic Education Office** as an Administrative Officer for the Pastoral Care and Personal Growth team. Lindy has a professional and diligent manner towards her work. Lindy takes pride in her work, is focused and follows through with all tasks despite the growing pile of requests. Lindy is enthusiastic and aspires to excellence in whatever she does.

Jeanette Davies is a member of the **Information Communication and Learning Technologies Team** at the **Catholic Education Office**. Jeanette has responsibility for technology support to all libraries in Wollongong diocese (29 Primary and 7 Secondary schools). Jeanette provides professional development to all library staff in the use of their new technology including students, teachers, parents and support officers. She has led the way for students with disabilities to access audio books on iPods, thus opening up a whole new world for students with learning difficulties.

Margaret Purcell is from the **Wollongong Division of DRUG ARM Australia** which is a non-profit organisation with no government funding. The group is committed to helping reduce the harm of alcohol and other drugs. Margaret has 25 years experience with the dark side of the **Illawarra** working alongside her husband for many years with the under-privileged in the community. They have spent years working with victims of domestic violence and the like. Margaret and her team provide bed packs and food for the homeless, the contents of which are from donations from all areas of the **Illawarra**.

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



Citizenship Night 23rd February 2011

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

Ms. Megan Slattery, Acting Director NSW Citizenship from the **Department of Immigration** administered the **Pledge of Commitment to Australia** to 9 people who became citizens of **Australia** at our meeting on 23rd February.

The new citizens are:

Mukunthan ABHINAY	- India
Krystle BARTLEY	- South Africa
Caryn Teresa BETSON	- United Kingdom
Nai CHEN	- CHINA
Paula Alexandra CORREIA SIMEOS	- Portugal
Darran Vincent HARPER	- United Kingdom
Wanvimol NUANGMAJCHA	- Thailand
Carmina Cahindo PAYOD	- Philippines
Maryam ZAHEDI ABGHARI	- Iran



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

*From this time forward under God,
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, **Brendan Bermingham** delivered a brief address of welcome to the new citizens.

Thank you to **Patrick Roberts** for making arrangements with the **Department of Immigration** and also **Marilyn Phillips, Jessie Blundell** and **Brendan Birmingham** for assisting.

Pride of Workmanship

Rotary Club of West Wollongong "PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS NIGHT" 16th March 2011

The guest speaker **Linda McLoughlin** of **Para Meadows**, gave an insight to her philosophy in the education of your special young people and the challenges involved with parents, clients and staff and upkeep of such an important facility.

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, profession and Sponsor.

Neal Hurry, Landscape Horticulturist	Sponsored by John Bubb - Wollongong City Council
Isabel Dresens, Paramedic	Sponsored by Ian Hanna - Ambulance Service NSW
Tony Groom, Logistics Coordinator	Sponsored by Steve Cliffe - Wollongong City SES
Sheila Frater, Mgr Disability Services	Sponsored by Patrick Roberts - Cram Foundation
Lisa Anderson, Classroom Teacher	Sponsored by Linda McLaughlin - Para Meadows
Steven Davies, Detective Sergeant	Sponsored by Brad Ainsworth - NSW Police

This project didn't just happen; it was the result of the great work again by our **President Jim Christensen**. **John Chaplin** was the **Master of Ceremonies** and **Jill Bridgfoot** gave the **Vote of Thanks**.

Bowlscan

John Crakanthorp's tireless management of this wonderful community work, I am sure has saved lives! John was a tireless worker, attending meetings and managing the sale of the kits as well as reporting back to the club regularly. Thank you to **Kerrie Hayes-Williams** for her support of the project.

Support for others

We supported **Interchange Illawarra BBQ** at **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 Official Opening of the Junior School. We donated all proceeds to their chosen charity '**Triple Care Farm**'.



Annual Peace Oration Series

This year we had the opportunity to address the problem of peace in **Tibet** in the inaugural lecture of its **Annual Peace Oration** series. The Official Representative of the **Dalai Lama** in Australia discussed the historical, spiritual and political dimensions to peace; the **Inaugural Rotary Peace Oration** in Wollongong has highlighted the need for a greater awareness of Peace Issues in the world.

In addition to the **Dalai Lama's** Official Representative, **Mr. Sonam Dago**, the event also included an address by the **Venerable Alex Bruce**, an ordained Buddhist monk in the Tibetan tradition, and an **Associate Professor of Law at the Australian National University**.

