Rotary Club of Ocean Grove Inc

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Annual Report
2011 – 2012

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Officer Bearers and Directors

President of Rotary International	Kalyan Banerjee Vapi (Gujarat, India)
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Assistant District Governor Group 9	Jane Cox (Geelong Central)

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President	Margaret Campbell
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Rotary Foundation	Trevor McArdle
Membership	Noel Emselle
Service Projects	Phil Edwards

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Community Service	Bill Walton
International Service	Geoff Brentnall
Vocational Service	Tony Haines
New Generation (Youth Service)	Ann Hodgkinson
Bulletin Editor	John Fox/Alison George
Sergeant –at –Arms	John Paton
Market	James Ricchini
Attendance	Victor Harnath
Family of Rotary	Norm Elliott
Property	Rod Birrell
Risk Management	David Tyrrell
Public Officer	Tony Haines
Fund Raising	John Eyles
Club Historian	Bob Osbourne
Public Access Defibrillator Project	Wal Kelly
Programme	Judy Greer
Health Programmes	Peter Hawthorne
Social	Marion Walton
Merchandise	Alison George/Ingrid Cummins

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1983-84	Wal Kelly	Alan Kilpatrick
1984-85	Frank Mountford	Alan Kilpatrick
1985-86	Henry Hudson	Denis Joseph
1986-87	John Calnin	Denis Joseph
1987-88	Jim MacDonald	Maurice Barwick
1988-89	Hans Franken	Maurice Barwick
1989-90	Trevor McArdle	Jim MacDonald
1990-91	Maurice Barwick	Geoff Brentnall
1991-92	Peter Robinson	Bob Osbourne
1992-93	Geoff Morphett	Bob Osbourne
1993-94	Eric Bare	Ken Thibou/Bob Osbourne
1994-95	Geoff Chandler	John Dodgshun
1995-96	Gerry Spencer	John Dodgshun
1996-97	Barry Reid	John Dodgshun
1997-98	Coral Barker	Mark Donehue
1998-99	Martin Geerings	Mark Donehue
1999-00	Peter Cullen	Mark Donehue
2000-01	Hans Franken	Geoff Morphett
2001-02	John Powell	Tony Haines
2002-03	Colin Brown	Tony Haines
2003-04	Geoff Brentnall	Tony Haines
2004-05	Tim Kemp	Dennis Saliba
2005-06	Helen Trigg	David Cornwell
2006-07	Richard Grimmett	Rod Greer
2007-08	Alison George	Rod Greer
2008-09	John Calnin	Victor Harnath
2009-10	Rod Greer	Victor Harnath
2010-11	Noel Emselle	Victor Harnath
2011-12	Margaret Campbell	Victor Harnath

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[redacted] PDG	Henry Hudson, John Fox
[redacted] PDG	Henry Hudson

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Moyia Armstrong	Eric Bare	Coral Barker
Graham Bath – Sapp. Pin	Rodney Birrell	Geoff Brentnall
Colin Brown	John Calnin	Geoff Chandler
David Cooke	Marian Coppins	Charles Dawborn
John Dodgshun	Norm Elliott	Noel Emselle
Jan Fox	John Fox – Sapp. Pin	Geoff Ford
Hans Franken	Martin Geerings	Alison George
Judy Greer	Rod Greer	Richard Grimmett
Tony Haines	Victor Harnath	Peter Hawthorne
Henry Hudson – Sapp. Pin	Isabella Hudson	Tim Kemp
Wal Kelly – Sapp. Pin	Gordon King	Trevor McArdle
Geoff Morphett	Frank Mountford	Bob Osbourne
Bill Penna	Peter Robinson	Roy Rose
Bill Steains	Ron Todd	Helen Trigg
Richard Trigg	David Tyrrell	Dennis Wooten
John Wynn		

Another busy Rotary Year has come to a successful end. Building on initiatives of previous years in the traditional projects and with the introduction of new ones, we can all be proud of what the club has achieved.
The 2011-2012 annual reports of the activity chairs detail an impressive list of activities involving fundraising, community service, vocational and youth activities in our local community, plus a substantial contribution to Rotary's international projects.
RI President Kaylan Banerjee Vapi's theme of "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" has been well served.

