



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF  
LISMORE WEST**

Chartered 8<sup>th</sup> September 1961

**Changeover Dinner  
26<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Report  
2007-2008**

**ROTARY CLUB  
OF  
LISMORE WEST INCORPORATED  
OFFICE BEARERS**

2007/2008

2008/2009

John Miller

PRESIDENT

Tony Cicchinelli

Ross Hayes

VICE PRESIDENT

Gary Frith

Tony Cicchinelli

PRESIDENT ELECT

John Egglestone

Norm Robinson

SECRETARY

Fred Rudwick

Ron Chittick

TREASURER

Ron Chittick

Ian Mulligan

CLUB SERVICE

Doc Dorahy

Rod Fayle

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bob Barnes

Gary Frith

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Garry Shanley

John Kim

INTERNATIONAL  
SERVICE

Keith Parry

Jason Adam

YOUTH SERVICE

John Miller

# **ROTARY CLUB OF LISMORE WEST INCORPORATED**

**Rotary District 9640 – Australia**

**47th Club Changeover Dinner Meeting**

**26th June 2008**

Lismore Workers Heights Bowling Club

## **PROGRAMME**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6.25 pm – Chairman PP Ian Campbell

**ROTARY GRACE:** “O Lord and giver of all good,  
We thank Thee for our daily food,  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,  
Help us to serve Thee all our days”

**LOYAL TOAST:** PP Ian Campbell

**SECRETARY’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** PP Norm Robinson

**WELCOME TO GUESTS & VISITORS:** President John Miller

**RESPONSE:** AG Greg Hjelmstrom

## **DINNER**

**TOAST TO ROTARY  
INTERNATIONAL:** PP Keith Parry

**RESPONSE:** PDG John Tregurtha

**SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS:** Grant Love, PP Bob Barnes, PP Ian Hill

**ANNUAL REPORT:** President John Miller

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:** President John Miller

## **INSTALLATION OF INCOMING PRESIDENT AND PRESENTATION OF CHARTER**

**INTRODUCTION OF 2008- 2009 BOARD:** President Tony Cicchinelli

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VOTE OF THANKS:** President Tony Cicchinelli

**NATIONAL ANTHEM:** “Advance Australia Fair”

**FELLOWSHIP**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007-2008**

This evening is a time to reflect on the year's activities. I am proud of the Club and the opportunity to serve as President. Clearly, one needs a good Board to work with and I am especially grateful for the Board which has served us so well for the year.

Please stand up as I call you and remain standing until I finish the list. Save applause till later.

- Norm. The tireless worker who keeps us on track.
  - Ross. Held the fort so capably.
  - Ron. Organises finances quickly and responsibly
  - Rod. Organises community functions so brilliantly.
  - Mullj. Our man of club action who just gets things done.
  - Gary. The quiet achiever.
  - Jon. Our new Aussie. We're proud of you and your contribution.
  - Jason. Sorry you've left us, but thanks for your contribution.
- Applause, please for the Board.

### **OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS**

Merle Thearle, Bernice Robinson, Lyn Chittick, Florence Miller and Mike Berry for the many things they do to keep us going.

Merv, Keith, Youngie, Hughie, Racy, Campbo, Laurie. Plus all members for doing what you do best.

My focus has been to encourage friendship through social activities and to attend as many functions as possible. This is a sound basis in which to involve ourselves in community service and fund-raising activities. We have continued to support several of our on-going works, including The House With No Steps, Wilson Park Special School, the Lismore Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter and Marine Show, Opera at The Channon, Lismore Benevolent Society, Salvation Army Kids Camp, the Darrel Chapman Fun Run at the Southern Cross University and many others. This year, our Annual Golf Day raised a net of \$10,000 for the Southern Cross L.A.D.S project.

We had a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Alstonville to host the visiting G.S.E. team from Scotland. This was held at the Wollongbar Nursery and was a great success.

During the year, we purchased an external oxygen pack and Defibrillator for the Lismore Division of St Johns Ambulance totalling \$3,020.

We supported Rotary Foundation to the tune of \$4,000 and provided four Shelter Boxes to Rotary International at a cost of \$5,000.

With the help of Hugh Baker and his team, we erected a picnic shelter worth about \$12,000 at the House With No Steps, Alstonville.

