



ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHERN DISTRICTS INC.
2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Reflecting back to six years ago, I had only just joined the club through the John Curtin Leadership Academy Program (JCLA). My team members were all assigned to Rotary Clubs that were close to their residences and honestly, I was a little disappointed being assigned so far away. I thought, well I'll just deal with it – complete my mandatory four Rotary meetings and get my JCLA certificate. But the Rotary Club of Southern Districts (RCSD) were a really nice bunch of Rotarians.

Don't get me wrong, it was still daunting for me to approach and "network" with them but compared to the Rotary Club of Ascot which was the sponsoring Rotary Club for the Ursula Frayne Catholic College Interact Club, back when I was in high school, these guys weren't "that scary" in comparison – then again, maybe it was because I was still a kid then.

Despite that, I somehow managed to scrape some courage somewhere in the three meetings to ask if I was "legally allowed to join." I know, I used the word "legally." When I was the Interact Club in high school, I had the impression that all Rotarians had to be invited, be in the top of their profession and super rich. You can see how much courage I had to scrape together just to ask the question when I was merely a university student, studying to get into a profession.

I remember Mike Raspa's first facial expression that night – he looked confused and said he would have to get back to me. I dreaded my final Rotary meeting week after that, because I knew the definition of "getting back to me," is basically a nice way of saying – rejected. But I was glad it was a final meeting, I would have completed my requirement to graduate from JCLA and away from RCSD.

Mike Raspa came up to me the moment I walked through the door of the Gosnells Golf Club, he said "you're legally allowed to join because you're over 18." I was surprised, I used that to quickly ask if I could join. The rest is history, I love the club and I don't think I would change for another one closer. Best decision ever.

But that isn't the only time that Mike Raspa popped into change my Rotary life. Three years ago, when Mike was first nominated as President-Elect (PE), he tried to talk me into being his PE in his year. I turned him down politely, but I was secretly freaking out – what's wrong with him? I was only just starting to comfortably settle into my role as the Youth Director and there's a lot more Rotarians that have both years, experience and knowledge of Rotary that would make them better candidates for PE than me.

He's persistent, I give him that and with some prodding from Colin Waters as well I finally agreed to give it a shot – though I was still wary about it. I was damn right sure for a good six months of my term as PE that someone would challenge my spot and I would happily give it to them. But you see, RCSD is great for that – being supportive, encouraging and helping.

Everyone has their reasons for joining Rotary and making the commitment for it within their busy lifestyles, but fun, games and jokes aside we also get the work done. Being a young President within the history of RCSD I felt the pressure to bring about change to the club – change that would either have Rotarians leave or bring in newer ones and the older ones can see “we mean no harm.”

I would hate to see RCSD members dropping off the books and our membership falling to the point we have to amalgamate or fold in the near future but I’m glad I’m not in this boat alone. Thank you to Mike Raspa for pushing membership and creating a membership package that covers the “basics” of Rotary, because in all honesty, even I don’t know all the basics and a refresher is nice for the older members. A special thanks to John Stockbridge who single-handedly brought in Michelle Kerr, Pille Repnau, Renee Silvester, Marcello Sirignano, Peter Surivong and Mike Young.

In my Presidential year I asked the committee directors to consider three new rules – support a project that is old or existing and continue it, support a project that is new or revamp it a little and support a project in collaboration with another group or Rotary Club.

We all know the importance of networking, we network, so why not the RCSD with other clubs and groups? It’s funny how directors interpret rules and how it applies to them. Take the Community Committee for example, they collaborated with a private donor from the German Club to donate \$1000 each to FOOD BANK, or in the case of Youth and Vocational Committee – they collaborated together to fund the Ron Sloan Scholarship Awards.

In regards to new projects, International Committee donated to funding second-hand books to expatriates incarcerated in Thai prisons and Community Committee decided to award a teacher who had contributed more than just time and effort, but her life to teaching and recognised two very committed ladies from Inner Wheel with Paul Harris Fellows. New projects that presented RCSD in a very different light – we aren’t just a club that funds any project with money. Money isn’t the only way to give back to the community and the world, money isn’t the only way to serving humanity, our actions are.

Rotary has to change to keep up with the times but I know everyone is comfortable as they are, where they are. But that’s how clubs have failed to gain new members or lost existing members and ended up folding. RCSD is unique in that there are Rotarians with new ideas here, all waiting for your approval to hatch.

Rob Pannell and Ric McDonald have Rotary on the Podium and now look where we are with it. John Stockbridge suggested the National Anthem to play in the background, I don’t know about you but I have the confidence of singing louder now with the musical backing and Past District Governor (PDG) Phil Cordery has jumped on board by bringing in some rising musical stars to play the anthem for us.

