



**Rotary Club of Templestowe Inc
Annual Report 2008 - 2009**



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Membership at 30 June 2009

Keith	ANDERSON	PP, PHF, **	P	Past President
John	BENNIE		PDG	Past District Governor
Simon	BRAID		PHF	Paul Harris Fellow
David	CARSON		C	Charter Member
Graeme	COBB	PP, PHF	H	Honorary Member
James	CUNNINGHAM	PP, PHF	P	President
Trevor	DAWSON	PP, PHF	PE	President Elect
Gysbert	DIEPEVEEN	PHF	DGN	District Governor Nominee
Bruce	EVANS	PP, PHF	PEN	President Elect Nominee
Terry	FLEMING		**	Multiple PHF's
David	FORSTER	PP, DGN		
Paul	GALLAGHER			
Peter	GURRY	PP, PHF, C **		
John	HENDERSON	PP, PHF, PDG **		
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David	KNOOP			
Pete	LEWTAS	PP, PHF		
John	MACINTOSH	PP, PHF		
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Robert	MACKENZIE			
Harry	MARTIN	PHF, H		
Kathy	MONLEY	PHF		
Tony	MONLEY	PEN, PHF		
John	MUDGEWAY	PP, PHF		
Natalie	MUDGEWAY	PHF		
Brian	NEGUS	PP, PHF		
John	PRENDERGAST			
Bryan	RADCLIFF	PHF		
Tony	REVELL			
Tony	RIZZO			
Ken	SHARPE	PHF		
Dee	SHEFFRIN			
Rod	SIMKISS	PHF		
Helen	TILLEY			
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Graeme	WALKER	PP, PHF		
Ken	WALL	PE		

Club Office Bearers 2008 – 2009

President	Richard Jourdain
President Elect	Ken Wall
Secretary	Terry Fleming
Treasurer	Ken Sharpe
Fund Raising	Tony Revell
Community & Vocational	Rod Simkiss
New Generations	Bruce Evans
Foundation & International	Paul Gallagher
Club Service	Ken Wall
Membership And Marketing	Keith Anderson
Fellowship	Peter Gurry
Bulletin Editor	John Mudgway
On-to-Conference	Graeme Cobb
Sergeant	Natalie Mudgway
Catering	David Carson
Health and Welfare	Ken Horrobin
Program	Graham Kane
ARHRF Liaison	Trevor Dawson
Property	Helen Tilley/Graham Kane

Service on District Committees 2008 - 2009

College of Governors	John Henderson
Schools Commemorative ANZAC Service	Keith Anderson
Assistant District Governor	Brian Tyedin

President Richards Report for 2008-09

I started my Rotary year with the specific objective of members enjoying their participation in Rotary. If members had fun participating they would contribute because they wanted to and not because they were obliged to.

I am pleased to report that we, as a club succeeded admirably. Our achievements have been achieved thru teamwork and friendly willing participation.

Terry Fleming has done a great job in keeping us all up to date. He has helped me significantly with board reports, district matters and has been councillor for Katrin this year.

Ken Sharpe has done a fine job managing our club funds. An up to date financial report is included in our annual report. This will be audited for our AGM later in the year. Ken also managed all our Barbeque events throughout the year.

Club Service under the leadership of President Elect Ken Wall has run smoothly this year especially the Bulletin has been a tower of information and a big thank you to John Mudgeway who must have put in literally hundreds of hours to produce this bulletin for us.

As well our weekly program is always a difficult task and I thank Graham Kane for handling this portfolio in a most professional manner.

Fellowship was always going to be a critical part of our year. I am grateful to Peter Gurry and his capable team for giving us a great fellowship year.

Catering is always a demanding portfolio and I thank David Carson for his hard work and contribution. The move to Casavinis was unexpected and hurried. I am pleased to report that Ken Wall and I have had to subsequent meetings with the Yarra Country Club Board. This cleared the air of any unpleasantness and we ended on a very positive note.

