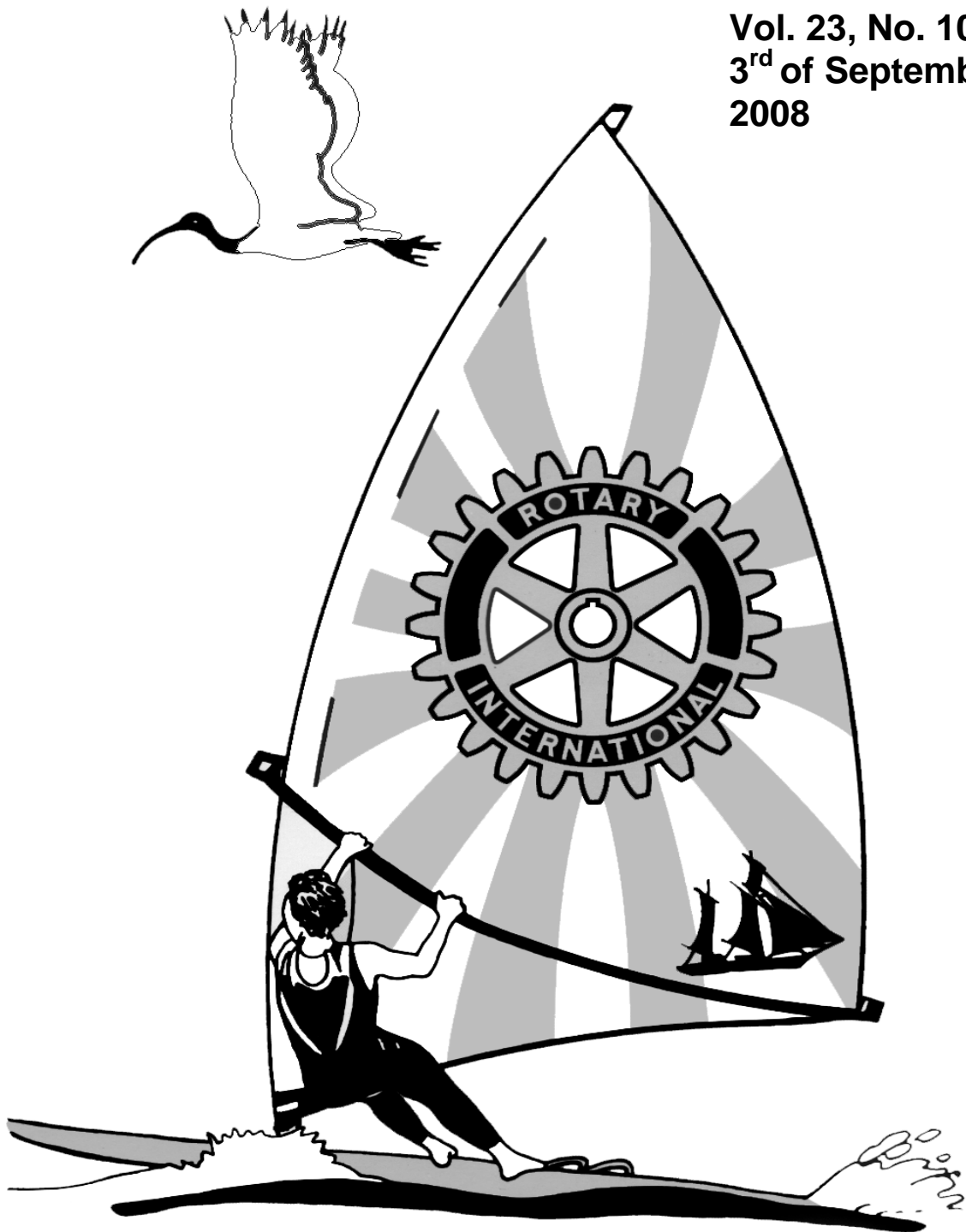


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Rotary Club of

INVERLOCH

Victoria Australia

District 9820 Chartered 29/4/1986

ROTARY CLUB OF INVERLOCH Inc.

ABN 86 935 404 313 - INCORP NO. A0015634B

DISTRICT 9820 - CLUB NO. 23672.