A structure, previously erected by our Club at St Vincent's Hospital is to be re-erected at Wilson Park Special School.,

The Wee Barbie has continued its function with Bruce Young, Elio Zambelli, John Egglestone with his South African style sausage, Garry Shanley, Doc Dorahy Jon Kim and the boys doing a marvellous job.

Our Club has made a significant contribution to youth programmes. Tessa Satherley was selected as the Club's first Ambassadorial Scholar. This is a prestigious award and entitles Tessa to study for a period in a middle-east university in 2009 at Rotary International's expense.

Siemens Science Experience. Zoe McClure from Year 10 at Lismore High School was our candidate.

R.Y.T.S. – Rotary Youth Transition Seminar. Genesia Chamberlain and Joshua Blackler, both from L.H.S. were our candidates.

National Youth Science Forum. Steven Knapman was our representative. This is a very selective forum where high achievers in Science attend 2 weeks of research at the National University at Canberra.

M.U.N.A. Model United Nations Forum. Our debating team consisted of Steven Knapman, Bradley Herd and Alena Stratten. We won the district competition, and Steven has been selected as one of two to represent our District at the Nationals in August 2008.

R.Y.L.A. Rotary Youth Leadership Award. Katrina Boehm of Wal Murray & Co was sponsored by our Club.

R.Y.P.E.N. Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment. Zoe McClure, Erica Vanclay and Rochelle McAllister, all from Lismore High School, were our candidates and the addressed our Club on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

Junior Citizen Prize of \$100. Jacob Rodgers and Hilary Timms of Lismore High School were the winners.

Membership is a continual challenge. We had a special evening following a mail merge by Gary Frith and follow up phone calls. 12 attended, but only one new member was added. It was a great evening. Perhaps we overawed them. In the future, perhaps we should keep it simple. I suggest we each invite a few people each week and the percentages might fall our way.

Sadly, Mark Macadam and Pat Thearle passed away, and it has been a sad loss. It is wonderful to see Margaret and Merle with us tonight.

The District Conference was a great success and many of our members attended. We were fortunate to win the Attendance Trophy and the Youth Trophy. A special first for anywhere in the world of Rotary was the induction of Jon and Su Kim as new Australian Citizens. The warmth of friendship shown towards Jon and Su not only from our Club but from many other clubs was a great tribute to the spirit of Rotary. Special thanks go to Rod, Cec and Ray for the idea and to DG Brian Wheatley and Mayor Ian Tiley from Clarence Valley Council for conducting the proceedings.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS.**

### Christmas (End of Year Party)

This was held at the Lismore Turf Club and it was a great success. Viv Hoskins gave the pre-dinner grace and occasional address; Merle Thearle, with her usual flair, provided the table decorations; Bernice Robinson made the scrumptious and beautifully decorated Christmas cake;

Jon Kim, Rod Fayle, Hugh Baker, Ian Campbell, Ray Chilton, Ian Hill and yours truly presented their version of the Village People. Some of this was faithful to the rehearsals, other parts were rather spontaneous. President Elect's partner, Jenny, did a fantastic, creative job on the make-up scene. The band, Black Train, provided lively music throughout the evening, and joined us for dinner. Laurie Orchard kindly brought his keyboard along and provided the accompaniment for the Christmas carols and National Anthem. Keith brought his camera, and very kindly recorded highlights of the evening.

Darlington Park weekend.

This was well patronised and turned out to be a great experience. Wives and visitors joined in. Keith Parry brought his marquee, Ross Hayes presented creative gifts for a number of questionable reasons, some brought their caravans, some stayed in the villas and the time was enriched by everyone involving themselves in activities.

Sunday at the Parry's

What a day! Much planning was evident by Keith, Judy, their son Bruce and Keith's sister, Peg. About 65 were present. Laurie Orchard organised for a musical presentation by violinist Stephanie Higgs accompanied by the Orchards and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music, even those who normally do not choose classical music. Many thanks go to all those who contributed to the success of this function.

Many thanks to you for your support in making this a successful year. I wish Tony and the incoming Board the very best for the year to come.

