



**ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART
TASMANIA**

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And
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

For the year ended 30 June 2014

Charter Number 1802

District 9830

Founded 26th February 1924

Chartered 2 August 1924

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2013 – 2014

President:	Heather Chong
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COMMITTEES

Taroona Trust

Director – Chris Carrick

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Club Administration

Director – Paul Swifte

Club History & Rotary Information	Ian Shuey
Club Training	Ian Shuey
Fellowship	Paul Swifte
Front Table	Roger Sewell
Guest Speakers	Geoff Squibb
Past Presidents	Stephen Shirley
Sergeant at Arms	Tim Short

Membership

Director – Jack Johnston

Classifications	Kevin Mullins
Family of Rotary	Catriona D'Orazio
Interview	Stephen Shirley
Member Development & Retention	Catriona D'Orazio
Member Mentor	Stephen Shirley
Recruiting	Heather Francis

Rotary Foundation

Director – Kate Domeney

Annual Giving	Chris Carrick
Education	Geoff Haward
Grants Programme	Will Downie
GSE & Ambassadorial	Emily Palermo
Polio Plus	Tony Steven

Communications & IT

Director – Marcus Allen

Processes & Systems	Renzo D'Orazio
Web Site	Marcus Allen
Weekly Bulletin	Francesca Farrugia

Public Relations

Director – Polly Venning

Club Photographers	Lyn Slade
Public/Media Relations	Polly Venning

Funding

Director – Helena Mitev

Funding Applications	Geoffrey Clark
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Fundraising

Director – Mark Quinane

Art Show	Stephen Porter
External Grants	Mark Quinane
Magic Show	Greg Cooper
Post Card Secrets	Brett Steele
RSTF Breathalyser	Graham Gourlay
Sail Day	David Catchpole

New Generations

Director – Jason Mackenzie

NYSF	Jason Mackenzie
Rotaract/Interact	Debbie Burgess
RYDA	Shaun Lennard
Science & Engineering Challenge	Terry Kay
Student Exchange	Bess Clark

Community & International Service

Director – Cecile McKeown

Bowelscan (District)	John McDonald
Community Service Projects	Voitek Biskup
International Service Projects	Will Downie
RAWCS	Geoff Haward
RYLA	Catriona D’Orazio
Vocational	Ian Cannon

Major Projects

Director – Geoff Squibb

Charity House	Heather Chong
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Presidential Report 2013 – 2014

To Fellow Rotarians, this past year has been an exciting one. It has passed all too quickly, and we have experienced and achieved much. A brief summary of the key activities and achievements;

1. This year was marked by the deaths of Members Alan Holmes and Zen Houdek, and a number of members' relatives, including PAG Gill Whitehouse' mother.
2. Membership was 103 at June 30, 2014.
3. Honorary Membership was awarded to Dugald McDougall and Roger Sewell in addition to our existing honorary member, Russ McNaughton.
4. Fundraising in a difficult year for raising funds, we have still raised some \$83,300, \$15,600 from the Magic Show, \$42,900 from Sail Day, \$20,600 from the Art Show and over \$4,100 from Breath testing at 'The Taste' and 'BeerFest'.
5. Other Events & Projects
 - Science & Engineering Challenge (many thanks to Terry Kay and volunteers).
 - National Youth Science Forum - a great project which we continue to support.
 - Free Hug Day—again this was well covered by the Mercury.
 - We hosted a successful Group Study Exchange tour by the Taiwanese team – thank you PDG Ian Shuey for taking on the organising of the finer details.
 - We hosted Youth Exchange Student Lili Chretien this year and have committed to hosting a student next year – thank you to Bess Clark for arranging the host families.
 - We supported two teams for Model United Nations Assembly.
 - We sponsored 4 young people at Rotary Youth Leadership Awards some of whom spoke to us recently.
 - We have agreed to continue sponsoring the students on the Windeward Bound and are looking to build a long term relationship with the trust, providing mentorship and support.
 - We had a strong contingent at District Conference in March, probably the largest contingent ever when we weren't organising it, and 11 people at the International convention in Sydney.
 - We awarded a Paul Harris Fellow to Renzo D'Orazio, Trina D'Orazio, Ian Shuey, John McDonald and Greg Cooper.
6. Funding — we have allocated \$86,657. With \$53,720 or 63% going to projects in Tasmania and Australia (the two largest being Windeward Bound and the Scout Association, both with \$10,000, and \$31,180 or 27% to International projects including \$10,300 to the Rotary Foundation and \$10,000 to Food Plant Solutions.
7. On a more personal note, I should like to thank the many people that helped me through this year:
 - A special thank you to all committee chairs and their committees—they do the ongoing hard work for fundraising and community support.
 - Roger Sewell, Peter Sykes, Bill Moore, PDG Geoff Haward and Dugald McDougall—our regular set up crew and front table faces—thank you for all your organisation every week.
 - A special thank you to Geoff Clarke and the Funding Committee who consistently wades through the requests for funding and deliver well thought out recommendations, month in/month out.
 - PP Stephen Shirley and PP David Catchpole for undertaking membership interviews
 - Sergeants Tim Short, Jack Johnston and Mike Walpole — many thanks for the support in running the meetings each week, despite the jokes

- To the bulletin team—Francesca, Voitek, Shaun—thank you for producing the weekly newsletter. I know everyone looks forward to receiving it.
- PP John McDonald for his work as Club Protection Officer.
- Thank you to DG Bruce and ADG Else, you have both been an inspiration and a pleasure to work with.
- A big thank you to the Board of Directors who work hard with their committees to ensure the club runs smoothly during the year. PE Geoff Squibb, VP Kate Domeney, Secretary Jillian Freeman, Treasurer Chris Carrick, PP Renzo D’Orazio, Mark Quinane, Tim McDougall, Polly Venning, Paul Swifte, Helena Mitev, Cecile McKeown, Jason McKenzie.