P.O. BOX 49, INVERLOCH, 3996. TELEPHONE 5674 2591

MEETS AT THE INLET HOTEL, WEDNESDAY 6.30 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS 2008/09

Club President: Ross Wise.
President Elect: TBA.
Immediate Past President: Ian Monro.
Secretary: Marcus Hall.
Treasurer: Ian Blackwell.
Directors: Patrick Barry, Marilyn Warren, Robin Warren.

COMMITTEES 2008/09

Community & Service: Patrick Barry, Ian Monro, Ivan Fell
Ian Blackwell, Ken Fisher, John
Peterson.
Foundation & Vocational: Marilyn Warren, Gerry Lonergan
Ray Peters, Graeme Robertson
Allan Mann.
Youth & International: Robin Warren, Ken Lehmann,
Robert Stone, Frank Bain, Marcus
Hall.
Membership: Judy Robertson, Paul Everitt,
Isabella McLean, Leanne Fisher.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND DISTRICT

R.I. President 2008/09: Dong-Kurn Lee
District 9820 Governor: Ken McDonald
Governor's Assistant: Michael Malone



MAKE-UPS:

Monday:	6.15 for 6.30	Leongatha	Woorayl Golf Club.
Monday:	6.00 for 6.30	Phillip Is.S.R.	Cowes Golf Club.
Tuesday:	6.15 for 6.45	Korumburra	Austral Hotel.
Thursday:	6.00 for 6.15	Wonthaggi	Wonthaggi Club.

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TONIGHT'S MEETING

Venue: Inlet Hotel

Chairman: Marcus Hall

Sergeant @ Arms: Ken Fisher

Program: Guest Speakers Bruce and June Fincher will update us on their charity work on a recent trip to Bali, Indonesia.

Fellowship: Be there at 6:15 for fellowship with the Inverloch Rotarians.

LOOKING AHEAD

DATE	PROGRAM	INVITE
Wed 10 th Sept Afternoon	District Governor meeting with Ross and Board members.	
Wed 10 th Sept Evening	District Governor's Visit Inlet Hotel	Partners and Guests
Wed 17 th Sept	Club night and board meeting	
Wed 24 th Sept	Presentation on the Bald Hills Wind Farm Project.	Partners and Guests

LAST MEETING: Wednesday 27th of August 2008

Program: Our guest Kate Rankin, an Inverloch student studying at Latrobe University took us along with her on a recent study tour of Cambodia (after a long and stressful overnight stopover at Bangkok airport). Kate was leader of a group of 12 Australian students (11 girls and only one boy, poor soul) to participate in the DRS global program with financial support from Rotary and other sources.

They got to stay with local families and to help out with health, humanity and rehabilitation projects both in the crowded city areas and out in remote villages. They worked at “Happy Tree”, a large orphanage where all the children are HIV infected. The parents are either dead or too ill to look after their kids and so they get abandoned. Kate donated her money from our Rotary contribution to this orphanage. She also worked at several rehabilitation centres with many disabled people, either from landmine injuries, accidents or the result of poor health and hygiene. Those that can are taught how to earn income manufacturing furniture, art and craft works, even constructing and repairing prosthetic limbs and wheelchairs for other disabled people. At another centre called “Seeing Hands Massage” blind people are trained to be very skilled at massage therapy as a source of income. She also visited the “Friends Restaurant” which specializes in training young disadvantaged men as chefs.

In a remote village area Kate stayed with a family of rice farmers and helped construct a “manure fuelled natural gas plant”, a small digester and storage tank producing methane from animal dung, which is piped to the cooking stoves in several village homes. She loved the people with their great sense of humour and hard working ethics. Although “afternoon siesta” took her by surprise, everyone seemed to disappear.

Besides all the aid work, Kate and friends did get to travel and see the historical and cultural sights of Cambodia such as Angkor Watt. The visit to the “killing fields” of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge to see the torture chambers, the piles of human skulls and the photographic records they kept of every prisoner killed was unbelievable to Kate’s young group. But it did happen as recently as 1975-79 when several hundred thousand people were murdered and buried in mass graves. It is estimated that between 1.4 and 2.2 million out of a population of 7 million were either killed or died of starvation and lack of health care in those 4 years.

