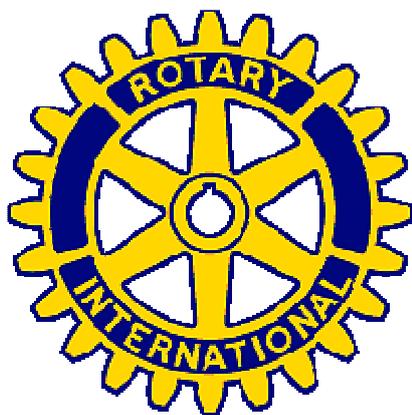
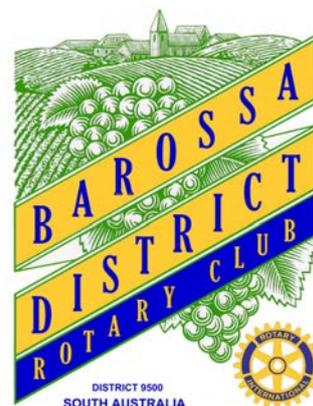


THE ROTARY CLUB of BAROSSA DISTRICT Inc



24th Annual Report 2008/2009



R.I. President – Dong-Kurn Lee

District Governor – Roberta Waterman

Club President - Brian Eckermann (July to December 2008)

- Veronica Semmler (January to June 2009)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9500

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Roberta Waterman

ROTARY CLUB OF BAROSSA DISTRICT

CHARTERED 21st JANUARY 1985

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2008/2009

PRESIDENT	BRIAN ECKERMANN/VERONICA SEMMLER
PRESIDENT ELECT	TONY RANDELL
SECRETARY	IAN COLLINS
TREASURER	JIM LOVE
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	RAY BARTSCH/BARRY BOTT
VOCATIONAL & YOUTH SERVICE	BRIAN BARNETT
COMMUNITY SERVICE	RAY DUANCE
CLUB SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP (July – December)	VERONICA SEMMLER

VENUE: VINE INN HOTEL/MOTEL, NURIOOTPA

MEETINGS: 2nd and 4th MONDAY, 6.20 PM FOR 6.45 PM
(Trialled 1st and 3rd January to June 2009)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(2008/2009)

At the 2008 changeover Brian Eckermann was presented with a Four Avenues of Service Citation Award by PDG Colin Thorne. The club was awarded a Presidential Citation from RI recognising the changes to the club, community activities and increase of membership percentage. We also received a Small Club Recognition Award from RI as we had reached 20 members. Tony Randell was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow.

Unfortunately Brian transferred to Darwin in January and I had to take up the reins again for 2009.

I believe that fellowship is tied to membership and that both these add to the future prospects of our club. We have a great club with members who enjoy each others company, work hard and believe in the ideals of Rotary. We have endeavoured to Make Dreams Real

Two years ago our club made the momentous decision to trial a different meeting format. We have held formal dinner meeting twice a month and used the time in between for community work, Vocational Visits and working on club projects. Details of these will be in the individual Director's reports. Overall the move has been very successful with 8 new members joining our club - four in each Rotary year.

Membership.

We lost a very active member in Ray Bartsch who passed away unexpectedly in December. Ray was our International Director. We miss him very much.

We have inducted 4 new members so far this year. We have welcomed Ally Auld, John Henderson, Judith Rogers and Joanne Perkins and look forward to working with them in the future. This gives us an overall increase of 3 which is great. Our membership is now 22 with just over 30% female which is higher than the national average - one of the aims of the new Pilot Program.

The two weekly meeting is definitely a selling point as it is also bringing back former Rotarians who want to be involved but not every week. Email has been essential in maintaining communication.

Community.

I will only mention our projects briefly as I am sure that Ray will report on these. From July to September we took part in the Mitre 10 Fixing-Up Australia Project. Barossa Village are happy with their newly refurbished BBQ gazebos.



November.

In September we also began the process for starting another Combined Probus Club in the Barossa Valley. We had interest meetings in October, circulated invitations in November, formed a committee and had our inaugural meeting in February. The club was chartered in March with over 60 foundation members. The liaison committee consisted of Leon Wilksch and myself.