Sergeant. Natalie Mudgeway has been a joy to watch as she controlled our meetings and extracted our 'fines'

Once again our community service team went out of its way to promote Rotary in the community and to help and contribute where we could.

The schools Anzac day was very professionally managed and supported by some 600 students. Numerous council and Federal officials were there to witness this special occasion.

The Odyssey House Xmas Barbeque is much anticipated by the families who are residents there. Father Xmas is always welcome with his bag of 'goodies'.

Other programs included :

Salvation Army Red Shield Donation, Rotary Citizenship awards given out at Templestowe School, International Festival for people with disability, Doncare presentation to our club and financial assistance

Water tanks donated to Odyssey house (Courtesy of Energy Savers)

Medical Emergency Books, Manningham Eisteddfod competition contribution, RSL Fountain filled with re-cycled water, Road Safety education at Schools, Bushfire appeal programs

Tony Revell and Rod Simkiss have been attending Meetings with the Manningham Council and the Network of School Principals to look for co-operative programs. This is very encouraging for the future.

Fundraising under the control of Tony Revell had an excellent year especially the introduction of the Farmers Market. I take great pleasure in reporting on the success of the Farmers Market. The origin of the market goes back to last year when our club started to investigate the market opportunity. As then Fundraising Director, I participated in every single meeting as this seemed a fantastic opportunity for the club which has proved to be the case. We have a dedicated team who manage the market and put in a tremendous amount of long hours. You know who you are and I thank you all.

After a period of uncertainty over the availability of the Manningham Hotel Facility, I am pleased to report that there is every likelihood that we will be staying on. We have agreed to let other "sub-clubs" of the Manningham Hotel participate in the running of the Barbeque. This could turn out to be a source for new members and mutual co-operation in the community.

Other events fostered by Fundraising include Finns Festival which in my opinion symbolises Templestowe Rotary in the community at its best. It is a great day for the kids and the Moms and Dads and the craft market.

Also our participation in the Templestowe Festival is now less severe and we have returned the baton to the Templestowe Traders Association. It is always a good family day.

At this stage it is unclear of our clubs future participation in this event.

I must also mention the Ray White Auction Night, an initiative that was proposed and run in conjunction with the organisation were keen to raise funds for the Fire Appeal. With a minimum of effort from our club, this turned out to be a very successful evening. I know that Tony is continuing to talk to Ray white on future joint Fundraising activities.

The evening raised \$ 12 000 and the club together with private donations raised this figure to \$ 19 100

All the remaining events were well organised and run with a generous attendance from the members. In total the club has raised \$ 56 000 after writing off all Capital Equipment for the market. (an overall \$ 70 000 raised)

International under the Control of Paul Gallagher once again saw a number of containers of hospital equipment obtained, packed and shipped overseas to Zambia and Sri Lanka.

The e-mail received from Margaret Whitehead from Zambia said it all on 25th December "What a lovely Christmas Present" when the container arrived at the hospital.

Membership and marketing under the control of Keith Anderson participated at the Canberra conference on Membership campaign. David Forster, Ken Wall and Keith Anderson attended

The club is very aware of our need to retain and increase our membership, After a late rally, we have got our numbers back to where they were at the end of last Rotary year and we have 3 or 4 in the very near future available to join. A new campaign for "Friends of Templestowe Rotary" has been initiated, and the first member is here tonight. Hopefully this will expand our ability to advance the cause of Rotary in the Community.

New Generations under the control of Bruce Evans had Katrin Heidgen as our inward exchange student from Bonn in Germany. She has made a genuine effort to learn all about the Aussies and be part of our lifestyle, She has been a pleasure to host with our club. The outbound student is Bettie Goodrick currently on exchange to Iberaka West, Japan, and after a difficult start appears to have settled down and is enjoying her stay.

David Power has been selected to be our new outgoing student and we have a new student ready to come in from France early in the new Rotary year. We have arranged for students to attend Summer Science school, 2 good candidates about to go on RYLA and Bruce has been in contact with 31 of our past exchange students. The first 2 gave us an inspired talk at the club this last Wednesday. We will bring in more as time allows.