Kate also attended a breakfast meeting of Rotary in Phnom Penh, exchanged our club banner and told them a little of the life of Rotary in Inverloch.

Thank you Kate,

You are a great ambassador for Inverloch, Rotary and Australia.

Guests: Kate's grandparents, Stuart & Joan Scott, mother Chris and her brother Lewis.

Apologies : Frank Bain, Patrick Barry, Paul Everitt, Ken Lehmann Isabella McLean, John Peterson, Judy & Graeme Robertson, Robin & Marilyn Warren.

Attendance : 11 out of 21 for 53%

Congratulations: 30th of August was Ken & Joan Lehmann's 50th Wedding Anniversary.
8th of September will be Marcus Hall's Birthday. (not again already !)

Ongoing Reminders: **Operation "UPLIFT FIJI"**: All used brassieres can be dropped off at Stockdale & Leggo or at Wonthaggi Radio & TV.

Rotary Club of Sandringham, Mitchell-Sutherland Cup GOLF competition: Cost is \$80.00 per player.

When: 1:00 pm Monday 29th September.

Entries Close; 22nd of September on entry form with fee.

Venue; Kingswood Golf Club, Centre Dandenong Road, Dingley.

RC of Koo-Wee-Rup / Lang-Lang, Annual Golf day.

Tuesday 14th October, 12 Midday Registration, for a 12:30 Shotgun Start.

Cost; \$20 per head, Enquiries to Bob Comber 5997 5515

The Portsea Camp, Weekend Working Bee

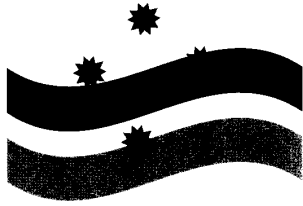
Friday 10th to Sunday 12th of October, Meals provided and Accomodation is available on a "first in, best dressed policy".

Lots of construction and unskilled maintenance job's to be done, Saturday night dinner followed by cover band "Usual Suspects"

Contact Stephen or Dale info@theportseacamp.com.au

Correspondence In:

- ✚ Parsons Brinckerhoff: An invitation to community groups who wish to participate in a "Bus and Coach Service workshop". Closest is at Wonthaggi on Wed 10th Sept, 2-5 pm.
- ✚ Dept of Sustainability and Environment: Desal Plant progress update.
- ✚ Dept of Sustainability and Environment: Desal Plant EES summary document.
- ✚ Fat Piggy Books: Invitation to submit our market dates to be published in "To Market-To Market" with an account of course.
- ✚ Inverloch SES: A thank you letter for our generous donation.
- ✚ Very Special Kids: Regular request for support.
- ✚ Prostate Cancer Foundation: Newsletter and request for support.
- ✚ Jo Whitelaw: Cancellation of Cup Weekend market booking and request for refund.
- ✚ RC of Morwell: Information Pack for "Shine On" award nominations.
- ✚ NAB: Re-investment of term deposit for 6 months.
- ✚ NAB: Cheque stop payment notice.



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Inverloch Rotary
Inverloch

Dear Members

On behalf of the Inverloch State Emergency Service I would like to thank you for your recent (very kind) donation to our unit. Without the support of local organizations such as Inverloch Rotary the Inverloch unit would struggle to purchase the necessary equipment to enable it to operate at a level expected by the community.

Your donation this year will go toward the purchasing of a new heavy duty rescue trailer to replace the current box storage on the Unit's aging Mazda. The purchase of an additional trailer will give the unit the ability to respond to several incidents at the same time and enable the transportation of heavy generators and lighting as well as tarpaulins and other rescue equipment. The purchase of the additional trailer is not an inexpensive exercise and we hope to have it operational by December 09 should our fundraising be successful.

The unit is planning a public display on the Cup weekend and we will be in contact closer to the date to inform you of the details.

