



Rotary Club of Inverloch



"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Annual Change-over Night, 29th June, 2005

Chairman: Past President Ken Fisher

Program

- 1. Invocation, Sgt. at Arms, P.P. Ross Wise.**
- 2. Apologies
Message from District Governor**
- 3. Welcome by the President, Bruce Mitchell**
- 4. Toast to Rotary International, Ken Lehmann.**
- 5. Response, Assistant Governor, Graham Koenig.**
- 6. Induction of Returning Member, Marcus Hall.
- President, Bruce Mitchell.**
- 7. Fines and TRF Draw, Sgt. at Arms.
Stewards Plate Award.**
- 8. Presentations of Paul Harris Fellowships
- Assistant Governor, Graham Koenig.**
- 9. President's Report, 2004/2005.**
- 10. Induction of 2005/2006 President, Paul Everitt by
Assistant Governor, Graham Koenig.**
- 11. Introduction of New Board by President, Paul Everitt.**
- 12. Close of Official Ceremony.**

President's Report, 2004/2005 - Bruce Mitchell

“CELEBRATE ROTARY”

Setting out as Club President in the Centenary Year was a bit daunting. Lurking in the back of the mind was the feeling that we had to emulate all the things that Rotary Clubs had done over the whole 100 years and we had to cram this into 365 days. In fact it would be nice to have it all done in time for the magic day, 23rd February, when it had all begun.

Well, a few meetings down the track and we had got rid of any such fantasies. Just keeping the ship on an even keel was enough to concentrate on for a start. However by keeping in mind the two themes,

“CELEBRATE ROTARY” and “THE FAMILY OF ROTARY”, we soon settled into a pattern which enabled us to sustain an interesting and workable program throughout the year.

Combining the two themes we managed to bring together Rotarians, partners, Honorary Members and friends for a number of social gatherings, some of which also raised some funds for the Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Project as a spin-off. Notable among these were the Italian Night at the local Pizza Place, Mystery Bus Tours to the Tarwin Lower Pub, the Korumburra Rainbow Palace and Mario's at the Killy Pub. We had an excellent night at the Cranbourne Harness Racing, inviting members of our parent club, Wonthaggi, to help us in the celebrations and further the family aspect as well. It is handy having a bus proprietor as a member and I thank Ross and Judy for their co-operation.

A Casserole Night and a Games Night held at home were enjoyable (and helped to add to our collection for the GRCH Fund) and families and friends all seemed delighted to receive something fairly trivial from Santa (thanks, Bill) at our Christmas Dinner. Dinners at the Inlet and Tsunami completed our gallivanting about, but we did have an entertaining evening back at home base with Woja the Magician.

While on the subject of The Esplanade Hotel, I must mention the co-operation, service and excellent food that we receive regularly from the Manager, Sue Clark, Chef, Michael Donnolly and their staff. And on special nights such as our Christmas Dinner, the Dinner/Auction and our evening with the Primary School Band, they went out of their way to ensure that we offered our guests an affordable but delicious meal.

President's Report (Cont.)

We have not, however, confined our celebration of Rotary to social outings. Throughout the year we have been conducting fundraising activities that have enabled us to contribute over \$25 000 to community groups and charities (and that's around \$1 500 per club member – a worthwhile effort). An overview of our income and donations accompanies this report. Three major activities have contributed to our success and they are our regular Craft Markets, our Annual Boat Raffle and the annual Dinner/Auction.

Two-day Craft Markets were held in and around the Community Hall in association with the Melbourne Cup, Australia Day and Easter and another outdoor market was held in early January. Past President Ken Fisher is to be congratulated on the efficiency with which he organises these events. It is no coincidence that there is always a heavy demand for sites. All club members were heavily involved in setting up tables in the hall, cleaning up afterwards and running the barbeque at the markets. Our attempt at a Trash & Treasure Market was seriously disrupted by the weather, but a couple of stall-holders soldiered on and Ken Lehmann managed to redistribute the unused sausages. We will certainly consider it again at a later date.

The Annual Boat Raffle has become a local summertime institution and regular holidaymakers automatically line up for their tickets. The unfortunate tsunami disaster and subsequent relief appeals no doubt affected the overall profit this year, but it was still a worthwhile venture.

