ANNUAL REPORT
2011-12

Rotary International President: Kalyan Banerjee
District Governor: Kel Hobby
President: Pash Demagistas
Secretary: Ross Maxfield
Treasurer: Barry Dunstan
It is my great pleasure to present the 62\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Report for the Rotary Club of Moe for the year 2011-2012. I cannot believe that I have served as President for a full year. Where has the time gone? I would like to thank the members of the Rotary Club of Moe for giving me the opportunity to serve the Club and the Community. This would have been an impossible task had I not had the assistance from the Board members, all the club members, and especially the female Rotarians who have been a wonderful support and provided me with guidance. It has been a truly wonderful and fulfilling year and one I will not forget for the rest of my life. The fellowship within our club is part of the reason that members enjoy coming to Rotary and serving the community. I believe that we have had a very rewarding and successful year. My theme for the year “Together We Can Do It” has been accomplished as every member has contributed greatly to our success.

It would be difficult for me to actually pinpoint my highlight for the year as every week has been an experience and at times a challenge for me. A few things that I will remember are:-

My weekly Pash’s Palaver in the bulletin has been a challenge for as you may have noticed writing was not my best subject at school. I’m sure however I am almost ready to become Editor of the Herald Sun with the skills I have acquired over the year.

The trip to Bali was amazing with Rotarians Michael, Neil, Len, Peter and Val and Greg from Morwell, also known as the Bali 7. We spent a week in Bali supporting and organising our International Project at No 3 School in Bunutan. We purchased whiteboards, maps, books, pencils etc. The students and teachers welcomed us and were extremely thankful for the generosity and support of the Moe Rotary Club. We also did makeups at the Rotary Club of Ubud Sunset and Bali Seminyak. Two very different clubs in the way they run their meetings. However we were made very welcome and congratulated on our International project.

**Golf Day**

Our Golf Day was extremely well organised by the committee and generously supported by businesses in the community and by all Rotarians. Sponsorships, raffles and the auction, on the day raised over $28,000.00. An amazing effort!

**District Conference**

District 9820 Conference was held in Shepparton and had over 650 Rotarians in attendance. It was well organised and had excellent keynote speakers. Twelve Rotarians and partners attended from Moe. Great fun and fellowship by Rotarians at Conferences are always a talking point. A Conference highlight was when I was presented with a certificate on behalf of the Rotary Club of Moe for the “Highly Commended Website.” Congratulations to Bryon Puddy for his excellent effort that he does for the Rotary Club of Moe and also being responsible for the District Website.
Club Service
Peter Kingsbury stepped into the role of Club Service for the second half of the Rotary year. Peter accepted the nomination from the Club for President Elect for the year 2012 – 2013. He has been working very hard to prepare himself for the year ahead. His sense of humour, skills and ability to work with people and the Board Members that he has selected, will enable him to run the Club and make it a fun and an exciting year. I am ever grateful for his excellent work that he puts into the Bulletin each week, and the effort in producing the International Toast. I would like to congratulate Peter on taking on the role as President and offer him all the support he needs to fulfil his aims for the year.

Community Service
Daniel and his committee have completed many projects throughout the year, including BBQ’s, helping out on Bonfire Night, annual maintenance work at the Botanical Gardens, plumbing alterations to the kitchen at Old Gippstown and Carols by Candlelight. My most memorable experience was when we took on the challenge to assemble a cubby house for Jessi an autistic child. Hundreds of pieces, instructions you could not understand and what should have taken 2 hours took all day to complete. The main thing was that Jessi was really excited with it.

Vocational and International
Thanks to Chairman Michael, Rhonda and their committee, for a variety of programs throughout the year. Support from the Club members enabled many projects to be completed.

Membership
The Club has been very active this year in trying to recruit new members and retain existing members.
On a sad note Ian Needham was called to higher service. He joined Rotary in 1995, served as President in 2001 -2002, and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. A great Rotarian who is sadly missed.

Neil Thompson retired from his ministerial work and moved to Foster with his lovely wife Sue. I hope they will be very happy in their new home and enjoy retirement.

On a more positive side I have had the pleasure of inducting:-Helen Morrison, Alan Bishop and Manny Gelagotis.
Two new members are to be inducted on the 9th of July 2012 Shen Guo and Xiaoli (Sharlee) Zhang.
What a wonderful effort by our club.