Our Club is very proud to have David Forster as the incoming District Governor. I take this opportunity to publically wish David & Jenny all the best and would like to assure him that the club is 100% behind him. Many of us will be there next week to witness your changeover.

Over the last year Ken Wall, Tony Monley and I have worked at developing a three year rolling plan for the club. I am sure that we have definitely started on the right track. One of the objectives was to leave \$ 20 000 in the club towards a major project in year 3. We have achieved this.

I thank my Board - Terry Fleming, Ken Sharpe, Ken Wall, Rod Simkiss, Paul Gallagher, Tony Revell, Keith Anderson & Bruce Evans for their hard work and contribution to our club. I believe they have served the club well.

I would like to thank Rose for her contribution to our Rotary year, not just by supporting me, but by organising and taking part in many partner events. I am sure the partners enjoyed these occasions to get together on their own.

Finally, I would like to thank the Templestowe Rotary Club for the opportunity to “carry the Baton’ on your behalf for a year. I trust that I am able to leave the club in a stable and strong position for our incoming President Ken Wall.

Thanks to Keith Anderson for continuing to present monthly Rotary segment on Inner FM 96.5 on Tuesday afternoons at 4.00 pm.

INTERNATIONAL REPORT – 2008/2009

Livingstone, Zambia: St Joseph’s Hospice

In the 2007/2008 Rotary year, PE Ken Wall (then i/c International) initiated this project. The intention was to send a container of hospital equipment to Zambia. Unfortunately, this project took longer to complete, and continued into the next Rotary year. It was a satisfying moment when the 40 ft. container – laden with hospital beds, mattresses, walking frames, examination couches, bedside tables, patient trolleys, wheelchairs, miscellaneous hospital equipment, educational & medical books – finally departed Melbourne on 30th October 2008. It was an even more exhilarating moment when an email was received from Sr. Margaret Whitehead to inform us that the container had arrived at the hospice on 25th December 2008. To quote her: “What a marvellous Christmas present!”

Uganda: Nyenga Hospital

In response to a wish list from Sr Gorreth of the Nyenga Hospital, many items of hospital equipment are urgently needed. We are keeping an eye out for same.

Cambodia Project

On 18th April 2009, a group of RCOT members loaded an empty 40ft container in 3 hours. The hospital beds and equipment packed was in response to a project initiated by Dr. Benny Foo, OAM, and colleagues of the ACMA.

Sri Lanka: Lions Club Project

In conjunction with one of the local Lions Club, we assisted by sourcing and donating hospital equipment, mainly hospital beds, to fill a container bound for Sri Lanka. We also assisted with the donation of wheelchairs & walking frames for another Sri Lankan project.

Foundation Contribution.

Templestowe Rotary contributed \$ 5740 to foundation this year

Interplast

Once again we have been able to contribute \$ 2 000 to this fantastic Rotary program.

Shelterbox

Thanks mainly to the fundraising activities of our incumbent exchange student, Katrin, the club has donated \$ 1200 to this ongoing and worthwhile project.

Rotary Health Research

Templestowe has been able to contribute \$ 2 000 this Rotary year.

In conclusion, mention must be made of the invaluable assistance given by Ken Wall, David Carson, David Meller (DIK, Essendon) & Andrew Walsh (DIK, Koo Wee Rup/Pakenham). Thanks also to fellow RCOT members who made the trip down to Pakenham to lend us a hand. Finally, thanks to Bob Selinger who enabled the Zambia Project.

Community Service and Vocational Committee Report

Committee Members: Rod Simkiss, John Bennie, Peter Lewtas, Andrew Hogendijk and Brian Atherton (retired).

During the Rotary year, our committee endeavoured to further enhance our local community by being involved in a number of projects to bring enjoyment and benefits where it was needed. We have initiated a program to provide a co-operative approach with other organisations within the Manningham community. Thank you to all club members who contributed to the activities during the year.