It does, however, require many hours of voluntary work by members and I thank them for time spent sitting out in the weather, moving the boat around and dealing directly with the public. Thanks also to Past President Ian Blackwell for the use of his garage to store the boat, Past President Ian Monro for organising the purchase of the boat and bicycle and David Taylor for arranging the necessary insurance.

The success of the Annual Dinner/Auction illustrates the generosity of our local businesses and the tenacity of Ian Monro and Judy Robertson who spent hours of work rounding up the donations, distributing tickets and fashioning the whole exercise into an attractive, exciting evening. Experienced auctioneers Greg Hocking and Lewis Stone kept the bidding going at a lively pace and well-known band, *Party Town*, provided additional entertainment. We are indebted to our major sponsors, Patrick Barry (Stockdale & Leggo), Kanen Dicker (Wonthaggi RetraVision) and Guy Copley (from the Rotary Club of Sandringham and part-time Inverloch resident), who helped us to add some gloss to the evening with exciting prizes.

President's Report (Cont.)

The leaders of *Party Town*, Phil and Tina Bowden, also deserve acclaim for enabling us to celebrate Rotary with the local community at our annual free concerts in The Glade. Christmas in The Glade was initially rained out, but the band members were so determined to put this on for the local public that they gave up another night a few days later and we had a very pleasant evening. Thanks here also to Charter Member, Ivan Fell, who donated one of his paintings of Andersons Inlet which we raffled for The Rotary Foundation, raising several hundred dollars.

Early in the year we concentrated on the family aspect of the community, with Wendy Matthews from South Coast Employment explaining how they help people with disabilities to find employment, and Mark Vitlin and Vicki Hamilton filled us in on the progress and needs of the Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Project. In both cases we were able to provide some financial help. We also had a pleasant evening with Jane Denton and Shirley Buckley from the Bass Coast Writers and were able to help finance their next publication, *Coasting Along*.

Although we are not involved in the running of Inverloch's Jazz Festival, we continued to give support by providing the traffic marshals for the Saturday morning Parade and we again provided the prizes for the awards to the best floats and groups. Musically, however, we did have a most enjoyable evening when we invited the Inverloch Primary School Band to play for us at a recent dinner. They enjoyed the opportunity to show off their talents. They also enjoyed the meal we provided for them and we were able to provide some financial help for the music program in the school. School Principal, Stan Jackson and music teacher, Gail Saunders are to be commended for their efforts with the band.

While on the subject of youth, we were fortunate to find a worthwhile student in Sean Campbell who we could sponsor for the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. Sean impressed us all with his interest and conviction in his studies and he returned after the Forum to give a power-point presentation outlining his experiences in Canberra. We also sponsored Raelene Fisher to attend the RYLA Camp at Rawson and Raelene also came to a dinner to tell us about this worthwhile Rotary program.

Other local community groups that we have been able to help this year include the S.E.S., District Ambulance Service, Bass Coast Palliative Care, Surf Life-Saving Club and the Royal Children's Hospital Juvenile Diabetes Research Group. We have collected for and donated to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal and helped the Pound Creek Red Cross Branch raise some money at our Trash & Treasure Market. President-Elect, Paul Everitt, continued to allow us to use his sheetmetal premises as the headquarters for our forays into the Highway

President's Report (Cont.)

Clean-up program. In fact our Rotary storage shed is located there and for this we owe him our gratitude. The barbeque/ pizza nights that follow the clean-up are always memorable and one provided some amusement for a visiting Rotarian from Rugby (U.K.) and his wife. They don't seem to do that sort of thing over there!

Our members are always prepared to part with some spare cash and I must thank Bill Aikins and Ross Wise for helping them to do this as they shared the role of Sergeant at Arms. It was a rare night when one escaped their pleasure.

