

*The Rotary Club of
Canberra-Woden Inc.*

District 9710



*Annual Report
July 2005 - June 2006*

Rotary Club of Canberra Woden

Annual Report 2005-06

President's Report



It has been an honour and pleasure to have served the great Rotary Club of Canberra Woden as President for 2005-06. We had a good year thanks to all Club members and particularly to all Boards members and Club officers. In particular I thank our secretary John Gray and Immediate Past President Peter Evans for keeping things on the straight and narrow. I also enjoyed a lot of co-operation, support and encouragement from the membership in general and for that I am most grateful.

The Club is a happy one and proved to be a popular venue for “make-ups”. Fellowship in general and care of the sick and elderly in particular seems to be strong feature of the Club. I think it important that we continue to keep fellowship and assistance to those less fortunate at the forefront of our activities and be proud of it. Each Rotary Club is different, and ours has its own personality which includes being friendly and welcoming, efficient and effective, caring, cooperative and a good friend.

District Governor Noel Trevaskis acted as a guide and mentor in the lead up and during my time as President and his input proved valuable. The regular ‘Trevaskis Times’ keeps Club members informed about goings on throughout the District.

Burnie Rodgers was the Assistant District Governor assigned as the Club’s mentor and I thank him for his assistance to me and the Club throughout the year.

I wish the incoming President Ray Newcombe and his Board members and Club offices a successful and enjoyable year.

Membership:

Declining membership over recent years is a concern for the Club – as it is for the District. The objective for 2005-2006 was to retain existing members and to find, bring in and retain new members. However, the end result was a loss of five and a gain of one. Those who left did so for good reasons and not due to disquiet with the Club, as far as we can ascertain. During the year, we endeavoured to increase membership using the District’s Towards 2000 approach to attract potential members but with no success. Membership retention is as important as finding new members - it is easier to retain existing members than to find suitable new members. No one should leave for financial reasons or because they cannot participate in some activities such as Trash and Treasure and that did not occur during the year. Members do not need to partake in the meal during meetings and member’s obligations to Club activities should be seen as strictly voluntary on an individual basis.

Weekly membership attendance is not as important as participation in projects, and participation in club activity is not as important as leading by way of the ideals and objects of Rotary. Rotary 'rules' require attendance at 60% of meetings (including make-ups) and there are some whose vocations simply prevent as much participation as would otherwise occur. We should not enforce attendance rules to the detriment of retaining good members.

I am of the opinion that we should apply careful scrutiny to those we invite to membership. We must be sure that those we accept will enhance the reputation that Rotarians enjoy. We must also be sure that prospective members understand the commitment necessary to fully partake of the life of the Club.

Awards:

The George Paulus Award for community service was given to the Community Care Branch of the St John Ambulance Australia (ACT) at a ceremony during a club meeting.

Vocational Service Awards were given to head of Canberra Institute of Technology, Peter Venkeer, and to the Restaurant@CIT (the restaurant run in the CIT to train hospitality students)

A Community Service Award was given to Woden Community Service and presented to its Executive Director Chris Redmond.

Each year the Club presents two awards to students from Canberra College. This year, Ros Osborne made the presentations at the Graduation Ceremony in December 2005. The Arthur Holder Award was presented to Korrie Chaivannacoopt and the Stuart Garnsey Award was presented to Melinda Noble. Each student received a certificate and a book voucher for \$100.

A Paul Harris Fellow Award was given to long standing member P.P. Peter Evans in recognition of his service to Rotary and the Community.

Fund raising activities:

The Club continued to do the cleanup after the Belconnen Trash and Treasure event each Sunday throughout the year (including on New Year day). We must thank Ian Excell for ensuring that two members were rostered for each week. I consider the cleanup to be a worthwhile activity that involves two Club members each week and generates substantial funds for the Club that are used for donations and to augment running expenses. However, this activity was again critically examined during the year - there are some members who would prefer not to be involved and feel that this project is a disincentive to attracting new members. There is perceived inequity of effort developing due to fewer members with towbar fitted vehicles but it was not sufficient to warrant scrapping the activity. The consensus among members was that we should continue with the Trash and Treasure cleanup, at least in the immediate future.