We also held a successful Mental Health Forum sponsored by Insotec-Pivot in

We planted hundreds of seeds for Barossa Bushgardens and undertook maintenance at Luhr's cottage twice a year. The Fusion Garden project has donated products to different charities. Leon Wilksch has been the staunch convenor of the Fusion Garden Project.

We assisted with the Juvenile Diabetes Cyclethon, the Leader Fun Run and many other charity events donating hours as marshals, cooks and sales people while occasionally driving buses for them as well. We will be assisting with setting up 'Breakfasts' at Nuriootpa Primary School with a donation of \$500.



Our main fundraiser still is the Local Contact Directory. We have just completed delivering a Local Information Directory on behalf of the Barossa Library – other hands on fund raiser for us.

Members of the club worked on busy bees erecting a large shade house for Barossa Bushgardens. This was the one that the club dismantled a few years ago at one of the wineries.

Literacy Programs

The Books for Babies is continuing. The Public Library has packs sponsored by State Govt and Advertiser. Either the club or the librarian takes them directly to the hospital.

In cooperation with the Barossa Library we held a workshop for 3-4 year olds and their parents to assist them with their ability to inspire children with literacy and communication skills. We used trainers who are specialists in their field as well as being trained primary school teachers. Our main difficulty was getting the children that we wanted to target - the ones from disengaged families. Hopefully in time as the program becomes well known this will get easier.

We received a simplified grant for this project. The sessions were held on 6, 13, and 20 March with children from the Mt Pleasant Kindergarten. We have learned some valuable lessons from these first workshops.

- Crèche to be in a separate building
- Plastic folder to be supplied with the alphabet printed books that the children work on and take home. The library will probably bind them for us.
- It would be better for Rotarians to help out financially with the crèche as well as the workshops to free up the librarians to work with the children.

I recommend the Books for Babies and the Early Literacy Intervention Programs to all Rotary Clubs as I believe that we can make a real difference in our communities. The local charity groups, public libraries and kindergartens are aware of which families read books at home and which do not so they are a good resource.



Presenting good hard cover books to charities that work in the children's homes has had good feedback - some of these children have never owned anything new before.

Vocational

In November we held a VET Students Scholarship Award Night where we had 11 finalists. We had great support from the local business community who said that they were surprised by the overall commitment of youths in this program. Those that hesitated at first were glad that they became involved. Schools participating were Nuriootpa High, Faith Lutheran Secondary and Eudunda Area.

In June we will hold another Vocational Excellence Night.

At this juncture I would like to thank Tony Robinson and The Leader for their enormous support of our club and for the publicity that they have willingly given us.

International.

We have completed our usual projects such as: purchase of a shelter box \$1200; supporting a World Vision Child (approx \$600); collected toys for the DIK indigenous children program; and various calls for donations. A small team spent a day at DIK.



We donated \$1000 each to ARHRF and the RI Foundation.

Fellowship

We enjoyed a 'bowls night' at Kapunda with the Kapunda R. C., Two Wells R. C., Kapunda Lions and Kapunda Probus Clubs.

In April we held a tag-a-long tour entering properties that people cannot usually see. We toured through Collingrove Stud which was excellent. We also visited John and Jan Angas's property at Huttonvale where we saw their winery, old buildings, heard the history of Huttonvale and sampled and purchased some 'Farm Follies' produce. Members from three Rotary Clubs attended – our Club, Walkerville and Playford. We partnered up with these clubs to socialize together as we are similar sized clubs.

We finished with home made pizzas at Brian Barnett's. He has a pizza oven in his backyard.

Board.

I would like to thank the board for their support during the past six months. They have had to deal with a regurgitated president. The board consisted of PE Tony Randell as program director, Ian Collins "secretary extraordinaire", long serving and staunch treasurer Jim Love, with Ray Duance and Brian Barnett as hard working directors. Thanks must also go to Barry Bott who stepped into the International Directorship.

Lynn Bott has faithfully kept accurate attendance records as well as training Leon to fill her place whenever necessary. Lynn also worked hard on our 'Brag Poster' which we displayed at the Rotary Conference in March. Thank you Lynn.

Thanks once again to John who has supported our club well as well as having to put up with me holding the presidency again.

All of our partners are great supporters of our club and I thank them profusely. Busy Bees are much stronger with their attendance.

In closing I wish Tony all the best for his year. I know that you will work well as part of his team to promote the cause of Rotary.