Awards:

I was honoured to accept four awards on behalf of the Club.

The ‘John and Shirley Thorne Rotary Foundation Award for the 2013/14’

The ‘Presidential Citation’

The ‘Presidential Citation with Distinction’

The ‘Rotary Club Central Award’ (pictures at the end of the reports)

These recognise the ongoing work that everyone in the Club does.

Congratulations everyone!

Graeme Costello suggested had suggested that we should hold a straw poll to determine whether I had done a good job or not on the basis of never asking a question you don’t know the answer to, we are not going to go there. What I can tell you is that I have been immensely proud to have been President of this amazing Club and to contribute to it and to Rotary more widely and I have striven to do the best I can as a Rotarian and your President.

Heather Chong
President 2013/2014

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

Director - Paul Swifte

The front table continues to organise us all seamlessly on a weekly basis – making sure we all pay our dues and greeting us with good humour and a friendly quip.

Thank you to PP Renzo for all the work he does in putting together the membership booklet, it takes a great deal of patience and effort.

Guest Speakers

Chair – Geoff Squibb

During 2013/14 the Club met on 50 occasions and guest speakers were provided for 40 of the meetings. A guest speaker program was not provided for the Christmas dinner in December nor the change-over in June. Speakers were not provided on eight occasions designated by the President for fellowship. Speakers were sourced from the Club, from Rotary and the community.

Ten club members provided behind the badge presentations.

Summary of speakers:

Business/Profession/Education	10
Rotary Programs/Themes	10
Community/Charity	10
Behind the Badge	10

2. MEMBERSHIP

Director – Jack Johnston

This year the Membership Committee has trialled a new approach. Director, Jack Johnston has operated without nominating specific individuals as the Chair of the various groupings within the Committee. Instead a member has been identified on an ad hoc basis to undertake the necessary tasks as they arose.

In this way the responsibility for the entire Committee sat with the Director, as it should, but the various activities were not dependent upon the enthusiasm and commitment of a particular chair.

This process will again be undertaken in the 2014/15 year after which it will be further evaluated to determine whether it is a better model.

The 2013/14 year started with 107 members in the Club. At the inaugural meeting of the incoming Board, President Heather Chong decided that our strategy for the year ahead was not to increase the membership numbers but to stabilise at between 100 and 107. The numbers have fluctuated throughout the year, as is usually the case, but we have finished the year with 102.

Several of our members have passed away during the year and we should pause for a moment to reflect on the service that these members have provided over a long period of time.

During the year the Board approved a new initiative through which we would attempt to capture data which would give an indicator of the effort, expressed in hours, that Rotarians from our Club contribute to the community and how many people have been involved.

Whilst it is acknowledged that this is far from accurate, (being a significant understatement of the contribution made), the figures produced are a testament to the great contribution that this club makes in the local community.

When aligned with the funds raised and then expended on worthwhile endeavours it gives a clearer picture of the extent of our engagement.

It can be seen that the members of the Rotary Club of Hobart gave nearly 7,000 (+/-) hours to community service either directly through participating building homes in Fiji, supervising the Science challenge, or renovating a trailer or assisting the various fundraising activities like the Art Show, Sail Day, Magic Show etc or by attending meetings and contributing their energy, experience and enthusiasm to ensure that the activities of the Club overall were successful.

Hopefully, in the 2014/15 year members will either be sufficiently motivated to participate in the data collection or, where so motivated, they remember to collate the hours and members involved so that the final result can more accurately reflect our participation rates.

As is often the case, the Committee mused over the reasons why some of our members who had not been with the Club for particularly long periods of time were leaving. Questions were also posed regarding the satisfaction levels of members, particularly those who had been with the Club for 18 months or less. To answer these an informal poll of members who did not have long service was undertaken by members who themselves were in the same time period of membership.

This resulted in both positive and negative responses.

The positive responses were:

- The Rotary Club of Hobart is an engaging and positive club
- There is great social interaction
- The buddy system (also received negative feedback)
- Friendships and networks were developed
- Rewarding to contribute to projects
- Time and location of meetings
- (some said their) Initial reasons for joining the club had been met in all instances.

The negative responses included:

- Hard to commit to weekly meetings
- Guilt associated with missing meetings / feeling that they lacked commitment
- Weekly expense
- Widespread feeling that they had contributed very little to the club in the first year
- The mentor system (buddy) did not work well as most mentors do not follow up. Most new members struggled to remember who their mentor was and they were more likely to remember who introduced them to the club

Some other issues raised included,

- The possibility of pensioner discounts on subscriptions

- Members wanted to be involved in more projects with a more regular engagement (but recognised the fact that without 'sausage sizzle' type events and four or so major projects only this was difficult)
- Some respondents didn't feel that they had a sufficient understanding of their committees roles and responsibilities, how to get more involved in the Club activities, how to make up at other clubs and broader Rotary values.