Once again thank you for your support

Yours truly,

Geoff Swanton
Controller Inverloch SES
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Inverloch 3996
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25 August 2008

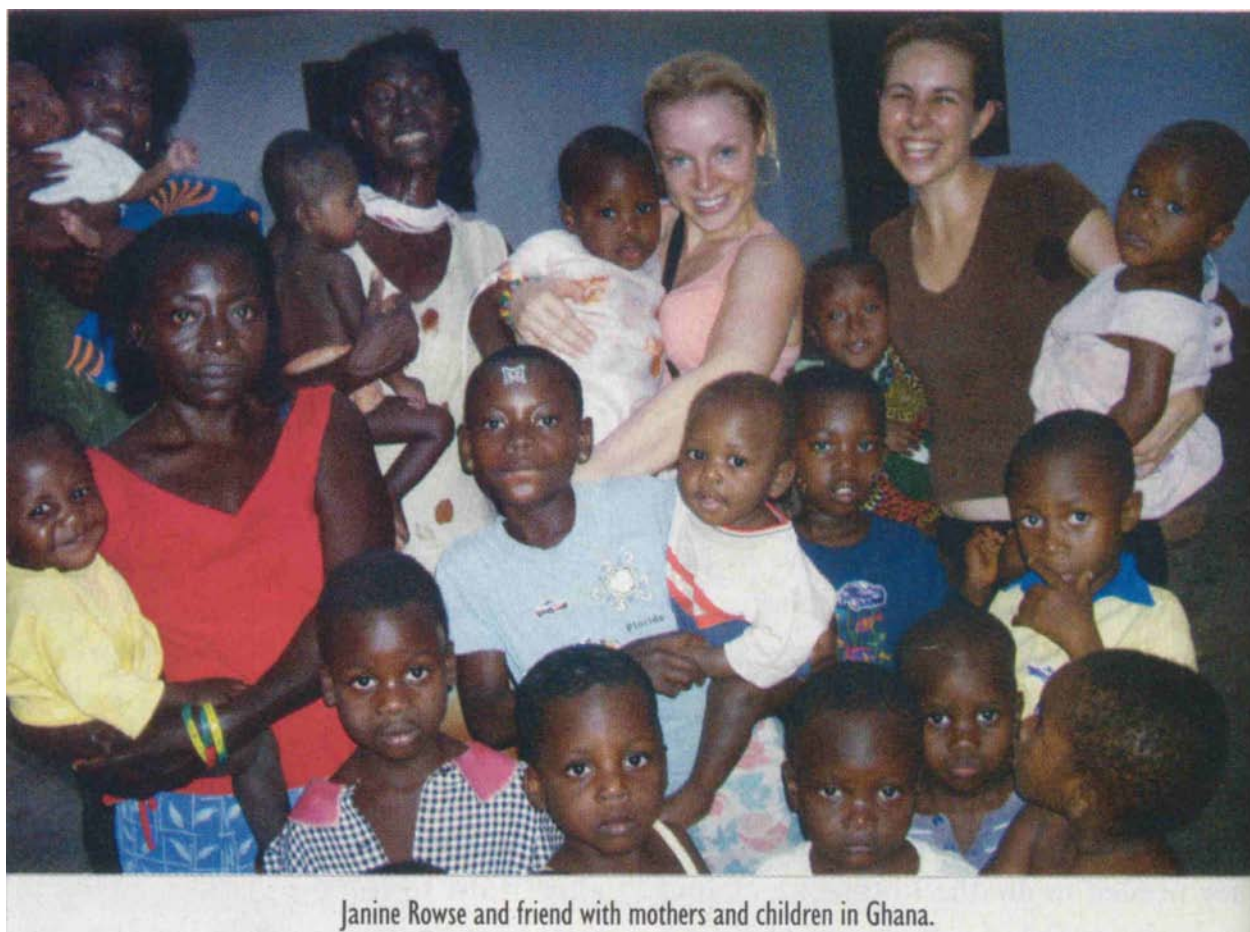


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FLOOD STORM
EMERGENCY

A Rotary Exchange student who will never forget



In 2002, Rotary Club of Toulouse Lauragais, France, hosted Janine Rowse, an 18-year-old exchange student from Australia.

Janine was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Moorleigh-Moorabbin, Vic. In February, 2008, Janine returned to her host club in France. The following is a translation of the speech Janine gave in French.

To quote then DGE Gerard Charpentier from the Rotary Club of Toulouse Lauragais:

“I think this story... demonstrates with sincerity and conviction that the Youth Exchange Program of Rotary enables young people to open up to the World, to discover and practice our values of service to others”

PDG Philip Hedley, Rotary Club of Moorleigh-Moorabbin, Vic.

