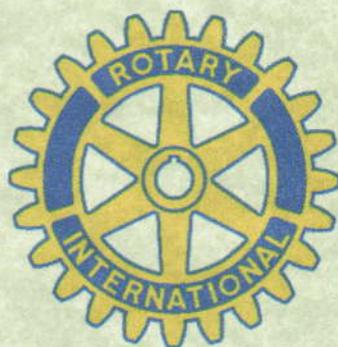


BAROSSA DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB Inc



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**Annual Report
2006/2007**



R.I. President – William B Boyd

District Governor – John Rowe

Club President – Barry Bott

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9500

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: John Rowe

ROTARY CLUB OF BAROSSA DISTRICT Inc.

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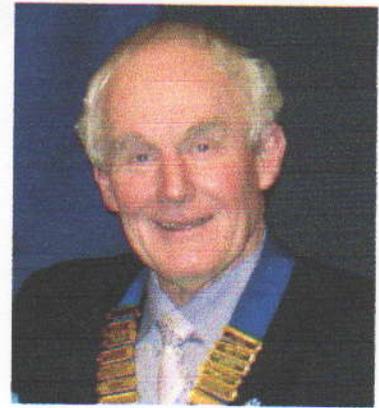
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2006/2007

PRESIDENT	BARRY BOTT
SECRETARY	TONY RANDELL
TREASURER	JIM LOVE
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	RAY DUANCE
VOCATIONAL & YOUTHSERVICE	BRIAN ECKERMANN
COMMUNITY SERVICE	LEON WILKSCH
CLUB SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP	VERONICA SEMMLER

VENUE: VINE INN HOTEL/MOTEL, NURIOOTPA

MEETINGS: MONDAY 6.20 PM FOR 6.45 PM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



My year started on the 26th of June 2006, at the Vine Inn. The change over went very smoothly. Then followed a whirlwind existence attending various changeovers for other Rotary Club's, Barossa, Clare, Gawler and the D.G.'s at Elizabeth.

Our Club's first major meeting was the Intercity Rotary Meeting, 136 people attended, including the D.G. John Rowe. The theme for the night was Christmas in July. Santa, played by John Keogh, had a ball with locals sitting on his knee to give him their wish lists and stating if they had been good girls and boys.

In August our Club celebrated its 1000 Meeting. Various guests spoke about their connection with the Club. Brian Eckermann was awarded a well-deserved P.H.F. congratulations Brian.

We next worked hard to finalise the wine sales which started earlier in the year. A handy amount of revenue was added to our funds.

In September Lynn & I took a long awaited holiday overseas to Canada and North America. Our journey took us to Chicago where we met up with Rotary Exchange student Marta

Johnson who had been hosted by us and the Barossa Club in 2001.

During our time away we were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of John Keogh. Our thoughts went to Margit for her loss of husband and fellow Rotarian.

We had a make-up in Singapore at the Pandan Valley R.C. Quite a different approach to Rotary, definitely a "cheque book" Club.

The Rotary Scholars Awards, Lee Boehm at Nuri High and Jean Jaensch at Faith High highlighted the end of the year.

We changed our programme to include the 'Farmers Market' on the first Saturday in the month. This worked well gaining us a nice bit of revenue. Unfortunately circumstances

terminated this arrangement after a few months.

An intercity meeting at Kapunda was a great success. A bowls challenge including the Two Wells Club, made a very good fellowship evening. I'm not sure who won the bowls, but we were all winners in the end.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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An invitation night for membership realized two new members being inducted. Lynn Bott and Ian Collins joined our ranks, both have been very enthusiastic in Rotary.

The Rotary Golf Fellowship Tournament was held in Warnambool, Victoria, Lynn and I attended. My golfing was not rewarded but I was appointed as State Delegate for the A.G.F.R.

I had a 100% night when the D.G. John Rowe and his wife Lynne visited us in February. Certainly a good feeling when all members attend.