As a general statement it appeared from the discussions that newer members have a high satisfaction level of their engagement with the club but that there exists room for improvement in the eyes of some.

These results are not unexpected and would validate some of the discussions that have been held at the Board meetings during the year. The Board has also considered the following issues:

1. The tendency of some members to always associate with certain other members may lead to a feeling of exclusion being felt by some, particularly newer members
2. Whether members receive enough/ too much information about the deliberations of the Board
3. Whether a process exists to identify those members who are not regular attendees and who do / do not advise apologies, and why that may be the case
4. What procedure should be adopted to approach members who do not meet attendance / participation expectations?

The Board will consider some of the following potential strategies.

Provide a document to all prospective members which outlines the expectations that the club has on their attendance/ participation, identifies a contact person for them to liaise with to obtain further clarification, lists the ENTIRE range of activities that the club is engaged in, a short description of each (eg RYLA, YSE, MUNA, Science and Engineering Challenge as well as the major projects) and encouraging their participation.

Consider the ongoing effectiveness of a buddy or mentoring program.

Consider providing all members with an email (or written) summary of the activities of the committee activities and funding decisions.

Set performance standards for attendances/apologies etc and require the Secretary (or Membership Director) to report on compliance at each meeting of the Board.

Initiate discussion on a 'four strikes' procedure whereby a member who has not obtained leave of absence and who does not meet the performance standards is firstly reminded of the expectations of the Board. Secondly, if there is no immediate improvement the member could be engaged in a 'quiet chat' which should identify the reasons for non-performance and seek to identify strategies for improvement. If the transgression does not improve a more formal 'noted' discussion takes place with either a Board member or the President and then, if there is no further improvement a written notice under the hand of the President is issued.

Consider an occasional, unpublished lunch meeting where members are allocated seating at random.

Explore opportunities for more regular but smaller events, e.g. partnering with other organisations to help them with their 'sausage sizzles', fun runs, etc.

3. ROTARY FOUNDATION

Director – Kate Domenev

Our Club continued our proud tradition of support for the Rotary Foundation, giving USD\$100 for every member. This was recognised by the outgoing District Governor, Bruce Buxton, who on 30 June 2014 wrote;

Good morning Heather,

At the district changeover lunch yesterday I had the pleasure in announcing the Rotary Club of Hobart as the winner of the John and Shirley Thorne Rotary Foundation Award for the 2013/14 Rotary year. As you are aware, John is a Past Director of Rotary International.

The award winner is chosen by the District Governor and is given to the club considered to have made a significant contribution to Rotary Foundation and participated in Foundation programs during the past year.

This was not an easy decision to make, however I felt the considerable contributions made by your club during the past year deserved suitable recognition. The Rotary Foundation is the cornerstone of our wonderful organisation and your club played a significant role in furthering its work on an international basis. You certainly lived our theme for the year "Engage Rotary, Change Lives"

... Please pass on my congratulations to your club members - a well deserved award.

All the very best and warm regards

DG Bruce Buxton

The GSE team from Taiwan visited in April, spending time with our club from the 23rd to the 26th. An excellent program of visits and activities was organised for them by PDG Ian Shuey, culminating in a welcoming reception at PP Sue Hickey's house. Our visitors provided us with entertainment, with Lawrence Lai conducting a Taiwanese tea ceremony with all the traditional accoutrements. This was accompanied by beautiful flute music provided by Edward Yang. It was a very successful GSE visit and our thanks go to Ian, Sue, Chris Carrick (for driving) and all of our members who hosted our visitors..

Rotary International continues to work in collaboration with our partners to eradicate Polio. Poliovirus transmission is ongoing in the three endemic countries – Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Closer to home, within the Club, one of our members Mervin Reed, who is a polio survivor, told his story?

4. COMMUNICATIONS & IT

Director Marcus Allen / Tim McDougall

Processes and Systems

Chair – Renzo D'Orazio

We continue to work on the website which is now up and running, better systems is an ongoing effort which happens quietly in the background. Tim took over from Marcus during the year and has made great strides to get the web site up and work with PP Renzo.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Director – Polly Venning

Director of PR Annual Report 2013 Public Relations efforts are vital to Rotary's continued growth and service. Creating a positive image for Rotary is the responsibility of every Rotarian.

The PR Committee's objective is to help define a simple clear message for the club that everyone can identify with and promote at any given time

Effective PR campaigns build positive, strong relationships with their audiences. But promoting the work of Rotary in the best possible way and sharing your stories effectively with the public and the media are not easy tasks.

Aims

- To get the message out about the different activities that we undertake as a club in order to increase membership
- To encourage a positive perception of a club that is all encompassing about who we are
- To coordinate an approach to major fundraiser, major donation PR to formalise a process of planning engagement with other committees
- To increase recruitment (and retention)
- To formalise our role with other committees to ensure cross over or doubling up does not exist
- To coordinate press releases, media spokesperson for each activity
- Develop media kit as a support for other Rotary committees
- To work with website and social media

Objectives of our promotional efforts are to:

- Increase awareness of Rotary as an organization which will in turn Increase membership
- Position Rotary as a positive, vital force in the community
- Establish viable working partnerships with business and industry [or other group(s)]
- Increase positive recognition, enthusiasm and support for Rotary as a leader

There is a realisation within the committee that it will be of great value to proceed slowly, we are very aware of the excellent PR work that is already being undertaken by the various other committees and we are at great pains not to be seen to inhibit this in any way.