School Anzac Day Service

19th Schools ANZAC Service was held on Tuesday 15th April 2008.

Approximately 600 students from local schools attended the service from 12.45pm to 1.30pm on a beautiful Tuesday afternoon. Congratulations to John Bennie and his team from the Rotary Club of Templestowe for the excellent work in organising the event. Members of the Australian Army Catafalque Party attended the service together with members of the Australian Army Band.

Official guests arrived to be welcomed by President Richard Jourdain of the Rotary Club of Templestowe. Commodore Clint Thomas CSC, RAN presented the Anzac Address to the students.

Bill Culbert, Past President of the Templestowe RSL presented the Ode. Manningham Mayor, Cr. Charles Pick, responded to the welcome from President Richard Jourdain and District Governor elect David Forster PHF was the Master of Ceremonies.

Odyssey House Xmas BBQ

Congratulations to John Bennie and Andrew Hogendijk for organising a very successful Odyssey House Xmas BBQ on December 18th. A great night was had

by both children and parents. Thanks must also go to those RCOT members who attended to give a hand on the night. Ken Sharpe was a great Father Christmas and conducted the carol singing with the kids to make this the highlight of the evening.

Road Safety Education with Cluster Colleges

Templestowe College participated this year but was eliminated in the early rounds. Transmission is RACV's secondary school road safety program. Students learn about road safety and use their imagination to create a Community Service Announcement for television. The RACV Transmission program is for Years 9-12 students. Programs encourage students to plan, investigate and create in a team environment.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

It was decided this year to take the burden off our regular Rotary volunteers and not proceed with the door-to-door campaign of previous years. A cheque of \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of Templestowe was presented to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal to assist in their great contribution to the community.

Rotary Citizenship Awards

Rotary Citizenship Awards were presented to a male and female student by Rod Simkiss on behalf of our Rotary Club at the Templestowe College Presentation Night at the Ivanhoe Centre on 9th December, 2008 to recognize students who are potential leaders. A Citizen watch was presented to each winner.

International Festival for People with Disability

On Wednesday 3rd December, 2008 Onemda hosted an event in partnership with Manningham CC, Dept of Human Services, Boroondara CC, and Burke n Beyond to an audience of 300 – 400 people at the All Abilities Playground at Finns Reserve in celebration of "International Day for a Person with a Disability". RCOT supported this event with the cooking of the free sausage sizzle and provision of our BBQ's between the hours of 10.00am and 2.30pm.

Donations to Doncare

This year our club has donated \$3,000 to assist Doncare in their endeavours to support the needy within our community.

Back to School for disadvantaged children \$2,000

Christmas Parcels \$1,000

Provision of Water Tanks to Odyssey House

Ken Sharpe organised through his company to providing 2 water tanks – (9 000litres and 10 000litres) for use by Odyssey House. These tanks have been delivered and will be installed as part of a project with the State

Government "Our Water / Our Future" whereby they will install a 100,000 litre tank and Grey water system.

Medical Emergency Books Distributed

Approximately 220 Medical Emergency Books have been distributed by Brian Atherton to a Probus club and several Pharmacies throughout Manningham. Congratulations to Brian who has found that the Medical Emergency Books have been extremely well received.

It was felt that we should review further distribution of additional books as this project was deemed to be very beneficial for the community.

Manningham Eisteddfod Competition

Our club has sponsored the Aria Award valued at \$650 at the Manningham Eisteddfod Competition to be held during the month of August 2009.

RSL Fountain – Use of Cemetery Trust Water

Council provided approval for use of tank water made available by the Templestowe Cemetery. Jeff Young - Manager Parks and Recreation, arranged for this to be put in place prior to the Schools Anzac Service. A new pump was installed with an automatic off-switch if the water level is low and electrical work also ensured that the fountain is lit up at night. Further work is to be arranged to tar the bottom of the fountain. A letter of thanks was sent to Jeff stating our appreciation on completion of the works in time for the Schools Anzac Service.