**John Miller**  
President  
2007 - 2008

**ROTARY CLUB OF LISMORE WEST Inc**  
**P.P. JACK SELWOOD MEMORIAL AWARD for CLUB ROTARIAN of the YEAR**

The Late Jack Selwood was Club Charter President 1961-1962

1990-1991	Inaugural Award	Bob Barnes
1991-1992		Jim Dowling
1992-1993		Eric Brown
1993-1994		Graham Shanley
1994-1995		Ray Seiffert
1995-1996		Norm Robinson
1996-1997		Bob Barnes
1997-1998		Merv Bryant
1998-1999		Garry Shanley
1999-2000		Ian Amett
2000-2001		Ian Campbell
2001-2002		Norm Robinson
2002-2003		Bruce King
2003-2004		Ross Hayes
2004-2005		Elio Zambelli
2005-2006		Bob Barnes
2006-2007		Ron Chittick

**ROTARY CLUB OF LISMORE WEST INC.**

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

PP	Keith Ainsbury	1999 (posthumously)
PP	Ian Arnett	1996
PP	Bob Barnes	1993
		1994 Sapphire Pin
		2006 Sapphire Pin
PP	Alan Belyea	2004
PP	Merv Bryant	2004
PP	Don Campbell	1988
PP	Ian Campbell	1996
	Ray Chilton	2007
PP	Ron Chittick	2007
	Cec Denny	2006
	Helen Dowling	1992
PDG/PP	Jim Dowling	1987 Sapphire Pin (2)
PP	Bob Frith	2001
	Bill Gaggin	1988
	Bob Gates	2000
PP	James Gordon	1996
PP	Ron Hensley	1986
PP	Ian Hill	2003
	Eric Hocking	
PP	Trevor Hopf	2001
PP	Bruce King	1998
PP	Frank Lancaster	1986
	Ken Larsson	1999
PP	Geoff Morton	1996
PP	Ian Mulligan	2002
PP	Peter Newton	1997
PP	Keith Parry	1996
PP	Ken Ramsay	1986
		1999 Sapphire Pin
PP	Hugh Reading	1986
PP	Norm Robinson	1998
PP	Fred Rudwick	2005
PP	Ray Seiffert	1995
		2002 Sapphire Pin
PP	Jack Selwood	1982
	Garry Shanley	2003
PP	Graham Shanley	2000
PP	Ron Somerville	1986
	Phillip Stokes	1988
PP	Pat Thearle	1999
PP	Broughton Weaver	1998
PP	Ross Wilson	2003
	Norma Wooldridge	1998
PP	Bruce Young	1987
PP	Elio Zambelli	2005

## TREASURERS REPORT 2007-2008

### BANK RECONCILIATIONS as at 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2008

#### CLUB ACCOUNT

Cheque Account	\$2,922.27
Investment Account	\$12,058.25

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE ACCOUNT

Cheque Account	\$4,463.63
Investment Account	\$32,888.91

#### CLUB ACCOUNT

#### DONATIONS

Polio Plus Partners	2,000.00
Rotary Foundation	2,000.00
Wilson Park School	2,000.00
Diabetes Australia	500.00
Walk For Kids With Cancer	<u>200.00</u>

**TOTAL** **\$6700.00**

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE ACCOUNT

#### FUNDRAISING

Rural Buying Service	945.00
Bowelscan	416.00
4WD Show	12,808.00
Golf Day	<u>15,539.00</u>

**TOTAL** **\$29,708.00**

#### FOUR WHEEL DRIVE SHOW

Income	22,447.75
Expenses	9,639.10

Donation Rescue Helicopter **\$10,500.00**

**Ron Chittick**  
Treasurer  
2007-2008

### CHARITY GOLF DAY

#### **Income**

Sponsorship	8,510.00
Betting, raffle & auction	4,611.50
Players Fees	<u>2,418.00</u>
	<b>\$15,539.50</b>

#### **Expenses**

114.04

#### **Profit**

**\$15,425.46**

#### OTHER DONATIONS

Shelter Box Australia – 5/6/08	4,800.00
St Johns Ambulance	3,000.00
House with no Steps – 12/6/08	3,136.00
South Lismore Jnr Rugby League	1,200.00
Heartfelt House	1,100.00
School of St Jude	1,100.00
National Youth Science Forum	887.50
RYTS	840.00
SCU Scholarship	750.00
RYPEN	585.00
Salvation Army Kids Camp	500.00
RYLA	440.00
Kate Hepton – medical trolley	400.00
MUNA	225.00
Lismore Inner Wheel – Cord Blood Research	200.00
Lismore High School	200.00
Siobran Coughlan – Internship in USA	200.00
Siemens Science Experience	<u>95.00</u>

**TOTAL** **\$19,658.50**

## **CLUB SERVICE REPORT 2007-2008**

Each new President of our Rotary Club brings something special to our year and this has happened again this year, and I have been privileged to work on the board with President John and his team. Following are some of the projects and functions that we have attended.

