CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

DIRECTOR: DOUG HARRISON

Program. P.P. David Dolman has once again done a sterling job in arranging Guest Speakers over the past twelve months. The Speakers have been varied and of a very high standard. Thank you David.

Bulletin The publication of the weekly Club Bulletin has been the responsibility of Peter Cox, John Jones and Vin Walshe. The Bulletin has been very well presented and we thank the team for their dedication.

Sergeant The sergeants this year were some familiar faces and some new faces which gave us well run meetings and sometimes 'different' fine sessions. The sergeants who assisted me during the year did a great job, they being, P.P. Doug Poole, P.P. Leon Scott, Walter Lourie, P.P. Alf Thorpe and Cheryl Sobczyk.

Thank you to our Corporals, Joe Cogo and Ern Spence who I think enjoyed taking our money.

Interclub Visits The task of arranging interclub visits was left with P.P. John Gurr. A visit was made to the Kyneton Club with Rochester paying us a visit, members also attended Rochester's Pie and Port Night.

Attendance P.P. Ron Moss has once again kept the records up to date and we thank him for submitting reports as required.

Cashiers Our permanent cashiers Peter Ludeman and Ern Spence have continued to do a great job and welcome members with a friendly smile as they take your money. Thanks also to P.P. Bill Slee and Jack Millonig for their assistance during the year.

Protection Officer P.P. Alf Thorpe informed the Club about his role as the Protection Officer and the importance of the position.

Historian P.P Rob Layton has continued to keep records of all of the Club's activities.

On – to – Conference P.P. Gordon McKern has continued in this role of bring the District Conference to the attention of all members.

P.P. Doug Harrison. Director.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

This year will go down as our most active connection with the Foundation in the Club's 39 year history, due to:

 a successful application for a matching grant to construct a training farm for the Orphanage at Pattaya, Thailand

- an initial contribution of \$A10,000.00 to the Foundation's Annual Giving programme, with an additional contribution of \$A2,000 at the conclusion of the Rotary year.
- the presentation of 3 Sapphires, to complement the Paul Harris Fellowships already held by Stan Spencely, Leon Scott and Roy Parker.
- two additional Members agreeing to become Centurions, ie. making a commitment to contribute \$100.00 per year for 10 years. We now have 4 Centurions, with others indicating their intention to join soon.

The farm project is very exciting, and rewarding. It will not only provide skills training for many of the orphan children, a number of whom have rural backgrounds, but it will also generate food for the Orphanage itself. The total project is estimated to cost 1,355,296 Thai Baht, ie. \$A45,976.00, \$US33,056.00 which was raised as follows:

- Rotary Club of Eaglehawk \$A10,000.00
- Rotary Club of Jomtien Pattaya 100,000 Baht
- Rotary Club of Watford North, England GBP2,000.00
- Pattaya International Ladies Club 250,000 Baht
- The Rotary Foundation \$US13,352.00

Construction of the project, which includes both agricultural and fish farming, is well underway. Initial plantings are beans, gooseberries, fruit trees and morning glory.

This international humanitarian project will be an outstanding achievement, one from which all our Members can derive pride and satisfaction.

Gordon McKern

PARTNERS REPORT

During 2004/2005 the Partners enjoyed several events

July A night at Maureen Lougoon's home with a

demonstration of "Decorating with Balloons"

September Fashion Parade at Jan Spenceley's home.

Forty people enjoyed Fashions by "Heather Fave" and raised \$617-60 for Relay for Life.

October Cake Stall at Eaglehawk IGA - \$312-50

raised.

October Eleven partners enjoyed a Basket Tea at

Anita McKern's home.

November Twenty Partners and Friends saw a film, "How

to Loose a Guy in 10 Days" at a private theatre in Henkel Street, then supper at

Layton's. \$210-00 raised.

November Trading Table at Open Day at Mechanics -

\$358-55 raised.

December Christmas Get Together at Miss Millys at

National Hotel. Donations of \$108 enable purchase of 5 gifts for the Empty Christmas

Tree at Target.