Bush Fire Appeal

Following the wonderful response to the fundraising functions organised to assist the Bush Fire Appeal, the Rotary Club of Templestowe will donate more than \$16,000 over the coming months.

Manningham Council / School Principals – Co-operative Approach

Tony Revell and Rod Simkiss attended the Manningham Network Principals Meeting conducted by the Manningham City Council on Thursday 14th May. Our club was given the opportunity to present a brief overview of the RCOT Community Services / Vocation and Fundraising objectives for a co-operative approach with Schools in the Manningham electorate. It was then agreed that a steering committee be formed by representatives of the School Principals, Manningham Council and RCOT.

Odyssey House Building Opportunity

Gysbert Diepeveen and Rod Simkiss have undertaken a viability check of a proposed project to upgrade the Odyssey House Chicken Pen, which is a vital part of ongoing resident involvement. The proposal will be forwarded to James Cunningham for the 2009/10 committee to determine if the project is viable.

Education Driving Program

The "Educational Driving Program" project was proposed by Brian Atherton prior to his retirement from Rotary. The proposal was forwarded to the Manningham Council run "Drive Another Day" steering committee for review. It was determined that there was an existing council program and therefore we will not continue with Brian's proposal. An alternate Rotary program is currently operating interstate and will be forwarded to James Cunningham for the 2009/10 committee to determine if the project is viable.

NEW GENERATIONS 2008 /2009 – Bruce Evans

I was asked to take over the New Generations portfolio by President Richard Jourdain, when the Director Simon Braid resigned as the Director (due to study commitments), in September 2008.

The committee consisted of Helen Tilley, Simon Braid and myself.

Our activities this year did not encompass the total projects set out in the portfolio due to lack of participants in RYPEN, MUNA, ETC. to enable our club to overcome these difficulties our President Richard has organised with all clubs in our District cluster to have nominated sources or Schools we have been allocated Templestowe College and Marcellan College in Bulleen.

Kathy Monley has volunteered and agreed to be the clubs schools' coordinator for a period of three years, to ensure that all Rotary programmes timetable for youth is incorporated into the schools annual calendar.

We feel this will overcome the difficulties we have had in previous years.

Siemans Summer Science School held in Canberra in January was again a real success our selected student was Lim Tao Suan lim was an enthusiastic participant and he made a presentation to our club in APRIL, Lim was the 2009 vice captain of Templestowe College, he was elected to this position after he was selected to attend the Summer Science School, so it appears our choice was confirmed by the faith the teachers and fellow students placed in nominating him to this position of leadership within the school community.

Youth Exchange - Our club has continued it's support for youth exchange this year our hosted student is Katrin Heidgen from Bonn Germany, she has been well received by our club and has been a popular and hard working student raising funds for Shelter Box and participated in all our Rotary projects we will be sad to lose her in early July.

Our sponsored student for 2009 is Bettie Goodrick who has her exchange in Ibaraka West in Japan, Bettie had some difficulties coping with the culture change and language, but now appears to have settled in well and enjoying her exchange.

We have been advised that our new hosted student due to arrive in July is Thomas Cossurel from Manom in France we look forward to hosting Thomas for the year 2009 / 2010.

Our club has selected David Power to be our sponsored student for 2010 David has not been nominated to a country as yet as France has been deleted from choice for next years exchange due to Visa problems changes that do not allow District enough time to facilitate the new regulations. {France was Davids first choice} David has now nominated Japan, Swedan, and Brazil as his new choices. he awaits selection by the District Committee and a nominated country

RYLA. Our club has selected two candidates for RYLA Dr. Sarah Heathcote and Alison Heathcote the Ryla seminar will be conducted in early July and I am impressed with the quality of our candidates they are sisters which is a first in itself for our club.

