The Rotary Year 2010-2011 has been a busy one for District 9780. It has also been a successful one. Membership numbers are increasing, likewise donations to The Rotary Foundation, and the District’s financial position remains sound. Most importantly, clubs within the District continue to participate enthusiastically in a wide range of Rotary programs and projects.

This report outlines the activities and achievements of the various District 9780 committees which support clubs and Rotarians in District 9780. Whilst there is no doubt that clubs represent the life blood of Rotary, District committees also play an important role - by providing support and resources to clubs, and by administering the many District wide programs and activities in which our clubs participate.

Rotary truly is an amazing organisation. In the pages of this report you will read how Rotarians are working tirelessly, and in many different ways, to serve their local and international communities, as well as the organisation of Rotary. I hope you will also gain a deeper appreciation of the incredible range of Rotary programs and projects which enable us to achieve such extraordinary outcomes.

I want to thank everybody involved in administering, and/or supporting the various Rotary programs and projects which are organised through District 9780. Through your efforts we have been able to achieve some wonderful outcomes in 2010-2011; outcomes which really do enable us to

‘Build Communities Bridge Continents’

District Governor, 2010-2011
Jessie Harman, District Governor 2010-2011

2010-2011 has been a productive one for all Rotarians involved in the management of District 9780 Incorporated. Management of the District presently involves two key committees – the D9780 Board of Management, and the Finance Sub-committee. The College of Governors also plays an important role overseeing selection of future governors.

The D9780 Board of Management met quarterly in Ararat during 2010 - 2011, essentially to fulfill its role to provide strategic leadership for the district, and to manage and monitor the District’s operations. In addition to sharing information between clubs and District, there were several important decisions adopted by the board:

• To strengthen end of year financial reporting for District committees operating separate bank accounts, to ensure compliance with RI financial reporting requirements
• To set a target for net assets (retained surplus) for the District, equivalent to 75% of annual operating expenditure
• To implement various actions to strengthen District’s compliance with RI Youth Program policies and procedures

The Finance Sub-committee also met quarterly during the year, approximately two weeks prior to Board meetings. Its current role is to monitor the District’s income and expenditure, and to provide advice to the board of management on financial matters. Members of the Finance Sub-committee were actively involved in the preparation of policies regarding end of year financial reporting, and development of the target for net assets.

The College of Governors, which comprises past, current and future governors in the District met three times during the year. A key role of that group is to oversee selection of the district governor. That process resulted in the nomination to RI of Past President Ken McInerney from the Rotary Club of Bordertown to the position of Governor for 2013-2014.

I would like to thank all Rotarians involved in management of the District’s affairs for their commitment, support and selfless service. Your very positive input has contributed, in large measure, to a wonderfully successful Rotary year.
Members of D9780 Board of Management

AG Ray Herbert (Group 1)  Rotary Club of Mt Gambier West
AG Ken McInerney (Group 2)  Rotary Club of Bordertown
AG Graeme Scott (Group 3)  Rotary Club of Horsham
AG Ron Stanton (Group 4)  Rotary Club of Swan Hill Sunrise
AG Robert Coffey (Group 5)  Rotary Club of Warrnambool Central
AG Wayne Knight (Group 6)  Rotary Club of Colac
AG Derrick Marsden (Group 7)  Rotary Club of Maryborough
AG Alan Gay (Group 8)  Rotary Club of Ballarat East
AG Jane Cox (Group 9)  Rotary Club of Geelong Central
AG Maggie Isom (Group 10)  Rotary Club of Torquay
AG John Ruyg (Membership & Support)  Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast
AG John Roth (Community)  Rotary Club of Geelong Central
AG Cheryl Rapson (International)  Rotary Club of Stawell
AG Barry Burnett  Rotary Club of Ballarat South
AG Max Dalrymple (Youth)  Rotary Club of Mt Gambier West
PDG Cathy Roth (Chair, The Rotary Foundation)  Rotary Club of Geelong Central
Treasurer, PP Trevor Lea  Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast
Secretary, Rtn Joy Rothwell  Rotary Club of Ballarat South
Governor-nominee Helen Trigg  Rotary Club of Ocean Grove
Governor-elect Brian Trenery  Rotary Club of Warrnambool
Governor Jessie Harman  Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast

Members of D9780 Finance Sub-committee

PDG Chris Sims  Rotary Club of Torquay
PDG Ted Gaffney  Rotary Club of Stawell
PDG Ric Robertson (Chair)  Rotary Club of Camperdown
Treasurer, PP Trevor Lea  Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast
Secretary, Rtn Joy Rothwell  Rotary Club of Ballarat South
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Governor Jessie Harman  Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast
PP Trevor Lea, District Treasurer

At the end of May 2011 District 9780 is showing a surplus of $23,959.73 versus an annual surplus target of $759.00. This positive variance will reduce in the month of June as additional expenses are paid, but District will exceed its budgeted position at the end of June by a fair margin.

Major reasons for the positive variance as follows:
• Lower insurance premiums than advised or budgeted;
• Higher than budgeted membership numbers of Rotarians throughout the year;
• Positive results from each of the key district activities organised during the year, namely Changeover, PETS and Assembly. The budget assumed a breakeven result for each of these events, and
• Below budget expenditure for most committees.

In addition to the operating account there was also an estimated surplus of $29,000 from the annual conference.

During the year, the District Management Committee agreed on a target for net assets for District 9780 Inc, prompted by concerns that current levels are too high. Accordingly, the committee set a target for net assets of 75% of annual operating expenditure. It has asked the finance sub-committee to develop a plan to reduce the current level of net assets over time.

Looking at the District’s Balance Sheet; during the 11 months we received funds from clubs earmarked for the following charitable purposes:

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The disaster relief money has been fully expended, as has the Simplified Grants. Where possible, cheques will be drawn for the remaining items prior to 30th June 2011.