March Another Film Night followed by supper at

Layton's - \$258-00 raised

June Final Partners Get Together – luncheon at "Skydancers" at Harcourt.

During the year \$1,683 was raised to enable us to purchase Blinds and Kitchen Utensils for the new Home of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk.

Many thanks to all the Partners for their support and friendship during the year

June Layton.

First Rotary Club

On the evening of February 23, 1905, Paul Harris and three friends, Sylvester Schiele, Gustavus Loehr, and Hiram Shorey, met in Loehr's business office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago to discuss Paul's idea that businessmen should get together periodically for camaraderie and to enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances.

From their discussion came the idea for a men's club which would meet weekly and whose membership would be limited to one representative from each business and profession. After enlisting a fifth member, Harry Ruggles, the group was formally organized as the Rotary Club of Chicago. By the end of 1905, the club's roster showed a membership of 30 with Sylvester Schiele as president and Ruggles as treasurer. Paul Harris declined office in the new club and didn't become it president until two years later.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2004-2005

PRESIDENT ROB LAYTON

The Rotary Year of 2004/05 has been a very successful year for the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. It has certainly been a busy year for the Club as it was also the Centennial Year of Rotary International.

The Directors have all submitted reports on the various activities but I wish to highlight several projects of great achievement.

During the year we have been very fortunate to induct, and welcome to our Rotary Family, 4 new Members; Phil Britton, Maureen Lougoon, Carolyn Robinson and Denis Rowston.

The R.O.S.E. Program proved to be really successful. P.P. Howard Osborne and Vivienne and Rotarian Peter Cox deserve our congratulations on a very successful venture. The changes in the students during their 10 months stay were incredible. We now welcome 4 new students from Pattaya Orphanage in Thailand who have joined us during the past few weeks.

The Farm Project for Pattaya Orphanage has eventually come to fruition. The Rotary Foundation and several other organizations have matched our donation of A \$10,000-00 and the orphanage can now not only teach their students farming techniques but also grow food to support the orphanage and eventually operate on a commercial basis. The visit by Father Phillip from Pattaya Orphanage last December was certainly a highlight as was the visit of

Nittipoon Navaratna and Miss Pepsi on our first meeting night last July.

Through an appeal to Club Members and friends of Rotary we raised in excess of \$5,000 towards the Tsunami Appeal. What a fantastic effort for a Club of 37 Members. This money was forwarded for use in Thailand. We were in contact with our Sister Club, Jomtien-Pattaya, during this period. The relationship with this Club is working well.

In February we moved into our new home at the California Gully Mechanics Institute. Many months of hard work went into the restoration of this old building that dates back to 1861. Every Member contributed in some way to this restoration but particular mention must be made of P.P's Stan Spencely, Bill Slee and John Haugh and Rotarian Joe Cogo. Having our own Club Meeting Room has certainly been beneficial. The Mayor of the City of Greater Bendigo officially opened the building on Saturday 20th February 2005 to coincide with the Centenary of Rotary International on Wednesday 23rd February. District Governor Judy Nettleton and John Nairn joined us for the day together with around 160 guests.

Several Awards have been made during the year. At the opening of the Cal. Gully Mechanics Institute it was a wonderful honour for me to present Paul Harris Sapphire Pins to P.P. Leon Scott and P.P. Stan Spencely. Last Wednesday night I also had the honour to present P.P. Roy Parker, our last surviving Charter Member, with his Paul Harris Sapphire Pin. Certainly they are three very worthy recipients. On Saturday 20th February we also made presentations of special mantle clocks to P.P.'s Bill Slee and John Haugh to acknowledge their fantastic efforts in the restoration of the Mechanics.