The Vocational Excellence Awards were another highlight of our year. Eight awards were presented to very deserving people. Brian Eckermann chaired this meeting, which received excellent cover by our local press.

My thanks go to Ray Duance. His hard work on the Business Directory resulted not only an excellent financial reward but on a series of fellowship nights at his home to prepare the Directories for distribution. Ray was also one who sacrificed his 32-year-old beard for the Leukaemia shave. Ian Collins also had a long awaited shave, combined with others who had hair sprayed all colours of the rainbow helped raise over \$1,100 for the Peter Nelson Foundation.

My thanks also go to Leon Wilksch, his efforts as Community Director saw us with Driver

Reviver, the organising of community roadside seating and also the task of co-ordinating the home delivery of thousands of Phone Books to many homes in the Valley, well done Leon.

Our Club also hosted the G.S.E. Team from Sweden. Rotary members who provided billets, greatly enjoyed the Scandinavian Connection!

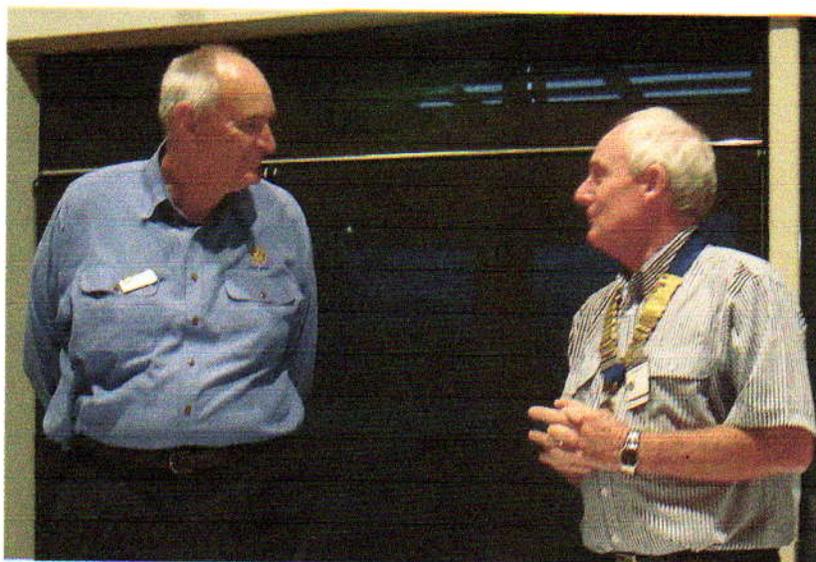
All too soon my Year has come to an end. I have to thank all our Rotary Club Members for their input into our little Club. We have achieved much by only a small number. My Directors have worked hard to co-ordinate the many tasks we undertook. I have to give special thanks to my wife Lynn who has supported me through this year. Bulletin Editors – Attendance Recorders – Treasurer Jim – Secretary Tony – Well done.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish President Elect Veronica Semmler all the best for the coming year. She will be implementing a different meeting schedule that is being trialled by Rotary International. She will reveal more.

I hope I have not disappointed my members, as I have tried to do my best to 'Lead The Way'

Thank you,

Barry Bott
President 2006-07



COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Members:

Leon Wilksch
Neil Bailey

Jim Mitchell
Ray Bartsch

As usual, the Community Service area of our Club has again received many requests from individuals and organisations for both financial and physical help. We have again responded as best we could with our limited means at our disposal. Committee meetings have been few and far between with most requests being decided upon by general meetings and then the Board.

ON-GOING PROJECTS THE CLUB HAS CONTINUED TO SUPPORT:

KESAB ROAD SIDE CLEAN-UP

Several clean-ups were conducted along the Barossa Valley Way between Mitsubishi Motors and Kroemers Crossing, with a special effort made to coincide with the "Clean-Up Australia campaign. Various items of "interest" were again picked up.