Administrative Advice Committee

PDG Ray Welsford, Chair

In every sense of the words, this is an eCommittee, transacting its business between members and with the Clubs almost exclusively by email. Two major activities in 2010-2011 have been assisting Clubs with implementing the changes made at the 2010 Council on Legislation and with bringing their rules into line with these changes.

Apart from these major activities, there is a regular flow of questions from Clubs about insurance, raffles, risk management, fundraising, incorporation, excused members, attendance calculations, club audits, and similar administrative matters. The committee exists for exactly this reason – to help Clubs meet their legal and regulatory obligations and so protect the Club, the Rotarians, and the corporate good name of the Rotary organisation.

At a glance...
• CoL 2010 Update
• Victorian Clubs Rules Update
• Associations Incorporation Act
• Working with Children Requirements
District 9780 had a great year for membership, and was one of only three districts in Australia to record membership growth. The District commenced the 2010-2011 year with 2029 members, and by 16 June 2011, membership numbers had increased to 2049. The number of clubs in the District stayed constant at 59.

Overall, the District maintained its position as the second largest District in Australia, in terms of membership. Interestingly, the proportion of female members in D9780 increased to 22.25%, making it the second best District in Australia for gender diversity.

Amongst many membership highlights for the 2010-2011 Rotary year, were the following:
• Rotary Club of Naracoorte inducted 9 new, younger members into its satellite breakfast group
• Rotary Club of Port Fairy inducted 7 new members, and
• Rotary Clubs of Mount Gambier West, Naracoorte, Geelong and Wendouree were selected by RI to pilot new membership initiatives.
Rhonda Whitton, Chair

Highlights for the Public Relations committee during 2010-2011 were public relations seminars, and supporting the Christ Church Meals Program Dinner Auction.

PR seminars and workshops were conducted at District Assembly in Stawell, and also in Ballarat. These were held to equip club PR Directors with the knowledge and confidence to prepare media releases and approach the media.

The PR committee also assisted the combined Rotary Clubs of Geelong with publicity for their dinner auction to raise funds for the Christ Church Meals Program. Held in September 2010, the event attracted 361 diners and raised $27,065. Publicity secured prior to and after the event amounted to three full page features in the Geelong Advertiser and several smaller articles, plus a full page feature in RDU.

Rotary Fellowships

PP Russel Dale, Chair

This year, more and more D9780 Rotarians and partners were made aware of the opportunities to participate in the fun and fellowship that International Fellowship activities offer. The International Fellowship Committee met twice, and, during the year, made Power Point Presentations at 16 clubs across the District. They also held promotional sessions at Assembly and great attendance at the District Conference International Fellowship booth and International Motor Cycling Rotarians (IMCR) display of bikes helped this important sub-committee spread the good news.

Thanks PP Robin Nuttall and the IMCR participants who gave their time at Conference.
PDG Pat Robertson, Chair

District Awards were well supported during 2010-2011 with some excellent nominations. Members of the District Committee would like to thank all Clubs who made a special effort to nominate their projects.

This year saw two new awards presented in the District. The District 9780 Website Award recognises the fact that many clubs have now developed their own websites. The websites were overall very good but some clubs need to keep their information current and relevant. Judging all the sites was a very time consuming exercise and I thank the committee members for the time they spent on this.

The second new award was for membership growth in the current Rotary year. With a number of clubs excelling in this area it was a hard fought contest. Naracoorte, with 9 new members, was the inaugural winner of this award.

In addition to District Awards, several very special RI awards were presented in the District:
- David Goldsmith from Rotary Club of Ballarat West received RI’s Service Above Self Award for his tireless dedication to the provision of dental services in Tonga and the Cook Islands
- Russel and Joy Dale from Rotary Club of Belmont received a Major Donors Award from The Rotary Foundation
- John Davis from the Rotary Club of Ballarat received a Major Donors Award from The Rotary Foundation
- PDG Cathy Roth received a Meritorious Service Award from The Rotary Foundation recognising her contribution in the role of District Chair of TRF
- Rotary Club of Kerang received a Significant Achievement Award from RI for their ‘Alternative Schoolies Project.’

A full list of District award recipients is included at attachment 1.
2010-2011 was an extremely busy year for the D9780 Rural Support Committee which was charged with the task of supporting Rotary’s flood recovery activities throughout the District.

Rather than set up a centralised flood relief fund, the District 9780 approach to flood recovery was to encourage clubs to raise funds and apply them directly to flood relief projects in consultation with Rotary clubs in the flood affected communities. This meant that clubs were able to fund projects quickly and efficiently, unconstrained by a time-consuming centralised allocation process.

A web site, www.ruralsupport.org, was successfully established to assist in co-ordinating the many offers of help from Rotarians and others. The site has allowed Rotarians in the flood affected areas to list projects so the wider Rotary community could see what help was needed and then make contact with local Rotarians in the flood affected areas to organise funds or other assistance.

To date, approaching $1.5M worth of aid has flowed through Rotary channels to the worst affected areas including the town of Charlton and the farming district around the town of Kerang. Assistance has come from many Rotary clubs throughout Victoria, Australia and even overseas; private donors and philanthropic trusts have also provided funds to Rotary for use in the flood areas; significant donations of new household products have been pledged. Farmers from around Victoria have donated hay over several months to feed livestock in the Kerang area where floodwaters have taken several months to subside. The transport of the hay has been funded by donations from a number of Victorian Rotary clubs.

The need to assist these communities has not passed, although the urgency has eased. Hundreds of families have lost most or all of their material possessions; in some cases, homes have been condemned. Insurance has, more often than not, failed to eventuate and government handouts, while much appreciated, are for most people much less than is needed. Rotarians are still donating, and those at the coal face are still working hard to assist their local communities.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the amazing courage and resilience of our fellow Rotarians in Kerang and Charlton. They have met the expectations of their local communities and thousands of Rotarians from within D9780 and around Australia with consistent and selfless service since the floods began. When the Rotary motto “service above self” was coined it must have been for these very people.
PDG Eddie Loughnan

Tamil Naidu, Southern India, was the focus of this year’s Rotary Friendship Exchange. Past District Governor Eddie and Val Loughnan led a team of Rotarians and family members to District 2980 in Tamil Naidu. This District is one of 31 within India and has 152 clubs with 5,700 members.