Focus:

The agreed focus for the PR committee is to ensure any message from Hobart Rotary is perceived in the most positive light whilst following all Rotary guidelines. The outcome being to show this club as a positive dynamic and engaging organisation with ultimate aim being to attract more members.

Achievements

- Created a high level PR strategy as the first step.
- Media contacts list converged
- Formulation of correct media response protocol (under the presidents direction) to ensure a consistent message goes to the public
- A forward plan was formulated to see how social media could benefit the club activities
- Peace Day Project Deemed successful by committee. Significant print media achieved over a two day period

- Sail Day project – At this stage PR responsibilities confined to disseminating information on boat availability through personal networks.
- Mercury article around bush fire appeal fund raiser at RYCT
- Discussion with Governor General Tasmania resulted in an open invitation to invite the GG to speak.
- Article in LGAT on bushfire BBQ.
- Provided guest speaker Larissa Bartlett from the Menzies Centre and acquired invitation to hold a Rotary function at the Menzies centre.
- Menzies Centre Vocation visit networking event & meet-the researcher session/research facilities tour with 85 participants.
- Submitted article on art show to various media outlets.
- Submitted article on Windeward Bound Youth project as directed to Sunday Mercury.
- Media releases around contribution of seat to Common Ground project.
- Arranged donation of seat for Common Ground garden project from CEO of Clements Mitre 10.
- Discussion with President Heather Chong on possibility of TV ads as a combined District Club effort with Clubs contributing what they could to a general awareness campaign. I believe the result of this suggestion was not for individual clubs.
- Charity House PR – discussions with RHHRF CEO Heather Francis, on how we can co-brand the building process being done by Wilson Homes, the letter that Wilsons send out to their subcontractors has been written in a manner that would be appealing to those being targeted for donations and in kind support.

6. FUNDING

Director - Helena Mitev

During the year we supported a range of projects and people. A total of \$ 86,657.00 was donated by the club, a full list can be found on pages 7 / 8 of the audited Financial Statements.

7. FUNDRAISING

Director – Mark Quinane

Breath Testing

Chair - Steve Wiggers

The Rotary Club of Hobart again partnered with the State Government's Community Roads Safety Partnerships program and with event organisers to provide precautionary breath testing services at both the Beerfest in November and the Taste of Tasmania Festival over the Christmas / New Year period.

The rationale of providing a precautionary breath testing service is of itself a community service. If we can persuade just one person to decide to not drive a car if their blood alcohol reading suggests they should not, then we have fulfilled that community service to the highest degree possible. That we might also achieve that outcome whilst enjoying superb fellowship is a bonus for those of our members undertaking that service.

It is the case that in the performance of this community service there also exists the opportunity to raise some funds by way of voluntary contributions in return for the breath testing services. This year we raised just over \$3,000 from both events and in so doing received some most appreciative feedback from the State Government's Road Safety Office.

Art Show

Chair - Stephen Porter

The 2013 Show continued the success of previous years with feedback received from the exhibitors, the visiting public as well as sponsors, praising the increasingly high standard of the Show, the quality and talent of the exhibitors, and the professional display of the works. In 2008, Forestry Tasmania partnered with the Art Show for the first time as Platinum Sponsor. In that year, 90 artists exhibited a total of 280 pieces. In 2013, the number of participating exhibitors was 156 showing 410 works, similar numbers to last year. The number of visitors to the event was around 1400 and they purchased 202 items, including 92 major pieces. Funds raised all of which will be donated back to our communities through the Rotary Club of Hobart was \$15000. A new format was introduced to the opening night function. This was a sell-out event, with over 200 tickets purchased. The smooth jazz sounds of 'Cool Change' entertained the crowd. People were able to wander around, enjoying the music and the sights of the displays during the course of the evening.

Sail Day

Chair: David Catchpole

The Sail Day began on a glorious Hobart morning at 10.00 AM with 50+ boats leaving their berths and sailing down the Derwent to Rat Bay at Bruny Island. The number of boats on the Derwent aroused some interest with Sandy Bay residents phoning into a radio station to find out what it was all about. This afforded Commodore David an opportunity to speak about Rotary's involvement 'on air' in a live cross to a radio station.

This year's event saw 42 paid boats take part in the sail day raising a gross sum of \$39,900 with 10 complimentary boats for sponsors. This year saw Rtn Damon Thomas obtain raffle prizes from generous providers and then sell raffle tickets on the day. The raffle contributed almost \$9,000 to the event bottom line.

The sail day committee all work very diligently and it is a great committee to be part of. Functions are well segmented from liaising with skippers, boat sponsors and provedore sponsors through to the back office jobs of data base management and even 'booking' in the favourable weather.

Magic Show

Chair: Greg Cooper

Each year for the past 20+ years the Hobart Rotary club is the host for a major fundraising opportunity through International Entertainment and it's nationally touring "Magic Show"

This project requires the use of Telemarketers to canvass support from the business sector to purchase tickets to the Magic Show. These tickets are then "donated" to community welfare groups and 1500+ disadvantaged children in Southern Tasmania along with their parents and or support team to attend the Magic Show which is a great experience for many of them. In addition 20% of the sale proceeds then are allocated to the Hobart Rotary club and we allocate those funds to further worthy programs, with again, the focus being on disadvantaged youth, such as the proposed Windeward Bound programs that we have undertaken.