Mr Dago, a graduate of **Delhi University** and the **John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University**, has been a member of the Dalai Lama's delegation to China from 2002 to 2008. The **Venerable Alex Bruce** has served with the **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**, created the **Liberation Prison Project (Aust) Ltd** and was **Chaplain at Junee Prison** where he facilitated classes in philosophy and meditation for groups of prisoners.

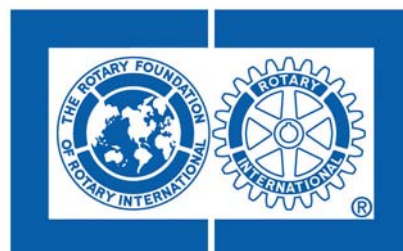
All Australians need a greater awareness of peace issues. Australian peace-keepers put their lives on the line every day to ensure our peace. We have just laid to rest the 27th Australian soldier, killed in **Afghanistan**.

The promotion of peace, international understanding and conflict resolution has long been an objective of **Rotary International**. Our club has taken a small step in pursuit of that objective.

Thank you to **Aditya Ghose** for his diligence and support. Thank you to **Arthur Booth** for instigating the interview with **Mr Dago** on the **ABC**, and the articles in the local press.

I would like to thank all chair men and women, and committees, for their wonderful contribution. I have enjoyed the last three years as director and hope that **Marilyn Phillips** has an enjoyable and fruitful time as **Community Director**.

PP Michael Campbell
Community Services and Projects Director 2010/2011



We were able to raise the profile of the club and its activities in the public eye through both media coverage and public participation in a range of club events.

Media coverage: We were particularly successful in getting media coverage of the **Inaugural Rotary Peace Oration**. Thanks to the efforts of **Arthur Booth** and **John Erickson**, we had:

- An interview of one of the speakers (**Sonam Dagpo – the Representative of the Dalai Lama in Australia**) on **ABC Radio** prior to the event. The interview provided advance publicity for the **Peace Oration**.
- A news article in the **Illawarra Mercury** on the event.
- A news article in the **Wollongong Advertiser** on the event.

Other coverage: Several of our events in 2010-2011 received public coverage via the websites of several local organizations and charities.

- Our **Samoa Project** was described on the website of the **Illawarra Credit Union** (which also made a generous donation to the project).
- The **Pride of Workmanship** event was covered on the websites of several local organizations (including the **Para Meadows School** and the **Cram Foundation**).

In addition, the **Citizenship Night** was effective, as always, in highlighting our club to the community.

On the cards is media coverage of a key milestone for the **Baby Capsules Project** and a new brochure for prospective members.

Aditya Ghose Public Relations Director 2010/2011



Board Members 2010-2011

L to R. Jim Christensen, Bruce Inglis, Michael Campbell, Ken Potter, Patrick Roberts, Bob Armessen, Marilyn Phillips, John Erickson, Michael Crowley, Aditya Ghose, Netty Broekman



In keeping with Rotary International's 2010/2011 theme of **"Building Communities, Bridging Continents"**, the members of the Club have again managed to focus on many areas that embrace the meaning behind this year's theme.

The role and responsibility of the **Foundation** committee is not only to assist in the education of members of the many 'arms' of the **Foundation**, but also to encourage participation in supporting the work of the **Foundation** both financially and through specifically recognised international projects.

Contributing to the **Foundation** advances world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. There are as many reasons to support **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** as there are ways to do 'good' in the world. As part of this process of giving, the members of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** generously contribute to TRF through the **Centurion Club** initiative, direct Club donations and involvement in international projects.