Members of the team were hosted by members of clubs in Pondicherry, Salem and Hosur and their itinerary involved visits to clubs, geographical and historical sites as well as inspecting humanitarian projects. Some of the projects were funded by twenty seven clubs in District 9780 and assisted by Rotary Foundation Matching Grants. These included reverse osmosis water purification systems installed in 24 secondary colleges and 11 toilet blocks in girls’ secondary colleges with an overall total value of US$335,779.

The Exchange was also timed to include the National Immunisation Day when a total of 2.4 million Rotarians and volunteers staffed over 700,000 booths and administered two drops of polio vaccine to almost 180 million children less than five years of age.

In turn, District 9780 welcomed a team of Rotarians and wives from District 2980 and their itinerary included hosting by clubs in Geelong, Hamilton, Portland, Horsham, South Wendouree and Ballarat as well as meeting with clubs in Camperdown, Mount Gambier, Casterton, Nhill and Ararat while travelling between host clubs.

Rotary’s Rotary Friendship Exchange program is designed to advance international understanding and peace through personal contact across borders, while developing interclub relationships that lead to fellowship and service projects. This year’s District 9780 RFE certainly met those objectives.
PDG Ray Welsford, Chair

Australian Rotary Health is Australia’s largest non-government funding body of mental illness research. ARH also funds research in other health related areas, and is a catalyst for projects that improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves.

During 2010-2011, every opportunity was taken to promote ARH to Clubs in the District, including a stand at District Conference, provision of printed material to Presidents-Elect at PETS, and involvement in several sessions at District Assembly. There were also special notices through the District Secretary in relation to Hat Day. While some clubs reported enthusiastic involvement in the first ever Hat Day, the overall level of participation by Clubs has been hard to establish.

Three Clubs - Ocean Grove, Portland and Portland Bay - initiated successful Mental Health First Training in their towns.

Monetary contributions from clubs increased during 2011, with donations to ARH to the end of May totaling $19,125. This increase is due in large part to a very generous donation from the Rotary Club of Geelong.

Students at Swan Hill Specialist School getting into the spirit of Hat Day
PP Graeme Hawkins, Chair

Bowelscan continues to be a major health initiative and one which is very well supported in District 9780. Since the May launch of this year’s program we have tested a total over 24,500 kits; 19,500 of which have come from within our own District. From testing we have found 321 positives, and have contacted clients & doctors within 48 hours of testing.

This year there has been an increased expenditure on advertising, particularly in areas where there had been a level of participation below the average. Many clubs and their members have distributed handbills to homes throughout their towns and this has stimulated a high level of calls for information on the service. As a result we have distributed a record number of kits for sale with repeated requests from many clubs for more stock.

This increase in marketing activity has then been reflected in the number of kits returned for testing, and the number of kits processed has exceeded previous record levels on a number of days. The implementation of a new data processing system has not proceeded as quickly and easily as had been hoped but letters to clients are now being processed and posted in weekly batches.

PP Mary Elliott, Chair

Organ Donor Awareness (ODA)

Committee activities are ongoing, with regular updates from both DonateLife and Transplant Australia supplying guidelines and promotional material for the committee and the general public. The organ donor awareness presentation for District Governors Elect in Sydney in July 2010 resulted in far greater recognition throughout Rotary districts in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region. Many clubs locally have benefited by having guest speakers, including organ recipients, tell of their experiences.

Clubs can continue to play an important role in increasing organ donor awareness:
• Make organ donor awareness a club priority
• Have a guest speaker to your club
• Spread the word in your community
• Obtain OD registration forms from Medicare Offices
• Call ODA chair Mary Elliot on 03 5261 3310 for any assistance

I would like to pay sincere thanks to those who have contributed towards helping our community with this vital campaign – District 9780, Clubs, the media, volunteers especially during our National Organ Donor Awareness Week when registrations increase dramatically, Lions Club of Torquay, their Zone Chairman and my invaluable Committee.

To donate life, know their wishes. Ask them today. OK
Visit: donatelife.gov.au
Probus

Pres. Margaret Robinson, Chair

Rotary’s role and commitment is to identify the need in the local community and to sponsor the formation of new Probus clubs. There are 151 clubs in District 9780. Probus clubs fulfill the needs of people who have or are close to leaving the workforce and who face this major transitional time of life.

During 2010-2011, the District Probus Committee has:
• Investigated the need for new Probus clubs, and engaged Rotary clubs in sponsoring the formation of new clubs
• Ensured the health of existing Probus clubs by visiting clubs and discussing problems
• Encouraged the connection between Rotary and Probus by inviting Presidents back to Rotary Club meetings
• Invited Rotary Presidents to attend special anniversaries, act as Returning Officer at Probus AGM’s
• Held five information days in the district to provide relevant information to allow clubs to function smoothly, to share ideas and to allow interaction between club delegates, and
• Co-ordinated with host Probus club/s to hold a very successful two day conference in the district.

Three new clubs have been formed in the last month by three Rotary Clubs.

ROMAC PP

PP Christine Dufty, Chair

Clubs and Rotarians in District 9780 have continued to support ROMAC through financial donations. OMAC’s mission is to provide medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country. Preference is given to patients from the Rotary Districts that include PNG, Timor Leste, Fiji, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu.

One young girl who is currently benefiting from Rotarians’ donations and the wonderful work of ROMAC this year is five year old Theary Pen Chan Sokun. Rescued from the streets of Cambodia, Theary has a congenital hair nevus covering her right cheek and nose. She was flown to Melbourne for life-changing surgery to remove the birthmark and ROMAC arranged for surgeon, Mr Tony Holmes to perform the surgery at Mercy Private Hospital at no cost to the family.

Theary’s two stage operation began in February, and her progress is still being carefully monitored. Her surgeon, Mr Tony Holmes, was awarded a PHF by RC of Pascoe Vale in recognition of his work with Theary.