We will hear from both Sarah and Alison, some time in the new Rotary Year after they have attended the programme

I have been in touch with 31 of our past sponsored students to arrange a past students night, as the number of students is large these nights 'WHERE ARE THEY NOW WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW' will be scattered over our next year as guest speakers when they are available, some of our "Pasties" now live overseas or interstate so convenience of when they are in Melbourne will dictate the programme. The first of these nights will be June 10 th with a second to be held on July 15 th early in the new Rotary year

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2008-09 - Tony Revell

My thanks to the fundraising Committee members who have contributed enormously to the success this year. This last year has been a year of transition for your Fund Raising Committee which has been dominated by the establishment of the Farmers Market at the Manningham Club whilst all the other fund raising events have been under review as to their contribution in relation to the resources they required.

FARMERS MARKET

Under the capable direction of Keith Anderson and Rod Simkiss the committee initiated the first market in August 2008 and have run one each month other than in December.

Gysbert Diepeveen and David Knoop have been of tremendous assistance in setting up the site as well as the many logistical items needed to conduct the market effectively and successfully.

All that effort along with great support from all other committee members including Ken Sharpe, who coordinated the BBQ and Eva Anderson's liaison with stallholders, ensured the Market's success.

Some \$15,000 has been invested in infrastructure items which are one off expenses and the event had running expenses of \$16,000. Thus a total income of \$57,000 received results in a net figure of about **\$26,000**.

Positive negotiations with the Manningham Club over the continued use of their site are progressing. It is confidently anticipated that with the help of all club members a regular event has been created which will be the basis of the Club's fund raising efforts generating over \$40,000 per year.

Our thanks for all the effort and contribution are due to everyone who has helped bring this about.

COPPER POT

As a result of the unstinting efforts of our Sergeant at Arms, Natalie Mudgway, the copper pot will be brimming over with about **\$2,633** of fines this year and will no doubt continue in succeeding years.

JOKER RAFFLE

The committee commenced the year with the stated intention of discontinuing this raffle whenever there is a winner to clear the books. As there has not been a winner for some time it was agreed that the raffle be discontinued. About **\$472** will have been raised this year.

FINNS FESTIVAL

Kathy Monley's leadership of this event with the able support of many members ensured its success and about **\$5,773** were contributed to the Club funds. This event has always had a flavour of allowing the participation of young people with the farm animals and the stage. After much discussion the committee recommended to the Board that the future focus of the Festival should be to provide opportunities for young people in the community to experience activities and subjects not normally readily available to them. The Board agreed. After further discussions with Manningham Council and School Heads Network under the auspices of Rod Simkiss representing the Community Service Committee it has been agreed to create a steering committee with representation from these organisations and our Club to advise on the development of this focus for the Finns Festival.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This event led by Graham Cobb raised a net **\$826**. For a number of different reasons it is felt that despite good support from a number of the Westfield traders, the funds raised by the event did not justify the resources supplied by our Club members. It has therefore been recommended and agreed to discontinue the event next year.

TEMPLESTOWE FESTIVAL

After discussions with the Templestowe Committee who had expressed a wish to manage the event themselves it was agreed that to help the Festival move to more independent management by the traders our Club would provide

assistance with the stalls, rides and BBQ for 2009 and withdraw from the event in 2010.

The event was very successful this year after the experience of the hot weather in 2008 which restricted attendance. The funds generated amounted to **\$6,347** which given the new arrangements was very worthwhile.

Of course our wish is that the Templestowe Festival remains a successful event and if we can help with the resources available to us then the view is that would be given careful consideration should the Templestowe Committee request it.

RAY WHITE AUCTION

Following the disastrous bush fires in Victoria this year we were approached by Ray White who suggested we combine our resources to arrange a dinner and auction to raise funds for the victims of the fires. We readily agreed and recruited Monte Carlo Restaurants who donated their function room for the event. This was a very successful evening and **\$12,000** was raised for a very good cause. It is strongly felt that such close cooperation with local organisations is beneficial to all parties so discussions are to be held with Ray White to see if such an event can be a regular part of our calendar.