– We have settled in well at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club, we must be one of the few clubs that no longer complains about their food! Thanks must be given to Vic Harnath for his effort in negotiating the menu and prices and to both Vic and Trevor McArdle for their preparation and clean up after the meetings.
The year began sadly with the loss of Annette Cullen to cancer in October of 2011. Partner of Peter, Annette gave freely of her time looking after and ferrying children to Rotary youth camps and meetings. No destination was too far for Annette as long as it encouraged youth. The club inaugurated the Annette Cullen Award an encouragement award for students in her memory.
Sergeant John Paton kept us in order at most meetings and introduced a sense of decorum to the proceedings! His fine sessions kept us entertained and helped to fill the coffers. Fred does enjoy entries on the right side of the ledger. During his absences to raise money for Rotary and to look after the health of rural animals John appointed Coral, Gordon and Rod to ably take care of his duties, which they ably did.

– Thanks to Judy Greer and committee chairs whom co-ordinated a diverse range of excellent speakers on a diverse range of topics. The high meeting attendance was testimony to the success of the range of speakers.

– Once again our community markets were a great success. Last year an indoor winter market was introduced. Held on the basketball courts at the Aquatic Centre it has grown in success each month drawing a larger crowd than the previous month.
I wish to thank James Ricchini, manager of the summer market, John Paton, manager of the summer and their teams who ran the markets so efficiently and effectively.

– The club owes a debt of gratitude to John Ford and Wal Kelly and their ticket sellers who spent so many hours in the field. The selling season for the Car Raffle was shorter this year to allow time to sell the Art Show raffle tickets however it still managed to raise in excess of $14,000. The Art Show raffle, which began prior to the Car Raffle, raised $7,439, which was distributed to local charities nominated by the Art Show Committee.
John Fox and his team managed the weekly club raffle. It consisted of 3-4 bottles of fine wine and a non-alcoholic prize. Tickets were 4 for $5.00 and as long as the quality of the wine met the discerning palates of the members and the contents hadn't been raided this was very successful averaging in the mid $500 mark per week.

– the 2011 Art Show Stemmed from a 2009 Club Assemblies proposal, which led to an appointment of a committee in November 2009. The core committee consisted of Coral Barker Margaret Campbell, Dick Clay, Ian Downing (Chairman), Tony Haines (Secretary and Administration manager) plus a co-opted community member Laurance Hodgkinson (Friend of Rotary)
A significant feature of the operation was the substantial part 'Support Teams' contributed to the overall success of the Art Show. Included in this category would be the Sponsorship Team, The Catering Team, The setting up and Dismantling Team, The Art Support Team, The Sales Team and of course Geoffrey Cummins the official photographer.

The Art Show raised a total of $17,178.43 that was distributed equally between Rainbow Riders; Disabled Surfers Association Cottage by the Sea and the remaining 25% was divided amongst nominated local Rotary causes.
The Art Show was deemed a success. The firm and persistent leadership of Chairman Ian Downing must be applauded, he doggedly kept the team on track for success causing us to examine and re-examine our expenditure focusing on profit. As a result an evaluation of the show was produced on which we based a procedure guide for future Art Shows, the next one will be held on November 2nd-4th of November 2012.

[redacted] - This year we have recognised the contributions of three Rotarians as worthy recipients of Paul Harris Fellowship awards. PP Noel Emselle who joined the Rotary Club of Footscray in 2002, transferring to the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove in 2006 received his award at our annual partner's night at the Davidson Restaurant. Judy Greer joined the Rotary Club of Camperdown in 1997, transferring to the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove in 2004 and Richard Grimmett who joined the Rotary Club of Ocean Grove in 2003 will receive their well-deserved awards at the Change over Dinner.

[redacted] – chaired by Bill Walton and assisted by Peter Cullen the community service team of Martin Geerings, Alex Magee, Bill Steains and Michael put in another busy year. The Lookout Project was completed and opened; the traditional Seniors Christmas function, planned and co-ordinated by Marion Walton's team, entertainment provided by the Andrews duo was a huge success; most of our guests were loath to go home. John Calnin and his team once again ran the ANZAC day Breakfast after the dawn service receiving accolades from the RSL and community leaders. John and Nan Calnin once again hosted a Barbeque on our raffle night in January, which guaranteed a good turnout of enthusiastic ticket sellers. Red Cross Calling a community service event managed by Peter Hawthorn had another successful year.