Our collective contributions are making change possible in the areas of:

- o Eradicating polio
- o Basic education and literacy
- o Promoting peace and conflict resolution
- o Reducing child mortality
- o Fighting hunger

The **Foundation** Committee also organised a variety of speakers and activities covering four specific theme months that are directly related to TRF; namely:

- o November – Foundation Month
- o February – World Understanding Month
- o March – Literacy Month
- o May – Australian Rotary Health Month

Activities throughout 2010/2011 included:

- o As part of the education component of the **Foundation** committee's activities, a 3-5 minute talk each month has been provided on some of the lesser known areas of TRF's activities. These sessions are designed partially as self-educating segments but also to remind all members (new and seasoned alike) of the breadth of the Foundation's wide-ranging activities.
- o In November 2010, an address by the Chair of the District Foundation Committee, **Suzanne Campbell**, provided a particularly moving and informative address on one of the Foundation's major projects, **PolioPlus** – ie. The eradication of polio throughout the world, of which the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** is a strong supporter.
- o In the same month, an **International & Fellowship Day** was held to coincide with **Foundation** month as a means of not only recognising the international flavour of **Rotary** but also to raise additional funds for **PolioPlus**.
- o Another facet of TRF is the **Group Study Exchange (GSE)** Program. This program is a unique international exchange program for young professionals. We were indeed fortunate that **John Erickson** arranged for the **Inbound Canadian GSE** team to address the Club's members in November 2010 as well as the **Outbound D9750 GSE** team to also speak to members in March 2011.
- o During **World Understanding Month**, the Club's inaugural '**Peace Oration**' involving **Mr Sonam Dagpo (Australian representative of the Dali Lama based in Canberra)** and the **Venerable Alex Bruce (Buddhist Monk & Associate Professor of Law at ANU)**, was organised by **Michael Campbell** (Director, Community Services) and **Aditya Ghose** (Director, Public Relations). **The Peace Oration** was a well-supported and highly interesting event that is likely to become an annual fixture in the Club's calendar.
- o The **Great Debate** on global issues affecting the elderly and the young in today's society was held in early March to provide added focus on '**World Understanding Month**' and '**Literacy Month**'. The topic for the evening was: 'From a global perspective, the needs of the elderly should take precedence over the needs of the young in today's society'. The subject was handled extremely well by both teams and made **John Chaplin's** job of adjudicating all the more difficult.
- o The affirmative "Rich Old Farts Laughing" team, which was comprised of **Liz Depers, Jill Bridgfoot** and **Aditya Ghose**, managed to pip the negative "NOSKINS" team (No to Spending the Kids Inheritance Now) of **Kerrie Hayes-Williams, Tim Koppel** and **Netty Broekman** by a whisker on the night. Given the success and the level of entertainment generated, we can look forward to more playful banter of the debating kind from our members in the years ahead.



One of the Club's great success stories over the past few years has been the **Samoa Literacy Project**, which involves the sourcing, collection, dispatch and subsequent distribution of educational equipment and materials to underprivileged schools in Samoa. This project commenced in 2009 under the watchful eye and tenacious enthusiasm of our Treasurer, **Bob Armessen**, with the expectation of sending a few hundred literacy kits to primary schools in Samoa; however, due to our Club's acceptance of the project along with the support of many and varied donors, coupled with **Apia Club's** overwhelming input, over 2,000 desks and chairs, thousands of items of sports equipment, tens of thousands of books, as well as an enormous amount of other educational material have been supplied to date.

In all, the **Rotary Club of Apia** has been the recipient (and overworked distributor) of over 13 shipping containers full of much needed materials. These supplies have enabled Rotary to fully equip 18 primary schools as well as give assistance to secondary schools, kindergartens, pre-schools, community support group and to a school that cares for handicapped children.

This degree of **Rotary** aid would not have been possible without a degree of luck and support in the form of our active members led by **Bob Armessen**, the officers at **RAWCS**, **Louise Main** (Secretary and Chair of the Literacy Committee within Apia Club) and our donors. We have been fortunate too in obtaining support from **Graeme Boler**, the virtual one-man operator of the '**Rotary Furniture Goodwill Program**' (unofficial title) who has been responsible for the majority of the aforementioned containers being available and ultimately shipped as part of our program. While so much has been achieved there are still 79 primary schools in Samoa needing help and trusting that this program continues. Well done to all involved and we look forward to continuing to support this very worthwhile project!