BAROSSA BUSH GARDENS

Thanks again to Ray & Lesley Duance for making their home available for the planting of seeds, sourced from the Barossa Bush

Gardens and grown for their projects.



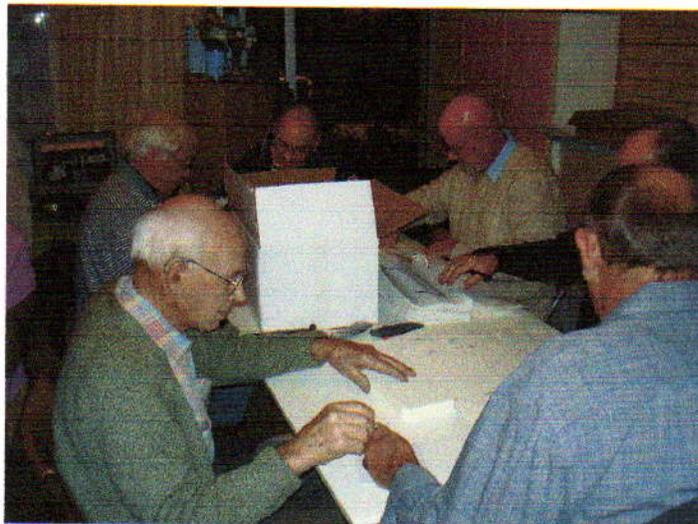
KROEMERS PARK

Some members have been able to assist at the work bees held, unfortunately, often at very short notice. \$50.00 was donated to

help pay for a concrete table and seats setting.

LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Thanks again to Past President Ray Duance who was successful in selling all the advertising spaces. Three successful work



nights were held at Ray's place to fit the backing tapes and wrapping the 7,000 plus Directories ready for delivery to the Nuriootpa Post Office.

This is a major fundraiser for our Club enabling us to put money back into local Community Projects. A table and two seats unit plus a stainless steel plaque were purchased for placement adjacent to the Skate Park at Tolley Reserve, Nuriootpa. \$500.00 was given to Nuriootpa High School Chaplaincy Fund and \$30.00 to Good Shepherd Lutheran School for an "Improvement Award". \$200.00 was given to Brad Henderson, a legally blind athlete from Nuriootpa, to help pay for costs involved in attending the 3rd International Blind Sports Assoc. Youth & Student Games to be held in Colorado Springs, U.S.A.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS CAKES & PUDDINGS

Thanks again to Jim Love for organising the purchase of these and also selling the cakes and puddings.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

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DRIVER REVIVER

We have again supported the Angaston & District Lions Club with this project on holiday weekends

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

We were able to organise and participate in the World's Greatest Shave event for the Leukemia Foundation. In all just over \$1,000.00 was raised for this organisation.

JACOBS CREEK RIDE FOR JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH

Members and partners again "manned" the refreshment stations at Williamstown and Springton. The 174 participants raised \$800,000.00 for Diabetes Research. The J.D.R.F. team looks forward to working with us again for the 2008 event.

RED TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

This project is available tous every two years. This year 5350 copies were distributed to households in Angaston, Nuriootpa and Tanunda, raising \$1,605.00 for the Club

BAROSSA FARMERS MARKET BREAKFAST

Thanks to those members and partners who helped cook the breakfasts at the Barossa Farmers Market at Angaston. However, due to circumstances beyond my control the Club decided to discontinue with this project.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Discussions are taking place for the establishment of a Community Garden Project on the Fusion Property on Smythe Road, Tanunda.