Programs. / Youth Exchange.
Immediate Past President Wendy was busy arranging different programs for the year. The quality of guest speakers has been varied and interesting to all club members. Wendy’s dedication to youth exchange has always been an inspiration for the exchange students.
I will be ever grateful for the outstanding input, support and guidance given to me over the past year from Wendy.

**Secretary.**
My grateful thanks go to Ross Maxfield. His efficiency, dedication and knowledge of Rotary protocol and procedures are exceptional. His management skills and forward thinking have made the running of the Club very successful.

**Treasurer**
Barry’s bookkeeping skills are impeccable and efficient. He loves writing cheques when it is going to a good cause. A big challenge was the golf day’s takings where every cent was accounted for. I’m very grateful for his valuable expertise.

**Sergeant- of –Arms**
What a wonderful job John Hutchinson has done for the year. John made sure the meetings kept running smoothly and kept us laughing with his humorous jokes. The fines session was one of his favourite jobs and kept most Rotarians contributing to the support of the Rotary Foundation.

**Rotary Information and Club History.**
Laurie Huffer’s short talks on Rotary information and the history of the Moe Club have been very interesting, especially for the new members. Thank you Laurie for keeping us all so well informed.

**Rotary Foundation and Website.**
Bryon Puddy has a wealth of knowledge on any Rotary topic. Past District Governor Bryon puts in a tremendous effort in everything he does for Rotary, if it’s not 100% it’s not good enough. The help and advice that he has given to me has been outstanding and made my job very easy. Lastly I would like to thank Bryon and Pat for the tremendous effort in helping me put my annual report together.

**Paul Harris Fellow**
One of my great privileges is to award a Paul Harris Fellow to Past President Alan Sinnott, who is recognised for the work, participation and commitment he has had in the Rotary Club of Moe and his involvement in the Community.

**Attendance and Catering**
Thanks to David Power who each week made sure that our attendance was correct. At times he would have to make a “guestimate” of how many Rotarians and guests were going to be present for meals and mind you he was just about spot on each week.

**Gippsland Rotary Centenary House**
Once again, with the hard effort of our Club’s fundraising activities we were able to donate $7,000 to Gippsland Centenary House making our total contribution since it started to over $40,000. This is a tremendous effort from our Club. We have been acknowledged by having a plaque placed on room 11 of the newly built section in recognition of our club’s generosity.
Latrobe Regional Hospital
We also supported the Latrobe Regional Hospital and donated $7,000 towards the purchase of specialised hospital equipment. The Silicone Coach is used to video tape and analyse the gait of patients with prosthetic limbs. The club has been working extremely hard on fundraising and so far this year it has made donations of over $35,000. More money is set aside for additional community needs.

In Conclusion
I would like to thank all the Rotarians that have contributed and supported me throughout the year. The Privilege of being President has been the most rewarding experience that I will retain forever. Last of all I would like to thank Sandra for her total support that she has given me throughout the year. I could not have done this without her.

“Together We Can Do It”

Pash Demagistris
President.
SECRETARY’S REPORT

It is with pleasure I submit this report on behalf of the Board for the Year 2011 - 2012

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MEMBERSHIP

We started the year with 30 members, David Prust resigned and we inducted Helen Morrison, Alan Bishop, finishing the year with 31 members.
We sadly lost our Honorary Member, Ian Needham who passed away last December.

BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings were held monthly in the RSL Board Room and were well attended.

ATTENDANCE/CATERING

Thanks to the members for the courtesy they have given David in apologizing for non attendance at meetings in advance, allowing David to provide accurate numbers for catering on most nights.
A special thanks to the RSL, it's a great venue for our weekly meetings, good food and friendly and courteous staff.

It has been a pleasure assisting President Pash, I congratulate him on his year as President he has involved himself in all aspects of the club ensuring that we had a great year.

Yours in Rotary.

Ross Maxfield.
Financial Year 2011-12

Service Account (All money raised in this account is spent on Community Service)
Continuing the trend of the last few years the Club has had a busy year, with funds being raised from a variety of sources. The Annual Charity Golf day is again the largest single income source, and the Club must be able to protect this major activity.