**Membership;** has fallen through the sad loss of two of our esteemed members, Pat Thearle P.P. PHF and P.P. Mark Macadam, with Jason Adam resigning because of work commitments.

On 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 we enjoyed a big night where some 18 prospective members were introduced to the Club. At this time we have not converted any of these and are still working on some.

Peter Sivewright joined the Club making the total loss for the year two.

**Attendance & Programme;** Lismore West has retained the District attendance trophy again with hard won calculations by "The Foot" and the Programme has been well organised firstly by Cec Denney and Ray Chilton, and latter by Viv Hoskins and Doc Dorahy.

Five Ladies Nights were held including DG's visit, Dr. Eddie Young, Lismore Show, Wilson Park Special School, and Scottish GSE Team Visit at Alstonville.

A special lunch was hosted by PP Keith and Judy Parry in their home that was well attended, with some violin music tossed in thanks to Laurie Orchard.

District Convention at Yamba was well attended by the members and their wives, as well as a good weekend of fellowship at Darlington Park that was organised by Cec Denny.

The Club annual Christmas Party was held at the Racecourse, with some International Artists in attendance for entertainment.

**Bulletin & Sergeants;** each week the bulletin has been printed and sent to the membership, and the Sergeants have been rather hard on some members for indiscretions that maybe should have been forgotten. A good job done each week by these members.

**Club Historian & Publicity Officer;** Norm Robinson has again been very active throughout the year when he has been successful in have some articles included in the papers and magazines. Well done Norm.

In recognition of our financial contribution to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund over many years, the ARHF invited our club to nominate a member as "**Friend of the Fund**". P.P. Ian Campbell was nominated and accepted for his long association with the Rotary Bowel Scan Programme in the Lismore community where he has organised and conducted the annual Bowl Scan Programme.

I would like to thank all those members that have throughout the year contributed to the running of the Club, especially to their wives and friends that have also helped.

Best wishes to PE Tony for his year and to his Board for 2008/09

**Ian Mulligan**  
Club Service Director  
2007-2008

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT 2007-2008**

Community Service is one of Rotary's important functions and during this Rotary year, our Club has completed a comprehensive program. It has been a "whole of club" effort and I would like to thank members for your support throughout the year. I would also like to make special mention of the substantial contribution made by our wives/partners. Thank you ladies.

Our first cab off the rank was the annual Lismore Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter 4WD Caravan Camping & Marine Show, at the Lismore Showground from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. This event was organised by Merv Bryant and involved most members of the Club and their wives. Our task was to feed the masses and, in the process, raise funds for our local rescue helicopter service. We were assisted by the Rotary Club of Lismore who ran a parallel feeding station. Merv coordinated the combined effort, kept the victuals flowing and teams of workers under control. The event was successful and raised \$10,500 for the rescue helicopter.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, we were able to reciprocate by helping the Rotary Club of Lismore stage their Opera at the Channon. Our task was to operate the bar and we had a team of waiters serving the seated guests during the formal lunch preceding the performance. Ian Mulligan took charge of this event, cutting a dashing figure in his red waistcoat!

NSW Cancer Council Daffodil Day was on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August and we had two teams of sellers on the streets of Lismore, mainly our ladies.

Keeping up the pace, we provided catering for the Lismore Swap Meet at the Lismore Showground on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August. An early start... thanks Garry Shanley.

Sport was our next commitment, Rugby that is... Fortunately we didn't have to field a team, just be the gate keepers at the Lismore Rugby Union Grand Final on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September, raising \$450 for the Lismore Rugby Club.

For a change of style, we put on our gardening gear and cleaned up the grounds of the Lismore Ladies Benevolent Society residents units on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks Keith Parry.