- o The Club continues to support **Rotarians For Fighting Aids in Africa** with the untiring efforts of **Anne Mitchell** and assistance provided by her band of loyal supporters who knit clothing for aids orphans in Africa.
- o Our members actively encourage, promote and support the extensive research work undertaken by **Australian Rotary Health (ARH)** in terms of education, fundraising and donations. **Netty Broekman** attracted two quality speakers during May; namely:
 - **Cheryl Deguara**, who occupies many roles including ARH Programs co-ordinator, spoke on the topic of '**Mental Health First Aid**'; and
 - **Professor Frank Deane** from the **University of Wollongong** and also an ARH grant recipient, talked on 'Family Connections: Evaluation of a correspondence based program to promote recovery in carers of people with a mental illness'.
- o **Tim Mathie**, who is the recipient of our **Club's University of Wollongong sponsorship**, met with members several times throughout the year to provide an insight into his studies, performance and his future aspirations. Tim will join us again later in the year for a final update.
- o While recognising that **ShelterBox** is not a Rotary International program, our Club continues to support this project to assist those around the world in dire need when disaster strikes. During the past 12 months, **ShelterBox** has assisted thousands of people affected by a variety of disasters and tragedies. Our thanks go to the tireless efforts of **Ken Dixon**, **Tim Koppel** and others, who ensured our Club maintained a pivotal role in organising **ShelterBox** equipment displays throughout our District as well as acting as an information base for other clubs in the District.
- o The **International Toasts** continue to be delivered each week. This exercise emphasises the international significance of **Rotary** by providing members with a brief insight into the origins and activities of other overseas clubs. These weekly toasts act as a reminder of the extent of **Rotary** and the tremendous efforts of Rotarians around the world.
- o Other notable and interesting speakers organised during the year included:
 - **Sadia Rafiquddin**, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar (August 2010)
 - **Sally Stevenson** from the Indigo Foundation (March 2011)

Activities have been accomplished in no small part to the dedication and tireless efforts of members. As with all our projects and associated activities, without the willing support and ongoing 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 2010/2011 Rotary year, with particular thanks to the chair and all members of the Foundation committee.

Michael Crowley
Rotary Foundation Director 2010-2011



I am pleased to report that the club has been busy with its many **New Generations Projects**. This year we have been involved with **Rotary Youth Exchange, [R.Y.E.] Rotary Youth Driver Awareness [R.Y.D.A.] Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, [R.Y.L.A.] National Youth Science Forum [N.Y.S.F.] The Science Experience [T.S.E.] and Model United Nations Assembly. [M.U.N.A.] Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment. [R.Y.P.E.N]**

In July last we were happy to receive our incoming exchange student, **Lukas Grundmann** from Germany. The club was fortunate to have Lukas hosted by **Pierce Hanson's** family and this was beneficial to Pierce who was able to improve his German language skills. Both boys attended **Edmund Rice College**. In January Pierce went on exchange and **Karina Capri** returned. Lukas was hosted by **Bernadette and Paul Downing** and this worked very well.

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. This project took place over 5 weeks in October and November, with some 1600 students attending.

In January of this year the Club supported the **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** by sponsoring one attendee to the week long camp at Stanwell Tops. **Lauren North**, was understandably "Suitably Impressed" by her involvement in this "Life \Changing Program".

Also in January, **Kaitlyn Lieschke** attended the **National Youth Science Forum** at **Australian National University, Canberra**. Her younger sister Cassandra attended the **Science Experience**, at **Wollongong University** and both girls were able to report to the Club recently.

Karina Capri was our outgoing **RYE** student, returning in January and she reported to the Club about her exchange to Austria.

The Club was able to send 2 students to the **RYPEN** program at Stanwell Tops. These students are yet to report back to the Club. [At the time of writing]

This year again, the Club is 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. The Club sponsored a team from **The Illawarra Grammar School**. The team, comprising of **Amy Carberry, Daniel McNamara, Kishan Wijesinghe** and **Isaac Kim**, represented China. In total 21 schools attended this year.

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

PP Ken Potter
New Generations Director 2010-2011



Lauren North



Cassandra & Kaitlyn Lieschke

Donations made during the year.