As the project involves the use of Telemarketers, under Rotary guidelines we require the approval of the District Governor prior to that occurring.

The 2013 Magic Show raised in the order of \$17,000.

8. NEW GENERATIONS

Director – Jason Mackenzie

The Youth Services committee supported and invested in a number of Rotary endorsed and club approved programs aimed at youth development and leadership creation. All of the programs are aimed at enriching the individual's potential to impact positively on the local and broader community. A significant financial investment was made throughout the year, which can be evidenced in the financial reports for the year.

Science and Engineering Challenge

Once again the club took a leadership role in the running of the Challenge this year. Terry Kaye was instrumental in pulling together a dedicated and committed team of volunteers to provide the substantial support required to run the Challenge to the standard achieved.

Terry was pivotal in identifying a potential funding shortfall and together we worked to ensure the ongoing financial support of the program for the next 3 years through the department of Education, Engineers Australia and The University of Tasmania. Through this work we were also able to ensure that these funds will now be directed through Rotary District to administer the program.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

The club again supported 2 students in attending the National Youth and Science Forum. Johannes Peters and Nicolas Graver were selected to represent the club and receive some financial support to attend the program.

Both men gave a captivating presentation to the club on the benefits of attending and the affect it had on their career decisions.

Rotary Youth Exchange (YEP)

The start of the Rotary year saw the arrival of Lili Chretien who was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Neoux in District 1520 in France.

Lillie was hosted by four families during her stay including the Allan's, the Murfett', the Cooper's and the Stemnard's and enjoyed all of what Tasmania had to offer. Lillie attended all of the Rotary Youth Exchange programs as well as the Australian tour.

Laura Clear was nominated and interviewed by Bess Clark and Jason Mackenzie for outgoing Youth Exchange sponsorship.

After interviewing Laura, it was agreed the Laura would make a fine representative of Rotary, the Club and Tasmania and she was selected to participate in exchange, travelling to Germany. Laura has experienced 6 months of exchange so far and is immersing herself into every aspect of her exchange year and really getting the most of it.

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)

The club supported two students from the Friends school to attend MUNA this year. Both students gained a valuable insight to the working of the United Nations as well as developing a better understanding of the plights of their allocated country, Egypt.

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)

Volunteers were once again provided to assist in the provision of driver training through the Rotary Driver Awareness program. Through the activities of Don Scott, a band of loyal volunteers were assembled to represent the club and support youth driver awareness.

9. COMMUNITY & INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director – Cecile McKeown

General Comments

The year has been a busy one for a number of committees with two areas, International Service and RYLA heavily involved in planning and action. The Community Service Projects area was not very active with some uncertainty as to the role expected of this Committee; the Chair has chosen not to continue for the 2014-15 year but instead has joined the International Service Committee for 2014-15 year. The Vocational Visit area was well organised by the Chair, but attendance was not always to the level anticipated. RAWCS continued to operate primarily through the Chair of the Committee. Thanks are extended from me as Director to the hard work and many hours that Hobart Rotarians, involved in the Community and International Service area, expended over the 2013-14 year.

International Service

Fiji Rotahomes Project

A team of RCH members joined other Rotarians in the *Rotahomes Project* in Fiji from 6 – 20 June 2014. Considerable planning and coordination was necessary by the Chair on behalf of the team to achieve a successful outcome.

As well as being involved in building a village home as part of the *Rotahomes Project*, on the Chairs request, the Rotary Club of Hobart funded the remaining balance [AUS\$6,180] of the cost of providing a bus shelter in the village, to be completed before the beginning of the next rainy season at the end of August. When not being utilised as a bus shelter in the morning and evenings, a local market will use the facility.

The team members had a very comprehensive briefing by Andrew and Irene Gray [Salamanca Club] on what the team could expect to be doing in Fiji. Andres provided complete technical specifications as to how a *Rotahome* is built, plus lots of information on day-to-day tasks. The final preparation meeting occurred on 29th May. Members were both confident and excited about their role and had a very rewarding experience whilst in Fiji in being able to contribute to the life of the village.

Community Service Projects

Whilst activity in this Committee was limited for the 2013-14 Rotary year, there were a number of activities conducted by the Club that are considered as Community Service Projects – but are managed outside this Committee. An outstanding action is the refurbishment of Rotary plaques in Queens Park.

“Free Hugs Day”

Another successful event was held at the end of 2013 with both huggers and hugees benefiting enormously. However Rotarian participant numbers were down from last year. Club Member, Lord Mayor Damon Thomas felt the 2013 Free-Hug Day did much to make the lives of every day members in our local community just a little brighter.

Vocational

A visit to the Men’s Shed at Margate in February was a great opportunity for members to see the workings of this organisation. A proposed visit to Nystar Zinc Works is planned for 2015.

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)

The Club made its annual donation to RAWCS in December 2013. A presentation was also arranged at a lunchtime meeting with two former Rotary Foundation Graduate Awardees in the Club, Geoff Squibb and Ros Tierney were responsible for the major presentation to the Rotary Foundation in November.