LUHRS COTTAGE GARDEN

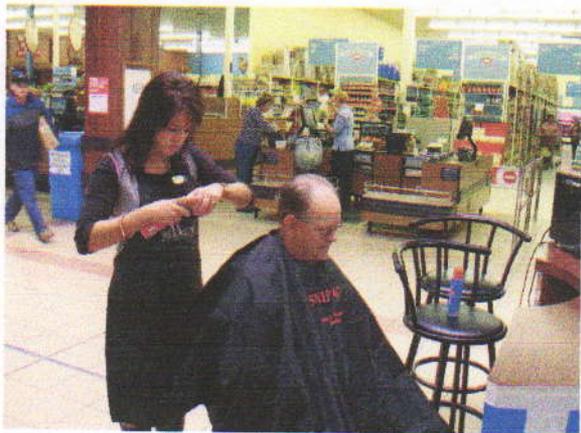
A successful weeding night was held on Monday 18th March. This is to be an on-going Project as part of our Service to the Community.



THANKS

To all the helpers and participants in the above-mentioned events - A Big Thank you.

Leon Wilksch, Director Community Service



VOCATIONAL & YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Members: Brian Eckermann Colin Reuter
Sharyn Reusch Brian Forgan

During the 2006/2007 Rotary year the Barossa District Rotary Club has experienced a wide variety of Vocational and Youth activities. Excellent funds have been raised, resulting in the club's ability to give awards, offer sponsorships and encourage members of the club and the local community to serve with distinction in their chosen vocational areas, with a special emphasis upon the younger cross-section of society.

Twelve months ago our club completed its first attempt to sell 64 dozen (one pallet load) of **Mengler View red wine** made from separate parcels of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes from the 2004 vintage. Close to \$2000 profit was achieved by this direct mailing approach to Rotary clubs around Australia, as well as the efforts of club members to interest family and friends to purchase these highly regarded wines at the excellent price of \$14 per bottle. Sincere thanks need to be recorded to Faith Lutheran School, and in particular Eve Bainbridge and Gil Reimann, who spent much time packaging and despatching cartons of wine to all parts of Australia at no cost to our club. Investigations are occurring again in recent days to prepare a feasibility study on repeating this very successful venture in the next Rotary year.

Another first for this club was the organization and successful completion of a **Vocational Excellence Awards night**. On Monday 5th March 2007 we hosted over 50 members and local award winners (plus their families and work colleagues) at the Vine Inn for this special event.

The Rotary Club of Barossa District Vocational Excellence award winners for 2007 were:

- **Owen Andrews** from Café Harvesters, Nuriootpa
- **Jodi Davenport** from Snip 67 Hairdressers, Nuriootpa
- **Kathryn Kahl** from The Barossa Community Store, Nuriootpa
- **John Keil** from Australia Post, Tanunda
- **Colleen Keynes** from Ravens Parlour Bookstore, Tanunda
- **Jodie McNamara** from Barossa Chemplus, Nuriootpa
- **Mark Obst** from Agostino Mitsubishi, Nuriootpa
- **Roderic Thorn** from Thorn's Quality Meats, Tanunda.



Both on the night, and in the following weeks and months, excellent feedback has been received about these awards and the very positive manner in which they have been promoted in the local Barossa community. "The Leader" newspaper provided a

fantastic article, including individual photos of each awardee, in the week following the presentations. As well as a laminated certificate, each person, chosen for these inaugural Vocational Excellence awards because of their extremely high standard of service and work in their chosen vocation, was given a voucher to enjoy a meal at our normal meeting venue, the Vine Inn. I am sure a Vocational Excellence Awards night will feature on the club's program in the coming year. Most of the award winners are proudly displaying their certificates, often framed by the recipient, in their workplace for their customers to see.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

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A **vocational visit**, where members and partners could observe and better understand the work site of a place of interest in the Barossa region, was organized to the Ravens Parlour Bookstore in Tanunda. When our new meeting format begins in the coming weeks it is planned to hold a Vocational visit on a more regular basis, perhaps once per month to a local organization together with an optional meal at a local nearby food outlet, cafe or restaurant.

As is our usual practice we gave prizes at each school's final prize-giving ceremony/service to the Year 12 student at both Nuriootpa High School and Faith Lutheran School who has displayed outstanding potential to pursue a career in the field of **Higher Technology**. These \$150 cash awards are highly regarded by the students and their respective schools. The recipients this year were Lee Boehm from Nuriootpa High and Jean Jaensch from Faith.