Toulouse, February 15, 2008

My name is Janine, I come from Australia. For those who do not know me, I was hosted by your club Toulouse-Lauragais in 2002, on student exchange, for a year.

Five years later, I am delighted to return to Toulouse, this lovely pink city, and to meet again with my host families. And let me tell you what I have done with my life for the last five years since my departure from Toulouse, and also, more importantly, how five years later, a year on exchange continues to change my life; so you can understand what, thanks to you, student exchange brings to young people.

The year 2002 was for me, the best year of my life. I was fortunate to have five extraordinary host families, 16 host brothers and sisters and super good friends in high school (who I met up with again this week, actually). I travelled extensively in your country, and I ate too much.

At the end of 2002, I left France with four things:

- sadness that the year was over;
- happiness knowing that one day I would come back;
- many extraordinary memories
- and I was 13kg heavier because of the good food.

When I returned to Australia I started my medical studies, as I had so long wanted to do, in Adelaide, a city an hour's flight from my home in Melbourne. I worked very hard, and in 2004 I won a scholarship to go to an Aboriginal community for two weeks each year for four years. The health of Aborigines is very bad. This was an extraordinary experience and I learned a lot. In the future, I hope to work in Aboriginal health and help improve the situation.

I have just passed the major medicine exams held in late November, 2007. It has been hard, but I love medicine, especially paediatrics, emergency medicine and Tropical Medicine. I have one more year of study, but I have no more major exams and then in 2009 I will do my internship.

After the November exams, our university encourages us to go abroad to work as a volunteer. Anywhere in the world. So, I followed my dream to work in Africa. I left for a month in Ghana with another medical student friend. We could not imagine the poverty before arriving there.

We were in a small village eight hours drive from the capital, Accra, plus an hour's boat ride. There was no running water, and often the electricity was cut off. Usually, there was a doctor at the hospital, but he was not there when we arrived as his wife was having a baby. So my friend and I had to replace him, there was nobody else. We students worked as doctors.

We saw children die of malaria each day, and diarrhoea. There is no money to buy drugs, not even paracetamol that would cost a mere euro! I had a little patient aged two who died of meningitis - her mother had walked barefoot for three days carrying the child in her arms to get to the hospital. It was too late. There is malaria everywhere. And when the case of malaria is advanced, we should be giving a blood transfusion to treat the danger of anaemia, but each time that we give blood, it is perhaps transmitting AIDS. We will never know.

It was really the most difficult month of my life. I ate only rice and a kind of potato...there were no other vegetables or fruits. I washed in a bucket of cold water. I went to many funerals of young people. I even caught malaria. But at the same time, we saved many lives. I spent a lot of time in the orphanage with my colleague. We did a health check for each of the orphans, who had never seen a doctor before, and even less a white one.

I made many friends in Ghana, and left there with the motivation of returning one day to continue to do what I can to help these people who are so kind and so happy, despite their lack of food, their lack of everything. Before going to Ghana, I went to the USA to visit American friends, former Rotary Exchange Students from 2002. Two of them had been in Toulouse, the others in Montauban. Between the four of us, we took stock of our lives since the Rotary year in France: one is now teaching English in Korea, another returned to study in Bordeaux and now teaches at a school in a very poor area in the USA, the third is studying at a university in Egypt and wants to work at the United Nations, and then there is me, who went to Ghana and one day will work with Doctors Without Borders.

We found after five years that our friendship was still as strong, despite the distances that separate our countries. Why? We have one thing in common: Rotary.

It is due to the year on exchange offered by Rotary that we all want to travel, not to stay put too long at home where we have an easy life. While we are young we want to go elsewhere to do what we can to improve our world. Even five years later, every day, Rotary continues to give us the desire to act on this wish to improve the world. I thank you enormously. You have welcomed me twice now! I was absolutely thrilled to return to my life in Toulouse, and see that five years later, the Rotary wheel continues to turn, to change young people's lives.

Thank you, and may we meet again.

*Janine Rowse
Australian Student Exchange 2002
Rotary Club of Toulouse Lauragais*

ROTARY CLUB of INVERLOCH INC.