Rotary - Local Community Youth

Youth Exchange Program	\$ 2,196
MUNA	\$ 575
RYLA	\$ 725
National Youth Summer Science School	\$ 2,240
RYPEN	\$ 600
University Wollongong Scholarship	\$ 2,000

Rotary - Community Health

Australian Rotary Health	\$ 1,000
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Community Support

Special Care Nursery	\$ 3,000
D9750 Flood	\$ 1,500
Parameadows Special School	\$ 2,000
GRAND Stories	\$ 850
Citizenship	\$ 757
Triple Care Farm	\$ 500
Cringela Co-op	\$ 500
Charles Hotel..."Jacko Appeal"	\$ 500
Denny Foundation	\$ 500
POW & Vocational Support	\$ 1,623

Club International Service

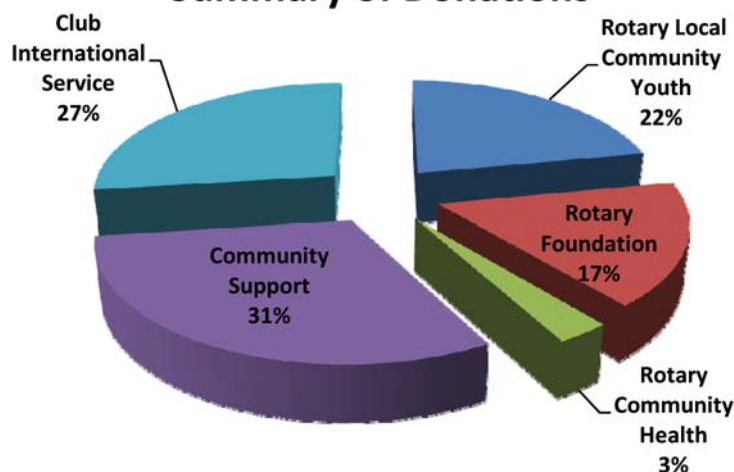
Pacific Literacy	\$ 7,140
ShelterBox	\$ 2,000
Peace Oration	\$ 338
Ranfurly Library	\$ 500
Indigo Foundation	\$ 500

Rotary - Foundation

GSE/VTT	\$ 375
Polio Plus	\$ 4,992
Rotary Foundation	\$ 1,000

Total \$37,911

Summary of Donations



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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 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	2010-2011	Jim Christensen

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2005-2006	Patrick Roberts
2008	Patrick Roberts

VALE

PP Dr John Churchill Crakanthorp PHF Sapphire

John was inducted into membership of the Rotary Club of West Wollongong on 23rd March 1967 by the then President, Jack Poel. The club had been chartered 3 years earlier on 23 March 1964. John remained a fully active Rotarian for 47 years.

He was twice a Paul Harris awardee, firstly in 1996 and again in 2008 when he was awarded a Sapphire pin. John held most positions in the club and on the Board including, President twice, firstly in 2004-2005 and again in 2006-2007.

- o John had a dry sense of humour
- o He was a most courteous person who was comfortable keeping things simple. If something needed doing—he would just do it.
- o He was a wonderful participator in pretty much everything – fellowship, activities, projects, meetings.

During his latter years John became synomus with a number of our major projects, Baby Capsules, where he took over from Tudor MacKay, and Bowelscan. John also was most involved with a District project ShelterBox.

John Crakanthorp has helped shape our club through his 47 years of service, his loss will be felt by all our members and the gap he leaves will be difficult to fill. **A decent man, a wonderful Rotarian, John Crakanthorp Rest in Peace.**