Geoff Haward will Chair this committee again for the 2014-15 year and will call for assistance when needed.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Chair – Catriona D’Orazio

Renzo and Trina attended a training weekend for the RYLA facilitators during the year, with Trina assisting Jenny Simms, the District Chair, as a contact person for Southern Clubs and candidates; Trina interviewed other candidates for RYLA on behalf of the District. We were also successful in the acceptance of a Club nominee for IRyla.

A number of past Rylarians and their supporters attended a Club lunchtime meeting to present an overview of their experiences with RYLA. RYLA continues to positively impact on all who are part of this important movement with the camps provided an important highlight to those experiences.

President Heather has provided information on a *Friends of Rotary* proposal whereby ex RYLA attendees and Rotaract members can attend meetings regularly without the immediate need to pay Rotary membership fees. This proposal is being investigated further by the Club in the 2014-15 Rotary year.

The Rotary Club of Hobart sponsored four candidates to attend RYLA 2014:

Holly Cardamatis 22, is studying English at UTAS with the view to go into teaching, Holly also works in retail.

Grace Nguyen 22, is focusing on business studies at UTAS. Grace also works, and volunteers in a number of organisations through the university and in the community.

Kaidy Sayers 30, was working at Aurora, with the restructure of Aurora and rebranding to TasNetworks, Kaidy was successful in retaining her position as Fleet Manager.

Tegan Pearce 21, has completed her studies at UTAS last year and now works as The Policy and Project Officer at the Youth Network of Tasmania – YNOT. Tegan also has a casual position in retail.

Each of the girls has indicated what a difference attending RYLA has been for them. Each one in their own way has gone on from the camp to make changes in their lives, and have expressed how much they have grown from their experiences at RYLA. The presentation given by Holly, Grace and Kaidy at the Club after RYLA demonstrated their appreciation for the Club’s sponsorship to attend RYLA 2014.

All four girls have since gone on to join the Rotaract Club of Sandy Bay.

“I was very fortunate to have been part of the RYLA District Committee and attend the camp for the week this year. This was an amazing experience. I was able to see first hand, what happened during the week, and the personal growth in all the attendees. The programme is well managed and run by RC Ulverstone West under the leadership of PP Jenny Simms. I recommend the District team for the many years of hard work, dedication and long hours they have put in to bring our RYLA, in District 9830, to the high standard and amazing experience that it now is” - Trina

iRYLA (International RYLA)

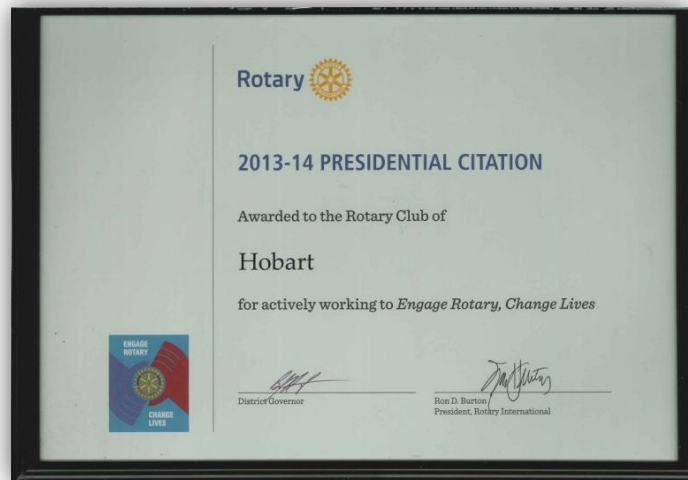
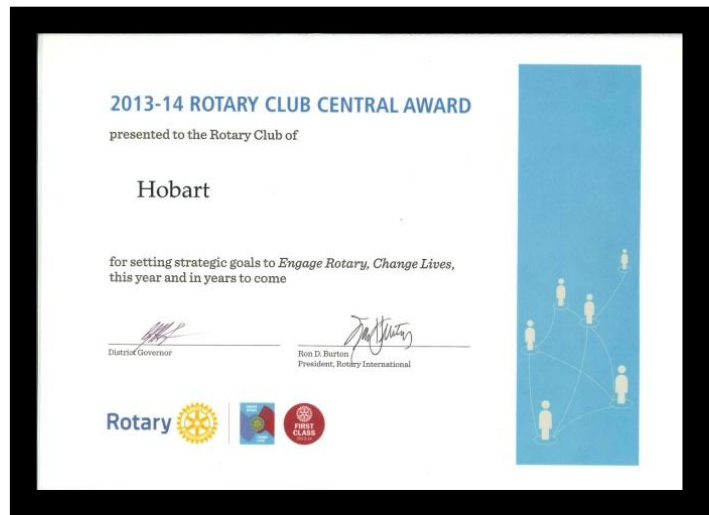
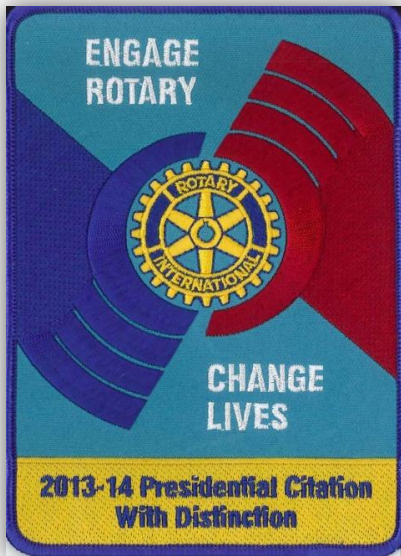
RC Hobart sponsored Natalie Jones to attend iRYLA (part of the RI Convention in Sydney). Natalie was recommended by DG Bruce Buxton for sponsorship, and was the only Tasmanian candidate to attend iRYLA. Natalie has temporarily moved interstate for work; however she is looking forward to returning to the Club to give a presentation to the club members on her experiences.