June and I have represented the Club at several District events including the Centennial Walk in Swanston Street, Centennial Picnic at Werribee Mansion (together with Leon & Ann Scott) and the recent District Awards night. Our Club was successful in being awarded the "Rotary Image Award" for the R.O.S.E. Program and the District Governors Award for the most outstanding Centennial Project — the restoration of the C.G.M.I. I was very proud to accept these Awards on behalf of the Club. Stan & Jan Spencely and Walter & Glenyce Lourie joined June and me in Hobart for the District Conference

We have carried out a lot of the usual catering projects; Swap Meeting, 150th Anniversary of Eaglehawk Primary School, Commonwealth Youth Games, Mental Health Week Dance, C.O.G.B. Seminar at Strathfieldsaye to mention a few. There were three bicycle events; Cycle-a-bout Whipstick, Madison Weekend and Bendigo by Bike – all great events. We helped load containers for East Timor and helped at the some Working Bees at Camp Getaway as well as having a team in the Relay for Life.

There are many Members who deserve thanks for their assistance in making 2004/05 such a successful year for our Club. The most prominent in my mind of these is P.D.G. Gordon McKern who has served as my Secretary for the past 12 months. His assistance and counsel, at times under personal difficulties, has been exemplary and certainly appreciated. Thank you to all Members and Partners who have assisted and served the Club so well.

Thanks also to June for her assistance and forbearance over the year and also for organising some great events and outings for the Partners. The Partners have participated very well, particularly in raising money to purchase blinds and kitchen equipment. Well done – thanks.

Finally to Walter and Glenyce we pledge our support for 2005/06 – we are all fully convinced that you will have a great year and that the leadership of our Club is in good and capable hands.

Rob Layton President 2004-05

Rotary Four Way Test

- 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?

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

DIRECTOR: CHERYL SOBCZYK

This year it was a quiet year for the Vocational Services Committee. I was absent for part of the year and members were busy with many of the major projects that the club was involved in.

Rotary Trivial Pursuit Challenge (October 2004)

As part of the centennial year the Vocational Services District Committee assisted clubs in organising a Rotary Trivial Pursuit Challenge for the Vocational Services month of October. With assistance from our own committee members we undertook an entertaining quiz that was a great Rotary Information educational opportunity with a little healthy competition for reward of lolly prizes.

Several members and partners undertook their own Vocational Service Development in October with the attainment of 'Follow Workplace Hygiene Procedures' in readiness for the swap meet in November. We achieved a 100% pass rate!

I thank all club members who contributed to the ongoing vocational activities and opportunities throughout the year including the recruitment of interesting speakers talking about their own vocations.

Cheryl Sobczyk Director

COMMUNITY SERVICE

DIRECTOR: DOUG POOLE

The Community Service Program this year focused on the restoration of the 'Cal Gully Mechanics Institute' and helping where possible at Camp Getaway 'working bees' together with the ongoing regular community events and activities at which Eaglehawk Rotary Club regularly assists.

California Gully Mechanics Institute

The restoration of the Mechanics Institute has been a marvellous achievement for the Club a great Rotary Centennial Project and, I am sure a source of pride for all members of Eaglehawk Rotary Club. A greater part of the restoration was carried out by a willing and devoted core group of members. However, when an extra effort was required, all members willingly gave of their time and talents so that the project could be completed on time.

Camp Getaway

Several members regularly attended the working bees at 'Camp Getaway' and should be proud of what has been achieved there during the year.

Carols By Candlelight

Eaglehawk Rotarians once again set out the seating and helped decorate the Sound Shell in Canterbury Park for the Dahlia and Arts Festival's Carols by Candlelight. Unfortunately the evening was cut short by an untimely thunderstorm but not before most of the program was completed. The removal of the seating and decorations after the event was also carried out by Rotary members.

Nativity Scene

The Nativity scene was once again set up on the balcony of the Town Hall thanks to the assistance of Rotarians Walter Lourie and Trevor Lock in particular. The Nativity Scene is always a greatly appreciated part of Christmas festivities and decorations in Eaglehawk The set was also removed and stored by Rotarians after the Christmas Season.

Australia Day Celebrations

Rotary members once again assisted in the set up and removal of seating etc. for the Australia Day Ceremony at Eaglehawk. They also provided a free sausage sizzle for members of the public who attended the celebrations.

Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival

Many hours were spent by Rotarians during the Festival assisting in the set up and cleanup of many and various locations during the festival. The flower show, the 'Old Time' Ball, Family Day in the park, the Grand Parade / Street Procession were some of the main events at which we assisted.

Clean -Up Australia Day

Several of our members once again assisted in the annual 'Clean up' day and the bushland adjacent to the Cemetery was the focus of our attention this year. A significant amount of rubbish was collected by those involved.

Rotary Evening of Music and Song

Once again the Rotary Night of the Dahlia and Arts Festival was a great finale to the festival. This year, due partly to the unavailability of the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra three community groups were invited to be part of the evening's program.

The Bendigo Youth Choir, The Bendigo and District Concert Band and The Bendigo Chorale entertained the audience of 130 with a wonderful concert program of Music and Song. Special thanks to Stan Spencely for his work in setting up the stage for the evening, to Graham Lock for supplying the sound system, Trevor Lock for the lighting, the 'wonderful willing ladies of Rotary' for their efforts in setting up the tables and providing tea and coffee etc. The evening was once again ably compered by Jonathan Ridnell of the ABC

The catering committee has once again been very active and my thanks go to Graham Lock and his helpers for always being there when any catering is required no matter when or why.

Howard Osborne's continued efforts to see a skate park established in Eaglehawk were rewarded when a planning permit was granted by the City of Greater Bendigo Council earlier this year after an appeal by objectors to the project was rejected by VCAT. Congratulations Howard, all your hard work has been worthwhile. We look forward to the development and completion of this vision in the near future.

President Rob, I congratulate you on a great Rotary Year. It has been both a pleasure and an honour to be

part of your team. Walter (and Glenyce) all the best for your year in office and I look forward to working with you.

Community Services Director Doug Poole.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

DIRECTOR: HOWARD OSBORNE

• Rotary Orphan Students Exchange (R.O.S.E.)Program

The inaugural year of the R.O.S.E. Program concluded successfully with the 5 Thai students flying home to Thailand on Sunday 27th February 2005.

The students returned home full of confidence, self esteem, with new life skills and most importantly with a very good grasp of the English language. Their conversation skills had improved dramatically.

Their stay in Australia was a life changing experience and one they will never forget.

The R.O.S.E. Program has commenced its second year with the 4 new students arriving in Australia on Sunday 22nd May 2005.

Koi(15), Lakkana(15), Kit(15) and Paeng(19) were greeted and welcomed to Australia by representatives of the host families, Rotary and 'On Track' at approximately 11.15 PM by the time they came through Customs. After meeting everyone they then had the long trip back to Bendigo by car so they were very tired travellers for the next couple of days.

On behalf of the International Committee, Vivienne and I would like to sincerely thank the following:

 The caring Host Families without whose generosity this program could not continue.

- Peter Cox and 'On Track' for agreeing to continue providing the educational program for the students at nominal cost to the Rotary Club.
- Centavic volunteers, Jenny Watson, Laura Poole and Marlene Gunn who gave up so much of their valuable time to teach the students English.
- Our sister club, the Rotary Club of Jomtien-Pattaya, for their valuable assistance with the program and making the students feel very special.
- Graham Gaston whose advice throughout the year and his contacts with Thai Airways have been invaluable. The visit of Dr. Nitipoom to Bendigo arranged by Graham not only benefited the students tremendously but promoted Bendigo throughout Thailand in a way that the City Council could not have imagined!
- PP Stan Spencely for driving Dr. Nitipoom, Miss Pepsi and Oak around Bendigo during their filming of the documentary on Bendigo which was later shown on 2 TV stations throughout Thailand.
- The anonymous member of our club who sponsored Father Philip Banchong, Director of the Pattaya Orphanage, visit to Australia – a wonderful gesture allowing Fr. Philip to see first hand the R.O.S.E. Program in action.
- Monsignor Duffas who home hosted Father Philip during his visit to Bendigo.
- Thai Airways for their generosity in providing complimentary airfares again this year.
- The Australian Embassy in Bangkok for their understanding and help obtaining the visas again this year.