Our major fund raising activity was managing the parking for the Canberra Show in February 2006 and was a great success – operationally and financially. The Club is

indebted to Gary Scott and his team for their efforts in organising and managing the activity. The administrative arrangements put in place last year proved successful again thanks to David Fox. All Club members were involved in some way and some brought offsidiers on the day that alleviated the work load. We have an agreement to undertake this parking activity for the next two years.

As a fund raising activity in April 2006, club members managed the parking at EPIC (Exhibition Park in Canberra) for an evening event by the ‘Crusty Demons’ and parked some 3,000 cars in three hours. We were offered this activity as a result of our success in undertaking the Show Parking indicating that perhaps the Club should look at other parking activities for fund raising.

The Rotary Scenic Cycle Tour of Canberra was staged by the Club for the second year in October as a fund raising activity. Due to unfavourable weather on the day, attendance was lower than desired. However, the event is becoming well known and respected amongst cyclists and we need to capitalise of the growing reputation. Involvement of the Inner Wheel Club of Canberra-Woden in providing refreshments was much appreciated by participants and our Club. The Club has decided to run the event in future years.

We had a ‘Care meal’ organised by Piers and Maureen Booth with the profits of \$425 being donated to Care Australia. This is an activity Piers and Club members would like to be repeated in the next Rotary year.

Money deposited in the Wishing Well at the Canberra Hospital is managed by the Club for the benefit of the Hospital. Details are given elsewhere in the Community Service Report.

Funds were also raised from the sale of Christmas cakes, puddings and cards.

Other Activities:

During the 37th Inner Wheel Conference that was held in Canberra in October 2005, Rotarians and their partners visiting the conference were invited to attend a special Club meeting and some 80 people came.

The Club assisted the Rotary Health Safari 2005 when it visited Canberra in November 2005. A number of Club members also attended the ARHRF Centennial Dinner held in conjunction with the visit of the Safari.

The Club is desirous of making a significant contribution to improvement in aboriginal health and to the whole reconciliation process. Last year, the Club, in conjunction with some apprentices provided by the Master Builders Association, refurbished a courtyard garden at the premises of the Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service in Narrabundah. Since that work, an aboriginal artist painted murals on walls prepared by the Club. During the year, we further developed our relationship with the Health Service and anticipate having some more direct involvement in the near future. Rex Hunt was the Club contact with the Health Service and undertook a number of activities and meetings to further the relationship which should develop into some useful projects in the near future. Some things take time and Rex has agreed

to continue in that role for a few years. Our incoming president, Ray Newcombe, has indicated that he will support and endeavour to further the relationship with the Health Service over the next year.

The major project for International Service project for the year was a RAWCS Team with 36 members who went to the Children of the Golden Triangle Training Centre, in Northern Thailand. This is detailed in the following International Service Report.

RAIC (Rotary Adventure in Citizenship) was run again in 2005. This is a joint activity between our Club and the Canberra Club in conjunction with the National Capital Authority and the Parliament House Education Office. In 2005 the Canberra Club were the primary managers with our Club assisting. This year our Club are taking the leading role under the direction of Bruce Wyatt.

The many other activities in the youth area are detailed elsewhere in the Youth Service Report.

The Club organised and managed the Driver Reviver 'stop, revive and survive' refreshment station at Bredbo. Members of the Club and other Rotary Clubs from Canberra staffed the station on weekends during the ski season. Details are given elsewhere in the Community Service Report.

Youth protection and anti-harassment are becoming important issues within Rotary and Rotary District 9710 developed guidelines during the year which the Club is adopting internally.

Board members and Club officers:

The Club is indebted to all members for their input during the year and particularly to Board members and Club officers.

Peter Evans as Immediate Past President was of valuable assistance to the President and Board with his background in the Club and Rotary.