Theary Pen Chan Sokun
PP Sandra Batten, Chair

The PPE – Water and Environment Committee have received welcome news from Central Highlands Waste Management Group that the Blinkybulb Program will continue for a further 12 months. This very important Rotary District environmental program was launched on World Environment Day in 2009 and continues to grow with new store locations continually being soured. A big thank you must go to those Clubs within the District who are participating in this Program.

At District Assembly in May, committee members were thrilled to see that this year organisers had chosen to use paper cups and lunch boxes made from ‘bagasse’. Bagasse is the natural by-product of sugar cane after the juice is extracted.

At Conference the following Awards were presented in the Water and Environment area:
- Rotary Club of Terang – Tree Project
- Rotary Club of Mount Gambier – Peweena Swamp Reserve
- Rotary Club of Ocean Grove - Surfside Primary School Kitchen and Garden
- Rotary Club of Hamilton - Mr Peter Dark

Preserve Planet Earth (PPE) – Heritage

PP Phil Roberts, Chair

In 2010-11 the eight-member Preserve Planet Earth Heritage Committee held four Saturday meetings after the PPE Water and Environment meetings. Reports were received and relevant issues keenly discussed. The main aims of the committee were to stimulate awareness and action regarding heritage issues throughout the District, and to encourage all Clubs to place on the website a summary of each club’s history and recent annual reports.

At Beaufort in July committee members visited the Shirley Boyle Court House and the historical precinct, at Portland in October committee member Ronnie Reissenweber led members though information technology instruction, and at Ballarat in May members toured the Mechanics Institute as part of Ballarat’s Heritage Weekend.

At this year’s District Conference the joint PPE – Heritage award winners were:
- The RC Kerang restored a Patchell Pump used at the birth of irrigation in Northern Victoria
- In conjunction with the local Historical Society and Men’s Shed, the RC Warracknabeal restored a Jelbart Twin Bagger Chaff Cutter

PP Oliver Jane, Rotary Club of Kerang
PP John Oswald, Chair

During 2010-2011, members of the District Interplast sub-committee have been busy with the following:

- Co-ordinating a presentation at our district conference by the Right Honourable Kaye Patterson,
- Amanda Hough, David Milton and I have spoken to Rotary Clubs on 9 occasions. David Milton addressed the District assembly as well.
- The District raised sufficient funds over the three year period (2008-2010) to be able to fund a program, and to nominate a member of the district to attend that program. Amanda Hough from the Rotary Club of Torquay was selected from a tight field from the district. She was allocated a visit with the Interplast team to East Kalimantan this year (see below). She has submitted a report which indicates a good understanding of all she has seen.

The Interplast team, which included 4 health professionals from Ballarat, went to East Kalimantan in 2011. The team undertook a smaller number of cases than in previous years, due essentially to the local plastic surgeon, Dr Johan Wirawan (donating his own time) doing 120 cases over the last year. This is a significant development of capacity in the local system which is the essential aim of Interplast. During the visit, we were fortunate enough to operate on the 20,000th case undertaken by Interplast over the last 28 years. This was a little girl with a bilateral cleft lip and palate. The effect of the surgery on her future is obvious.

The teaching component of this visit continues to blossom. We had two very senior Plastic surgical residents and two senior anaesthetic residents from Jakarta and Surabaya in what has become a very sought after workshop in plastic surgery/anaesthesia. Dr Michael Shaw and I visited Surabaya after the program to speak to the Anaesthetics Faculty there, as a mini-conference organised especially for our visit. The good will that flows from the Interplast program is enormous, and there are very good relations between the Indonesian contingent and the Australasian contingent.
PP Anton Van Doornik, Chair

As Chairman it is with pleasure that I am able to report on DIK for 2010-11. It has been a great year which is due to the wonderful group of Rotarian and non Rotarian volunteers who regularly turn up each Tuesday and/ or Wednesday morning. It is important that volunteers from other clubs become more involved on a regular basis. Without volunteers DIK would not exist.

DIK has now been in operation in District 9780 for approximately 12 years and has grown each year with more Clubs becoming involved and containers going to more places than ever before. We are fortunate with our location at Osborne House which provides plenty of sheds for storage and sorting as well as space for containers.

During the past 12 months we have shipped containers to, Vanuatu, Fiji, PNG, Tonga, Sri Lanka, Philippines and Borneo. We send items which are requested by the overseas recipients. These include: crockery, x-ray machines, hospital beds, clothing, books, computers, shoes, bras, medical supplies, a Toyota vehicle, etc. We try to ensure that what we send is in working order.

Our biggest problem is being able to raise enough money to send more containers. District 9780 has again supported the operation with a generous donation, and we rely completely on clubs in the district for help- both financially, and with supply of goods and working bees.

Some statistics about DIK:
- We have sent 19 x 20ft containers since June 2010
- Total costs of shipping and road transport were approximately $46,000
- Estimated value of goods for customs is more than $800,000
- The program involved approximately 8000 hours of volunteer labour valued at $190,000.

We also have a new website:  rotarydonations.org.au

In conclusion I would once again express DIK’s thanks to all those volunteers and clubs who have helped out in one way or another during the past 12 months.
PDG Cathy Roth, Chair, 2008-2011

In a year of “highs” for The Rotary Foundation in District 9780, we have seen some wonderful highlights. Worthy of mention include the following:

• Selection of both an Ambassadorial Scholar and our first ever Peace Scholar
• Increases in funding through donations to the Annual Programmes Fund and the Gates Challenge
• Two teams take part in the National Immunisation Days in India
• Clubs continuing to sponsor and host outstanding GSE teams
• Establishment of the Paul Harris Society
• Brilliant projects undertaken through both District Simplified Grants and Matching Grants, including our first ever “Reverse” Matching Grant for flood relief
• Centurions slowly increasing in number; and
• Alumni continue to be increasingly “TRAC’d.