[redacted] – this really deserves a heading on its own. Following on a presentation from the Multiple Sclerosis Society Trevor McArdle took up the challenge for Rotary to manage Bellarine Mega Swim. Trevor and his team of helpers raised a total of $21,000 for the MS society during the 24hr. swim. Congratulations to all involved. It enhanced the Rotary brand and the enthusiasm translated into willingness to not only manager it again this year but to enter a team under the capable training management of John Calnin.

[redacted] – Tony Haines assisted by Gerry Spencer and Geoff Chandler put together very busy program. Three Pride of Workmanship Awards were awarded, a guest speaker addressed the club during September on Vocational Training, a vocational scholarship was set up with the Gordon Institute of TAFE and a most enjoyable workplace visit was arranged by Gary Golding to Scotchman's Hill Winery.

[redacted] – Geoff Brentnall assisted by his team, Allison George, and John Dodgshun made sure that we supported international projects such as DIK; approximately 7 loads were delivered to the depot in North Geelong with the help of John Wynn and his truck. Details of Guest Speakers for the Clean Water Project in the Philippines, RAWCS, ROMAC, INTERPLAST and Shelter boxes were given to Judy who was able to include many of them in this year's program. Once again the club donated shelter boxes for use in disaster areas. Thanks for another busy year Geoff.

[redacted] – Ann Hodgkinson and her support team of Rod Greer, Mick Cummins and Rod Bush had a very busy year. Ann took on one of the strongest avenues of service and continued to grow it. Her planning and efficiency in organisation is to be commended as is her actions, evaluations and recommendation of each activity in her program. A full report of New Generations as well as the other avenues of service is included in the annual Report. Well done Ann, new to Rotary you certainly excelled in setting a high standard.

[redacted] – In special projects this year our major activity was in making a significant contribution to our Community through funding the upgrade a MRX Monitor Defibrillator for one of the Ocean Grove Ambulance vehicles. Currently where a paramedic attending to a heart attack or a car crash victim might need to carry four pieces of equipment to monitor the vital signs the upgraded monitor would do it automatically. The club was the major contributor to this project, the other contributors being the Ocean Grove Community Enterprise and the Ocean Grove Ambulance Auxiliary Fund.
Thanks to Phil Edwards Service Project Director who drove this project. It took just on twelve months to complete; all Rotarians should take pride in this achievement and stand ready for the next challenge in the new rotary year. Great persistence and leadership Phil. thank you very much.

[redacted] – our numbers will remain static at 52. Although we gained four new members this year in Peter McLennan, Graeme Chamberlain, Gillian Morgan and Noel Ritson-Bennett we have lost some valuable members.
Leaving us as of the 30th of June is Heather Wallace who needs time to concentrate on her new business (rather than organising tin rattlers at markets!) Geoffrey and Ingrid Cummins moved to Lara early in 2012 and although fully participating in Rotary activities found it geographically too difficult to make more than 1 meeting a month. Both will be very much missed in the club as they each played a significant role in the life of the club. They have been recommended as charter members for a new club proposed for Lara. Another member to leave at the end of June will be Ian Downing. Ian was the driving force behind our inaugural Art Show although he will be much missed he will be remaining in the district and will stay in touch in an honorary capacity generously sharing his considerable skills with us.
Noel Emselle took over the Membership portfolio from Heather has established a growing list of people in the community interested in participating in Rotary activities in a ‘hands on” Friends of Rotary capacity. There are early indications that some of these will translate into future members. Well-done Noel.

[redacted] – this year our members have had more than their fair share of health and family issues. Norm Elliot has been among their number but he has still found time to be there for others when they needed him most. Annette Cullen told me how much she appreciated his visits; he would perch on the end of her bed with a joke and news, so easy to talk with she said. It is no surprise that when Norm went to buy flowers for Elaine the florist in Ocean Grove automatically gave him a discount. That is how busy he has been this year. Heartfelt thanks Norm you are wonderful.