The service income for the year is in excess of $40,000 and Service Donations made to date exceed $35,000, major donations are as follows:

- Bali School Project: $2523
- Pride of Workmanship Project: $1088
- John Dwyer Awards: $300
- East Timor Midwife Fund: $150
- Latrobe Regional Hospital Foundation: $7000
- National Science Students: $500
- Rotary Club of Leongatha Appeal: $300
- Lifeline Gippsland: $500
- Elizabeth St Primary School: $300
- St Kieran’s Primary School: $160
- Latrobe Valley Village: $200
- Wheelchairs for Kids: $200
- Ted Basarke Mercy Foundation: $200
- Old Gippstown: $800
- Interplast: $1000
- Moe Fire Brigade: $500
- Small Service Projects: $250
- Rotary Centenary House: $7000
- Disaster Aid Australia: $1600
- Paul Harris Fellow (Rotary Foundation): $2000
- Support for Annual Xmas Carols: $300
- MUNA Sponsorship: $500
- Small Community Donations: $820
- Emergency Disaster Fund: $5000

General Account (Used for Club operational expenses)
During this year the Club raised $5800 from Member subscriptions and the opening and closing balances remain essentially the same, as it has done for the last six years, indicating that our subscription level is appropriately set. Rotary District, Rotary International per Capita fees and RI Magazine charges now exceed $5000 per year. Catering for the year, which is in addition to our Club Subscriptions, costs approximately $16,000 for the year, or an average of $550 per member.

Barry Dunstan
Treasurer
## ATTENDANCE REPORT

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Average Yearly Attendance Percentage = 91.4

David Power  
Attendance Officer
The program over the past 12 months from the guest speakers have varied, interesting and informative. The topics helped to maintain interest and have ranged from Rotary Programs, Community issues as well as Rotarians giving talks.

The following program was presented during 2011-12.

July 4th  President Overview 2011 - 2012  
11th  John Flynn Scholar  
18th  GEST Overview  
25th  Club Assembly  

August 1st  DG Visit  
8th  Melbourne Institute of Basketball Scholarship  
15th  Membership Night  
22nd  Club Assembly  
29th  Bali - Partner's Night  

August 1st  Club Assembly  

September 5th  Club Talks  
12th  "Model United Nations Assembly".  
19th  Diabetes Nurse Educator  
26th  Club Assembly  

October 3rd  Mid City Tavern  
10th  Flying Scientist  
(Rotary Club of Trafalgar attended)  
17th  Kenya Project  
24th  Club Assembly  
31st  Melbourne Cup Eve/ Partners Night  

November 7th  Sport's night with Trafalgar Rotary  
14th  Foundation night  
21st  Vocational Awards/ NYSF Recipient  
28th  Club Assembly / AGM  

December 5th  Pride of Workmanship Awards  
12th  Latrobe City Dance  
19th  Christmas Party  

Pash Demagistris  
Chris Lim  
Rhonda Crooks  
Kel Hobby  
Alex Sheedy  
Bryon Puddy  
Michael Koch / Neil McCluskey / Len Cairns  
Peter Kingsbury and Maureen Waddell  
John Caruana  
Kerry Gale  
Phil Higgins  
Michael Malone  
Wendy Farmer  
Club Service  
Bryon Puddy  
Rhonda Crooks  
Pash Demagistris  
Vocational Committee  
Amanda Owen & Gerald Engel  
President Pash
PROGRAM REPORT

January
9th  Botanic Gardens barbeque
16th  Dental Surgery in Papua New Guinea.  Dr Peter Cliff
23rd  Club Assembly
30th  Moe Fire Brigade  John Dewsbury

February
6th  Scatter Meeting
     Rotary National Science and Technology Forum
     Cluster Meeting - Lessons from the Zoo - RC Hazelwood
     Club Assembly  Monique Hustler

13th  Cluster Meeting - Lessons from the Zoo - Jenny Gray

March
5th  Lowanna v Kurnai  Vocational Committee
12th  Labor Day
19th  Golf Day
23-25  District Conference
26th  Club Assembly

April
2nd  Portsea Camp  Simon Thompson
9th  Easter Monday  No Rotary this evening
16th  Victoria Police / ZEST Bar  Cameron Blair
23rd  Club Assembly
     Moe Fire Brigade Running Team / PETS & District Assembly  Peter Kingsbury