The Rotary Foundation committee and their sub-committees are to be congratulated on an outstanding year of great leadership and accomplishments, and thanks go to all clubs and Rotarians for your commitment to The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation Grants

PP Jerry Leech, Chair

2010-2011 was another successful year for the D9780 Rotary Foundation District Grants Subcommittee.

Eight District Simplified Grants were completed. Projects ranged in size, and were quite diverse, spread across the District. The projects were:

• Bordertown – Men’s Health Forum
• Geelong - Equipment for Rotary House, McKellar Centre
• Geelong - Bursary to University of Melbourne Summer School
• Hamilton - Wetland historical interpretive sign and shelter
• Mount Gambier - Shelving for Foodbank
• Mount Gambier West - Replace fire monitoring for Ryder Cheshire Home
• Warracknabeal - Toaster for school breakfast program
• Wendouree Breakfast - Extend adult literacy (English Second Language)

Matching Grants were completed in Zimbabwe, the Cook Islands and South Africa. In addition, matching Grants were approved to assist the Falevao Primary School on Upolu, Samoa, and to improve the ambulance service in thePokhara region of Nepal.

Thanks to D3520 in Taiwan, a reverse Matching Grant for $34,000 was approved and will be spent on flood recovery in our own district. This is believed to be one of the largest Matching Grants D9780 has been involved with and the first Matching Grant to be hosted by D9780. Rob Pelletier, as Chair of the Rural Support Committee, will assist the Rotary Clubs of Charlton and Kerang distribute the assistance.
PDG Eddie Loughnan, Chair

District 9780 has again contributed to the spectacular success of the Polio Eradication programme by sending two teams to India for the National Immunisation Day (NID) in February, 2011. PDG Eddie Loughnan led a District-wide Rotary Friendship Exchange, to District 2980 in the northern part of India, whilst a small team of PP Ray Bassett and AG John Roth from RC Geelong Central, were in Delhi. Both teams took part in a busy immunisation programme and the associated activities of awareness festivities by local children, and Health Fairs. These two teams have contributed to the spectacular success of the NID programme with only one new case reported in India in 2011, to date.

Clubs have also continued to contribute well to the Gates Challenge. The need for clubs to maintain their Gates Challenge commitments has never been greater, and sincere thanks goes to all those who have done so. As a District we are over half-way there.

The Rotary Foundation Annual Giving

PDG Ted Gaffney, Chair

This year has seen a dramatic lift in our percentage of annual giving. A greater opportunity to speak and communicate to members is part of that, but the end result still remains with members and their clubs, and as chair I can only thank these members and clubs for their continued efforts and support for Annual Giving, which encompasses many different programs.

Personal giving, “Every Rotarian Every Year” is still the weak link, and further efforts are in process at this time to give an opportunity for members to take a greater part in the Centurion Program. Participation in this program will assist us in the long term, and will become even more important, as RI’s strategic plan comes into force within our district in 2013.

Also in 2010-2011 District 9780 launched the Paul Harris Society to recognise the District’s leading annual supporters of the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus. Chartered with 4 members, it is hoped more Rotarians, family members and friends will recognise the benefits of contributing $1000 annually to TRF.
PP Jenny Acopian, Chair

The District’s Scholars Subcommittee had an outstanding year with the successful nomination of its first World Peace Fellow, Lucinda Garrido, and also Ambassadorial Scholar, Beth Jens. They are currently proudly representing District 9780 in Buenos Aires, Argentina and California, USA respectively.

Lucinda Garrido commenced her studies at the Universidad del Salvador in Argentina in February 2011, and will complete her Master of International Relations (Security, Peace and Conflict) in 2012. Lucinda’s long-standing commitment to world peace is evidenced by her prior work in monitoring and evaluating a microfinance project in Bangladesh, and managing housing reconstruction projects in Southern India for CARE Australia’s Tsunami Response Program.

During her Peace Fellowship, Lucinda will study how agencies such as the United Nations and international non-government organisations can better engage indigenous groups to mitigate conflict. In the future, Lucinda aims to work for the United Nations and other multilateral organisations, such as the World Bank.

Beth Jens commenced her Master of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Stanford University, California in August 2010 and will complete her master’s studies shortly. She is hosted by the Palo Alto University Rotary Club. Her time at Stanford is supported by the Rotary Foundation and a Fulbright Scholarship.

Beth grew up in Torquay and has always had a burning passion to be an astronaut. She completed a Bachelor of Engineering and a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne, and in 2008 travelled to Glasgow to present her honours research at the International Astronautical Congress. In 2010 Beth spent two months at NASA Ames Research Centre completing a program organised with the International Space University. With 140 other students from all over the world she studied the interdisciplinary and intercultural aspects of space exploration.
The GSE programme is part of the Rotary Foundation programmes and focuses on providing vocational, education and cultural experiences for young people between 25 and 40 in a team of 4 led by an experienced Rotarian. This has been a busy year with an exchange with District 6950, Central West Florida USA during the year and the selection of a team to visit District 1360 Iceland early in the 2011 / 12 Rotary year.

District 6950 visited our District in February & March 2011 led by Rotarian Camille Hernandez with the team comprising of Rachel Williams (Veterinary Technician), Natalie White (Event Coordinator), John Korycki (Environmentalist) and James McConnell (Chef). The team was hosted by Torquay, Cobden, Portland, Portland Bay, Naracoorte, Horsham East, Horsham, Maryborough, Ballarat South, Queenscliffe and Ocean Grove. For two clubs, it was their first hosting experience. The team attended the District Conference in Ballarat and made their presentation to a full house.

Our team to visit District 6950 led by PP Robyn Lardner (Horsham East) with Will Buchanan (Torquay), Anne Pett (Hamilton), Mary Raynes (joint Horsham Clubs) and Ann McDowell (Cobden) being the selected team members. The team visited District 6950 in May & June 2011. As part of their visit they attended the District 6950 Conference where the picture was taken.