10. MAJOR PROJECTS

Director – Geoff Squibb

The Charity House Project has been in abeyance this year whilst determining from each organisation a strategy going forward.

11. AWARDS:



"Good morning Heather,

At the district changeover lunch yesterday I had the pleasure in announcing the Rotary Club of Hobart as the winner of the 'John and Shirley Thorne Rotary Foundation Award' for the 2013/14 Rotary year. As you are aware, John is a Past Director of Rotary International.

The award winner is chosen by the District Governor and is given to the club considered to have made a significant contribution to Rotary Foundation and participated in Foundation programs during the past year.

This was not an easy decision to make, however I felt the considerable contributions made by your club during the past year deserved suitable recognition. The Rotary Foundation is the cornerstone of our wonderful organisation and your club played a significant role in furthering its work on an international basis. You certainly lived our theme for the year "Engage Rotary, Change Lives" Your Assistant Governor Else Phillips accepted the award on your behalf and John Thorne will personally present it to your club shortly.

Thank you Heather for your leadership during the past year and also for your hospitality last Thursday at your changeover dinner. We thoroughly enjoyed the occasion as we did on all our visits to your club during the past year.

Please pass on my congratulations to your club members - a well deserved award.

All the very best and warm regards

DG Bruce"

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INC.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I, Christopher James Carrick, being Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Hobart for the year ending 30 June 2014 and having prepared the financial statements, do hereby state that in my opinion the accompanying financial statements are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Rotary Club of Hobart as at 30 June 2014 and the financial performance of the Club for the year ended 30 June 2014.

Dated at Hobart this 20th day of November, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Carrick', written in a cursive style.

Christopher James Carrick

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INC.

(Rotary International - District 9830)

Statement of Income and Expenditure

for the Year ended 30 June 2014

GENERAL ACCOUNT

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>		
Subscriptions	27,994	30,112
Wheel - Surplus	2,688	3,228
Interest	1,925	767
Sundries	42	26
TOTAL INCOME	<u>32,649</u>	<u>34,133</u>
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE:</u>		
Administration Expenses	7,179	10,310
Depreciation of Equipment	236	236
Rotary Supplies	420	794
Hospitality - Luncheon Meetings	702	357
- Christmas Dinner	1,224	(642)
- Changeover Dinner	82	707
Group Study Exchange	1,629	1,308
Rotary District/International Dues & RDU	19,194	15,256
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>30,667</u>	<u>28,326</u>
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u><u>\$1,983</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,807</u></u>

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INC.

CHARITY FUND

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>		
Donations	393	15,215
TOTAL INCOME	<u>393</u>	<u>15,215</u>
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE:</u>		
Tasmanian bushfire appeal	0	15,215
Donations	393	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>393</u>	<u>15,215</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INC.

TAROONA TRUST

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Interest	2,429	4,647
TOTAL INCOME	<u>2,429</u>	<u>4,647</u>
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>		
Bank Fees/Govt Taxes	120	28
Student Expenses & Youth Projects		
Allowances, Support & School Fees	3,002	2,446
National Youth Science Forum	2,500	3,000
RYPEN/RYLA	230	(610)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>5,852</u>	<u>4,864</u>
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>(\$3,423)</u>	<u>(\$217)</u>
Reconciliation		
Opening Balance 1 July	160,607	148,801
Excess Expenditure over Income	(3,423)	(217)
Increase/(Decrease) in Value of Investments	17,386	12,023
Closing Balance 30 June	<u>\$174,571</u>	<u>\$160,607</u>

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INC.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACCOUNT

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Bowl Collections - Rotary Foundation	3,596	4,343
Art Show	27,374	36,581
Charity Sail Day	45,210	53,052
Magic Show Funds	27,647	19,877
Breathalyser	4,147	5,524
Robin Hood Wine	330	0
District 9830 - Nepal Eye Programme	0	923
Other Donations	0	711
Bushfire dinner	0	18,303
2013 District conference surplus	0	4,000
Interest	0	1,785
TOTAL INCOME	<u>108,304</u>	<u>145,099</u>
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>		
Australian Rotary Health Research Fund	500	0
Rotary Foundation	10,300	20,000
Community Donations	86,657	92,505
Bank Fees and Government Taxes	53	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>97,510</u>	<u>112,505</u>
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>\$10,794</u>	<u>\$32,594</u>
Reconciliation		
Opening Balance 1 July	51,025	69,554
Excess Income over Expenditure	10,794	<u>(18,529)</u>
Closing Balance 30 June	<u>\$61,819</u>	<u>\$51,025</u>

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INC.

TED POOL MEMORIAL ART PRIZE

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Reconciliation		
Opening Balance 1 July	85	85
Excess Expenditure over Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance 30 June	<u>\$85</u>	<u>\$85</u>

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INC.