May
5th  State Emergency Service  Graham Perkins
14th  International Conference Presentation  Neil McCluskey / Michael Koch
21st  Club Assembly
28th  Latrobe City Trust  Diane Wilkinson

June
4th  Interplast
11th  Queens Birthday  Andrew Ling
18th  Linkz
25th  Club Assembly / Tying it all together  Steven Gelagotis

July
2nd  Muna  Tonya Ryan & Natalie Acreman
9th  Club Change Over

Wendy Farmer
Program Co-ordinator
PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Honouring a Legacy of Service to Rotary and the Community

1979 Allan McHardy
1984 Brian O’Rielly
1986 John Dwyer
1987 Claude Staff
1988 Allan Ormond
1988 Jim McAllister
1989 Bob Pugsley
1989 John Leckey
1991 Charles Robertson
1992 Charles Witts
1993 Ross Maxfield
1994 Bryon Puddy
1994 Ben Verschuur
1995 David Power
1996 John Hutchinson
1997 Laurie Huffer
1998 Julian Yeatman
1999 Max Grubb
2000 Evan Platschinda
2001 Chris Lampel
2002 Bryon Puddy (Sapphire)
2003 Ken MacGregor
2003 Steve Micah
2004 Michael Koch
2004 Barry Dunstan
2005 Pash Demagistris
2006 Ian Needham
2007 Neil McCluskey
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The club services committee was chaired by President - Elect, Peter Kingsbury, for the latter half of the year. I would like to thank the committee for their wealth of experience which stopped me making rash errors of judgement.

The committee members are:

- Ross Maxfield, Secretary
- Barry Dunstan, Treasurer
- Bryon Puddy, Website/Rotary Foundation
- Wendy Farmer, Programs
- President Pash Demagistris

They must be sincerely thanked for their on going support and generosity of spirit.

The club participated in Rotary golf days (other than our own) with some success (winning at Trafalgar). The whole club combined to make the Moe Rotary Golf Day a great success with over $28k raised.

Programs put together by Wendy Farmer were a highlight. The international team provided wonderful presentations on the Bali project and Rotary international conference in Bangkok. This only whetted our appetites for greater participation and enhanced fellowship.

A larger number of Rotarians and their partners attended the District 9820 conference in Ballarat. Great fun and fellowship was shared by all and we look forward to the next District Conference at Geelong in 2013.

A special mention must be made of the input of Michael Koch and Neil McCluskey, who produced, with little notice, an audio-visual presentation of our Bali project for the District Assembly in Traralgon. It stimulated plenty of interest in what can be achieved without much financial input.

The committee recommends to the Board projects that maybe of merit for further investigation and action. We now have a lot of projects in hand for 2012-2013, may the high benchmark set in 2011-12 be exceeded.

GO TEAM

Peter Kingsbury
Chairman
Club Service.
This has been my first year as Chair of a committee; I have really enjoyed my time. It has been a busy year and I would like to thank my committee for all their hard work and support.

Committee Members: Daniel Barry (Chair), Alan Sinnott (Vice Chair), Dave Wood, Lyn Cassar, David Power, Julian Yeatman, Evan Platchinda, Maureen Waddell, Alan Bishop, Bruce Paull.

Our year started with a successful BBQ at Bunning’s which was a full day event attended by many. We did further fundraising BBQ’s through the year at Bunning’s, TM & H Hardware, Kmart, and Harvey Norman Moe associated with the Moe Traders.

We assisted the Hill Climb Club with manning the gates a big thank you to Barry Dunstan for both organising the day and his help.

We helped set up and pack up and did ticket sales for the Annual Apex Bonfire in November which had a huge attendance.

Carols by Candlelight was once again a huge success even with the terrible weather. We gave away free sausages and sold soft drinks.

Our annual maintenance of the Botanical Gardens was to fix, sand and paint the Rotunda and Seating in the area.

Berry Street asked for assistance this year to erect a Cubby house for a family in need. This turned out to be a much more challenging job than expected so a big thank you to President Pash Demagistris, Wendy Farmer’s father Bert De Vries, and David Wilkinson.

Our Welcome Back to Rotary BBQ at the Botanical Gardens was a great way to share all the work we had completed this year to all the members and their partners.

The Moe Eisteddfod was a great day out for families; we ran a BBQ and really enjoyed our day.