PE Tony Italiano suggested having the Rotary Information that everyone hated doing. But with our PDG Jodie Sparks doing it, no one is complaining and the Rotary information is informative, interesting and constantly new and not repetitive. You’d be amazed what can be achieved when you let someone try their ideas. We talk about giving people chances, you

gave me the chance and here I stand. How many times have you said “no” to someone or something, without giving them the opportunity to try or explain it to you?

I will wrap up by expressing some thanks. Thank you to the Avenues of Service Directors – Nancy Kilkenny of Youth Service, you’ve had to handle some very difficult cases and Rotarians but you’ve represented RCSD amazingly by standing strong against them and I wish you all the best in the next Rotary year.

Julie Ninnis of Vocational Committee, you handled the role of Director impressively, I remember when you first started, you were eager and super scared of doing something wrong. You reminded me of myself but I knew I didn’t have to worry because the club had your back and was willing to explain things to you, not that you needed much help, within a few months you were on your feet a getting the ball rolling a lot faster than the other committees. Geoff Edwards of Vocational Committee, firstly thank you for suggesting such a competent second-in-charge – Julie Ninnis, you couldn’t have picked anyone better and secondly thank you for coming back on board as soon as your holidays have finished, you could have easily said “Julie can handle it, I’m not going to bother,” but you didn’t. Vocational is a community I understand the least and an avenue of service I didn’t know how to lead or assist as the role of President. I’m so happy the opportunity never arose because you both did such a great job.

Robert da Prato of Community Service – you mentored me from my first year as Youth Director and I really appreciated you coming on board to take on the directorship of Community for this Rotary year. I was worried you would object to the changes but you happily went along with them and community committee has really outshined the committees this year in what they have managed to achieve.

Patrick Bartlett of International Committee – I know you had your ups and downs this year with some of the international projects, but you handled them all so well. In situations where you asked me for help, I wasn’t very helpful but you ended up figuring them out yourself.

Tony Italiano of Service Committee – I wasn’t wrong in asking you to be my PE. Aside from all the jokes and sex terminology teachings, you have always been there for me whenever I needed help. You may want to know that several members approached me to nominate you for PE so I know I wasn’t wrong in picking you. I also know I’m not wrong in picking you as PE because I know you will build on change that is in place, you have a lot that you want to change and that the change is for the betterment of this club.

Our Club Program Organiser – Past District Governor Phil Cordery, thank you for making my year as president an interesting one with all the difference speakers. You were always willing and flexible to change the club program and you bought in speakers that not only wanted to speak on their passions, but speakers that provided us nights of laughter and fun and nights of self and professional re-evaluation and development.

Last but not least, our Treasurer, the money lady. The lady that deals with all the hassles and pressures from within our club, directors chasing her to make payments, Rotary foundation, Rotary International, the list goes on. She is the mum that looks after the club profits and losses, incoming and outgoing money and she's good at it.

Finally, thank you to the Rotary Club of Southern Districts for providing me with this opportunity, the opportunity to be your President and supporting me for this Rotary year.



Anita Diep
President of Rotary Club of Southern Districts 2016-2017

CLUB SERVICE REPORT

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2016- 2017

DIRECTOR - TONY ITALIANO

The responsibilities covered in this Directorship were:

Membership

Club Programme

Sergeant – at – arms

Membership

Membership is and always will be a very important issue in any organisations but I must say a special thanks to PP John Stockbridge for almost being the driving force in introducing new members to our club.

I strongly believe that membership retention is equally important and I am happy we have not lost too many members this year.

Our present membership is a blend of experience, youth and enthusiasm.

Club Programme

Everyone would have to agree that our guest speaker selection this year were excellent and along with the behind the shed sessions and Rotary Information added interest and some humour.

A big thank you to PDG Phil Cordery for putting together our club programme this year.

As I mentioned above, membership retention is very important and I feel by keeping our club meeting very interesting along with a bit of fun goes a long way in achieving our goal.

Sergeant

PP John Stockbridge did a "Fine Job"

John never let the truth get in the way of a good reason to fine us and helped the club raise much needed operating funds.

Thanks again John and for agreeing to take on the job next year.

Conclusion

My appreciation is extended to all the board members who assisted me throughout this past year and in particular to President Anita.

I would like to pass on my best wishes to Simon Dutt who will take over as Club Service Director and I look forward to working closely with him.