[redacted] – Secretary Vic Harnath has once again run a tight ship. His efficiency is legendary. It is a good feeling to go to a Presidents meeting and find that Ocean Grove is one of the few, if not the only club that has completed all necessary club statistics/business for the district on time. He does all this with patience and good humour. Treasurer Fred Andrews deserves praise. When I look upon his Treasurers Report I am reminded of the words of another Treasurer, one that resided in Canberra. “A beautiful set of numbers” would be his spin. Fred’s reports are not spin, they are clear, factual and easy to follow and always concise. He does a great job with lashings of Scottish humour.
We are lucky as a club that this winning combination will continue into Dick’s year.

[redacted] – everyone on the Bulletin Team at one time or another had a chance to contribute due to Allison George’s accident. Thank you all very much. With the combination of Richard Grimmett’s photographic skills and Allison’s journalistic prowess we have a very succinct and informative magazine. Allison with help from Richard and Gerry Spencer will continue in Dick’s year. Thanks Allison.

[redacted] –2011-2012 has been a very productive year. In a tight economy we raised substantial amounts of money, which you will see in the Financial Report. (Don't forget $21,000 was raised under our management for the MS society, which won't be reflected in those figures). We distributed $42,429.44 to Rotary Programs both here and overseas, as well as supporting scholarships and contributing to needy charities in our community.

Dick inherits a substantial bank balance, necessary to ensure Rotary's work continues and extraordinary members who believe in the Object of Rotary. I hope his year will be as personally as enjoyable as mine.

In a similar vein, we all wish our DG Helen Trigg a very successful year and give her and Richard our full support.

Finally I would like to thank my husband Hamish for his support. Whenever I had a problem and asked for advice he always had the right answer' Ring Vic he will know" And he would!

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Heather Wallace took on the membership director's portfolio but, due to changes in her personal life, resigned initially from the Board and later from Rotary altogether.

We also lost Rotarians Geoffrey and Ingrid Cummins from our club but (hopefully) not from Rotary International when they moved home to Lara.

These three losses were compensated by a gain of four new Rotarians in Peter McLennan, Graeme Chamberlain, Gillian Morgan and Noel Ritson-Bennett, bringing the total to 55 (46 males and 9 females).

The database of Friends of Rotary Ocean Grove (FROG's) continues to grow and stands now at 65. Several of these are considering full membership in the coming year.
We formed this group to help us to remain engaged with people who have encountered Rotary in some way in the past, perhaps as an award recipient, exchange student, or guest speaker, and others in local business or community services who are too busy to become Rotary members at this time in their lives. We recognise that professional and family time commitments, as well as the financial cost of annual dues and weekly meetings, are a hurdle for some people who would otherwise like a chance to be involved in fellowship and humanitarian service.

The club hosted four breakfast meetings for our FROG's on the first Wednesday of the months of June, July, August and October 2011. The objective of these breakfast meetings was to provide interesting local speakers and networking opportunities, while informing attendees about the activities of the Rotary club and possible volunteering opportunities.

The breakfasts were not held on a regular basis in 2012 because the club is so heavily committed to running a District Conference, winter markets, and the second annual Rotary Art Show. However, the membership committee for 2012-13 will be looking for alternative ways that we can engage with members of the FROG fraternity.

In this year Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded to Richard Grimmett, Judy Greer & Noel Emselle.

Thanks to all members of the membership committee and those who went out of their way to support the FROG's Breakfast program.

Balance

Balance at 30th. April 2012	47000.67		
Plus Receipts	12607.52		
	59608.19		
Less Expenditure	22845.49		36762.70
Administration Account	12433.74		
Charities Account	24328.96		36762.70
Bank Balance at 26th. May 2012	29446.31		
Less Non-Presented Cheques	3838.45		
	25607.86		
Plus Credit Not Shown	0.00		
	25607.86		
Plus Term Deposit	11154.84		36762.70

Committed Funds

Charities Account - Current	24328.96	
Vocationa	980.00	
Surfside Primary P.A. System	500.00	
Donation to Mega Swim Costs	1000.00	
Market Signs (Permanent Roadside)	700.00	
Advance to Art Show	2500.00	
Art Show Prize Sponsorship	4500.00	
Megaswim Team	360.00	
Annette Cullen Awar	800.00	(200/Year)
Advance to Youth Programme	3287.00	
PAD Project (to replace O.O.D. parts)	391.00	
	15018.00	
Funds Available for Distribution	9310.96	

Future Fundraising Budget

Car Raffle	11989.00	(complete)
Art Show	4300.00	(complete)
Market (W)	3294.00	
Market (S)	15000.00	(complete)
	34583.00	

Again this year the Administration Account is in good health and the Board has agreed that, as in previous years, the annual subs will remain at $185.