Thank you once again for your support to both Brian and myself over the past twelve months. I now look forward to just sitting and listening and being part of the furniture.

Veronica Semmler

President.

January – June 2009

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

This Rotary year has once again been full of activities and service work. Our new meeting schedule has opened up the opportunities for our club to get involved in activities aimed at service to the community and fundraising.

Our principal fundraiser has been once again the production and distribution of the Local Contact Directory. The project is not, however, just a fundraiser. It enables us to involve all the members of the club through the packaging of the product prior to its distribution by Australia Post. In addition it enables us to engage with the local business community by encouraging the people of the Valley to support these businesses. This year only four of our forty business contacts chose not to renew their subscription.

Responsibilities for our activities have been borne by a number of our members. Leon once again has taken the lead with our involvement with Fusion. He organized both the Fun Run supervision roster and the Garden project. In addition to this, Leon supervised our involvement in the Junior Diabetes Bike Ride and the distribution of the Council Information Directory as well as being heavily involved in the establishment of a new Probus Club. Both of these projects have resulted in fundraising as well as providing us with service opportunities. The donation from the Junior Diabetes Bike Ride organizers was in fact unexpected.

Then President Brian organized a Mental Health seminar which was well received by the community. Present President Veronica, also took a leading role in the establishment of our new Probus Club as well as continuing with the Literacy projects which she initiated last year.



The Barossa Bushgardens have again provided us with service opportunities which suit the practical skills of a number of our members. We have been heavily involved in the re-erection of the shadehouse which our club disassembled a few years ago. Our "Construction Arm" also completed the Gazebo Project for the Barossa Village earlier in the Rotary year.

We have been able to work with other service clubs in the Bushgardens and the Driver Reviver Caravan. Our twice yearly garden maintenance of the grounds

at Luhr's Cottage has supported the supervising committee of that establishment as well.

There has been no shortage of opportunities for Rotarians to engage with our local community!! We must record our thanks to the Vine Inn for their willing and consistent cooperation with our ongoing programmes

The Barossa District Rotary Club has expended and donated funds to a number of causes and organizations during the year. The Barossa Valley Public Library, the Nuriootpa Primary School Breakfast Programme, the Melton Rotary Club Bushfire Appeal, RYLA, and our Literacy Projects have been some of the recipients.

Hence, this has been a busy year and I must thank all of our Rotarians and their partners for the time and effort which they have put in to our Rotary Community Service. Well done to all.

Raymond V. Duance
Community Director

VOCATIONAL & YOUTH SERVICE REPORT

This was an interesting year in the area of Vocational/ Youth; we did quite a lot - however, it could have been better.

The Vocational Education and Training awards night was held in November. This was a very successful night; we had 9 recipients, with the quality of nominees being of a very high standard. This award is designed to reward the effort put in by VET students throughout the year. The students were selected from the Faith Lutheran School and the Nuriootpa High School. This was achieved with support between the Schools, David Hutchinson from Barossa Lower North Futures and our Rotary Club. The students were judged and a winner was presented with an award along with the other students receiving an award for their participation.

In June this year we have invited local businesses to nominate one of their employees to receive an award, called the Vocational Excellence Award. This award is to recognize the outstanding efforts of these employees in their place of employment. The applications have gone out and we expect to receive many nominations. We have gone with the same format as last year and approach the businesses that have advertised in the local directory.

We assisted at the Careers Expo held at the Nuriootpa TAFE; this was in conjunction with the Barossa Lower North Futures. Students attended from Clare, Burra, Riverton, Kapunda, Nuriootpa and Faith Lutheran School.

Our Club donated funds toward The Barossa Australian Business Week. This program is designed for school students to better understand some of the issues involved in running a business. The schools involved are Nuriootpa High School, Kapunda High School and the Eudunda Area School.

As a club we are involved with the Tanunda Traders Association in conducting a local Trader of the Year competition. This competition is going very well - there is a monthly winner and at the end of the year there will be an overall winner.

We had two Tag along tours; one in October and the other in April. We had a lot of fun and at the same time found out a lot more about our fantastic community and its history. On the last tour we had members from two metropolitan clubs, Walkerville and Playford. At the completion of the first tour we were hosted by the Sibleys and on the last tour we had Pizzas at the Barnetts. I would like to thank everyone involved in assisting with organizing and catering for these tours.