WEEKLY PROGRAM JULY 2010 TO JUNE 2011



Date	Topic & Speaker	Date	Topic & Speaker
7-Jul-10	My Story - <i>Kerry Hayes-Williams</i>	5-Jan-11	Fellowship Night - RYLA <i>PP Ken Potter</i>
14-Jul-10	Board Meeting - Short Talk <i>Tim Mathie</i>	12-Jan-11	Youth Exchange <i>Lukas Grundmann</i>
21-Jul-10	Club Assembly	19-Jan-11	Short Night - Board Meeting
28-Jul-10	My Pesidential Experience <i>PP Bruce Inglis</i>	26-Jan-11	No Meeting - Australia Day
4-Aug-10	Recuiting & Retaining Club Membership <i>PP John Erickson</i>	2-Feb-11	Club Assembly - RYLA <i>Lauren North</i>
11-Aug-10	Baby Capsule Training <i>PP Kim Hockings</i>	9-Feb-11	Peace Oration Night <i>Ven. Alex Bruce/Sonam Dagpo</i> <i>Partner's Night</i>
18-Aug-10	Short Night - Board Meeting	16-Feb-11	Short Night - Board Meeting
25-Aug-10	My Story - <i>Julie Price</i>	23-Feb-11	Citizenship Night <i>Partner's Night</i>
1-Sept-10	Fifth Avenue of Service <i>Grant Fanning</i>	2-Mar-11	Great Debate <i>Michael Crowley</i> <i>Partner's Night</i>
8-Sept-10	Wollongong Drug Arm Australia <i>Margaret Purcell - Street Outreach</i> <i>Coordinator</i>	9-Mar-11	Youth Exchange <i>Lucas Grundmann</i>
15-Sept-10	Short Night - Board Meeting <i>PP Ken Potter - ROMAC</i>	16-Mar-11	Pride of Workmanship Night <i>Partner's Night</i>
22-Sept-10	Fraud and ATM's <i>Ian Fargher</i>	23-Mar-11	Short Night - Board Meeting
29-Sept-10	Ambassadorial Scholar <i>Sadia Rafiquddin</i>	30-Mar-11	Outgoing D9750 GSE Team <i>PP John Erickson</i>
6-Oct-10	Club Assembly	6-Apr-11	Neural Organisation Techniques - <i>Gavin Hamilton</i> <i>Partner's Night</i>
13-Oct-10	Vocational Service Awards <i>PP Dennis Simpson</i> <i>Partner's Night</i>	13-Apr-11	Indigo Foundation <i>Sally Stevenson/Liz Depers</i>
20-Oct-10	Short Night - Board Meeting	20-Apr-11	Short Night - Board Meeting
27-Oct-10	Quiz Night <i>Anne Mitchell</i>	27-Apr-11	Joint Meeting with Corrimal
3-Nov-10	Inbound Canadian GSE Team <i>PP John Erickson</i>	4-May-11	Club Assembly
10-Nov-10	The Rotary Foundation <i>PP Suzanne Campbell</i>	11-May-11	Australian Rotary Health <i>Cheryl Deguara/Netty</i> <i>Broekman</i>
17-Nov-10	Short Night - Board Meeting	18-May-11	Short Night - Board Meeting
24-Nov-10	District Governor's Visit <i>DG David Brawn</i>	25-May-11	A.R.H. Research Grant Recipient <i>Prof. Frank Deane/Netty</i> <i>Broekman</i>
1-Dec-10	Board Elections & AGM	1-Jun-11	Denny Foundation <i>Margaret Purcell</i>
8-Dec-10	Club Christmas Dinner <i>Partner's Night</i>	8-Jun-11	Wollongong Police <i>Det.Sg. Steven Davies</i>
15-Dec-10	Short Night - Board Meeting	15-Jun-11	Short Night - Board Meeting
22-Dec-10	No Meeting	22-Jun-11	UOW (Faculty of Commerce) <i>Assoc. Prof. Helen Hasan</i>
29-Dec-10	No Meeting	29-Jun-11	Club Changeover



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

Gail Inglis PHF

Bruce Inglis PHF



Four Avenues of Service Award

The recipient is a Rotarian in the local club who has consistently demonstrated his or her dedication to the Objects of Rotary through participation in service activities in each of the Four Avenues of Service: club service, vocational service, community service, and international service.

PP John Chaplin OAM PHF - Four Avenues of Service Award



My "exchange year" from inbound exchange student Lukas Grundmann

I think the year of an exchange student starts with the most difficult and at the same time the most interesting day of the whole year. After a very long flight around the world, you arrive in a country you don't really know and there are people at the airport waiting for you, who you also don't know. I guess the moment where you try to find those people is the most stressing moment during the exchange year. After you have managed to find them, a wonderful year full of awesome moments and priceless experiences starts.

Some of the priceless experiences were, going to a new school and to live with different families. Also living a different country and speaking a different language. The best moments for me through the year were the surf camp at the Seven Mile beach, my trip to Darwin with my first host brother **Pierce Hanson**, the bridge climb and Christmas with my second host family. But I really had the best three weeks in my life, on the safari travelling around **Australia**, with the other 40 exchange students.

I have learnt so much about the Australian culture by living in **Australia**. I now have a different view of the world and the people and countries in it. I have made new friends which I will now have for life and will always keep in touch with. My exchange has been one of the best experiences of my life and I will remember it for my whole life. I'm glad I was given the opportunity to go on exchange and definitely the opportunity to come to **Australia**.