Over the page there is a list of the charitable donations the club has distributed at this point in the year. It should be noted that donations are $13K down on last year at this time and the funds still available are some $3K lower for the year.

However, we completed two big projects this year in the Ambulance equipment update and the Lookout renovation! The Board has also committed to sponsoring a main prize of $4500 in the Art Show, which will be returned to the charitable fund on completion of the show.

Date	Amount	Project	Service Area
July	200	Lookout Reno.	Community
	150	National Science Forum	Youth
August	683.5	Lookout Reno.	Community
	148	Pride of Workmanship Awards	Vocational
	2310	National Science Forum	Youth
	573	Surfside Primary	Youth
	500	Roy Rose Awards	Youth
September	865	Lookout Reno.	Community
October	568	Lookout Reno.	Community
	1000	Disaster Aid Australia	International
	31	Junior Community Awards	Youth
November	153	Seniors Xmas Party	Community
	8776	OG Ambulance	Community
	254	De-Fib Parts Replacement	Community
	1000	M.S. Australia	Community
	1340	RDA Barwon Heads	Community
December	283	Seniors Medical Books	Community
	872	National First Aid (Cadets)	Youth
	2448	Seniors Xmas Party	Community
	2000	VCE Support	Youth
	200	Annette Cullen Award	Youth
	140	Thai Students	Youth
January	356	De-Fib Parts Replacement	Community
	792	O.G. Surf LSC	Community
	500	Rotarians for Mine Action	International
February	33	Seniors Medical Books	Community
	750	O.G. Men's Shed	Community
	35	Junior Community Awards	Youth
March	970	O.G. Surf LSC	Community
	450	RYPEN Students	Youth
April	1000	Barwon Heads CFA	Community
	1000	O.G. Toy Library	Community
	640	O.G. Community Enterprise	Community
	194	Junior Community Awards	Youth
	63	RYPEN Students	Youth
	170	VCE Summer School	Youth
May	500	MDC Queenscliff	Community
	1316	13TH. Beach Surf LSC	Community
	285	ANZAC Breakfast	Community
	7596	Red + Calling	Community
	500	Alstrom Syndrome	Community
	500	O.G. Men's Shed	Community
	605	Christ Church Meals Programme	Community
	21	Junior Community Awards	Youth
	100	1st./2nd. O.G Scouts	Youth
Total	42870.5		

(Please refer to that section of the May report reproduced on previous page)

The Club's website is now readily accessed by members who navigate to the main site http://www.rotaryoceangrove.org.au as they access the weekly bulletin. The website has also become very important in promoting and advertising major fundraising initiatives, particularly the inaugural Art Show and Mega Swim in 2011.

It also allows information on regular events like the summer and winter markets to be readily accessed and viewed by members and general visitors. Other club activities to be noted on the site also include the Lookout Reserve project, FROG's meetings; and more recently the 2013 District Conference. Over the year there has been over 3,400 individual unique site visits or over 310 per month, with January, February and May the busiest months.

In July 2010 our Facebook page was created http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-Club-of-Ocean-Grove, however with only a handful of Club members having a Facebook account we have very few "Likes" over the year. Facebook can be a quick and easy way to post photos and news of Club events, and could easily replace much of the information added to the website. For Facebook to become a regular communications channel we will require a significant cultural shift within the Club.

A big thanks you to Alison George, and Rod Greer and for those who filled in during her absence, who has prepared the weekly bulletin throughout the year. Their pithy summaries of each meeting's presentation and news items, as well as some brilliant and humorous insights into the human condition have made reading the bulletin something to look for toward to!

The Voice has again been a major provider of published reports and Alan Barber has been a terrific supporter of the Club's work. There was a significant amount of additional newspaper articles in the past 12 months as part of promoting the Art Show, Mega Swim, as well as the many times we have provided financial support to organisations such as Rainbow Riders, 13th Beach SLSC, the local Ambulance Auxiliary and CFA training team. Our first Rotary Matters article appeared in the Geelong Advertiser in May, and there have been further contributions to Rotary Radio94.7 FM by President Margaret Campbell, Art Show Curator Carol Barker and passionate Rotarian John Fox.