Your Club Service Directors and their assistants have worked hard this year on our behalf and their reports are given elsewhere in this Annual Report. On behalf of the Club I thank:

- Bruce Hall who was the Community Service Director for the first half of the year, before relocation to the North Coast, and Val Bland (previously the Assistant Director) who took over the role during the remainder of the year. Bruce was a very active Community Service Director (as well as in other club activities) over recent Years and he will be missed. I, and the Club members, wish him well in the future;
- Gary Scott who was the Youth Service Director with Ros Osborne as Assistant Director;
- Shukry Sahhar who was the Vocational Service Director with Ajit Banerjee as his Assistant;

- Piers Booth who was the International Service Director; and
- Ray Newcombe who was the Club Service Director.

Our Treasurer, Noel Hart, looked after the cash and kept our financial records in line and wrote all the cheques..

Ros Osborne, as Attendance Officer, has done a great job in recording attendance and keeping the Embassy Motel happy.

The Sergeant At Arms role was shared throughout the year by David Fox, Neale Emanuel and Val Bland who between them kept the meetings and members ‘in line’.

Trash and Treasure clean-up roster up was again ably managed by Ian Excell. During the year he managed to get an account at the ACT tip so that we were billed rather than having to pay cash. Now all we need is exemption from tipping fees.

Bruce Hall managed the Driver Reviver activity during the 2005 ski seasons and Shukry Sahhar is doing it during the 2006 ski season.

We have had an informative and entertaining guest presenter’s program through out the year thanks to our Program Manager Phil Ibboson.

Keith Avent remained as the Club historian and archivist and, on behalf of the Club, managed the funds from Wishing Well at Canberra Hospital.

Our useful and informative bulletin ‘The Raven’ was produced and distributed by Des Pain with the assistance of Ken Goard on two occasions when he was away.

Robin Cromer was our webmaster and looked after the Club’s useful and informative website.

Donations made by the Club:

- Rotary Foundation - \$3,000
- Australian Rotary Health Research Foundation - \$3,000
- Rotary Adventure in Citizenship - \$900 (to support one student to attend)
- Shelterbox Down Under - \$1,200 (to purchase a second emergency shelter box to replace the one used in a recent disaster)
- Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children - \$1,500
- Rotary District 9710 Children’s Emergency Fund - \$100
- Inner Wheel Club of Canberra Woden – \$1550
- Children of the Golden Triangle - \$7,000 (for the construction of a building at the children’s refuge in Thailand – see report below)
- Galilee Inc. for the Greenhills John Louttit Memorial Hall construction project - \$2,000 (assistance to build the Louttit Memorial Hall, making the Club a Bronze Sponsor)
- St John Ambulance Australia (ACT) - \$1,000 (for the St. John Foundation)
- Snowy Hydro SouthCare Service - \$500
- Technical Aid for the Disabled ACT - \$500

- Saint Vincent De Paul Society - \$100
- Open Family Australia - \$1,000
- CARE Australia - \$425
- National Youth Science Festival - \$1,500 (to sponsor a delegate)
- Special Olympics \$1500
- Pegasus Riding for the Disabled ACT - \$500
- Koomarri Association \$1,000 (to assist with rebuilding after fire damage to buildings)
- Woden Community Service - \$500
- Judith Orr - \$100 (to assist with the running of a health clinic for her work amongst orphans and street kids in Vietnam in Vietnam)
- Arthur Holder Award at Canberra College - \$100 (presented to Korrie Chaivannacoopt)
- Stuart Garnsey Award at Canberra College - \$100 (presented to Melinda Noble)
- Woden Special School - \$250
- MUNA - \$200 (to send student Clare Watson)
- RYPEN - \$285 (to send a student)
- With proceeds from the Canberra Hospital wishing well – purchase of two “Spanco” mattresses and two fold up beds for visitors in ward 8B for \$1,700
- Cummings Family - \$600 with funds from the Rotary District 9710 Children’s Emergency Fund (for the purchase of a special bed for a seriously disabled child).
- A donation was made by the Club to the Children’s Emergency Fund - set up by the wife of the District 9710 Governor, Sue Travaskis.
- An allocation was made for future expenditure through the Reaching Overseas with Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) to assist a child from the Children of the Golden Triangle Training Centre to receive treatment in Australia. Further details are given elsewhere in the International Service report.