The Wee Bar B team swung into action again on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November providing victuals for the Aussies for Orphans – Etosha Home project, Ballina Heights. This project involved many community minded citizens, providing their time, skills and materials to build and landscape a home that was subsequently auctioned (covered on National TV) to raise funds for the Aussies for Orphans program.

Moving on, our Club again supported the Salvation Army Kids Camp by providing Rotary caps, victuals and financial support to get a bus load of disadvantaged young people to Sydney for their annual camp. The Wee Bar B team fed the kids and their parents at a "meet and greet" function held at the Salvation Army Citadel before departure on 5<sup>th</sup> January.

During February, Club members constructed a substantial picnic shelter at the House With No Steps, Alstonville under the watchful eye and accurate hammer of Hugh Baker. This was a good hands on project and has provided a much needed facility at the House With No Steps to allow them to attract further custom from the general community and thereby employ more people with disabilities. The shelter was officially opened by President John Miller on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, witnessed by an enthusiastic group from the House With No Steps, members of the building team and the media. The Rotary Wheel and plaque will remind users of its origins.

During February, our Wee Bar B swung into action again to feed the Twilight Cricket Clubs and raised \$223.

The Rotary Annual Bowel Scan was held from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Our Club supported the program with a stall at the Lismore Square shopping centre. Once again, our roster was well supported by members and their wives. It was interesting to note that the Federal Government has adopted the Rotary concept of a bowel screening program and has started mailing out kits to selected people. This did not seem to affect our sales and the program was once again a success. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the Federal program is costing taxpayers something like \$100 per test (our costs the user \$6) and that only a small percentage of mailed out kits are being returned. In the meantime, thanks to Ian Campbell for his work again this year.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March was our annual Ladies Night at the Wilson Park Special School. Our Club has been a long term supporter of this special school with many hands on projects and fund raisers over the years. On this evening we made a donation of \$2000 to the school.

Illustrative of the non-discriminatory nature of our community service, (me being a matelot!) we flashed up the Wee Bar B for the Northern Rivers Aero Club "Fly In" day on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at the Lismore airport. This was a big (noisy!) day and realised a profit of \$3000 with a donation being made to the Aero Club of \$1500.

Continuing our hectic program, the Wee Bar B team was once again in action at the Darrel Chapman Fun Run on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Also on that day, the Salvation Army Annual Red Shield Appeal was supported with drivers and collectors putting their shoulders to the wheel.

Our final hands on function for the year was to provide catering services for the Rural Buying Service Traders Day on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Once again our Wee Bar B was in action, carefully set up with our newish awnings, erected i.a.w. strict instructions. As the day progressed, the weather deteriorated but the job was done and valuable funds raised.

It should also be reported that during the year, our Club purchased an Emergency Oxygen Pack (\$320) and an External Heart Defibrillator Machine (\$2700) for the Lismore Division of the St John's Ambulance Service.

In early May, Vicki & I participated in the Gold Coast to Canberra Walk for Kids With Cancer, by doing the walk from Ballina to Grafton. Our Club donated \$200 to this project.

Our Club also donated \$1100 to Heartfelt House, an organisation in Alstonville which aims to support adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, to cover the cost of one person passing through their survival program.

Other local community organizations assisted by our Club in the past year include a \$1,200 donation to the South Lismore Junior Rugby League Football Club and \$200 to the Inner Club of Lismore for their Cord Blood Research project.

Thanks again for your support. I have enjoyed my year in Community Service and hope I haven't worn you all out! Thank you also to President John and the other Board members for your guidance and support.

**Rod Fayle**

Community Services Director  
2007-2008

## VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 2007-2008

It is with pleasure that I submit the Vocational Service report for this year. Some of the activities completed were:-

St Johns Ambulance (Len Johnston & Barbara Veling) visited the Club on 26 July 2007 to demonstrate current CPR techniques and also the use of a Defibrillator. CPR Techniques have changed over the years with the current recommended technique being 30 compressions to 2 breaths & keep repeating until the Ambulance arrives. While the Defibrillator has a built in voice command, it was very interesting to see this used, this defibrillator is the same as those found in Clubs and shopping centres in the case of emergencies. These are life saving skills and we just never know when we may need to use them.