Our Secretary, Ian Monro has continued his long battle to develop an area of the foreshore into a picnic and barbeque park, but we continue to be strangled by local government red tape. So optimistic were we at the beginning of the year that we decided to make this our Centenary Project and name it Inverloch Rotary Centenary Park. During the year our plans were referred on to various planning departments and outside bodies so that we now are really no closer to the realisation of our dream than we were four years ago. Fortunately we have a fall-back project for a direction-finding cairn at Eagles Nest. We just have to get council approval! On a more optimistic note, our Honorary Member, Stan Stubbs has continued to construct excellent boardwalks along the foreshore and we have been able to contribute to some of his work.

On the international scene we were pleased to be able to fund three shelterboxes at the time of the disastrous tsunami in South-east Asia. We also provided an attractive selection of children's books for Shirley Loudon's project to stock a primary school library in Vanuatu. We have contributed \$3 000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Four members and their partners attended the District Conference in Shepparton and although we didn't win any prizes, we believe we were the best 1920's Aviators at the Saturday night dinner. It was good to find out what other clubs are achieving and we were motivated by many of the keynote speakers. None moreso than Professor Graeme Clark on the development of the Bionic Ear and the amazing bicycle ride of double amputee, John Nelson.

Probably the most disappointing aspect of the year has been our inability to attract new members. At the start of the year we had a list of a dozen or more prospective Rotarians, and despite many of them attending, and seemingly enjoying some of our functions, by the end of the year they had all disappeared. In a year when we had four resignations, the one shining plus was the return of past member, Marcus Hall, and we are delighted to have him back. A membership of just fourteen does not allow us to spread the work load very thin, particularly when many of us, quite rightly, feel the need to spend some time travelling or migrating north for the

President's Report (Cont.)

winter. Each absence is 7.2% of our population! Even so, our Attendance Officer, Frank Bain, has recorded healthy percentages for most of the year.

In all, we have had a busy and enjoyable year during which we have celebrated Rotary to the full. I must thank our families for their support and particularly our Honorary Members who often managed to swell our ranks and make visiting speakers feel like their visit was worthwhile. Thanks also to Graeme Robertson for his frequent help with putting up signs and shifting equipment, and thanks to all members of the Club Board for working through what were, at times, some pretty tricky situations.

The job of Treasurer requires a consistent effort and I thank Past President, Ray Peters for taking on this job, with, of course, the unfailing support of his wife, Joan. I realised how well things were going when I temporarily took over while Ray and Joan were traipsing around Europe and I managed without a hitch.

The efficiency and effectiveness of a club does depend ultimately on the Secretary and in this regard my year as President has been a doddle. Ian Monro, with his C.E.O., Mary, has not only kept ahead of our needs and deadlines, but also managed to remind me of things I had overlooked before they reached the embarrassing stage. At the same time, of course, he maintained his active interest in the foreshore development, set up the Boat Raffle and spent a huge number of hours organising the Dinner/Auction. I offer my heartfelt thanks to you both.

I must admit that, as Bulletin Editor, I found this year my easiest in terms of getting a weekly message from the President – though he did grumble on occasions. Naturally, a lot of time at home, spent on Rotary matters, impinged on my family life and I thank Aileen for her help, patience and tolerance. More than that, many of the events that we have undertaken have resulted from her ideas and ingenuity.

I thank President-Elect Paul for stepping forward to lead the club for the next year. I don't believe we could be in better hands. I wish him and Heather and the incoming Board all the best for what should be a challenging but exciting and interesting year to put "*Service Above Self*"

Let us, then, end this Centenary Year as we continue to

CELEBRATE ROTARY.

Bruce Mitchell,
President, 2004/2005.

Income, 2004/2005 (Major Items Only)

Craft Markets	\$ 11 306
Boat Raffle	\$ 2 730
Dinner/ Auction	\$ 9 972
Bottle Raffles	\$ 912
Casserole/ Games Nights	\$ 465

TOTAL: **\$ 25 385**

Grants Paid, 2004/2005

South Coast Employment	\$ 1 250
National Youth Science Forum	\$ 1 150
Bass Coast Writers	\$ 500
Gippsland Rotary Centenary House	\$ 2 500
Royal Children' Hospital Diabetes Unit	\$ 1 000
South Gippsland Palliative Care	\$ 200
Bass Coast Palliative Care	\$ 500
Salvation Army Toy Run	\$ 300
Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal	\$ 1 000
Wonthaggi Gym Club	\$ 500
Shelter Boxes	\$ 3 300
RYLA	\$ 210
S.E.S. Rescue Boat	\$ 5 000
Wonthaggi Regional Ambulance	\$ 2 500
Jazz Parade Prizes	\$ 600
Inverloch Primary School	\$ 628
3MFM	\$ 100
The Rotary Foundation	\$ 3 000

TOTAL: **\$ 24 238**

Just Kidding

Patrick: "Would you like to see a model home?"