John Widdup
President 2005/2006

Community Service Report

In the 2005/2006 club year members again served the local community through several projects and events. The major initiative for the club involving the Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service at Narrabundah, ACT, was as detailed elsewhere in the President's Report.

Club Community Service continues to include the collection of proceeds from the Canberra Hospital wishing well (established by the Club) for projects to benefit patients and their visitors to the Canberra Hospital. There is a plaque adjacent to the wishing well that explains the role of the Club in its establishment and the distribution of the proceeds. The project is coordinated by Keith Avent. On June 8, Keith, President John Widdup and Treasurer Noel Hart presented Pat Tozer, the nurse in charge of Ward 8B, the renal and dialysis ward at the Canberra Hospital, with two Spanco Mattresses. These mattresses are soft and are very helpful for reducing pain from pressure points for patients spending a lot of time in bed. The remaining money in the fund is being used to purchase two folding beds for use by people visiting patients in the renal ward.

Rotary Christmas cakes and puddings were again sold by club members.

The Driver Reviver program in 2005 was very successful and coordinated by Bruce Hall of our Club with other Canberra Rotary clubs assisting with serving refreshments to motorists at the facility at Bredbo, NSW, during the ski season. A distribution of a travelling allowance was paid to volunteers for vehicle expenses to and from Canberra by the Road Transport Authority (RTA). The Cooma Council still imposes requirements for the use of the community hall at Bredbo. Shukry Sahhar is coordinating the program in 2006. Shukry Sahhar is coordinating the Driver Reviver program for 2006.

The Bruce Drake Community Award will be awarded to the Woden Community Service Inc. on the 21 June 2006. Chris Redmond will accept the award on behalf of the Service.

The Club made a donation (as detailed elsewhere) to the Greenhills John Louttit Memorial Hall construction project and thus became Bronze Sponsors. The original hall at the site was destroyed in the 18 January 2003 fires. The hall is due to be completed in July 2006. Landscaping is currently being undertaken via a series of working bees by various Clubs. Our Club has volunteered for the November 2006 working bee.

**Bruce Hall until March 2006, then Val Bland
Community Service Directors**

Youth Service Report

This has been an active and successful year in the Youth area as our Club has created the opportunity for many young people to attend Rotary Youth programs.

The Woden Rotary Club featured heavily in the Rotary/National Capital Authority (NCA) Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC) in August 2005. This program was a major activity for our Club.

RAIC is designed for Year 11 students from all over Australia to visit Canberra for one week in order to experience what it means to be a Citizen of Australia. Planning for the August 2006 RAIC is well advanced under the strong chairmanship of Bruce Wyatt with the support of many enthusiastic Rotarians from the Woden and Canberra Rotary Clubs.

The Club supported a very enthusiastic Daniel McCann to attend the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN). The aim of RYPEN is to create self-awareness for 15 – 17 year old students of what makes a good leader and citizen and to motivate them to set and achieve higher goals in their life.

The Youth Director has also gained Board approval for funds to be provided to the Open Family (\$1,000) and the Special Olympics Organisation (\$1500). The latter funds are to assist people with disabilities to attend the National Special Olympics in the Gold Coast in September.

Sadly we were unsuccessful getting a nomination up for Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). RYLA is designed to help young people (18 – 25 years) to identify their potential and to strive to maximise that potential throughout their life. Chantal was an excellent choice as she informed the Club that the week's activities had been a "life changing experience".

Finally I would like to thank all the Rotarians from the Canberra-Woden Rotary Club that supported our Youth Programs in 2005-6; in particular I would like to acknowledge the extensive help given by Ros Osbourne throughout the year.