We negotiated with Meredith from Tru Energy about starting to run the annual Fun Run again in 2012. Further talks will be organised closer to the event with Tru Energy.

This year we donated to St. Kierens Primary School to help with the cost of School Camps. We also donated to Old Gippstown for new plumbing.

Six eskies arrived courtesy of Neil McCluskey and Michael Koch.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my Committee for all their hard work, President Pash for his fantastic and entertaining year. And I wish incoming president Peter Kingsbury a great year.

Daniel Barry
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

This has been yet another fruitful year of the International Service committee. We started the year with David Prust at the helm as committee chairman. Michael Koch ably assisted him as his deputy and the balance of the committee made up with Ed Achorn, John Hutchinson, Peter Kingsbury, Kishor Manani and Neil McCluskey. During the course of the year we saw David resign from the club, leaving Michael to take over the role of chairman. To further reduce our numbers he we had Peter taken from the committee to be transferred to Club Service after he accepted the role as President Elect.

We saw the continuation of the weekly International Toast at our meetings. The information in those toasts was of interest, often humourous and always relevant to Rotary and world events. Thanks for this go to Peter Kingsbury.

Our weekly meetings were often graced with speakers on overseas projects. These included Doctor Peter Cliff telling us of his dental work in Papua New Guinea, Michael Malone giving an encouraging story of his involvement with the Heartspring Community Orphanage in Kenya, DG Kel’s wife, Jill Hobby and her pet project for Midwives in East Timor, Andrew Ling told of the work of Interplast and not to forget our club members speaking on our Bali project and the International conference.

The Bali project was continued with our ongoing support for the Banyuning SD3 Primary School. This Rotary year saw it’s first trip (in October 2011) by Peter, Len, Pash Michael and Neil joined by Gregg and Val from the Rotary Club of Morwell. This trip saw the installation of white boards in every classroom. The second trip was (in January 2012) by Michael and Neil joined by Daryl Larsen. This did not go so well as recent extreme weather made it impossible for them to get through.
The third trip (in March 2012) was by Michael, Neil, Julian and his wife Jocelyn. This saw the commissioning of a local builder to fit out and furnish a library and to refit the school sick bay. The fourth trip (in June 2012) was by Michael and Neil to assess and check out the work of the builder on the library and sick bay. Over the course of these trips make-ups were done at the Rotary clubs of Ubud and Seminyak. Further social activities were carried out with the Rotarians from Seminyak.

As a first for quite a few years this committee organised a club social weekend away. Lakes Entrance was the venue and John Hutchinson’s house was the focal meeting place of the 23 Rotarians and family who attended. Lots of fellowship was enjoyed and it was all washed down with copious amounts of red wine and jugs of margaritas. Thanks go to John and Norma for allowing us to use their house as a meeting place and to Bruce for the magnificent boat trip on the Gippsland Lakes.

Bangkok in Thailand was the setting for the annual Rotary International conference. Michael and Neil attended this and a report was presented at a club assembly.

An international social trip was arranged and this saw Michael, Wendy and her husband Brett travel to Finland. This was chosen as a destination after hosting the inbound Group Study Exchange team last year.

Throughout the year many of our members, whilst travelling overseas, took the opportunity for international make-ups. This is a great way to share in the hospitality of different people from around the world.
This committee was instrumental in two new members joining the club this year.

Many of our committee were actively involved in the organisation of the Golf Day. This was a great success in raising in excess of $28,000. Many thanks go to all within the club who supported this our largest fundraiser.

Even though we did not host the inward Group Study Exchange team from Michigan USA, many of our club supported that team with their presentations.

Financially we contributed funds as follows to;
$1,900   Disaster Box
$150      Midwives in East Timor
$300      Heartspring Community Orphanage in Kenya
$1,000   Interplast
$3,023   Bali project in Indonesia

Thanks to all who contributed in so many ways to make International Service a success for 2011-12.

Ed, John, Kishor, Michael & Neil
Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic 2012 raises over $28,000.00 for local Charities.

The Rotary Club of Moe’s 12th annual Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic was deemed a huge success this year by raising in excess of $28,000.00 for local charities. This year saw the continuation of major partnership initiatives with local media which lead to the successful support of 3 Major Sponsors.