Client: "I'd be delighted. What time does she finish work?"

Incoming Board, 2005/2006

President:	Paul Everitt
President-Elect	Judy Robertson
Secretary:	P.P. Bruce Mitchell
Treasurer:	P.P. Ian Blackwell
Directors:	P.P. Ken Fisher
	P.P. Ross Wise

Sergeant at Arms, 2004/2005

P.P. Marcus Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed. 6th July	Club Assembly	Bruce Mitchell
Wed. 13th July	Club/Board	Judy Robertson
Wed. 20th July	A Bit of Curry! Partners' Night at Pajez	Ivan Fell
Wed. 27th July	T.B.A.	
Wed. 3rd August	District Governor's Visit - D.G. Ray Stewart - Partners' Night	Judy Robertson
Wed. 10th August	Club/Board	Judy Robertson

Tonight's Stewards: Patrick Barry, Ian Blackwell, Marcus Hall.

Last Dinner Meeting, 15th June, 2005

Venue: Esplanade Hotel, Inverloch

Business: Host the Inverloch Primary School Band

Apologies: Ray Peters, Judy Robertson, David Taylor

Guests: The Inverloch Primary School Band, Music Teacher, Gail Saunders, Primary School Principal, Stan Jackson, Margaret Blackwell, Heather Everitt, Fae Fell, Margaret Fisher, Joan Lehmann, Aileen Mitchell, Mary Monro, Fay Suckling, Hilda Barron, friends and relatives of the Band.

Attendance: Present: 12 ; Apologies: 3 ; Make-ups: 2
Percentage: 85.7

Inverloch Primary School Band Entertains Rotary Club

Twenty-one members of the Inverloch Primary School Band, conducted by Music Teacher, Gail Saunders, played at the beginning of the dinner. The band played numbers ranging from marches to Latin-American and jazz in their half-hour presentation.

Parents and friends joined with Rotarians and the band for a two-course meal following the performance.

President Bruce thanked the band for their lively and entertaining performance and said the Rotary Club was delighted to be able to provide them with an opportunity to perform in front of an adult audience, in the evening and outside the school environs. He congratulated the Primary School for running a music program which obviously helped to raise the esteem of the school and its students in the community.

In accepting a cheque for \$500 for the school's music program, School Principal, Stan Jackson, thanked the Rotary Club for its support and also praised the band and their teacher for the dedication and enthusiasm that they displayed.

Just Kidding

Ken: "Waiter, why are you pressing your thumb on my steak?"

Waiter: "I want to make sure it doesn't fall on the floor again."

President's Last Night Out (Mystery Bus Tour No. 3)

Apologies: Ken Lehmann, David Taylor.

Attendance: Present: 13 ; Apologies: 2. Make-up: 1 ;
Percentage: 92.9

Guest: Graeme Robertson

Venues: Archies Creek Pub (Hors d'oeuvres & drinks)
The Killy Pub (Mario's) (Much good food and more drinks)
Thanks to Paul and Ross.

Congratulations

Once again we are approaching that great date in world history, the Fourth of July. That's right, it's **Joan Lehmann's** birthday, and it will be celebrated far and wide.

The Annual Stewards' Plate Award

Once again we await the judge's decision on this prestigious event. Have the pack been able to haul in the front runner and reigning champion, Paul Everitt while he was honing his skills on the Queen of the ocean? Strong challenges have been put up by Ken Fisher, Judy Robertson, Ian Blackwell, Patrick Barry and Ken Lehmann, but have they been consistently efficient, ruthless, arrogant and just plain rude enough to topple the champ? (Last-minute bribes considered.)

Just Kidding

Frank was being given a shave by a young barber. After suffering several cuts on his face he asked "Do you have another razor?"