SPIT ROAST AND AUCTION

Inspirationally led by Graham Kane, supported by Keith Anderson and Club members a lively and pleasant evening was spent at St Mark's. With the support of the caterers, Go for Gold, who donated the meal we were able to raise **\$2888**.

GOLF DAY AND FASHION PARADE

Whilst these events were planned to be part of the year's program, in the event they were cancelled because for various reasons it was felt we could not have made a success of them. This cancellation resulted in a loss of **\$800**

SUMMARY

About **\$56,000** has been raised this year including \$26,000 from the Farmers Market after the payment of about \$15,000 for associated infrastructure expenditure. This opens up a prospect of raising \$75,000 or so next year. It is expected that the income received this year will exceed the Clubs donations and that as a matter of ongoing policy the surplus would be placed in a fund which over a period could be built up to the level of the annual donations thus providing financial certainty to our ability to support deserving causes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Fund Raising Committee members and indeed everyone else in the Club for their contributions to achieving this outcome for the year.

CLUB SERVICE Report 2008-09 – Ken Wall

Many thanks to the Club Service team of Graham Kane, Helen Tilley, Brian Atherton, Ken Horrobin, David Carson, John Mudgway, Natalie Mudgway and

Peter Gurry for doing such an excellent job in ensuring the smooth running of the Rotary Club of Templestowe throughout 2008-09.

Program.

Graham Kane was responsible for an excellent and varied program of speakers through the year. Whenever an adjustment to the program was required Graham made sure everyone was well informed. Information sent to the prospective speakers was timely and comprehensive and lead to a great rapport between speakers and the members of RCT.

Property

Helen Tilley started the ball rolling and Graham Kane took up the challenge towards the end of this year and has agreed to continue in this role into 2009-10. Thanks to Graham and Helen for keeping track of the confusing array of 'property' in the hands of RCT. Please support Graham in the coming weeks as we try to clear away redundant materials from the Scout Halls.

Health and Welfare

In addition to providing reports on the status of members from time to time, Brian Atherton and Ken Horrobin have supported the RCT meeting program through arranging a variety of speakers on the issues of health awareness.

Catering

The major change in this area is the re-location of meeting venue from Yarra Valley Country Club to Casavini Restaurant. A number of potential locations were visited and the choice narrowed to Casavini and the Eastern Golf Club. The feedback to date from members on the choice of Casavini has been excellent. Richard Jourdain and Ken Wall met with two of the Directors of YVCC to discuss our decision to move and the relationship between RCT and YVCC has benefited as a result. It may be that YVCC are able to take on a support role in some way in the future. This area continues to be a bit of a problem for the unfortunate member finding themselves in the Catering officer chair! David Carson has excelled in the role despite facing some difficulties in getting members to predict attendance for the following week. In our new venue anticipated attendance is a key feature of our arrangement with Casavini and RCT could be penalised financially if the forecasts are inaccurate.

Bulletin

The RCT bulletin has maintained its reputation in the District as one of the most interesting and comprehensive bulletins. Many thanks to John Mudgway for an outstanding job as creator, article finder, editor and chaser in getting the bulletin to members on the dot every week.

Fellowship

Peter Gurry and his team worked well together to provide an excellent years fun and fellowship. The usual RCT spirit was on display at the Christmas function, the anniversary dinner and the restaurant night together with a number of other smaller functions, together with the customary 'refreshment' at the end of a community activity such as the Templestowe and Finns Festivals.

Sergeant

The Parish Priest asked an Irishman on his deathbed if he renounced the devil and all his evil works? The Irishman replied, "This is no time to be making enemies!" So given that the end of the Rotary Year is nearly upon us and with the ever-vigilant sergeant watching our every move – this is no time to be making enemies! Thanks Natalie for an excellent year as sergeant, not only keeping the rabble in order but also providing an entertaining and often very funny segment at each meeting.

Congratulations once again and many thanks on behalf of all members of the Rotary Club of Templestowe to everyone in the Club Service Team for a job well done.

Rotary Club of Templestowe Inc
Interim Financial Report
2008 – 2009 follows