The team selected to visit District 1360 will be led by PP Janey Preston (Warrnambool Daybreak) with Brendan Foran (Geelong Central), Michael Garner (Portland Bay), Kara Gough (Horsham East) and Kim Watts (Warrnambool) as the team. The team is due to depart 22nd September 2011 so the team was selected in the 2010 / 11 Rotary year.

I wish to thank the support of District Executive, Committee members and clubs involved in making this a successful year.
PP Jim Allen, Chair, with PP Mathew Kelson, District Rotaract Representative

The Rotaract program has continued to grow over the past 12 months. District 9780 is home to 5 Rotaract clubs – Warrnambool and District, Hamilton, Ballarat South East, Deakin University Geelong and Belmont.

The Rotaractors once again held their District Conference, this year running for three days. On the Saturday night of the conference the Rotaractors held their District Ball, a night of frivolity with a masquerade theme. In December the Rotaractors raised over $1200 towards polio eradication with the “Get in the pool for Polio” swim-a-thon. Other Rotaract events were collecting for Red Cross, ‘Arrive Hungry’ to raise awareness of child poverty, the Buninyong Farmers market, trash and treasure. The Asia Pacific Rotaract Conference was held in Sydney with District 9780 having one of the largest Australian contingents attending. District Assembly and a trivia night were held 18/6. Rotaractors from this district will again be visiting Fiji to construct Rota homes. The Australian Rotaract conference will be held in Melbourne during September, the District will have a good attendance.

At a glance:
• 5 Clubs: Warrnambool and District, Belmont, Hamilton, Ballarat South East and Deakin University Geelong
• Approximately 50 members
• District events: Conference, Ball, Camp, Project, Assembly and Changeover
• Each club has conducted a number of creative and successful events throughout the year

Rotaractors on their recent visit to Fiji to build low cost shelters
This year’s RYLA program was another successful event. 27 young people, aged from 18-24 years, participated in the week-long leadership and personal development program, once again held at Kangaroobie.

This year’s program was hosted by the Rotary Club of Ballarat South, and camp parents Leon Bren and Diane Cody carried out their roles with great skill and sensitivity. Like previous years, this year’s group was expertly coached, guided and informed by co-directors Claire Prascevic and Joanne De Vries, and their team of helpers, all of whom are past Rylarians.

Whilst participant numbers were down for the 2010-2011 program, the smaller group meant that members were able to bond quickly and strongly. As evidence of this, group members have all kept in touch through post RYLA get-togethers and a dedicated Facebook page. Another RYLA highlight for the 2010-2011 year was the presentation at District Conference by Joanne De Vries. In a first class presentation, Joanna brought Rotarians up to speed with the RYLA program and its many benefits for participants and clubs.
PP Graham Thomson, Chair

This year, with the assistance of the RC Bayside Geelong, District 9780 hosted the annual Southern Districts Shine On Awards on 1 May 2011. The awards were conducted at the Deakin University, Waurn Ponds campus, with guest speaker being Anna Healey. The Shine On Awards celebrate the abilities and achievements of people with disabilities.

This year’s award ceremony was a great success, attended by more than 100 guests. twenty three nominees were recognised, including 4 from District 9780: Les and Peter Manning (nominated by Ballarat South), Peter Clohesy (Ballarat South), Christine Nolan (Ocean Grove) and music team ‘Switchback’, featuring James McCracken, Lachlan Keay, Scott Cartledge, Peyton Lidgerwood, Adam Howden and Jacob Drinkell (Wendouree Breakfast). nine of these nominees, including Peter Clohesy, received Shine On Awards.

The event was sponsored by long term supporter Goldman Sachs and, for the very first time, the Transport Accident Commission (TAC).

In the lead up to the annual awards Graham Thomson and Adrian Innes attended various meetings of the Southern District committee meetings in Melbourne with representatives from Bayside Geelong to facilitate the awards day.

DG Jessie with members of Team Switchback
Sue Williams, Chair

**Inbound Students 2010 – 2011**

at the Inbound Briefing in Horsham in August 2010. They have had a wonderful year in Australia and are about to return home. We wish them a safe journey home.

**Outbound Students 2011 – 2012**

at the Final Briefing in Ballarat in November 2010. We said farewell to these 14 young Rotary ambassadors at Melbourne airport in January 2011. They are on exchange to the following Countries: Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and USA.

**District Conference Ballarat**

The Inbound and Rebound students ran a “Name the Gumboots” competition at the District Conference to raise money for flood relief in Charlton. A cheque for $2000 was presented to the RC of Charlton by the students for the Club’s Youth Activities.

**Short Term Exchange**

In April this year we welcomed two Short Term Exchange Students from New Zealand. The students together with students from D9520 were hosted for dinner by the RC of Stawell as part of the Safari Tour of Western Victoria and SA. The students will return to New Zealand in June taking with them two students from our District.
Lachlan Preston, Chair

Rotex is one of the newest District committees and is also the youngest. With the exception of a Rotarian Chair, Rotex is run entirely by Rotexians; past Rotary Youth Exchange Students.

The past year has been extremely successful for Rotex as we have got our committee established, organised several successful social events and assisted at the Youth Exchange events throughout the year.

At Rotex we are learning very quickly and our new committee for the coming year is already full of new ideas. These include participating in a ‘visioning’ session with the Rotary Leadership Institute to set our goals for the future, encouraging our Rotexians to participate in RYLA and other Rotary programs and organising new and exciting social events.

At a glance...
- Rotex is organised and run by past Rotary Youth Exchange Students
- Rotexians support the Youth Exchange Program and keep past exchange students connected
- The committee use online Skype meetings to connect members from Melbourne to Adelaide and right across the District
- Rotexians are available to promote Youth Exchange at your local school or speak at your club.

Morris Dickins, Chair

A feature of this year’s RYPEN program was the decision to hold not one, but two camps in District 9780, effectively doubling the number of young people who could benefit from this important personal development program for 14-17 year olds.

The two RYPEN D9780 camps were held from the 15th - 17th of April 2011; one on each side of the District, in Maryborough and Millicent. A total of 70 Students attended the two camps with a lot of positive feedback from each. There was an even mix of male and female attendees. All attending students got personal growth and development out of the weekend camps.