Finally, I look forward with confidence to the 2017 – 2018 Rotary year in which we will continue to build on the solid foundations which were formed during the past twelve months with the aim of maintaining a very strong Rotary Club.



Tony Italiano

Club Service Director 2016-2017

FUNDRAISING REPORT

FUND RAISING DIRECTORS REPORT

2016-2017

The function of the fundraising directorate is to raise the funds required by the club, each year, to meet the clubs Community requirements.

Again, this was achieved from our market activity in running the Bring 'N' Buy activities at the Centro Maddington shopping centre.

This year's income figure has been affected by the fact that there were 14 Sundays when it rained more than just the occasional shower. Christmas day and New Year's day also fell on a Sunday which compounded fund raising problems

The BNB continues use to receive wide support by both buyers and sellers.

Maddington Metro

Good relationships continue with the management of the Maddington Metro shopping centre, where the cooperative atmosphere continues.

A change in ownership of the centre brought with it a policy change, where by the centre will be charging the club for use of the facilities in coming years

SDRC expresses its sincere thanks to the Management and staff of Maddington Metro and their Community attitude. For without their invaluable assistance the community would be worse off and SDRC's work would suffer.

Over the years we have been in "partnership" with Metro Maddington, in excess of \$2,400,000 has been raised for various Rotary projects.

Bring 'N' Buy teams

Currently, the BnB Teams do an eight week roster cycle and my personal thanks go to the team leaders, members and member's partners, for their efforts in ensuring that Bring 'N' Buy continues to be a pleasant and effective way for the club to raise funds for the local community.

The way in which members volunteer to assist so readily is a hallmark of this club and certainly contributes to the ease of Fund raising.

Finally, my thanks to Rotarian Andy Hopper PHF for his assistance and counsel. Andy's commitment to BnB every Sunday morning is exceptional and without which a load would fall on others.



Colin Waters

Fund Raising Director

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Committee

Annual Report 2016-17

Director Mike Raspa

Committee PDG Jodie Sparks, Ric McDonald, Rob Pannell, Don King (Club Promotion)

From our first meeting the committee agreed that all further meetings should always include the following:

- Engagement with our newest members to hear their stories:

New member Neville D'Vauz was interviewed and put into newsletter

New member Rosemary Donovan was also interviewed

- Plan for membership retention through a good, inclusive Club experience via a comprehensive Rotary knowledge and club duty activities after formal induction:

An overview of committee discussion was put to the board with support from President Anita but was rejected as the board saw no benefit in having new member training sessions and program directors chair club meetings.

- The committee agreed that RCSD needed to have a signature project that involved members and the community:

The board was asked that the Shine On awards be that project with its own committee with a view to take it to the next level and making it a Rotary WA project.

The board voted to keep the Shine On project as part of the status quo.

- The committee agreed that Rotary information and club service material was lacking and that a member pack should be produced:

The committee took this to the board and asked for \$2000 to cover expenses for the folder, promote the club Facebook page, advertorials to promote club activities and for business networking.

The board voted for funding up to \$1000.

- The committee agreed that the club should have changeable signage (large A Frames) located inside the BnB markets to announce monthly club achievements and up coming projects:

The lack of funding left Don King unable to place advertorials to promote club projects

I sincerely thank my committee for the professional way they conducted the meetings and the quality of discussion and preparation. I also thank President Anita for her ongoing support of this committee and for her efforts to support us at board level.



Mike Raspa
Director Membership 2016-17

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

International Committee Report for 2016/2017

1. Functioning of the Committee

Committee members for 2016/2017 were: Patrick Bartlett (director), Peter Sourivong, Sandra

Baraiolo, Willy Bohmer, Andy Hopper, Ted Evans, Marcello Sirignano, Murray Thorpe, Rosemary Donovan and Neville D’Vauz.

Peter Sourivong will be the International Committee Director for 2017/2018

Meetings were well attended and there were detailed discussions on the merits of all applications for funding. Experienced members of the committee provided guidance around the assessment of the proposals received. The committee sought to allocate funds to projects that provided sustainable benefits to the recipients

At the beginning of the year committees were encouraged by the Board to introduce a new project(s)/initiative(s) and that consideration be given to joint committee projects or even collaboration with another club. If necessary funding for current projects could be reduced. Adherence to these guidelines was generally achieved.