Local media, Radio 3GG, The Latrobe Valley Express, Radio 3TRFM/1242GoldWin Television and local members Gary Blackman and Russell Northie all contributed substantial advertising packages to better promote the Classic which in turn encouraged major sponsors Workshops, Gippsland NDT Services and the Gippsland Dental Group to continue as Major sponsors.

TV and Radio Personality John Blackman teamed with 3GG Breakfast announcer Andrew Deak to join with 120 local contributors and 120 golfers on the day for an enjoyable day of golf concluding with dinner and presentations which culminated in an auction of over 30 lots, donated by local business’s, which resulted in a total of over $28,000.00 being raised for local charities.

The Rotary Club of Moe would also like to acknowledge the generous donations and contributions that were made to assist with the success of the major raffle.

$7000.00 will be donated to the Latrobe Regional Hospital, $7000.00 to the Rotary Centenary House Project, $7000.00 for local disaster relief and the balance for Moe Rotary Club Projects.

Club President Pash Demagistris said that this year’s event was another major step up for the Golf Classic and with the already committed support of the local media and Major Sponsor Workshops, Gippsland NDT Services for next year, we hope to make this event even bigger in the Gippsland calendar for 2013.
The Vocational Committee has had a good year and was delighted to welcome Helen Morrison as a new Rotary member and valued committee member. The committee has shown, once again, how well it can work together and provide assistance across the board to all Rotary projects and club initiatives.

Committee Members: Rhonda Elizabeth Crooks (Chair) – Chris Lampel, Diane Wilkinson, Roger Taylor, Laurie Huffer, Brian Gregory, Neil Thompson, Len Cairns and Helen Morrison

We kicked off the New Year with a visit by Chris Lim in July. Chris is on a John Flynn Scholarship Program. Chris had just spent 1 week at a Student conference in Sydney with over 1000 Students. He gave us an update since his last visit. Some of his experiences included working with the Royal Flying Doctors service, and speaking to students at schools in the northern parts of Perth. Chris also travelled to Vietnam in February for a holiday and had some very interesting adventure tours around the country, and experimenting with interesting cultural food. We enjoyed listening to his updates.

In September we welcomed John Caruana to talk about MUNA and we look forward to another visit from John, possibly sometime in 2012.

October being Vocational Service month was welcomed by an interesting talk from Laurie Huffer. Laurie talked about Rotary International. During this period, clubs highlight the importance of the business and professional life of each Rotarian. Special activities promote the vocational avenue of service.

In November we welcomed Monique Hustler to talk about her experiences participating in the National Youth Science Forum.

2011/2012 also saw the introduction of the Vocational Service Award. This award is designed to illuminate people in our community that have selflessly dedicated years to our community. In November 2011, we nominated and brought together two very special people, to publicly honor their achievements. Mrs Margaret Hinson for her services to Lifeline and Mr Graham Giblett, for his contribution to local football. It was a wonderful evening and a very worthwhile event.

In December we held the Pride of Workmanship awards at Old Gippstown. Once again the evening was a success in bringing together students, their families and school officials to celebrate and publicly acknowledge the achievement of 13 local school students. The delight on the faces of each student as they so proudly accepted their Rotary Pride of Workmanship award was clearly apparent, as was the pride and happiness of their supporters demonstrated by their applause each time President Pash presented the individual awards.
In March 2012 we welcomed the debate between Lowanna and Kurnai College held at the Moe RSL. Each student represented their School well, and the scores ended up being even. However Eddie Beulke the adjudicator along with judges Len Cains and May Sennett finally awarded Lowanna College as the winner this year.

The topic of the debate was “Facebook Encourages Bullying”. From all accounts this debate goes down as being one of the best held to date.

After discussion amongst members it was generally agreed that the reason for debate being so successful was largely due to the students being so engaged with the subject and Facebook. The debate was well supported by the Rotary Club of Morwell and huge thanks must go to Chris Lampel and Ann Vokes of Morwell.

In June Tonya Ryan and Natalie Acreman, Lowanna students attended MUNA at Neerim South. Both girls had an absolutely fantastic experience and were voted the second most responsible.

All of the Vocational Committee members have contributed throughout the year and I look forward to 2012/2013 knowing there is much do. We say good bye to Reverend Neil Thompson who has given me much welcomed guidance and support during my time with Rotary.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and active participation.

Rhonda Elizabeth Crooks
Chair
Vocational Committee