



Service above Self

**Rotary International 2016-2017 President John Germ's
Theme:**

“Rotary Serving Humanity”

District 9500 Governor John Pohl

Kidman Park Rotary Club Office Bearers:

President: Tom Bunnik
President Elect: Jenny Harris
Vice President: Kevin Tiggeman
Immediate Past president: Warren Hobbs
Secretary: Paul Denley
Treasurer: Ann Branson
Public Officer: Peter Murton

Committee Chairs and Coordinators:

Administration: Peter Murton
Community Service: Chris Branson
Vocational Service: Ed King
Membership: Alison Harris
International: Frank Bunnik
Fellowship: Peter Farquhar
Bulletin Editor: Wayne Comley
Bookmart Coordinator: Margaret Sargeant
Child Protection: Liz Foote
Rotary Foundation: Bob Hudson

Kidman Park Rotary Club Presidents Report 2016 - 2017

This report is a summary of many achievements of our club as a whole and *you* as individuals during the year gone past.

When I took on the role of President I was well aware of the long and rich history of this club and its special culture, which is a mix of social activities and serving communities. In Rotary around the world there is a strong call for change, to become more appealing to the younger generation since the membership numbers are in a constant decline.

I am happy to report that our club has gone against the trend:

Thanks to the timeless efforts of our Membership committee, captained by Alison Harris, our club grew in membership numbers by 7 and, with 52 members, we are now the second biggest club in the district. When appointing the board in the beginning of my year I called Alison “my price recruit”, based on her being young, female, enthusiastic, vibrant and full of innovative ideas. Her Committee’s ideas of having “Newish member sessions” to familiarise new members with all sorts of Rotary activities within the club and also at Rotary in general appeared to be a great initiative. All this hard work and results, built on the foundations laid by the previous year’s committee, was recognised and rewarded by the District. Our Club was declared the winner of this year’s **Club Membership Improvement Award** which will be presented to us soon.....

One of our highlights of the year was the sponsoring and assembling of Birthing Kits. These kits, although small in dollar value, make a huge difference in life and death at childbirth for mum and child. Since one of my personal objectives as president was for our members to be involved in “hands-on” projects, Frank Bunnik and the International Committee did deliver just that. One night in November, around 80 people worked long hours to assemble 2000 kits which were sent to various third world countries. In the process our club lived up to our obligation to involve smaller clubs as Henley Beach Rotary Club and The Rotaract Club of Global Peace in projects which, otherwise, would be out of reach for them. Our thanks go out to the Bunnik Tours Company who generously provided the infrastructure for this exercise. During the year we also provided financial assistance to Nazareth College students for their project in Timor-Leste.

If vocational service motivates and energizes you, you are in the right place, because vocational service is the very essence of Rotary.

Under guidance of Ed King, our Vocational Service Committee delivered their part of a successful year. Traditionally, members assisted year 10 students at Nazareth College with mock interviews to help them being prepared for the real world and also sponsored attendees to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program. Apart from encouraging our newer members to inform us about their vocations, the committee organised a number of fascinating speakers to share their experiences of their vocation. Also our visit and financial support to the City Of Adelaide Clipper restoration site deserves a mention.

Regrettably our club does not have a specific Youth Director, and therefore a significant number of youngsters in our community probably miss out on available Rotary programs. An issue worthwhile giving some consideration in the future.

No organisation can run properly without a sound administration.

Minutes of Board meetings, Assemblies and AGM were recorded and maintained by our Secretary Paul Denley, a job well done.

The ongoing review by Peter Murton of the Bylaws and the Constitution continued this year to align with the 2016 editions from the Rotary International Council on legislation, held in April that year. This has been a long process with The Club Constitution being updated and agreed upon and the Bylaws Draft still to be presented to the Members.

I trust that you will agree that we are blessed to have our meeting place here in the West Beach Surf Life Saving Club. A big feather on the cap of Kate, Bob, Sam and others for a job well done. Not only do they look after us well every week but the venue also provides us a secure storage of our week to week furniture and other assets.

One of these assets is our new sound system and this promises, after some more fine tuning and familiarisation, to be a big improvement.

Our Award winning club bulletin The Kidman Krier has continued to deliver all the information around our club on a weekly basis and our appreciation goes to Wayne Comley for his continued commitment. Our website was maintained throughout the year by Alan Pinto.

Rotary is all about serving the community and helping the underprivileged.

As the club's preference was to have a "hands-on" project for the year, the Community Service Committee, led by Chris Branson, proposed to do work at The Western Adelaide Domestic Violence Centre. This

Centre shelters domestically abused women and children on a temporary basis.