ROBIN HOOD MEMORIAL ART FUND

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Reconciliation		
Opening Balance 1 July	5,000	0
Excess Expenditure over Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance 30 June	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INC.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Donations & Grants	27,500	0
TOTAL INCOME	<u>27,500</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>		
Expenses 2014	19,175	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>19,175</u>	<u>0</u>
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>\$8,325</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Reconciliation		
Opening Balance 1 July	0	0
Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>8,325</u>	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance 30 June	<u>\$8,325</u>	<u>\$0</u>

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INC.

Statement of Balances

As At 30 June 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>CLUB ACCUMULATED FUNDS:</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July	36,896	31,089
Reserve	82,500	82,500
Plus Excess Income over Expenditure	1,983	5,807
Total Club Accumulated Funds	<u>\$121,378</u>	<u>\$119,396</u>
Represented by :-		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>		
Cash on Hand	50	50
Cash at Bank		
- General	30,098	47,221
- Community Service & Rotary Foundation	8,052	2,693
- Show Account	2,283	6,189
- Taroona Trust	4,890	3,950
Cash Management Accounts -		
- General	20,000	20,000
- Community Service & Rotary Foundation	50,000	50,000
Debtors & Prepayments -		
General	1,295	459
End Polio Bracelets	0	556
Polo Shirts	61	145
	<u>116,729</u>	<u>131,263</u>
Plus -		
<u>NON CURRENT ASSETS:</u>		
Investments -Taroona Trust, at market value	174,073	156,687
Land	82,500	82,500
Equipment	2,041	2,701
Less: Provision for Depreciation	(1,687)	(1,451)
	<u>256,928</u>	<u>240,438</u>
Total Assets	<u>373,657</u>	<u>371,701</u>
Less -		
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>		
Creditors - General	0	3,775
GST Payable	1,090	2,709
	<u>1,090</u>	<u>6,484</u>
Less -		
<u>SUNDRY FUNDS:</u>		
Community Service & Rotary Foundation	61,698	83,619
Robin Hood Memorial Art Fund	5,000	0
Science & Engineering Challenge	8,325	0
Taroona Trust	174,570	160,607
District Conference	1,510	1,510
Ted Pool Memorial Art Prize	85	85
	<u>251,189</u>	<u>245,821</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$121,378</u>	<u>\$119,396</u>

Rotary Club of Hobart Inc.

Community Service and Charity Fund Donations for the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
ACC Int. - Vietnam Water project		4,500
Andreas Funeral Contribution		1,500
Aust Breast Feeding Assn	500	
Aust Rotary Foundation Trust		1,407
Australian Cambodian Childrens' Taskforce	1,000	
Australian Hearing		650
Bowelscan		895
Business Mentor Services	500	
C Xintavelonis		1,000
Camp Quality		500
City of Clarence Eistedford	200	
City of Hobart Eisteddford	1,000	500
Colony 47		1,000
Common Ground	360	
Diabetes Tasmania	1,000	
Disaster Aid Australia	5,000	
District 9830	300	5,000
Downs Syndrome Tasmania	1,000	360
Eva MacKinley	1,000	
Festival of Voices		1,800
Food Plant Solutions	10,000	
Giant Steps	500	
Holyoake Tasmania	8,000	
Inner Wheel		500
Int. Society for Student Unity and Empowerment		1,000
Jireh House Assn	2,240	
Margot Lampkin		750
Medic Alert	500	
Mt Carmel College (S&E Challenge)	1,000	
Natalie Jones (RYLA)	1,252	
National Science Summer School		450
National Youth Science Forum		2,400
Penang Sangam College		1,000
Prostate Australia		1,000
Radio for the Print Handicapped	1,000	
RAWCS	500	200
RC of Deloraine - MUNA	230	225
RC of Launceston West - Bike Ride		2,000
RC of Salamanca - RYPEN		200
RC of Ulvestone West	3,520	
Ready Set Go		500
RI District 9685	10,000	
Robosquad United		1,000
Roses from the Heart		800
Rostrum Tasmania	500	500
Rotahomes Fiji	6,210	
Rotary Aust Overseas Aid Fund		10,000
Rotary Overseas Aid Fund - Nepal		2,000
Rural Alive and Well	5,000	5,000
Scout Assn of Australia (Tas Branch)	10,000	
Scripture Union of tasmania	500	500

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Community Service and Charity Fund Donations for the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
St Mary's College Science Experience	345	220
St Vincent de Paul CEO Sleepout		1,000
Tas Riding for Disabled Assoc.		500
Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal		26,099
Tasmanian Centre for Global Learning		2,000
Third Place Communities		1,000
Uni of Tas - East Timor Nursing Degree		2,000
UTAS	2,500	
Whitelion	1,000	
Windeward Bound	10,000	10,000
Youth Network of Tasmania		550
	<u><u>\$86,657</u></u>	<u><u>\$92,505</u></u>

Independent auditor's report to members of Rotary Club of Hobart Inc

I have audited the special purpose financial report of Rotary Club of Hobart Inc for the year ended 30 June 2014.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Management Committee is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report and information contained therein. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) (where applicable), and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has been no contravention of auditor independence and any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.


Limitation of Scope

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable to establish complete accounting control over cash received from all of its activities. Verification therefore has been limited to the receipt of funds recorded in the Association's financial records.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the special purpose financial report of Rotary Club of Hobart Inc presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2014 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

MAX PECK & ASSOCIATES



Rendell W. RIDGE
21 November 2014