Thanks to Rod Bush and Richard Grimmett who have both assisted in maintain the website, and uploading information throughout the year as needed. A special mention to Richard also for his terrific camera work at meetings and other events that have helped make a great pictorial record of each year, and some of his handiwork can be viewed on the website.

Well, another big and successful year for our Club across the Service Projects portfolio as you will see as you read the reports from the leaders of Community Development (Bill Walton), Vocational Service (Tony Haines), New Generations (Ann Hodgkinson), International (Geoff Brentnall), Summer Markets (James Ricchini) and the new Club venture of Winter Markets (John Paton).

In special projects this Rotary year our major activity was in making a significant contribution to our Community through funding the upgrade a MRX Monitor Defibrillator for one of the Ocean Grove Ambulance vehicles. The upgraded defibrillator will free up the ambulance paramedics in a number of ways. The machines will monitor all the vital signs of a patient automatically, so currently where a paramedic attending to a heart attack or car crash victim might need to carry four pieces of equipment to monitor the various vital signs the upgraded defibrillator would do it all automatically. Less equipment is carried, lighter weight and automatically recording of the patient's vital signs, which can then be transferred via a mobile phone and Bluetooth straight to the hospital. When the ambulance arrives at the hospital it can bypass the casualty department and go straight to cardiology.

Our Club initiated the project in July 2011 and the upgraded defibrillator was delivered into service in June 2012 – a bit slower than expected by a great outcome eventually. Overall our Club was the major financial contributor to the project with other contributors being The Ocean Grove Community Enterprise and the Ocean Grove Ambulance Auxiliary Fund. All Ocean Grove Rotarians should take pride in this achievement and stand ready for the next challenge in the new rotary year.

SURFSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL and STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

We have been talking with Surfside Primary School and they did not have any big projects on. They chose to clean up after the vandals by themselves.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS

This was a great night as per usual with the senior citizens and Rotarians all having a good talk and catch up. We catered for about seventy-five meals in the new venue and it all worked well. We did not have to serve the meals. Thanks to the drivers that assisted those that needed a lift. Also a big thank you to Wilma Andrews for her singing and the help of the staff at Club Grove.

OCEAN GROVE LOOKOUT RESERVE

It was good to finally finish the Interpretive Signs, entrance wall on the south side, the directional finder and the drinker. A big thanks you to Peter Cullen and James Ricchini. It has been an interesting process. The garden looks good and the roster for looking after the park is working well.

ANZAC BREAKFAST

Thank you to John Calnin and his well-organized team the Anzac Breakfast went ahead without a hitch. The service was well supported despite the bad weather.

In response to an approach from Mark Sims, Development Manager – 24 Hour Mega Swim with M.S.Australia, the club volunteered to conduct the first Bellarine Mega Swim at the Bellarine Aquatic Centre to raise funds for MS sufferers in the district. A target of $15,000 was set to be raised over the 24 hours from 12.30pm Saturday 19th November to 12.30 p.m. Sunday 20th. November 2011.

A committee was formed to undertake the task and consisted of Rotarians Rod Greer, Rod Bush, Peter McLennan, Geoff Brentnall and Trevor McArdle. Great response was received from the public and 6 teams entered with 108 swimmers taking part. The teams were – Ocean Grove Surf Club nippers, 6 degrees, Team Rotary, Bellarine Aquatic Centre swimmers, and the Borough Coutas entered 2 teams.

All teams entered into the spirit of the swim and raised outstanding amounts for MS. Two individual swimmers raised over $1,000 each from personal sponsorship. Ocean Grove Surf Club won the event with laps swum and funds of $3,800 raised, 6 Degrees swum the most laps and raised $3,100, the Borough Coutas actually raised the most money in $5,176 but split it into 2 teams. Team Rotary raised over $3,600, courtesy of a large donation from local real state agents, R.T Edgar Bellarine of $3,000 and lots of endeavour from Peter McLennan's wife, Janet. Overall a fine total of $21,000 was raised for MS Australia and will go towards scholarships for MS sufferers and to assist in various ways in MS Australia's financial assistance program.