- The Federal Police Dept. in Canberra who processed the police checks within 24 hours.
- The Bendigo Advertiser, Bendigo Weekly & Eaglehawk Times for their continued support by promoting the R.O.S.E. Program throughout the year.
- Rita O'Brien who ran the Pie & Port Night again which was a great success financially (\$340) as well a lot of fun!
- John Haugh, Rotarians and partners for their invaluable assistance in the running of this year's Christmas Stocking Raffle raising a record amount (~\$6000.00) to go toward the R.O.S.E. Program. A big thank you to those individuals and businesses who generously donated to the Christmas Stocking – valued at ~\$2,500.00.
- IGA Eaglehawk and IGA Long-Gully for the use of their premises for the Christmas Stocking Raffle and John Gurr for his assistance when the stocking was located in Hargreaves Mall and for allowing us to store the stocking at Granny May's.
- To all the Rotarians and partners who assisted with the fund raising BBQ during the Commonwealth Youth Games last November (\$1220 for R.O.S.E.).
- Catholic Education Office, Sandhurst Diocese, for providing a weekend at Mt Feathertop Chalet for the Thai students, host families, volunteers, and Rotarians and family members – a very generous donation and a great way to finish off the inaugural year of the R.O.S.E. Program before the students returned home.
- Creek Street Christian College and Catholic College Bendigo for placing the newly arrived

students four afternoons per week for the duration of the students stay in Bendigo.

Host families have informed us that the new students have settled in and are interacting well with their extended families.

'On Track' is also pleased with the way the students have integrated into their new learning environment.

This year the students will be integrated into main stream schools four afternoons per week to extend their friendship base and their conversational English skills.

My appreciation is extended to all those people who have helped in any way over the last Rotary year to make this small but worthwhile international project a success.

East Timor

Please refer to the comprehensive report by PP Leon Scott regarding the continuing work of Rotary in East Timor. I would like to extend my congratulations again to Leon and the other members of our club, PP David Dolman (Secretary) and PDG Gordon McKern, who are on the 'Rebuild East Timor Committee' for their commitment and dedication to the people of East Timor and hopefully our Club will support Leon and the Committee in any way that we are able in the coming Rotary year!

Matching Grant Program

Refer to the comprehensive report by PDG Gordon McKern regarding the Matching Grant 'Farm Project' between our club and our sister club, the Rotary Club of Jomtien-Pattaya which is under construction for the benefit of the Pattaya Orphanage.

This is a tangible way of Rotary International acknowledging the life and achievements of Father Ray Brennan, Founder of the Pattaya Orphanage, who passed away at the age of 70 on the 16th August 2003.

I would like to thank the International Service Committee who have given great support and assistance throughout this Rotary year.

To the incoming International Service Director, John Jones, and your committee I extend my best wishes for a successful year in Rotary service.

Howard Osborne International Director

DONATIONS & GRANTS

2004 - 2005

The Rotary Foundation (Pattaya Farm Project)	\$10,000
Bendigo Oncology Department (Swap Meeting)	\$ 3,150
Madison Committee (Bike Ride)	\$ 2,500
Relay for Life	\$ 2,033

The Rotary Foundation	\$ 2,000
Australian Rotary Health Research Fund	\$ 2,000
Maubara Orphanage	\$ 2,000
Bendigo Chaplaincy Committee	\$ 1,000
Prostate Cancer Foundation	\$ 500
Heart Foundation	\$ 500
Salvation Army – Eaglehawk	\$ 500
St. Vincent de Paul – Eaglehawk	\$ 500
Australian Red Cross – Bendigo Emergency Team	\$ 500
State Emergency Service – Bendigo	\$ 500

Bendigo Youth Choir \$ 500

Bendigo Concert Choir \$ 500

Bendigo Choral Society \$ 500

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In addition to these amounts we spent \$8,646 for the R.O.S.E Program.

NEW GENERATIONS REPORT

DIRECTOR: RON PAYNE

With the priorities of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk being focussed on a number of very significant and worthy initiatives during this year, the undertakings of the New Generations committee were few in number but significant nonetheless for those youth involved.