The two coordinating groups were very happy with how everything went and are keen to hold two camps again in 2012. We are looking to hold both RYPEN D9780 camps on the weekend of 13th - 15th of April in 2012. This is the middle weekend of both the Vic and SA school holidays and the week after Easter.
Three **Science and Engineering Challenge** events were on the calendar during the 2010 – 2011 year, keeping Rotarians very busy.

The first event was the Regional Science and Engineering Challenge, hosted at Deakin University in August. This regional event was a semi-final, and brought together winning teams from the various Science and Engineering events held throughout Victoria during the previous Rotary year.

The second event was the Geelong Science and Engineering Challenge, again hosted at Deakin University. More than 240 aspiring young scientists and engineers from year 10 participated on one or other of the two days of competitions. The team from St Ignatius College was the winner on day 1, while the team from Kardinia International College took out the event on day two. The third Science and Engineering Challenge will be held in Ballarat on Friday 24 June.

The Science and Engineering Challenge is designed to inspire young people to study science and engineering at a senior level, by demonstrating the varied and practical elements of a career in the science and engineering industries.

With changes in national sponsorship arrangements for the **Science Experience** (formerly the Siemens Science Experience) the focus for all Australian districts in 2010 - 2011 has been reviewing the Science Experience program and investigating new opportunities to fund and deliver the initiative. In District 9780 sub-committee members are investigating opportunities in Penshurst, Warrnambool and Ballarat, and are hopeful of getting programs up and running in 2011-2012.

The Science Experience is a national program supported by Rotary that encourages students in years 9 and 10 to consider science, engineering and technology as interesting and worthwhile subject and career choices.
National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Jenny Oscar & Leo Cummins, Chairs

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is the only program in Australia that offers students currently in Year 11 the chance to test-drive a wide range of universities and careers in the sciences.

As in previous years, selection for places on the 2011 NYSF program was very competitive in District 9780. Thirty seven budding young scientists went to Ararat in July for selections, and twenty two were offered places on the program. An orientation for successful participants was held in Ballarat in October.

Two groups of NYSF participants from District 9780 went to Canberra for NYSF, while a third group went to Perth. Feedback from all students was excellent.

District 9780 has an excellent record of achievement with the NYSF program. As evidence of this, four returned students from D9780 were invited back in 2011 as junior NYSF staff. One participant from the 2011 program, Matt Dowling, has been selected to attend a prestigious science school event at MIT in Boston, MAS. NYSF is also widely supported throughout the District, with 30 clubs from District 9780 involved in 2010-2011.

The Rotary Leadership Institute

PP Warren Norton, Chair

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) has had a very successful year by any measure. Forty two people graduated from the three day program in 2010 / 2011. They represented 22 clubs. Those that did not graduate this year are likely to finalise their training in the next Rotary year.

The 2010 / 2011 year saw programs conducted in Mt. Gambier, Maryborough, Warrnambool and Lara. Next year the venues will be Penshurst, Horsham, Naracoorte and Colac.

An additional six facilitators were trained and more are expected to be trained early in the new Rotary year. The RLI Management Committee has been working to spread the workload by having facilitators in all parts of the District.

The new Rotary year will also see new members join the RLI Management Committee.
This year’s District Conference was a resounding success, thanks to a fantastic line-up of speakers, a great social program and a wonderful array of Rotary projects and initiatives.

Almost 500 delegates attended over the three days of conference. Friday night’s opening session commenced with an international flag ceremony organised and conducted by D9780 Youth Exchange and Group Study Exchange participants, and was followed by a compelling keynote address from Australian Paralympian Matt Cowdrey.

Saturday’s speakers were similarly amazing. Miriam Silva’s keynote address highlighted the importance of leadership, particularly during times of change. Susan Barton provided a personal demonstration of how one woman’s desire to make a difference can have far-reaching and positive impact, while Kay Patterson outlined the marvellous accomplishments of Interplast.

Arguably Saturday’s most popular speaker was RI Director Stuart Heal. Stuart outlined the impetus and direction of the RI Strategic Plan and highlighted the importance of ensuring Rotary Clubs are modern, dynamic and responsive to community need.

Sunday’s program provided a fitting end to conference. The day began with a very personal and moving account of Bowelscan from Rotarian Pat Naughtin, followed by a presentation on the 2011 floods from SES manager, Trevor White and PP Rob Pelletier. Conference ended with the presentation of club awards and projects.

The conference social events were a great compliment to the program. Friday night’s cocktail party gave all who attended an opportunity to catch up with friends, both old and new, while Saturday’s dinner showed that Rotarians really know how to ‘trip the light fantastic’.

The financial result of conference was also impressive. Thanks to our many sponsors and supporters, the conference will realise a surplus of around $30,000. As promised, this money will be used for flood recovery activities within the district.

All in all, the 2011 conference offered something for every delegate who attended, and resulted in a most outstanding conference.
Water Resource Action Group

PP John Harris, Chair

The Water Resource Action Group focused its attention on supporting the international H2O collaboration - a Rotary International/Aus Aid alliance, with a mission to provide a holistic program/set of projects encompassing safe water, sanitation and hygiene trainings and interventions in developing countries. Clubs in District 9780 pledged $4,500 to support a safe drinking water project in the Philippines.

Literacy Resource Group

PDG Bob Furner, Chair

Literacy remains a priority with RI Presidents who continue to support it with a task force. The opportunities for Clubs to mount literacy initiatives are numerous and across our District there is a wide range of projects from quite simple and inexpensive through to large and sometimes multiple projects in other Clubs.

Activities which I have noted this year include breakfast programs, books for newborns, dictionary presentations, guest speakers, celebration of World Book Day, donations to libraries and schools, collection of books for overseas projects, library visits, volunteer support programs in schools, and reading newspapers onto tape or iPods for reluctant readers and the visually impaired. A little imagination gives the capacity to start a valuable project.