Many club members assisted over the 24 hours, even over the dreaded midnight to dawn sessions during Saturday night. Two wonderful ambassadors and local MS sufferers, Bree-Arne Chamley (with assistance from partner Lachlan) and Christine Nolan gave great support to the club and helped make the event such a huge success. Bree-Arne and Lachlan supplied the Saturday evening entertainment with their own band and the support from another associate band.

The event was a great success and the club has voted to do it all again this coming Rotary year over the weekend of 25th – 26th. August with an increased target of $30,000 to be raised

I would like to thank my committee for their hard work behind the scenes and the willing assistance from all club members who participated.

PLAN 1: Continue support of DIK depot at North Geelong
OUTCOME: Tuesday 26/7/11, carload of excess donations from “Vinnies” in Ocean Grove (books, clothing, toys etc.) transferred to DIK depot
Tuesday 2/8/11, Australian Geographic Magazines from private donor and readers from Ocean Grove Primary School transferred to DIK depot
Tuesday 16/8/11, another transfer of “Vinnies” excess
Tuesday 27/9/11, another transfer of “Vinnies” excess
Tuesday 21/11/11, John Wynn with truck transferred excess from St.Peter’s fair plus other pick-ups
Monday 19/12/11, John Wynn collected books from Ocean Grove Primary School. These had to be stored until depot re-opened in 2012.
Tuesday 12/6/12, John Wynn with truck planning to complete the transfer

PLAN 2: Support ROMAC.
OUTCOME: Program director Judy was given contact details.

PLAN 3: Support INTERPLAST.
OUTCOME: Program director Judy was given contact details.
P.P. Amanda Hough addressed the club on May the 1st, 2012

PLAN 4: Follow-up presentation from John Harris, the district coordinator of the Clean Water Project in the Philippines, which we supported with $2000 last year.
OUTCOME: David Barkley is now committee chair and spoke on March the 20th, 2012.

PLAN 5: Fundraising International Dinner at “Le Parisienne” or “At the Heads” or “The Beach-house” with Cadel Evans as guest speaker. Proceeds to go to Shelterbox.
OUTCOME: I met with Cadel’s Australian manager on 21/9/11. It did not proceed.

PLAN 6: Anton Van Doornik to report on his visit to PNG with a RAWCS team in August to initiate the building of a model village at Sariri where Cyclone Guba had destroyed buildings.
OUTCOME: Anton spoke on February the 7th, 2012

PLAN 7: Support Operation Cleft.
OUTCOME: Program director Judy was given contact details.

PLAN 8: Support RAWCS.
OUTCOME: Sale of RAWCS stickers raised $130.

: Ann Hodgkinson (Chair), Rod Bush, Rod Greer, Mick Cummins, and Peter McLennan.

This was my first year of chairing this committee and it has been a steep learning curve. We ran basically the same program as last year. A special thank you to Judy Greer, the past chair, for her excellent handover and support, especially at the beginning of the process. Our aim has been to involve local Bellarine students in Rotary programs as part of their self-development processes at this vital stage in their life. We have especially attempted to support disadvantaged students (broadly defined) to participate in these programs by providing financial support. Overall, we expended about $5,000 this year on Rotary youth programs. Thank you to all Club members for their continued support of the New Generations programs. We will attempt some new initiatives in the coming year to keep the program vibrant.

The Graham Bath Junior Community Awards were run again with an increasing number of participants. This year we had 13 successful completions of the program from year 6 students from Ocean Grove Primary School and our first participant from Star of the Sea. They stunned us with the quality of their work. Ocean Grove P.S. now requires all its' leadership group to participate so we will have an even larger number participants for 2012-13 from both schools. Particular thanks go to Tony Haines for his continued help with this program and a warm welcome back onto the committee.

We continued our special programs with Bellarine Secondary College. We again sponsored the Roy Rose Citizenship Award and supported two students through the VCE Individual Support Program. Stephanie Van Rekum Ayres continued on into Year 12 and was also the recipient of the Roy Rose Award. Our new year 11 student was Zack Kingsbury.

In December, we hosted two Thai students, Annie and Mick, for a week on the coast. These students come from a Thai orphanage and are hosted to study in Bendigo by the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk. Thank you to John and Jan Flett, Marion and Bill Walton and family, Judy and Rod Greer and Marg and Hamish Campbell for hosting and entertaining these students. Annie left a confirmed shopper and Mick and enthusiastic surfer!