The International Committee was allocated a budget of A\$8000

2. Funding of Projects

Money from the International Committee’s 2016/2017 budget was used to fund (or allocated to

fund) the projects tabled below

Projects	Comments	Allocated Funding
Second hand books for expatriates incarcerated in Thai prisons -New project	Following a talk by Rell Hayes money was approved and sent for the Thai Red Cross to purchase second hand books for expatriates	A\$500
Facial reconstruction impaired young people in Bali – ongoing project	Funding approved and provided for Smile project in Bali, a project with which Sandy is currently engaged	A\$1000 Payment of funds in progress
St Yared School project in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia requires school to be moved to new premises and upgraded. New project in collaboration with other clubs – district grant	Money was provisionally allocated to this project subject to conditions and a request that we are provided with details of how any money is spent. This project is still in progress. This project is co-funded by several Rotary Clubs	A\$3500 Funds have, as yet, not been disbursed
Provision of clean water to outlying areas in Timor Leste. Ongoing project in collaboration with other clubs	Funding was approved and paid towards this project which is run by the Kwinana Club and co-funded by several Rotary clubs. Ted Evans provides oversight of this project for the club	A\$1500
Contribution towards paying for shipping of second hand goods for distribution to underprivileged students in Thailand	Funds were provided to assist in the payment of shipping second hand goods that are distributed to underprivileged scholars by Dave Devlin’s partner in Thailand	A\$700
Donation to Shelterbox – ongoing project	Funds approved for Shelterbox an organisation that rapidly provides tents and other equipment to disaster areas	A\$1000 Payment of funds in progress



PATRICK BARTLETT

International Director 2016-2017

YOUTH REPORT

Rotary Club of Southern Districts Youth Service 2016 to 2017 - Nancy Kilkenny - Director

\$8,000 Budget	ORGANIZED	Where held	Applicants		DINNER	PAID	Cost
RYPEN	ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT	Baptist Churches of WA – Serpentine Camping Centre, 22 Transit Road, Jarradale WA	Isaac Chiek(mum Stephanie Tan) & Victor Sun (mum Vanessa Sun) vanbinsun@yahoo.com.au)	Ages 14 to 17		\$570.00	\$285 each
RYLA	ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD	Camping Centre 22 Transit Road, Jarradale WA	Alex Ironside & Nero Levinson	Ages 18 to 28	18-Jan	\$1,420.00	Previous \$170 applicant & \$710 RC
HANDICAMP	Campers with disabilities & buddies			Activities we sponsored – Bingo, Karaoke & Suppers		\$650.00	\$650
THE CONOCO PHILLIPS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE	Nicholas Chan – Thornlie Christian College	Curtin University	Jannet Roy & Tylor Marlow	Ages year 9 & 10		\$320.00	\$120 for 3 days OR \$160 for 4 days
NYSF	NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM	Canberra	\$250 paid by RC of Millpoint and Amelia Davies Waddell – paid balance of \$1,750	\$3,147.00 due 30/9/16 or before 30/10/2016		\$1,147.00	
RYPEN	ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT	Baptist Churches of WA- Serpentine Camping Centre, 22 Transit Road, Jarradale WA	Kara Ratcliff & Kalahni Best from RC of Kwinana	Ages 14 to 17		\$570.00	\$285 each

\$8,000 Budget	ORGANIZED	Where held	Applicants		DINNER	PAID	Cost
Thornlie Senior High School	Tuesday 25 th October 2016	Life Centre – 3 Rangeview Place (off Ranford Rd) Canning Vale	6:15 light refreshments 6:45 guests seated 7pm Ceremony Commences	We did not attend it was a Tuesday night			
Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation	Leeuwin Leavers Voyage	STS Leeuwin II					
STEP – Short Term Exchange Program	Phil Cordery	RCSD our meeting	Jardena Orr – lives in Kalamunda normally hosted by Kalamunda but they have 3 already	Jardena will travel to Crema over Christmas New Year	2 dinners 30 th August 2016		
Jardena spoke to our about her experience	Phil Cordery	RCSD our meeting	Phil organized Jardena and mum for dinner		2 dinners 21 st February 2017	\$50.00	
STEP – Short Term Exchange Program	Phil Cordery	RCSD our meeting	Elena Roberts	Elena went to Napoli summer	15 th March 2016	\$25.00	
Australian Science Innovation Summer			Phoebe Sun			\$500.00	
She spoke to our club about her experience at the Australian Science Innovation Summer		RCSD our meeting	Phoebe Sun		18 April 2017	\$25.00	

