

Rotarians, Friends and Guests

Firstly I wish to thank all the members of this great club for allowing me to be the president. This year has seen the club do many things we have never done before and continue in the many things that we have enjoyed in the past. It has been a most enjoyable year and one that has allowed me to get much satisfaction out of Rotary.

This has been achieved by the work of all Rotarians in this club and everyone of you should be proud of the way in which we stepped up to the plate on numerous occasions during the year to help the club as well as the community.

Before I go too far I would like to thank the members of my board, they made my job so easy this year each and every one of them achieved a tremendous outcome.

I would also like to thank my wife Shelley, for being there for me and being the hostess for the board meetings and attending various Rotary functions with me.

Membership this year remained at 33 members, with the resignation of Kingsley Porter and Barbara Scott, but the inductions of Jan Mason and tonight Jon Ackinclose.

In my opening speech last year I stated that we need to do things differently this year, and I challenged you all to look at opportunities to change the club. We have done that and we have done it well. We started a few project in the previous year and completed their first iteration in this year, I thank Graeme Hickmott for allowing us to start these projects

under his presidency, these being the Odyssey coastal challenge and the Rotary Mental Health awareness forum. Both of these initiatives were successful for the community and the club and were a great learning experience for us.

So what have we achieved this year?, as mentioned the Rotary Mental Health Forum that we ran in conjunction with the Rotary club of Attadale at the Notre Dame Medical theatre in Fremantle. We got coverage in the local press through sponsor backed advertising. There was the Odyssey Coastal challenge which raised nearly \$4,000, most of which went to Red Kite. We are going to do this event again but as I said we have learnt from the first try and are changing the format this year to be a run or walk depending on your fitness level, the committee has been very hard at work and has secured a great deal of sponsorship for the event for November 7th this year. It is anticipated that the event will be even more successful than last year. Another event that the club carried out was give a dam, give a can based on the same concept as Bunbury, for a first up run at this event we collected in excess of 4,000 food items for Wesley Mission and St Pats in Fremantle, Wesley Mission alone felt the value of the food provide to them was in excess of \$7,500 and the whole club got behind this project and helped.

- These events got our activities in the press and got the general public out there noticing Rotary, the Web page that was developed by Paul Chorlton and Adrian Maher was very successful, it even got people from as far away

as Leeming involved in the collection and knowing more about what we as a club do. This I believe has generated interest from the public to assist Rotarians and perhaps later joining us in our very worthwhile endeavours.

What else did we do?

- We had a tremendous weekly newsletter the gateway gazette with its many links to both our webpage and other within the Rotary group.
- We were involved in marshalling a number of triathalons which brought valuable experience to us as well as valuable funds to the club.
- We had a tremendous result with the Xmas cakes, the best year ever, because we did what we have always done AND improved on it.
- We did the Xmas tree lights, probably for the last time as the Fremantle City council are now doing that because they saw how much it meant to the community
- For the first time and at very short notice we ran Parking in Fremantle when there were many activities including the visit of the Queen Mary Liner to the port that brought a massive influx of visitors to Fremantle
- We are participating in the Waist disposal challenge, an activity that should bring benefits to us all.
- We had two vocational visits one to AMC at Henderson and the other to the Fremantle men's shed.
- On a lighter note we took part in the Fremantle festival and in the Fremantle Fiesta, we went on a weekend trip to Rottnest, had a fun afternoon at Kim and Vicki's for the AFL Grand Final and hosted a reception for the Rotary Health bike ride around Australia. We had a great

Xmas Function at the Fremantle Yacht club and an excellent International night that started at John Murrays, moved to Kim and Vicki's and finished at Jean Taits place.

- We had a member of this club represent us in France on a wine based GSE
- Workmanship Awards were presented to Kaye Scrimgeour and Denise Burnby of Australia Post, Literacy/Numeracy Awards were presented to Margaret Crummy, Trevanna Cooper and Brother. Kevin Paul. Other awards given by the Club this year were – 4 CBC Student Awards and we had the Four Way Test with 3 participants
- We again ran the second hand book sale at the Willetton Rotary club
- Speaking of books we again did very well with the Entertainment books
- A lot of us attended the last district 9460 annual conference which was held in Manjimup and had a great weekend and longer for some
- And more recently we had our Annual Fremantle harness club Trot night which raised more money than ever before

And what did we spend our charity funds on this year? We supported

RYPEN	750
Medic Alert	150
Rotary Foundation	3,000
Polio Plus	1,500
Give a Can Project	3,285
Lleuwin Ocean Adventure	1,650
Handicamp	790
Fremantle Men's Shed	400
Diabetes WA	100
Children's Fiesta	648
Fremantle Wesley Mission -	1,144
Rotary Cord Blood Bank	1,000
ARHRF	1,000
John Curtin Chaplaincy	500
St. Patrick's Care Centre	500
A total just there of \$16,500 not including about \$3000 for Red Kite from the Odyssey coastal challenge	
We also have put aside funds for Shelter Box Project And to assist the Rotary Club of Margaret River (Bali Project)	

The Rotary International President, John Kenny said, the future of Rotary will be shaped in each and every Rotary club. Because it is for each of us – as Rotarians – to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong. Because it is our daily actions, and our daily decisions, that determine the course of Rotary. The Rotary theme was **The future of Rotary is in your hands.** I think as a club we have done ourselves and Rotary proud, you should all be very proud of your achievements,

Thank you each and every one of you, you really made my year.