Lukas Grundmann

Rotary Youth Exchange Student – Germany to Australia 2010 -2011

Pierce Hanson – Rotary Exchange Student - Australia to Austria 2011

Pierce Hanson left Australia on 21st January as a very grateful student sponsored by the **West Wollongong Rotary Club**. He arrived in **Graz** in southern Austria 36 hours later as a very tired teenager.

He was greeted by **Horst Fickel** representing the **Feldbach Rotary Club** and his initial Host Family, the Orthofer's. They own a deer farm just outside **Ottendorf** (about an hour from Graz) and are a delightful family with kids relatively close to Pierce's age. He attends the **Gymnasium School in Gleisdorf**, about ½ hour bus ride from **Ottendorf**. School starts at 8.00am and Pierce has now become a very early riser! Apart from school responsibilities, Pierce has attended a 2 week language camp in the **Austrian Alps** and a weeklong ski camp at **Schladming** with about 60 other **Rotary Exchange** students. This turned out to be an eventful week as about 30 kids fell ill with a virus and Pierce was admitted to Hospital along with 6 other students. He spent 2 nights under observation with no lasting ill effects. Part of the experience of overseas travel!

He is currently on **Euro Tour**. Two buses of students are visiting 9 countries in 17 days, from **Holland** in the north to **Spain** and **Italy** in the south and **Czechoslovakia** in the east. We haven't heard a lot from him of late as his phone access is limited while on tour.

Summer is an outdoors time in **Austria** with daytime temperatures around 26 degrees. His Host Family have been showing him around their home state, **Styria** and I know he is looking forward to more trips. He will be moving to a new Host Family upon his return from the **Euro Tour** with more adventures to come.

Ted Hanson - Father

My exchange year from Karina Capri....

In 2010 I was fortunate enough to represent **Rotary Australia** as a **Youth Exchange Ambassador** in **Vienna, Austria**. The experience was really the opportunity of a lifetime! I never would have believed that so much can happen in the space of one year. I have developed friendships that will last a lifetime, discovered new cities and learnt a new language!

The year has broadened my cultural knowledge, I have expanded tremendously the variety of foods that I eat and I have discovered a new found appreciation for things that are different. The year has taught me to never be afraid to attempt something new. I used to be daunted at the thought of people going off to Europe by themselves and somehow managing to find their way, but, I went to Europe, without knowing a single soul, and I found my way.

Not only were the travel opportunities amazing, my involvement with **Rotary** through the presentations and helping out with my sponsor club in Austria, have given me the opportunity to greatly improve my communication skills and this confidence has already helped me in my new life back in Australia.

I will be forever thankful for the opportunities that the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong** has provided me and I look forward to reciprocating this support in the future.

Karina Capri

Rotary Youth Exchange Student – Australia to Austria 2010





The Great Debate



Pride of Workmanship



Citizenship Night

Outgoing D9750 GSE Team to Canada D7070



From L to R

Alyssa Milton – Regional Manager, Sydney South West, PRA (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Australia)

Matthew James – Mental Health Nurse, Macarthur Minds

Dot Hennessy (Team Leader)

Stuart Balzan – Clinical Mental Health Worker at Odyssey House

Melissa Quig – School Counsellor and Group Work Facilitator, Catholic Care Campbelltown

Matt Ireland – Project Co-ordinator, Mental Health Intervention Team, NSW Police Force

“ A very talented group of five GSE team members each of whom addresses Youth Mental Health issues in their workplace from a different perspective” David Brawn DG D9750

Incoming D7070 Canada GSE Team to Australia D9750



District 9750 welcomed the Vocational Training Team (formerly GSE) under the Rotary Foundation - Future Vision Pilot. The team from D7070 Ontario, Canada arrived on Saturday 16 October. They spent 4 weeks in our District travelling from Sydney to Macarthur, the Illawarra and finally St. George/ Sutherland. The mixed age and gender team were here to observe how the Australians deal with "Suicide and Depression in Young People".

L to R Carla Noel – Vice Principal, Student Support Leadership Initiative, Jill Wantola – Social Worker, Children's Mental Health, Valarie Wafer (Team Leader) – Vocation: Quick Service Restaurants, Dr Marshall Korenblum – Associate Professor and Child Psychiatrist, Katie Payton – Police Officer, Brenda Spurrell – Crisis/Intensive Youth Worker, Children's Mental Health





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