RESPONSIBILITIES 2008/09

Sergeant at Arms:	Ken Fisher.
Assist. Sergeant at Arms:	Isabella McLean.
Bulletin Editor:	TBA. (Marcus temporarily)
Assist. Editors:	Allan Mann & Leanne Fisher.
Attendance:	Gerry Lonergan.
Social/Fellowship:	Graeme Robertson, Isabella McLean, Paul Everitt.
Historian:	Ken Lehmann.
District Conference:	Paul Everitt.
Markets:	Ken Fisher, Rob Stone, Marilyn Warren.
Dinner Auction:	Judy Robertson, Rob Stone, Isabella McLean.
Promotion:	Ian Monro.
Dinner Treasurer:	Ian Blackwell, Ray Peters.
Boat Raffle:	TBA
Evening in the Glade:	Paul Everitt.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

1988	Ivan Fell	1999	Kevin Bradley	2005	Ian Monro
1991	Rex Bowman	2001	Marcus Hall	2007	Ken Fisher
1994	Paul Everitt	2004	Gerald Banks	2008	Bruce Mitchell
1995	Norm Shaw	2005	Ken Lehmann	2008	Ian Blackwell

INVOCATION:

For good food, good
fellowship and the
privilege of giving
service through
Rotary, we give our
thanks.

RESPONSE: Amen

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free.
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare.
In history's page let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair.

CLUB MEMBERS 2008/09

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>PARTNER</u>	<u>HOME Ph.</u>	<u>MOBILE Ph.</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
Frank Bain*	Lorraine	5674 1671.		Plumbing.
Patrick Barry	Susan	5672 2945	0418 124 100.	Real Estate Consult.
Ian Blackwell (P.P.)	Margaret	5674 2032	0429 429 849.	Printing.
Paul Everitt (P.P.)*	Heather	5674 2210	0408 242 210.	Sheetmetal.
Ivan Fell (P.O.)*	Fae	5674 1167		Pastrybaking.
Ken Fisher (P.P.)	Margaret	5663 5256		Grazier.
Leanne Fisher		BH5671 2500	0419 378 592	Finance.
Marcus Hall (P.P.)	Pam	5674 2591	0411 700 446.	Electronic Repairs.
Ken Lehmann (P.O.)*	Joan	5674 3400		Education.
Gerard Lonergan		5674 3931		Education Secondary
Allan Mann	Sharni	5674 6088	0409 855 753	Real Estate.
Isabella McLean	Ken	5674 1988	0407 505 152	Holiday Accomm.
Ian Monro (P.P.)	Mary	5674 2921	0423 926 005	Accountancy.
Ray Peters (P.P.)	Joan	5674 3010	0408 055 988	Dairy Farming.
John Peterson	Christine	9428 7696	0407 813 389	Home Maintenance.
Graeme Robertson	Judy	5674 3622	0413 806 543	Contracting.
Judy Robertson (P.P.)	Graeme	5674 3622	0412 548 165	Accommodation.
Robert Stone	Barbara	5674 3879		Industrial Chemistry.
Marilyn Warren	Robin	5674 1181	0429 696 450	Nursing.
Robin Warren	Marilyn	5674 1181	0448 533 021	Power Generation.
Ross Wise (Pres.)	Judy	5674 3090	0407 343 451	Bus Services.

*P.P.=Past President, this club P.O.= Past President of another club. *=Charter Member*

HONORARY MEMBERS: Kathy Everitt, Stan Stubbs, Fay Suckling, Hilda Barron.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE CLUB

1986/87	Dennis Ginn	1997/98	Ray Peters
1987/88	Jack Harrop	1998/99	Ken Fisher
1988/89	Kevin Bradley	1999/00	Ross Wise
1989/90	Norm Shaw	2000/01	Bill Aikins
1990/91	Michael Hall	2001/02	Ian Monro
1991/92	Mark Haines	2002/03	Ian Blackwell
1992/93	Paul Everitt	2003/04	Ken Fisher
1993/94	Brian Kewming	2004/05	Bruce Mitchell
1994/95	Marcus Hall	2005/06	Paul Everitt
1995/96	John Dunne	2006/07	Judy Robertson
1996/97	Don Wallace	2007/08	Ian Monro

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