The committee comprised members Ron Payne, Peter Cox, Lindsay Roberts, Jack Millonig, Wayne McAuliffe and Phil Britton.

Special thanks are extended to Peter Cox who provided sound guidance and acted as Chairperson of the committee for a number of months during my absence.

Major programs for the year included:

- Festival of Sails Eaglehawk Secondary College student Paris Craig participated in the program and later was a guest speaker at a club dinner, delighting members with his positive account of his involvement.
- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) Visiting Pattaya Orphanage student Saichon (Chon) Suklonluea was nominated and accepted into this program. It was a

wonderful opportunity for Chon to experience something extra in the area of leadership while on his ROSE program. He too provided an enthusiastic account of his program to members.

- Siemens Science Experience Our club again participated in this program with Michael Osborne and Jessica McCarthy being the young people provided with the opportunity to be involved.
- Junior Citizenship Awards These awards completed their second year and are becoming an established and valued initiative within our local primary schools. The value of club members attending to present the awards also adds importance to the concept.

While not directly under the banner of New Generations, the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal was also successfully supported and members gave of their time to assist in a broad range of other fundraising endeavours of the club throughout the year.

Ron Payne Director

Definition of Rotary

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians, members of more than 32,176 Rotary clubs in 166 countries.

ROTARY CLUB OF EAGLEHAWK

REPORT ON REBUILDING EAST TIMOR 2004-5

The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk has maintained strong connections in providing assistance to the people of East Timor, including financial support from one of our members to an orphaned child at Fatuhada.

Last July-August, Team No 11 led by Kyneton Rotarian Steve Burgess, supported by Rotarians from Toorak as well as from Kyneton and Laverton, erected a security fence around the Maubara Orphanage.

Difficulties have been experienced in getting humanitarian aid containers into East Timor over the past year, however approval has now been granted by the East Timorese Government for acceptance, (duty free) of building materials and educational supplies to rebuild Balibar Primary School.

Last August, East Timor First Lady Kirsty Sword-Gusmao, was Guest of Honour at the Eaglehawk Primary School 150th Anniversary celebrations. She was presented with a Mosaic as a gift to Eaglehawk's Sister School in East Timor, which is Balibar Primary. Team members will mount this mural to the new school building by when the project is completed.

Fund-raising activities, donations, together with gifts of clothing and other items still continue to be received. District 9800 Rebuilding East Timor Committee has organised a fund-raising concert by the Australian Army Band – Melbourne to be presented on 14th September at Caulfield Town Hall.

A request has been received from the Carmelite Sisters for fly screens at the Maubara Orphanage. The reports indicate that they are extremely satisfied with this building, also the annexe which Rotary has provided at Fatuhada, but they feel the provision of fly screens at Maubara would assist in preventing the children from contracting Malaria. A donated Shade Sail has been sent to East Timor from Eaglehawk and will be erected at Maubara at the first opportunity.

At the time of writing this report, Teams are being organised to return to East Timor to start work on Balibar Primary School, so hopefully this project will soon come to fruition.

Leon Scott.



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THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME 2005-2006



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THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME 2004-2005

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FELLOWSHIP

DIRECTOR: LEON SCOTT

Activities this Rotary year were well supported as we were encouraged to "Celebrate Rotary". Enjoyable occasions were provided each month when three members and their partners were selected at random to organize a fellowship outing for their group. "Guess Who's Going to Dinner" resulted in an array of different venues for dinners, lunches and fellowship opportunities.