We visited the premises of Readings Engineering Group in 30 August 2007. Owen Lickiss gave us a very informative talk as well as a practical display of the products they produce. By all accounts their products are world leaders (and that from little old, Lismore!) The Readings Group was started by Hugh Reading who was also a founding member of our Club and the company was continued on by his two sons John & Frank.

In September, Lindsay Matterson, Head honcho of the Lismore SES, very proudly gave us a tour of their new facility. He proudly showed off his big boy toys – from hi-tech rescue vehicles with the Jaws of Life, inflatable cushions to lift objects, boats and other items. The new facility was certainly purpose built and is a huge improvement on their old premises. Lindsay also gave us a talk on floods in Lismore and the dilemmas he faces on weather to call for evacuation of downtown Lismore or not!

Earlier this year we had a visit to the Lismore Fire Station. Here we were able to inspect their equipment including their thermal imaging gear, their big red trucks, and were shown the correct use of extinguishers, including how to correctly fight a fire. The Fire Officers gave us an interesting talk on how they approach fires and how they go about fighting them. The thing that really hit home to me was the immense team work that they show, as their lives often depend on it.

We were hoping to get to the new Police Station, however owing to their carpark not being completed due to delays caused by the weather; this visit will be completed later this year. I thank President John and fellow Board members who assisted in making it a pleasurable one. A special thanks to Ray Chilton & Cec Denny who as the Program Committee assisted immensely this year.

Finally, best wishes to incoming President Tony Cicchinelli and his Board for 2008/09.

**Gary Frith**

Vocational Service Director.

2007 -2008

## YOUTH SERVICE REPORT 2007-2008

The Rotary Club of Lismore West Inc. has again made a significant contribution to the Rotary Youth Programs, as well as other "service to youth" projects during the 2007 - 2008 Rotary Year. This was epitomised by our Club being awarded the Rotary District 9640 Award for Service to Youth 2007 – 2008.

Sadly, our Youth Director Jason Adam, resigned from Rotary in April because of the demands of personal and professional commitments. On behalf of the Club I express our thanks and appreciation of Jason's contribution to the ideals of Rotary and to our Club.

There are five Rotary Clubs in Lismore and many primary and secondary schools. Consequently, the Rotary Clubs in Lismore, by "gentleman's agreement", have allocated various schools to a particular Rotary Club.

The primary schools allocated to the Rotary Club of Lismore West are Bexhill, Corndale, Lismore Heights, Lismore Public, Whian Whian, Wilson's Creek, and the secondary school is Lismore High School (L.H.S.).

**SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE – 2007.** Zoe McClure, Year 9 L.H.S., was sponsored to the University of New South Wales from 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, at a cost of \$95.00. The Siemens Science Experience introduces students to the wonders of science and technology. Students hear from leaders in science, technology and engineering, perform interesting experiments in university laboratories and learn about careers in science, technology and engineering.

**ROTARY YOUTH TRANSITION SEMINAR (R.Y.T.S.) – 2007.** Our Club sponsored Genesis Chamberlain and Joshua Blackler of Year 12, Lismore High School, to R.Y.T.S. at the Tyalgum Ridge Resort from 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2007. R.Y.T.S. is a week long camp designed to assist young adults in the transition from school to the workforce or further education.

**NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (N.Y.S.F.) - 2008.** Steven Knapman, Year 12 L.H.S. was sponsored to the N.Y.S.F. in Canberra in January, 2008, at a cost of \$888.00. With the N.Y.S.F., students from across Australia are brought to Canberra for twelve days of exposure to real-world science. Participants do actual experiments in laboratories, hear from leading scientists and visit a range of research facilities in the Canberra region. Steven was Guest Speaker at our Club on 7<sup>th</sup> February and gave a very impressive and inspirational address on his experience at the National Youth Forum.

**MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (M.U.N.A.) – 2008.** Our Club sponsored a Team consisting of Steven Knapman, Bradley Herd and Eleni Stratten, all of Year 12, Lismore High School, to M.U.N.A. 2008, at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre on Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> March, at a cost of \$225.00 per Team. The concept of a M.U.N.A. is to involve senior secondary students in a hands-on experience of a UN style debate. The United States of America was the country allocated to the L.H.S. Team. The resolutions to be debated at the 2008 M.U.N.A. included "*international co-operation in the peaceful use of outer space, nuclear disarmament, global climate change and the promotion of democratic and equitable international order*". The L.H.S. Team was judged the Best Team of the day and Steven Knapman was selected to represent Rotary District 9640 at the National M.U.N.A. in Canberra in August, 2008.

**ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (R.Y.L.A.) – 2008.** Katrina Boehm of Wal Murray & Co. Lismore, was sponsored to **R.Y.L.A. 2008** at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at a cost of \$440.00. R.Y.L.A. candidates are aged 18 to 30 and are exposed to a week long inspirational program involving Team Work, Communications, Personal Development, Leadership, Personal Motivation, and Public Speaking. Katrina reported back to our Club on 20<sup>th</sup> March, saying what a valuable educational and personal experience R.Y.L.A. was for her. President John Miller presented Katrina with her R.Y.L.A. Certificate.

**ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM of ENRICHMENT (R.Y.P.E.N.) – 2008.** Rochelle McAllister, Zoe McClure and Erica Vanclay, all of Year 10, Lismore High School were sponsored to R.Y.P.E.N. 2008 at Camp Bornhoffen from Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> May, at a cost of \$195.00 each. R.Y.P.E.N. aims to help develop the personal qualities and skills of young people.

**JUNIOR CITIZEN PRIZE - LISMORE HIGH SCHOOL** - each year our Club sponsors a Prize of \$100.00 each, to a Boy and a Girl in Year 10 at Lismore High School, who have displayed excellent citizenship qualities. The awardees for 2007 were Jacob Rodgers and Hilary Timms.

**SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP.**

P.P. Ron Chittick has, for many years, represented our Club on the Southern Cross University – Combined Rotary Clubs of Lismore Committee, designed to establish good relations with the University and to assist wherever possible with projects. A significant initiative of the Combined Rotary Clubs of Lismore has been to provide a Rotary Scholarship for a student at the Lismore Campus of the Southern Cross University, with each Rotary Club presently contributing \$750 per year for this Scholarship. Second Year student, Natalie Grant (Naturopathy), is the current holder of this Rotary Scholarship. P.P. Ron presented Natalie with her 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Rotary Scholarship at the S.C.University Scholarships Ceremony on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February.

During the past Rotary year, our Club purchased a special Medical Trolley, at a cost of \$400.00 for Kate Hepton of Wollongbar, who suffers with cerebral palsy.

Siobhan Coughlan, a university student, was provided with a \$200.00 sponsorship for a two month internship at an American university.

**P.P. Norm Robinson**  
**Club Secretary.**  
2007-2008



*The Four - Way Test*

*of the things we think say or do*

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?*
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

## **INTERNATIONAL REPORT 2007-2008**

Having been a Rotarian for only a year, it was rather daunting when I was asked by the then President – Elect, John Miller, to take on the role of International Service Director. However, I accepted and with the help of other Board members and Club members in general, I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve Rotary in this way as well as gaining valuable experience.

### **ROTARY FOUNDATION AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR 2008 – 2009**

Our Club's nominee, Tessa Satherley, was successful in being selected by our Rotary District Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee, for a Rotary Foundation Academic Year Scholarship 2008 – 2009, valued at \$US23,000 to study the Arab – Israeli Conflict at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Tessa is currently doing an Arts – Science Degree at Melbourne University and was the 2002 DUX of Lismore High School. Tessa will commence her studies in Jerusalem in October, 2008. P.P. Norm Robinson is Tessa's Rotary Counsellor. This is the first time in its 47 years of operation, that our Club has sponsored a successful Ambassadorial Scholar.

### **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (G.S.E.)**

Our Club sponsored a nominee for the 2008 – 2009 Outbound G.S.E. Team to the Middle East but she was not successful at the District selections. We also applied, but were not successful, in hosting the 2007 – 2009 Inbound G.S.E. Team from Rotary District 1230, Scotland. However, we arranged a very successful Inter-Club Ladies Night Visit to the Rotary Club of Alstonville, on the night of Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2008, on the occasion of the visit by the Inbound Scottish G.S.E. Team. We also exchanged Club Banners with members of the Scottish Team.