Gary Scott
Youth Director

Vocational Service Report

This year has seen some interesting changes in the Vocational Services area. More of our members have retired and or changed jobs. We have had a segment for members during our dinner meetings to give a short talk on what is new in their vocation and or what is their hobby or interest now. It has highlighted the diversity of our membership and the skills interests of our members. As not all members have had an opportunity to speak watch out you may be next.

Work places are becoming much more security conscious and it is difficult to organise site visits. We did organise a visit to the Restaurant @CIT and our guest speaker was the head of CIT Peter Venkeer. Peter was awarded a Vocational Services Award for his work at the CIT and in particular the development of the restaurant into a Canberra Institution. A second award has been prepared and is to be given to Restaurant @CIT for its contribution to the training and development of students to the hospitality industry. This will be received by Nick Mitchell the Commercial Operations manager.

Bernadette Cappelo our newest member spoke to the club about her work as a pharmacist, and her love of formula one racing. Shukry addressed the club on “What’s in a name”, and the Goulburn Mullwaree club on Airport trends.

Thank you to all members for their support and contributions throughout the year.

Shukry Sahhar
Vocational Services Director

International Service Report on Children of the Golden Triangle Training Centre Project

The RAWCS Team to the Children of the Golden Triangle Training Centre, in Northern Thailand was the major project for International Service during the year. The team had 36 members, representing 6 Rotary Clubs -- Bungendore, Canberra, Canberra City, Canberra-Woden, Ginninderra and Goulburn, plus several non Rotarians. Members of the team from the Rotary Club of Canberra-Woden were Val Bland, Bruce Wyatt, Gary Scott, John Widdup and Piers Booth. The age range of the members was from 9 to 76 years, and included women and men. With the large numbers, it proved possible to organise a block booking with Thai Air, with reduced rates, and they also provided a small allowance for additional luggage. This allowed

members to take clothing for the children, pens, books, and building tools.

The intended purpose of the team was to build an accommodation block. By the end of the two weeks, having started by laying the floor slab, the building was more than ¾ finished. The roof trusses were in place, as were the door and window frames, much of the block laying of the walls had been completed, and the roofing tiles were painted and



The building at the time of departure

ready to be put in position.

Whilst the work on the building was an important achievement, the skills of the members of the team allowed for help to be provided to the Centre in many other ways, as listed below:

1. The development of a strategic plan for the Centre, using the advice of several members of the team, at various times during its development. This plan will be used as the basis of an application to AusAid for registration and subsequently for grants. Several members of the team, in conjunction with David Stevenson, spent many



Starting to lay the slab on the first day

hours developing the plan. Although the core membership of the committee was quite small, a number of other members of the team were able to give valuable advice.

2. A working party of team members, which visited seven Akha villages, to develop a pre-feasibility study for the construction of joint health centres and primary schools, in 3 of them. The health centres and schools would also serve neighbouring villages. The Training Centre is now reaching capacity, and this development will relieve the pressure on the it, so that in the future it will be able to concentrate on the education of the older children, who are attending high school, and adults. The members of the team agreed to continue developing the proposal after their return to Australia. This is now occurring. Members include an architect, an engineer and a surveyor.
3. Team members prepared an application to the Australian Embassy in Bangkok for a discretionary grant, for the purchase of materials to be used for the construction of tables and benches for use in a primary school at the training centre.
4. Team members undertook a review of the accounting system at the Training Centre.
5. A review of the existing data base was undertaken by a team member, to extend its usefulness. A brief for the development of the database was developed.
6. The electrician in the team, with assistance, undertook extensive electrical work, both repairs and modifications to the existing system, and the provision of additional lights and power points in the workshops.
7. A team member in conjunction with a member of the Rotary Club of West Kamloops, Canada, developed proposals for the continued development of the new sewerage system, so as to better suit the needs of the Centre and the constraints of the site.
8. A child, with a deformed leg and foot was identified and may be helped by ROMAC.
9. Photographic portraits of all the children, who had not been sponsored, were taken by a team member.