"Yes, sir," answered the barber, "but why?"

"Well," said Frank, "I'd like to defend myself."

*Learn from the mistakes of others.
You can't live long enough to make them all yourself!*

The Centenary Year at Inverloch

Wed. 7 th July	Wendy Matthews spoke on South Coast Employment
Wed. 21 st July	Italian Night
Wed. 28 th July	Karl & Cathy Montgomery on finding James Bond
Wed. 4 th Aug.	Visit of D.G. David & Shirley Louden
Wed. 18 th Aug.	Jane Dento & Shirley Buckley, Bass Coast Writers
Wed. 1 st Sept.	Mark Vitlin, Gippsland Rotary Centenary House
Wed. 15 th Sept.	Graham Astfalk – Group Study Exchange
Wed. 22 nd Sept.	Mystery Bus Trip (Rotaroute No. 1 to Tawin Lower)
Wed. 29 th Sept.	Gill Heal – <i>The Current</i>
Wed. 6 th Oct.	Mary Ross-Haezelwood – Leongatha Palliative Care
Wed. 17 th Nov.	Woja the Magician
Wed. 24 th Nov.	A.G.M.
Wed. 1 st Dec.	Highway Clean-up
Wed. 15 th Dec.	Christmas Dinner
Wed. 22 nd Dec.	Christmas in The Glade
Wed. 5 th Jan.	Chez Prez, Casserole Night
Sat. 8 th Jan.	Outdoor Craft Market. Music in The Glade
Wed. 12 th Jan	Dinner by South Coast Employment
Tues. 18 th Jan	Cranbourne Trots
Sat. 22 nd Jan.	Craft Market
Sun. 23 rd Jan.	Craft Market. Draw of Boat Raffle
Fri. 11 th Feb	Start of District Conference, Shepparton
Wed. 16 th Feb.	Sean Campbell – Report on N.Y.S.F.
Wed. 23 rd Feb.	Rotary International Centenary Dinner, Wonthaggi
Wed. 16 th Mar.	Highway Clean-up
Sat. 26 th Mar.	Craft Market
Sun 27 th Mar.	Craft Market
Wed. 30 th Mar.	Mystery Bus Trip (Rotaroute No. 2 to Korumburra)
Wed. 6 th Apl.	Dudlet Nicol – Fitness, Raelene Fisher – RYLA
Wed. 27 th Apl.	Stan Jackson – Primary School use of Sports Stadium
Fri. 6 th May	Annual Dinner/ Auction
Wed. 1 st June	Games Night for GRCH Fund
Sat. 11 th June	Trash & Treasure Market
Wed. 15 th June	Primary School Band
Wed. 22 nd June	Mystery Bus Trip (Rotaroute No. 3 to Kilcunda)
Wed. 29 th June	Changeover Dinner.

(N.B.: General Business meetings have been omitted.)

Just Kidding

While he was in London, Paul popped in to a fortune teller to check out his future. As he was sitting down he noticed that the crystal ball had two holes in it.

How come there are two holes in the ball?" he asked.

"Simple," said the fortune teller, "On Monday nights I go ten-pin bowling."

Here are the daily temperatures:

Inverloch: 19; Korumburra: 18; Leongatha: 18; Wonthaggi: 20.

Inverloch go on to meet Wonthaggi in the final tomorrow.

Reports are just coming in of a tidal wave approaching Venus Bay, two metre snow drifts at Mirboo North, avalanches in Korumburra and a very good party in the office of meteorology.

The boss asked Ivan why he was late for work.

"It's not my fault," said Ivan. "It's that woman across the street. She's such a perfectionist in her dressing. She goes skiing in a complete ski outfit, she goes jogging in a jogging suit and she leaves for work in a business suit."

"So what?" said the boss.

"Well, boss," said Ivan, "today is her birthday."

CRANIUM EXPANDER

Three horses stand next to each other.

Champion wears a halter.

Speedy is the smallest of the three.

The tallest has a plaited mane.

Brandysnap has a loose, flowing mane.

The grey horse is taller than Brandysnap.

What is the name of the grey horse?

Last Solution:

2, 3 and 4