### **THE SCHOOL of ST. JUDE, ARUSHA, TANZANIA, EAST AFRICA.**

Our Club continued to support this school, set up by Gemma Sisia (nee Rice) from Guyra, N.S.W., by purchasing 30 of their 2008 Calendars and by sponsoring the education for one year (2008) of the student, Queen Ernest, at a cost of \$A1,100.00.

### **SHELTER BOX AUSTRALIA**

Our Club purchased four Shelter Boxes at a cost of \$A1,200 each. The Shelter Box Program is a wonderful global humanitarian program that provides relief in the form of material and equipment that provides shelter, warmth and comfort to people displaced by natural and other disasters, for example, over 1,000 Shelter Boxes were sent from Australia to Bangladesh after the severe flooding in that country at the end of January, 2008. Each Shelter Box has a unique number and the recipient knows who donated it. In addition, the Shelter Box sponsor can track its location on the world wide web. Shelter Boxes were also sent, including many provided by Rotary in Australia, to Burma for the cyclone disaster at the beginning of May and to China for the earthquake disaster in mid May.

### **USED STAMPS for ROTARY**

Club members have been very diligent in continuing to save their used postage stamps and once again a very large plastic bag of used stamps from our Club was collected and passed onto our Rotary District.

### **ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE**

P.P. Gordon King of the Rotary Club of Alstonville, came to our Club as Guest Speaker in July, 2007 and spoke to us about the Rotary Friendship Exchange Program.

### **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

Our Club donated \$4,000 to The Rotary Foundation, including \$2,000 via Polio Plus Partners.

The highlight of my year would have to be Su and my Australian Citizenship ceremony at the Rotary District 9640 Conference at Yamba on Friday night, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2008. By special arrangement and approval of the Australian Immigration Department, Su & I received our Australian citizenship from Mayor Ian Tilley of the Clarence Valley Council, in the presence of R.I. President's Personal Representative, PDG Sir Andy & Lady Jayli Chande, District-Governor Brian & Carol Wheatley, President John & Florence Miller and 600 Rotarians & Partners from Rotary District 9640. It is believed that this is the first time ever in the 103 years history of Rotary International that such a naturalization ceremony has been carried out at a Rotary function. Consequently, Su & I feel greatly honoured and wish to thank all concerned, especially President John and P.P. Rod Fayle of our Club for their efforts in arranging our Australian Citizenship ceremony at this year's District Conference.

**John Kim**  
International Service Director  
2007-2008

## *Object of Rotary*

*The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:*

*First.*

*The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service,*

*Second.*

*High ethical standards in business and professions;  
the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations;  
and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an  
opportunity to serve society;*

*Third.*

*The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's  
personal, business, and community life;*

*Fourth.*

*The advancement of international understanding, goodwill,  
and peace through a world fellowship of business and  
professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

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# ROTARY CLUB OF LISMORE WEST

Chartered 8<sup>th</sup> September 1961 by the Rotary Club of Lismore

## *Charter Members and Rotaryannes*

<b>Members Name</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Rotaryanne</b>
Jack SELWOOD	Real Estate – Real Estate Agency	Edna
Mick BARTLETT	Business Service – Accounting Service	Neva
John FREDERICKS	Meat Products – Meat Retailing	Dorothy
Hugh READING	Engineering – Mechanical Engineering	Marge
Alf HUDSON	Municipal Service (32A0 – Public Health Service	Edith
Jack RILEY	Law – General Law Practice	Fay
Ken RAMSAY	Automobile Industry – Panelbeating	Connie
George POPE	Insurance – Fire	Wendy
Ron HENSLEY	Transportation – Freight Transportation	Myrline
Eddie NEWTON	Refrigeration – Cold Storage	May
Ron SOMMERVILLE	Animal Husbandry – Dairy Farming	Ethel
Don TUCKER	Local Government Administration – Shire Clerk	Edna
Gordon BLAIR	Agriculture – Grain Distribution	June
Alf JACOBSEN	Iron & Steel Industry – Wrought Iron Manufacturing	Hazel
Athol SPENCE	Education – Secondary Schools	Molly
Les EAST	Finance – Banking Trading	Terry
Frank LANCASTER	Engineering – Civil Engineering	Lorna
Ken WAKELY	Food Industry – Baking Retail	Betty
Jim FUNNELL	Laundering – Cleaning & Dyeing – Dry Cleaning	

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