Tom Attard, who attends St. Patrick's, went to the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January and was very enthusiastic about that experience. He has been invited back to help run the program and we are hopeful of having another participant next year.

We had one student, Margaret Nitz from St. Ignatius; attend the RYPEN camp near Millicent, S.A. in April. She found the experience very rewarding in helping her evaluate her future directions and self-confidence. Unfortunately, two participants one for RYPEN and one for RYLA pulled out at the last minute. We will need to develop new recruitment strategies to ensure local young people gain what is always described as 'amazing' experiences from these programs in the future. Sean Flynn, also from St. Ignatius, attended the VCE Summer School at the University of Melbourne in January 2012. The organisation of this program is a little chaotic, it is run by the student union, but is an excellent way of encouraging local students to attend this prestigious University.

The Summer Market season had 8 markets. There were no cancellations during this time, however four of the markets were affected severely with inclement weather. Stallholder numbers were down and gate numbers were affected.

The position of the market in Kingston Park is still a concern with the stallholders. Getting support from the public is also a concern. A view held is, with more markets, activities competing for a slice of the money and changing factors in the economy, people are reluctant to spend.

Given the above, attempts were made to introduce new stallholders with different products. This achieved a changed atmosphere within the market that the majority of people appreciated. The market is still a valuable fundraiser and with the introduction of a winter market and the season being continuous more patronage could be expected. The change of venue from Kingston Park is still a thought in progress.

Once again the huge support the Market Team gets from the Rotary Club Members is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the individual co-ordinators- Col Brown – Parking, Gordon King – Gold coin collectors and Special Group donation collectors, Geoff Ford – organising the Rotary tent and raffle, Geoff Eglin, John Flett and Peter McLennan for erecting and taking in signs. Thanks guys for making the show run smoothly. A huge thanks to John Paton, Phil Edwards and Geoffrey Cummins for their early starts in placing the stallholders

Sponsors; Ocean Grove Community Enterprises, Be Inspired, The Logistics Alliance, Collendina Caravan Park, Gloria Jeans and The Voice all contributed generously towards the market
Special thanks must go to Paxton Press for their outstanding support and contribution to advertising and storage of the Rotary trailer plus Fagg's Mitre 10 Wallington for the 8 vouchers during the market season.

The summer season 2012 – 2013 will be co-ordinated by Jim Ricchini. He will be looking for an understudy to continue the market for the 2013 – 2014 season
A must requirement is a member dedicated to distributing pamphlets and cards to the shopping centre and vocational outlets 1 week prior to market.

The following graph gives a snapshot of the season. The figures shown are from my records. Our treasurer will most likely have further expenditure against the market

		Last season	#		
	7	*58*	4	$ 0	$ 5
	7	*63*	5	$ 0	$ 0
	8	*83*	0	$ 0	$ 0
	0	*103*	2	$ 0	$ 0
*	6	*73*	6	$ 8	$ 0
*	2	*68*	9	$ 0	$ 2
*	4	*0*	6	$ 0	$ 0
*	2	*0*	38	$ 0	$ 0
	0	567	6	$ 0	$ 0

- Indicates months affected by weather.

2011-2012 Season					
	$ 10,981.00	$1,515.70	$ 7,165.45	$381.00	0
				TARGET	***$ 23,000.00***
(Last Season)	*$ 13,208.30*	*$ 1,503.85*	*$ 7,489.90*	*$ 5,137.10*	*$ 22,202.05*
Variance	-$ 2,227.30	$11.85	-$324.45	-$4,756.10	-$ 2,920.90

Notes:

1. "Misc Income" is sponsorship income + donations bin at markets

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This year our social events were not as busy as usual, but thanks to Trish Emselle who organized some of the events.

We started the year by going to the movies followed by dinner at Warn Ponds, a walking tour of Queenscliff, a trip to Sorrento for lunch and a visit to Jan Flett's to see her scarves.

We had our usual Seniors Christmas Party, a BQ at Calnin's after selling raffle tickets at the caravan parks, our visit to Davidson's Restaurant and a meal at the Drysdale Hotel after the Scotchman's Hill visit.

Conference this year was at Warrnambool with 17 Rotarians and their partners going, joining in all the fun and seeing how to improve the conference for next year.

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