Planning has been completed to find the **VET (Vocational Education and Training) Student of the Year** for our local region and hold a special

awards ceremony for all students nominated in September 2007. This initiative was conceived after a visit by three members from the Barossa Lower North Futures organization to one of our normal meetings. We look forward to another very positive first for our Rotary club in the coming months.

At the time of writing this report two Year 11 students from Faith Lutheran School were nominated by our club for the final District

interview process and resultant judging outcomes for the **National Youth Science Forum** to be held in Canberra in January 2008. We wish Kathryn Grocke and Stephanie Randell every success in this final judging phase of this prestigious national Science experience.

Brian Eckermann – Vocational and Youth Director.

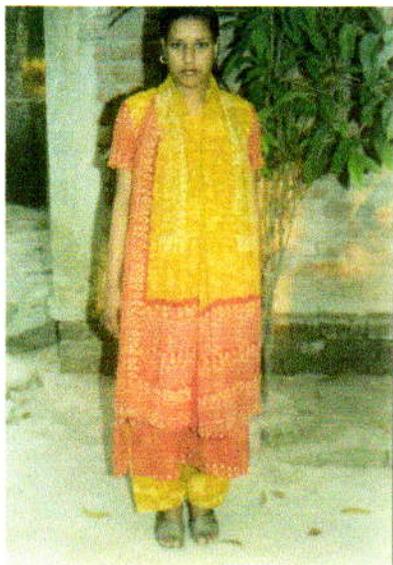
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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Members: Ray Duance Brian Barnett Bill Sibley
Veronica Semmler Tony Randell Jim Love

Our International service activities this year have been similar to those in the previous year.



Mehunoressa Gazi, the student we sponsor through World Vision in Bangladesh, continues in her High School career. She is repeating Grade 9 due to difficulties with English and Maths. We receive a brief personal report from her each year and photos which always show her as being quite serious. However, what she writes suggests that this probably just shyness in front of the camera.

The club donated funds to Donations in Kind to support the invaluable work being done to send equipment to points of need around the world and in the early part of the year some members were able to provide labour in the warehouses.

Through the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills we supported the Shelterbox project with a donation of \$1,200. This money is used to purchase prefabricated flatpack housing which is sent to areas where the local population has been displaced by natural disasters. The accommodation can be moved more quickly and easily than traditional emergency shelters.

At one our meetings the club was introduced to the difficulties of providing aid to countries in southern Africa. The problems experienced

because of the regime in Zimbabwe were illustrated from personal experience and the waste involved in providing poorly targeted assistance was graphically demonstrated. The advantages of targeting support through the local Rotary clubs were also explained, with references to successful projects in neighbouring countries such as Zambia.

PDG Peter Thomas was another guest speaker, his topic being his experiences in the Solomon Islands and a description of the achievements of the latest work party. It was very apparent that nothing is straightforward when building in the Solomons but we gained the impression that the work is very satisfying, especially when the workmanship is tested by the elements and survives.

Milena Baumert, a German student visiting the Barossa through the Faith Lutheran sister school exchange, spoke to the club of her life in Hamburg and about her experiences in Australia. She was being hosted by Tony, Wendy and Steph Randell.



Raymond V. Duance
Director 2006-2007

CLUB AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Members:

Veronica Semmler
Barry Bott

Brian Barnett

This year as you will have read from the other reports we have had a busy year as a club. The other committees have reported on the individual projects that we have undertaken. I would like to report on the club in a general way including fellowship, membership and our future prospects.

Last February we held an interest meeting where we invited a number of prospective members to attend. From this we were fortunate enough to induct two new members.

Lynn Bott who joined with the classification of Book-keeping and Ian Collins with the classification of Education-Geography Studies.