Requests were tabled for upgrade to the kiddies room, shelving unit, storage cupboards, cubby house and play area pergola. For most of the items funding was granted. Unfortunately due to a combination of procedures, bureaucracy and indecisiveness by the centre's management most of the work went rather slow and consequently the installation of the Cubby house carries over to the new Rotary year. We give an ongoing financial support to Backpack4Kids with an additional approval by the board to sponsor a new initiative by this organisation called Anchor Packs. We are committed to finance the purchase of 1,000 sleeping bags for homeless youths to the value of \$8000. Other activities were the help, provided by some of our members, to Donations In Kind for removal of beds and dismantling "miles" of handrails from a Nursing home at Semaphore, during which one of our female members became quite skilful in working with power tools. We also provided BBQ equipment and manpower to events such as: Open day WADVC, Woodville Primary School sports day, Charles Sturt Council's Bower Cottages Open Day and The Paddle for Cancer at West Lakes.

After all this hard work it is time for some fun and relaxation. As to our club's long tradition as a strong social club, our Fellowship committee under leadership of Peter Farquhar delivered a comprehensive list of events, all of them well attended. We went to the Theatre for a play "The Odd Couple, played night owls at the Lockley's Lawn Bowling Club, and celebrated Christmas together with the Henley Beach and the West Torrens Rotary Clubs.

Highlight of this function was the celebration of our honorary member Norm Lewis's 100st birthday. In the new year, on a perfect summers' night, we enjoyed our traditional Presidents bbq at the presidents' resident with excellent catering by some members of the committee.

Our yearly Golf weekend, this time in the Barossa Valley, was well organised by Chris Weyland and where the emphasis was more on fun and enjoyment than on winning.

In addition to these events the committee also organised the "Guess who is coming to dinner" night and rounded off this year's festivities with a dinner at the Regency TAFE Graduates restaurant, which also had vocational value since it gives trainees the opportunity to hone their skills.

It is over to money matters now.

A Rotary club is not meant to be a bank, superannuation fund or any other financial institution, sitting on large amounts of money. However we have an obligation to spend our hard earned money wisely. In the start of my year I set out to form a fundraising committee to come up with new ideas to bring in the money. Regrettably I failed to do just that. Therefore our main income earner was The Bookmart with Margaret Sargeant and Stuart Ghent as driving forces.

We cannot thank the volunteers, most of them non-Rotarians, enough for their dedication, time and efforts to raise around \$15k for the year. Other revenue came out of several BBQ's, the Carousel income, our participation in the Henley Beach Rotary Club BBQ's each Saturday, sale of entertainment books and all of this enabled us to support some worthwhile courses. Apart from the already earlier mentioned projects and financial assistance, we donated \$ 2000 to Backpack4SAKids , \$ 1,000 to Rotary Health Organisation and another \$ 5,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

Our appreciation goes to Ann Branson who, over the last two years, kept our finances under control and produced comprehensive reports on a monthly basis. A great job done.

After initial difficulties by many members in accepting the purpose and guidelines of the Charitable Trust, measures were taken to clarify this matter.

A clear and simple draft was produced by Chris Weyland and discussed during a special meeting. As a result I am happy to report that the Charitable Trust Committee agreed to participate in financing several activities at the Domestic Violence Centre.

In the beginning of the year our club was financially sound and I am happy to report that this situation has not changed. Income and expenditure were well balanced over the year and that means that the incoming board have access to a healthy bank balance.

A big thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped out with Wheels on Meals, Kickstart for Kids and Henley Beach BBQ on a weekly basis and The Carousel a bit less frequent.

Thank you to Peter Brown, Chris Branson, Brian MacDonald, Wayne Comley, Frank Bunnik and Peter Farquhar for rolling up your sleeves at the WADVC.

Also thanks to our Child protection Officer Liz Foote and Rotary Foundation liaison Bob Hudson for their valuable input during the year. I thank all the members for doing the weekly duties and in particular Frank Bunnik and his apprentice Bob Hudson on the weekly attendance.

Without my Queen I could not possibly be the King: thank you for your support and letting me do my own thing.

Thank you Rob Chambers for initially planting the seeds in my mind and especially Warren Hobbs for following up with such a severe arm-twist that I could not resist any more to become President. You have been a great mentor to me and your help has been invaluable.

Finally a big thank you to all of you I have not mentioned but by doing your bit, you have been a wonderful support.

Time flies when you are having fun, I certainly did and I hope that it was a bit of fun for you to. *Even* without jokes.

I wish President-Elect Jenny Harris and her board all the very best for the coming year with, for sure, bigger and better things to come.

I hope you will continue to:

Go out, be good and make a difference.

TB 1/8/2017