In addition time was spent in other activities, to the benefit of both the team members and the children of the Centre:

1. Time was spent with the children, both in recreational and social activities. This included taking some of the children on the Sunday Cultural expedition, which included riding on elephants.
2. Visits to two Akha villages, thereby helping the members of the team to obtain a better understanding of the problems facing the Akha people in Thai society.
3. Visits to local places of interest.

Since the return of the team to Australia, members have continued to support the Centre:

1. Work continues on the strategic plan for the centre, which will be of value in an approach to AusAid. Registration with AusAid and thus grants to help further development will be sought in August, when David and Asa Stevenson will be visiting Canberra.
2. Work continues on the proposals for the three village health centres and schools, with the development of plans and costings.
3. One of the members of the team, Rotarian Gail Kinsella, has become a director of CGT (Children of the Golden Triangle) in Australia.
4. An approach has been made to ROMAC to provide surgical help to one of the children. It is hoped that he will come to Canberra for treatment, under the care of a surgeon.

Piers Booth
International Director

Treasurer's Report

Hereunder is the unaudited statement of receipts and payments for the period 1 July 2005 to 2 June 2006. The following comments may be helpful in understanding the statements.

- \$17000 has been transferred from General Account to Project Account to enable the extent of donations and sponsorship as shown.
- Rotary Subscriptions last year included amounts given to Rotary Foundation which this year are shown under "Donations and Sponsorships"
- Dinner Receipts are in credit mainly due to the night hosted by Piers and Maureen which enabled a \$426 donation to be given to Care Australia.
- Presentation Expenses (\$745), not previously shown separately, basically covers the hire of projectors and screens.
- Donations include \$1040 for the purchase of mattresses for Canberra hospital. The amount has not yet been recouped from the Wishing Well Account.
- Expenditure on Guest speakers was \$591 but only \$92 expended on dinners for potential members
- Because this is a cash statement Show Parking Expenses include \$1672 which was owing to Canberra City for last year. This will not be included in the final statement. Even so it is significant that net income from Trash and Treasure will match that received from Show Parking this year.
- The individual donations made by the Club are shown elsewhere in the Annual Report. \$3000 of donations approved by the Board have not been processed as yet.

Noel Hart
Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 Jul 2005 to 2 Jun 2006

	2-Jun-06	30-Jun-05
GENERAL ACCOUNT		
RECEIPTS		
Fines, Raffles, Donations etc	\$1,232	\$1,331
Interest Received	\$132	\$114
Dinner Receipts (net)	\$546	\$176
Membership Subscriptions	\$7,967	\$7,710
Trash & Treasure Income	\$10,234	\$11,600
	\$20,110	\$20,931
PAYMENTS		
Advances	\$200	
Bank Charges	\$35	\$32
Donations	\$426	-
General Expenses	\$197	\$134
Presentation Expenses	\$745	-
Printing, Postage & Stationery	\$554	\$920
Project Account Transfers	\$17,000	
Rotary Subscriptions	\$4,909	\$9,274
Rotary Supplies	\$788	\$1,250
Sergeant, Trash & Treasure & Raffle Expenses	\$1,136	\$1,342
	\$25,990	\$12,952
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-\$5880	\$7,979
Bank Balance at end of period	\$15,179	\$21,059
PROJECT ACCOUNT		
INCOME		
Sales of Cakes (Net of Purchases)	\$478	\$392
Show Parking	\$22,986	\$25,377
Other Parking	\$900	
Cycle Tour of Canberra	\$503	\$2,265
Interest Received	\$42	\$57
Donations Received	\$50	-
Wishing Well Canberra Hospital		\$825
Transfers from General Account	\$17,000	
	\$41,959	\$28,916
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	\$53	
Depreciation estimate	\$158	
Donations & Sponsorship	\$25,218	\$20,166
Show Parking expenses	\$14,291	\$13,943
	\$39,509	\$34,320
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$2450	-\$5,404
Bank balance at end of period	\$12,092	\$9,642



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