Other functions to form the program were:

- Sunday afternoon tour of Mandurang Valley Winery, followed by afternoon tea.
- Progressive Dinner and Car Rally Drinks & Savouries at Roy Parker's Shearing Shed, then main course & sweets at Rotary Camp Getaway.
- Fellowship aplenty when we catered for a Bush Dance to recognize Mental Health Week.
- Pre Dinner drinks were served by committee members and partners when DG Judy attended her Official Visit, also on the night Fr. Philip Banchong Chaiyara C.Ss.R. from Thailand visited the 5 ROSE students and was our Guest Speaker.
- A relaxing evening meal in the Sky Lounge Bistro.
- BYO Basket Tea in Canterbury Park, followed by community Carols By Candlelight helped to celebrate the festive season. The Christmas Rotary meeting night brought a visit from Santa and der Fred the clown to entertain the children.
- Post Christmas functions were enjoyed in Roy Parker's garden, then the following week at Graeme & Ann Lock's

- home, where a bottle auction raised \$118.00 for the "Tsunami Appeal".
- Australia Day after working bees to set up, followed by cooking and serving 1000 sausages, then the clean up, about 30 members and partners relaxed at the Borough Club for a meal and fellowship.
- February 27th District 9800 celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Rotary with a Centenary Family Picnic at Werribee Park. This was a well organized social day for District Rotarians and their extended families in beautiful surroundings with plenty of activities for the children. President Rob & June with two of their grandchildren, together with Ann & I represented Eaglehawk.
- District Conference 3 Rotarians and their partners represented our Club in Tasmania, while Dahlia & Arts working bees, together with the Rotary Night of Music & Song took care of fellowship, with no formal activity being organized in March.
- On behalf of the Eaglehawk Rotary Club, a wreath was laid by President Rob at the Eaglehawk Cenotaph on Anzac Day. A fellowship luncheon at the Boardwalk Restaurant Lake Weeroona followed.
- Black Cat Dinner a night of fun and fellowship held at our Clubrooms on Friday, 13th May, concluded the year of activities.

Thank you to my committee Maureen, Trevor & Marie, Ronald & Jeanette, also Wayne & Dianne and Ann for their support and assistance throughout the year. Best wishes to Doug Poole and his committee with Fellowship activities in 2005/6.

Leon Scott Director

MEMBERS

As at 30th June, 2005

BRITTON Phil # MILLER Bill (Lola)

BROOK John (Pat) MILLONIG Jack

BURCH Ken MOSS Ron (Jeanette)

COGO Joe (Maria) # O'BRIEN Rita

COX Peter ORDE William (Bill) (Ruth)

CUNNEEN Charlie (Mary) OSBORNE Howard (Vivienne)

DOLMAN David (Nola) PARKER Roy

GURR John (Carol) PAYNE Ron (Debbie)

HARRISON Doug (Lyn) PETERSON Bill (Barbara)

HARVEY Des (Gwen) POOLE Doug (Laura)

HAUGH John (Mary) ROBERTS Lindsay
JONES John (Marjorie) ROBINSON Carolyn

LAYTON Rob (June) ROWSTON Dennis (Kathi McKern)

LOUGOON Maureen SCOTT Leon (Ann)

LOURIE Walter (Glenyce) SLEE Bill

LOCK Graeme (Ann) SOBCZYK Cheryl (John)

LOCK Trevor (Marie) SPENCE Ern (Lois)

LUDEMAN Peter (Elaine) SPENCELY Stan (Jan)

McAULIFFE Wayne (Dianne) # TAYLOR Jack (Ida)

McKERN Gordon (Anita) THORPE Alf (Joye O'Meara)

MILES Joe (Jean) WALSHE Vin

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

<u>'SKATE PARK BENDIGO'</u> - 2005

Much has happened during this Rotary year to move the process of establishing the 'SKATE PARK' project in Eaglehawk closer to reality.

In Brief:

- Application for planning permit resulted in 12 objections and a mediation meeting was held at the City of greater Bendigo Council Offices to voice concerns.
- Council unanimously approved application and a late objector takes the application to a Directions Hearing at VCAT.
- 'Directions Hearing' outcome rules is in our favour and dismisses late objector. We are granted a 'Planning Permit' by the City of Greater Bendigo to build a 'state of the art' skate park in the location requested by the user groups and all concerned with the skate park.
- Consultations are in progress with a graphic designer to develop promotional material for the launch of the fund raising campaign. This will also include the establishment of a web site where skaters will be able to see the proposed design and get all the relevant information about the skate park as well as have links with the designer, CONVIC Design.

