

President's Report 2015-2016

I am very pleased to present the 64th annual President's Report for the Rotary Club of Kiama, District 9675. The Club has continued its great tradition of supporting many community projects, through members' enthusiasm, participation and camaraderie. Key milestones and accomplishments are detailed later in this report.

The International President Ravi Ravindran's theme for the year was "Be a Gift to the World" and we were encouraged to bring our gifts and talents to our Clubs and District. I believe we have worked hard as a club and, through our individual and collective talents, have contributed to the wellbeing of our local, national and international communities.

Of particular note this year was the instigation of a joint venture with Gerringong Sunrise Rotary Club and Australian Rotary Health to raise \$5,500 per annum from each club for three years to fund a melanoma research project.

The Cancer Council of Australia reports that melanoma is the fourth most common cancer diagnosed in Australia, which along with New Zealand has the world's highest incidence rate. To undertake the research, Sheena Daignault, a PhD student from the University of Queensland was selected from a number of outstanding applicants. It is hoped Sheena will have an opportunity to visit us some time in the future.

Proceeds from the Clubs' annual Car Spectacular were pledged to the melanoma research project and at this year's event, two local Doctors also provided free melanoma skin checks for attendees, a number of which were referred for further medical tests.

Our profile has been promoted locally through regular contributions to the Kiama Independent and Bugle newspapers and we have reached out more widely through a Facebook Page and our new website. Our weekly Bulletin continues to be an exceptional communication tool for our members.

A major local project for us this year celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the construction of the Club's original Saddleback Mountain Lookout. The project involves the repair and refurbishment of the Saddleback Mountain Southern Lookout, including improved access and visibility with a gravel path through the rainforest, properly constructed steps where required and a timber viewing platform to enhance the attraction of the reserve to locals and visitors. The project was initiated and developed by the Rotary Club of Kiama in association with the Kiama Municipal Council. With the assistance of our local member Gareth Ward, we were successful in obtaining a Community Building Partnership Grant of \$50,000 to enable this work to proceed.

The project is now underway and is due for completion by March 2017.

In closing I would like to particularly thank Treasurer Trevor and Secretary Geoff for their considerable commitment and the other members of the Board, along with all the Kiama Rotarians, for your support, encouragement and friendship. I feel sure that you will continue to share your gifts and talents with incoming President Dave Chambers and I wish him a fulfilling and successful year.



Marilyn Jarrett
Rotary Club of Kiama
President 2015-2016

SUMMARY OF KEY MILESTONES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

Sadly, at the start of the Rotary year Alan McKeag passed away. Although Alan had only been a member of the club for two years those of us who knew him appreciated his kind and caring nature as well as his sometimes outrageous sense of humour. We miss his presence at our meetings.

Kenn Wheatland moved north to be nearer close members of his family.

We started the year with 44 members and will close with 43. We have had one transferee - Lloyd Chatfield and inducted two new members - Hamish East carrying on a family tradition of membership and Gail Stewart-Brown - each of these new members is warmly welcomed.

Summary of Major Fundraising Activities – 2015-2016

Antique Fair	\$10,200
Barbeques	\$22,000
Kiama Car Spectacular	\$3,700
Festival of Choirs	\$2,400
Apple Drive	\$3,600
Grants	\$7,000
Miscellaneous	\$2,800
Operating Costs	(\$8,700)
TOTAL For Distribution	<u>\$43,000</u>



Summary of Donations and Projects – 2015- 2016

Community Projects **\$13,300**

Cancer Programs	\$500
Mental Health First Aid Courses	\$7,600
Kiama Ministers Fraternal & Kiama Show Society	\$500
Kiama Dementia Friendly Program	\$1,000
Kiama Pipe Band	\$1,000
Berry Adventure Playground	\$1,600
Miscellaneous Community Programs	\$1,100

International Projects **\$8,050**

Madang Rotary Club Assistance	\$4,700
RAWCS Water Projects (Thailand)	\$1,000
Lighthart Orphanage Cambodia Project	\$1,000
Shelterbox Australia	\$1,000
Miscellaneous International Programs	\$350