Both have proved to be valuable members attending the majority of our meetings and busy bees. They are keen and enthusiastic and will no doubt play a vital role in the growth of our club.

Fellowship is tied to membership and I believe that both these add to the future prospects of our club. At the beginning of the year our club made a momentous decision to trial a different meeting format. We would hold a formal dinner meeting twice a month and use the time in between for work in the community, Vocational Visits and work on our club projects. Details of these meeting will be in the individual Director's reports.

We decided that each fifth Monday in the month would be our dedicated fellowship night starting with a barbecue at my home in April. July is of course the night of the President's Changeover and we have something special organized for October. This change proved to be a successful one and assisted our two new members in to make the decision to join us. We have other prospective members in the process of hopefully making the same decision. Not only is it the fact that we will be spending more time on community projects and less time sitting around the dinner table talking it but also the fact that we, as a club, were willing to make such changes. We discussed these matters with our DG John Rowe who gave us valuable information as to the correct way of undergoing these proposed changes.

In May, with PDG John Rowe aware of our situation, we were invited to apply to Rotary International to take part in the pilot 'Frequency of Meeting Program'. This we did with the paperwork going in that same week. On 30th June I was contacted by email to inform us that our club had been successful in its application. Only a few clubs – a maximum of 200 in the world - were successful in their applications. This program's is designed to address some of the problems faced by Clubs; to try to balance gender; decrease the average age of membership and increase the overall diversity. It is aimed at the busy person, the active person who likes to be working on projects and busy young parents who are unable to leave children every week to come to meetings. I understand that it will involve some reporting to enable Rotary International to ascertain how the changes have affected the overall picture.

Veronica Semmler
PRESIDENT ELECT

ATTENDANCE REPORT

01/07/06 – 30/06/07

Attendance Officer: Ray Bartsch

NAME		PERCENTAGE	REMARKS
BAILEY	N	22%	
BARNETT	B	52%	
BARTSCH	R	87%	
BOTT	B	87%	
BOTT	L	92%	Part year
COLLINS	I	92%	Part year
DUANCE	R	83%	
ECKERMANN	B	89%	
FORGAN	B	89%	
LOVE	J	93%	
MITCHELL	J	57%	
RANDELL	A	89%	
REUSCH	S	87%	
REUTER	C	91%	
SEMMLER	V	83%	
SIBLEY	W	85%	
WILKSCH	L	91%	
Average club attendance		78%	

CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT

1/06/06 – 30/06/07

Treasurer: Jim Love

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per statement

Club A/c \$ 4,964
Project A/C \$ 12,526
\$ 17,490

Financial statement for year ending 30th June 2007

Receipts

Balance as at 01/6/2006	\$ 21,865
Dinners & fines	\$ 9,200
Interest	\$ 90
Local contact directory	\$ 10,975
Fund raising	\$ 2,500
Xmas cakes	\$ 1,870
Wine sales	\$ 8,325
Club subs	<u>\$ 2,450</u>

\$ 57,175

Payments

Dinners	\$ 8,700
Postage, stationery etc	\$ 415
Donations	\$ 10,700
Xmas cakes	\$ 1,160
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,100
Insurance	\$ 400
Local Contact Directory	\$ 5,320
Wine cost	\$ 8,230
District, RI, RDU	<u>\$ 2,660</u>

\$ 36,685

Balance 30/6/2007

\$ 17,490

\$ 57,175

Major donations to various Projects and Charities

Paul Harris Fellowship	\$1,300.00
Chapliancy	\$ 500.00
Shelter box	\$ 1,200.00
Vocational awards	\$ 400.00
Rotary Foundation	\$ 1,200.00
Skate park seating	\$2,805.00
Sponsor child	\$ 500.00

Lesley makes her feelings quite clear on rediscovering Ray's chin at the Greatest Shave event



Socialising after the native seed planting at the Duance's.



An introduction to the VET program at Faith Lutheran School