The next Rotary year will hopefully see a concerted effort of fund raising and the realisation of another Rotary Club of Eaglehawk community project to benefit the youth of the region.

Howard Osborne SKATE-PARK COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

RELAY FOR LIFE - 2005

The Rotary Club of Eaglehawk registered a team of 16 people made up of 7 Rotarians, 5 partners of Rotarians, and 4 friends and family of Rotarians in the 24 hour 'Relay for Life' to raise money for cancer research in Victoria. Our oldest participant was Lindsay Roberts and the youngest Michael Osborne (a span of ~62 years).

The weather was kind and the fellowship was great and the walking again handled by all with grit and determination (some with more speed than others) for the required 24 hours.

The team raised \$2,033.00 which was a very good achievement for a small team and takes the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk's total contribution over the 4 years of participation to approx. \$12,000.00 to cancer research — well done to all involved!

This year the main fund raising activity was the 'Fashion Parade and Trading Table Night' at Jan Spencely's which raised \$620.00 and the rest was raised through sponsorship donations.

Thank you to all registrants who gave up their time to take part in this worthwhile event or who provided support in-kind (Anne Scott, June Layton and Viv for the food supplies - they were great!) to make it a success.

A special thanks to Vivienne Osborne who not only organised our team, collated the donations etc. but also lasted the 24 hours with only a brief kip.

To all who assisted by donation or in any other way we thank you and if the Rotary Club enters a team in this worthwhile event next year we wish the organiser best wishes and pledge our support.

Approximately 2500 people participated in the 'Relay' at Bendigo this year raising approximately \$200,000.00 - an incredible effort!

Howard Osborne
RELAY FOR LIFE COMMITTEE

Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to foster and encourage:

First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Third: The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life.

Fourth: The advancement of international understanding and goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service

California Gully Mechanics Institute

Undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year, in fact one of the highlights in the history of the Club, was the function held on Sunday 20th February 2005, to mark the opening of the renovated heritage listed building in School Street. The completion of stage 1 of the renovation programme not only provided us with a permanent "home" for our Club, but also restored a community facility back to a valuable asset.

The City of Greater Bendigo deserves our sincere thanks for their support, not only for appointing the Club as the Committee of Management, but also for funding grants totalling \$40,000.00. Additional money was raised by:

- (a) rentals paid by our regular tenants, a dance school and a carpet bowls competition, a total in excess of \$13.200.
- (b) Club members "buying" chairs for the meeting room \$4,200.00, and
- (c) Club members loans of \$6,200.00

Whilst the works could not have been carried out without the funds to purchase materials, and engage the services of skilled tradesmen, the most significant contribution to the project was provided by the countless volunteer hours put in by Rotarians, partners and friends. It has been estimated that more than 5000 hours of voluntary works was put in, of which Stan Spencely alone contributed at least 2000, with Bill Slee and John Haugh also being very significant and tireless contributors.

Mention should also be made of the assistance given by our partners, who not only provided food and sustenance at all times, but also raised funds for purchase of venetian blinds for every window.

The Building Committee, comprising Stan Spencely, Bill Slee, Rob Layton, Alf Thorpe, and myself, continued to meet during the year, and will do so until the whole project has been completed. A Committee of Management has now been created, to operate the facility and raise funds by letting it out for functions, as well as regular tenancies. This Committee has the same members as the Building one, with the addition of Carolyn Robinson. For the forthcoming Rotary year, Walter Lourie, as Club President, will be an ex-officio member on the Committee of Management.

The project is not complete, although the interior of the building has been fully restored to its former glory. There is much to do externally including construction of a new toilet block, entry foyer, car parking and storage sheds.

It was very gratifying to all of us that Stan Spencely, John Haugh and Bill Slee were recognized for their efforts at the Function on 20th February. It was also very pleasing to be awarded, by District Governor Judy Nettleton, with a special Centennial Project certificate, for our outstanding achievement.

Gordon McKern