Brian Barnett
Vocational/ Youth Director

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Sadly I have to make this report due to the untimely passing of Ray Bartsch.

As our club progresses our committee will be making more contributions and recommendations to the Club Board. In the previous few years the Directors made most decisions without a lot of input from others. More club members now allow for committee meetings to plan and prepare for more International activities. Discussions will be directed towards regular requirements such as D.I.K., ShelterBox, World Vision Sponsored Child and Rotary Foundation.

Future ideas also to be explored include;

- an 'International Toast' to a Rotary Club we will have made contact and compared notes with
- perhaps a team to go overseas and assist where possible
- an exchange student programme if circumstances permit

Plenty of ideas will be discussed so a productive future in the International Directorate should be possible.

Barry Bott
International Director
January – June 2009



BUSY AT THE BUSHGARDENS



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the ROTARY CLUB of BAROSSA DISTRICT

Our club inducted four new members during the 2008/2009 Rotary Year

Ally Auld
Inducted 22nd September 2008



John Henderson
Inducted 22nd December 2008

Judith Rogers
Inducted 16th March 2009



Joanne Perkins
Inducted 20th April 2009

CLUB FINANCIAL REPORTS 1/07/08 – 31/05/09

Treasurer: Jim Love

Receipts

Balance as at 1/7/08	29345
Dinners & Fines	7465
Xmas cakes	1550
Local contact directory	10035
Club subs	2800

\$51195

Payments

Dinners	6700
Xmas cakes	1870
Local Con directory	40
Miscellaneous	207
RDU/ R I Dist Dues	3440
Donations	10500

\$22757

Balance 31/5/09 \$28438

\$51195

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per statement

Club A/C	\$ 6522
Projects A/C	\$19615

Less Unpresented cheques

103810	\$ 219.25	
103811	\$ 500.00	
103812	\$ 500.00	
103813	\$ 18.70	
103814	\$ 5.50	
103815	\$ 150.00	
103816	\$ 250.00	
103817	\$ 258.00	
103818	\$ 400.00	
		<u>\$ 2301</u>
		<u>\$28438</u>

Major Donations to projects and charities

Barossa Village	\$1600
Shelter box	\$1200
Rotary Foundation	\$1000
Carers Link	\$ 500
Literacy Programme	\$ 880
D.I.K Freight	\$ 500
Friends of Library	\$ 500
Sponsor Child	\$ 500
Vet Award	\$ 600
Bushfire Appeal	\$ 500
Primary School Meals	\$ 500

Rotary Club of Barossa District Inc. Attendance Report 2008 - 2009

Month		July		August		Sept		October		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		March		April		May		Total Mtgs	% Attendance	L/A	
		Mtg	Att																								
Name																											
Aberg	Torkel	0	L/A	0	L/A	0	L/A	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	0	2	1	15	8	53%	7
Auld	Ally *New			0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	18	14	93%	
Barnett	Brian	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	0	2	2	2	1	22	17	77%	
Bartsch	Ray	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Deceased												10	9	90%	
Bott	Barry	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	22	100%	
Bott	Lynn	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	22	100%	
Collins	Ian	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	22	100%	
Cunningham-Bartsch	Sharyn	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	16	73%	
Duance	Ray	0	L/A	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	19	19	100%	3
Eckermann	Brian	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	L/A	0	L/A	0	L/A	14	14	100%	10
Forgan	Brian	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	21	95%	
Henderson	John *New											1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	11	10	91%	
Hutchinson	Vicky	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	0	2	1	0	L/A	0	L/A	18	10	56%	6
Keogh	Margit	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	0	22	15	68%	
Love	Jim	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	22	100%	
Mitchell	Jim	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	0	22	11	50%	
Perkins	Joanne *New																					2	2	2	2	100%	*
Randall	Tony	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	22	100%	
Reuter	Colin	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	21	95%	
Rogers	Judith *New																			2	2	2	2	4	4	100%	*
Semmler	Veronica	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	22	100%	
Sibley	Bill	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	20	20	100%	2
Wilksch	Leon	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	22	22	100%	
Meetings		34		35		38		39		40		39		38		38		38		38		40		417			
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