It was encouraging to have good attendance at District Assembly sessions, and the ability to send information to all Clubs through the District Secretary. I am remaining as Chairman of the District Literacy Committee and look forward to working with you.
Brumley-Carr Shield
Recognising the club with the highest per capita contribution to the Rotary Foundation in the previous Rotary year
1st  Rotary Club of Geelong Central

Eddie Loughnan Award
Recognising the club with the greatest percentage of members contributing AU$100 to The Rotary Foundation as individual Rotarians
1st  Rotary Club of Grovedale

Australian Rotary Health Award.
Recognising the club with the highest per capita contribution to Australian Rotary Health in the previous year
1st  Rotary Club of Ballarat South

Geoff Tually Perpetual Shield
Recognising the best inter-club project
1st  Rotary Club of Beaufort

Lange Trophy
This trophy is awarded at District Conference to the club with the greatest net growth in the previous year.
1st  Rotary Club of Bordertown 7 new members

Membership Award
Recognising the club with the greatest percentage membership growth between 1st July 2010 and 31st January 2011
1st  Rotary Club of Naracoorte

Ron Beetham Memorial Award
Recognising the club with the highest per capita contributions to Interplast in the previous Rotary year, 2009-2010.
1st  Rotary Club of Bordertown

Preserve Planet Earth – District Heritage Award
This award recognises projects which aid local communities to preserve their cultural heritage.
Equal 1st  Rotary Club of Warracknabeal for the restoration of Jelbart Chaff Cutter and the Rotary Club of Kerang for restoration of the Patchell Pump.

Preserve Planet Earth –Environmental Good Practice Award.
Recognising organisations, individuals and schools who demonstrate good environmental practice
1st  Rotary Club of Terang - Propagating Native Trees for sale (organisation award)
1st  Peter Dark, submitted by Rotary Club of Hamilton - for “Health of Land and Waterways” Project (individual Award)
1st  Rotary Club of Ocean Grove - Surfside Primary School Kitchen and Garden (schools award)
Aitken Publicity and Media Award
Recognising a club demonstrating involvement of members, and community in at least one type of media.
1st Combined Rotary Clubs of Geelong - Fundraising Dinner for the Christchurch Meals Program

Bulletin Award
Recognising the best club bulletin
1st Rotary Club of Ballarat

De Garis Trophy
Recognising the club with the highest percentage of club members present at District conference.
1st Rotary Club of Warrnambool Daybreak

Holmes Trophy
This trophy is awarded through a formula, which considers percentage of club members present, and distance travelled to the conference centre.
1st Rotary Club of Warrnambool Daybreak

Family of Rotary Furner - Suggett Award
Awarded to the club with the highest percentage of conference registrants, including non-Rotarian, relative to its membership.
1st Rotary Club of Warrnambool Daybreak

District 9780 Website Award
Recognising the best club website
1st Rotary Club of Geelong East

District Administration Award - Robertson Trophy
Recognising administrative efficiency
1st Rotary Club of Geelong East

Grainger Shield
Recognising the club with the highest attendance percentage
1st Rotary Club of Camperdown
## Profit & Loss [Budget Analysis]

**July 2010 through May 2011**

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| **Expenses**         |                 |          |
| DGN's OFFICE         |                 |          |
| DGN Allowance        | $750.00         | $750.00  |
| DGN Computer & Software | $2,204.25     | $2,500.00 |
| DGN Training Expenses | $0.00         | $1,000.00 |
| DGN Conference (Year + 1) | $0.00      | $600.00   |
| DGN Zone Institute   | $4,077.41       | $3,000.00 |
| DGE's OFFICE         |                 |          |
| DGE Allowance        | $6,000.00       | $6,000.00 |
| DGE Conference (Year + 1) | $0.00        | $1,600.00 |
| RDU/RISPAPO          | $0.00           | $500.00  |
| Assistant Governor Training | $0.00   | $2,700.00 |
| PETS                 | $14,273.73      | $13,000.00 |
| District Badges, Flags & Banner | $1,865.01   | $2,000.00 |
| District Assembly    | $6,077.63       | $6,800.00 |
| Zone Institute       | $3,701.00       | $3,000.00 |
| DG's OFFICE & ADMIN  |                 |          |
| AG's Allowance       | $900.00         | $1,500.00 |
| Audit                | $0.00           | $750.00  |
| Bank Fees            | $20.00          | $100.00  |
| Changeover Dinner    | $340.91         | $7,500.00 |
| Conference for year  | $5,996.09       | $7,800.00 |
| DG's Allowance       | $5,500.00       | $5,500.00 |
| DG's Newsletter      | $1,542.55       | $2,500.00 |
| DGN Interview Expenses | $0.00         | $300.00  |
| District Badges      | $999.63         | $150.00  |
| District Directories | $4,464.55       | $4,000.00 |
| District Treas/Secretary Expenses | $910.20   | $2,500.00 |
| Insurance            | $40,188.54      | $46,430.00 |
| PDG Badges           | $0.00           | $500.00  |
| Printing Postage Stationery | $78.00     | $0.00    |
| Quarterly Meeting Costs | $1,210.00     | $1,200.00 |
| Reimburse DG Funding Shortfall | $0.00    | $2,000.00 |
| Sundries             | $226.69         | $1,500.00 |
| Train the Trainer/Leadership | $320.00   | $0.00     |
| Website              | $1,819.11       | $2,700.00 |
| Zone Institute & Travel | $4,031.24   | $3,000.00 |
| District Incorporation | $41.80        | $45.00   |
| RI Director Nominating Committee | $842.45  | $500.00     |
| **Club Service**     |                 |          |
| Awards Committee     | $0.00           | $200.00  |
| Administrative Advice Comm | $0.00   | $200.00   |
| Membership Development | $0.00         | $500.00  |
| Council on Legislation | $0.00         | $150.00  |
# Profit & Loss [Budget Analysis]

## Rotary International District 9780

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### Net Profit/(Loss)

- **Selected Period:** $23,959.73
- **Budgeted:** $759.00