Local Youth Projects **\$7,940**

Kiama High School & School Awards	\$200
RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)	\$1,560
NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)	\$2,000
MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)	\$430
Fred Wynn Award & Rotary Encouragement Award	\$750
Kiama Youth Centre (CENTRAL Program)	\$1,000
Literacy Project (Imagination Library)	\$1,000
SCARF (Strategic....	\$500
RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)	\$500

Rotary Charities **\$12,800**

Rotary Foundation	\$4,300
Australia Rotary Health (Melanoma Research S'Ship)	\$5,500
Rotary Polio Plus	\$1,000
ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)	\$2,000

Total Donations and Projects **\$42,090**

2015-2016

Community Service Activities included



- Annual Apple Drive
- Antiques Fair 25th Anniversary
- Blue Haven Fete.
- Bowel Scan programme at Kiama and Albion Park pharmacies.
- Car Spectacular at Kiama Showground with Gerringong Rotary.
- Cystic Fibrosis car rally barbecue breakfast.
- Life Education van moved between Jamberoo, Kiama and Minnamurra Schools.
- Mental Health First Aid Courses.
- Assistance with Red Shield Appeal
- Wraps with Love collected from six Wollongong outlets and delivered to Alexandria warehouse.
- Donation to Kiama Pipe Band
- Donation to Kiama Ministers Fraternal
- Donation to Kiama Show Society.
- Donation to Rotary club of Lightning Ridge Drought Relief Fund.
- Donation to Gabby Zoratto for Ride to Conquer Cancer with the Chris O'Brien Life House.
- Maintenance of club equipment and shed and preparation of books, clothing, medical supplies and furniture for dispatch to Sydney Rotary depots and overseas.
- Commenced work on Saddleback Mountain Southern Lookout.

Youth Service Activities included

- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) one student
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award program (RYLA) two participants
- National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) one student
- Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) 1 team from Kiama High
- Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Day program Yr 11 Kiama High 195 students and 6 Rotary volunteers
- Primary school service awards
 - Jamberoo Public School
 - Minnamurra Public School
 - Sts Peter and Paul Kiama
- Kiama Youth Centre SENTRAL Program
- Kiama High school yr 12 service awards
- Triple Care Farm Fred Wynn Memorial Award and Rotary Encouragement Award
- Imagination Library

Vocational Service Activities included

- Visit to Port Kembla Harbour and Mission for Seamen
- Management support for Rotary NSW Emergency Services Community Awards

International Service Activities included

- Medical & School supplies shipped to PNG

- School furniture & supplies shipped to Kiribati
- Birthing Kits, clothing & other supplies sent to Nepal
- Bundled with Love kits sent to PNG, Nepal, and Kiribati
- End Polio Now, ROMAC & Rotary Foundation donations
- Shelter Box response following Nepal & Vanuatu disasters
- Final 10 tanks installed in Oro Province PNG – project completed
- Two more clean water filtration systems installed in Thailand
- Teacher supported at Lighthart Orphanage in Cambodia
- Dental Clinics supported in Timor Leste
- Continued work with Gerringong Sunrise Club on our Madang project
- There were a number of club nights with International focus including...
 - Feb – Regional Manager for RI, Frank Pezzimenti
 - ROMAC reports regularly from Barry Wilson, plus one-night presentation from both Barry & Peter Maitland
 - Bobby East spoke about birthing kits & collecting resources



Club Service & Fellowship

- Rotary's 111th Birthday Party at the Surf Club Kiama
- International Night highlighted programs - encouraged members to dress up & enjoy fellowship
- Hat night for Australian Rotary Health Mental Health Day
- Galvanised Shield Inter Club Bowls Competition
- Poetry Night at Jamberoo Pub
- Apple Packing and BBQ
- District 9675 Conference at Nelsons Bay
- Navigational Challenge organised by Sue Whalen



Marketing and Communications Activities included

- Kiama Rotary Blowhole Bulletin
- Kiama Independent – Around the Clubs
- Created new Kiama Rotary Website
- Expanded use of Kiama Rotary Facebook page
- Social media has now become a regular part of our club marketing
- TV and Print Media coverage