Ron Sloan Endeavour Awards Joint with Joint with Vocational Committee this year		RCSD our meeting	2 students \$500 each \$1,000 scholarship and 7 meals \$25 each \$175			1,175.00	
Forest Crescent Primary School	Phil Cordery	At school	Fourway Test			\$25.00	
RYLA – Nero Levinson		RCSD our meeting	Dinner at Club to tell us about his experience			\$50.00	
Agatha Mutemachani & Gabriele Paizee STEP	Phil Corderoy	RCSD our meeting	Dinner at Club to sign their paperwork	4 th April 2017		\$50.00	
Yule Brook Farm							
Rotaract Games						\$250.00	
Microscopes in Schools	Di Collins – RC Freshwater Bay Ince	We will present them at the School assembly	35 Microscopes to Thornlie Christian College			\$525.00	
Microscopes in Schools	Di Collins – RC Freshwater Bay Ince	We will present them at the School assembly	35 Microscopes to Australian Islamic College			\$525.00	
TOTAL TO BE PAID						\$7,927.00	
BALANCE						\$73.00	

COMMUNITY REPORT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT

President Anita, it gives me great pleasure to present our community committee end of year and annual report of our activities,

In October last year, we supported with a \$400 sponsorship the Gosnells Golf Club pennant team with a sponsorship,

In November, we had a request for desperate assistance from the GWYN PARK School and we supported them with a \$750 donation,

In January, we had a request from the Royal Bentley hospital, one of their patients required dental treatment that no other welfare group at the time could provide, Rotary come to the rescue at a cost of \$864 dental care,

In February of this year we supported AYL A a newly formed FOOD BANK organization based in success that where just starting and needed settling their home base, we donated \$1000 from our club, and we organized another \$1000 in cash from a private donor from the German club, being well impressed by the project great thanks to Guenter Best for helping with the donation,

In May our committee awarded Helen Balding from the Thornlie Christian College a citizen award for her constant work way above what was normally expected of her, cost \$350,

Our last project for the year, may this year we are sponsoring a PAUL HARRIS presentation and free night for guests at our club, for the GOSNELLS INNER WHEELS LADIES CLUB, Tuesday night the 23rd (don't anybody give the surprise away early) the cost a PH presentation plus free drinks for the ladies only MMMM!!!! Plus dinner expected cost around \$2000 our total expenditure for Community Committee.

Well below budget at \$6364, so perhaps next year community director could use the left over funds,

To all members of our club, it has been my pleasure to be community director and I would like to thank all the members of community for a very successful year being Carlton D'Souza, Simon Dutt, Brad Evans, Renee Silvester, Guenter Best, Mike Young and Frank Keays.



Community director **Robert** da Prato
Robert Da Prato DDPG

VOCATIONAL REPORT

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

VOCATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE 2016/2017 YEAR.

It is with pleasure that I present this report for the 2016/2017. In presenting this report I would particularly like to record my sincere thanks to Julie Ninnis who shared the Directorship with me during the year as I was away touring Australia for the first six months of the Rotary Year. Julie did a fantastic job in keeping the wheels in motion from a Vocational point of view.

The Committee met on a monthly basis and held the following Awards Evenings.

1. **Ron Sloan Scholarship Awards.**

This evening was held on the 7th March 2017 and Awards were made to four Year 11 students from the Thornlie Senior High School. The Awardees were each presented with a Certificate and a Cheque for \$500, which can be used to offset education costs incurred during their Senior Years at their School.

Awardees were as follows:

1. Angela (Beani) Woodcock
2. Hayden Burke
3. Meg Rankine
4. Shannon Klein.

Each of the Awardees were accompanied by family at the Evening, and were supported by the Deputy Principal of Thornlie Senior High School, Dave Norcliffe and the School Officer, Tracy Littlefair. A very enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.

I would also thank the Youth Committee, who were jointly responsible for these Awards.

2. **Shine On Awards**

This was a very rewarding evening as the Club acknowledged the achievements and community involvement of people who have disabilities. Each of the Awardees were inspirational and certainly left everyone with the knowledge of what they could do, rather than what they could not.

Awardees were accompanied by family and carers.

This evening was hosted by Rotarian Phil Cordrey and was held on the 11th April 2017

Awardees were presented with a Certificate and Rotary Gift and were as follows:

1. Joanne Rawlings
2. Stacey Parkinson
3. Luke Mitchell
4. Grace Mills
5. Vaneesa Vlajkovic.

The Committee also organized a trip to local business Napoli Mercato, which is a local business which specializes in all things yummy. This visit took place on the 24th January and preceded our weekly meeting.

In closing I would like to thank all members of the Committee this year for the great work that they have carried out.

Members of the Committee are Julie Ninnis, John Stockbridge, Hans Groot, Grant Buxton, John Rechichi, Geoff Wiltshire.



Geoff Edwards
Vocational Director
2016/2017.