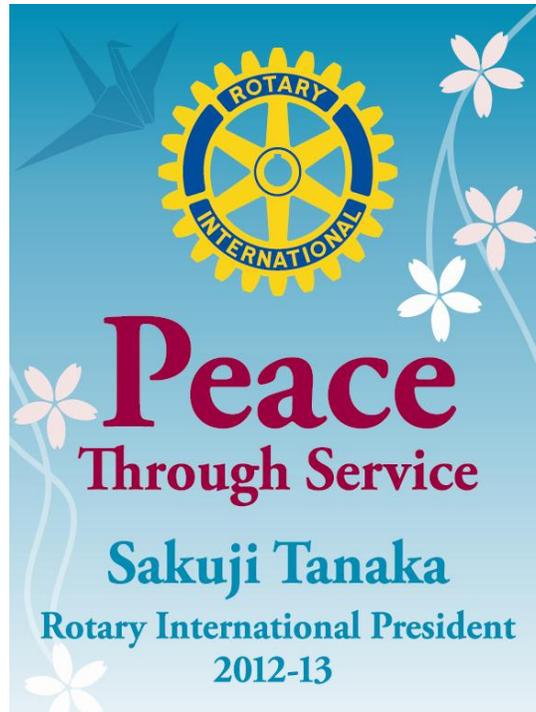


**The Rotary
Club of
Morisset**

**Annual Reports
2012 - 2013**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2012-2013 President John Olive

It has been a full on year as you will observe from the various Directors' reports. In addition to project activities we have had a number of very enjoyable social functions and outings. For many of us it was the District 9670 conference in Port Macquarie. For Sandy and I and Barbara Walsh our attendance at the District 9550 conference in Dili, Timor Leste, brought us an opportunity to see "Rotary at Work" in a very underprivileged country.

In spite of reduced numbers in the first half of the year it proved to be a successful year for fundraising and membership. I want to thank everyone who participated through the year to make it so. We have been fortunate to welcome quite a few new members. It is important to continue to work on this issue.

Sadly we lost one of our oldest members, Ron Burton, who passed away in August. It gave me great pleasure however to present Norma Burton with a Paul Harris Fellowship award in February. Norma had given Ron tremendous support over his many decades as a Rotarian.

Perhaps our major achievement for the year was the building of our very own Rotary Storage Shed, officially opened at the end of May with Greg Piper, our local member "cutting the ribbon". Special thanks to Murray Scoble whose skills in negotiating permission to build the shed at Myuna Bay must be applauded. Please note all our other achievements in the various attached reports.

Finally a big thank you to all the members and particularly to my wife who have supported me in my year as President. I wish PE Kerry every success in 2013/14.



The Great Trailer Raffle



Our New Shed- Yea!

CLUB SERVICE 2012/2013 Director – Georgina Anderson

This Rotary year saw a change of venue from the Morisset County Club to the Dora Creek Workers Club. With this came a number of changes, challenges and opportunities. Our biggest challenge has been the configuration of the meeting room which is not readily conducive to group discussion and makes it difficult for us to have guest speaker on club nights. On the plus side the meals are very reasonable and of good quality. In addition it has actively encouraged us to look at alternative venues for events, and Mario's Italian Restaurant (formerly Aunty Molly's) has proved a popular alternative. Highlights of the year have included.

- Christmas Dinner at President John and Sandy's.
- A Christmas Raffle Volunteers thank you BBQ at the Mandalong Art Gallery
- Annual Paul Harris Dinner with the presentation to Norma Burton of the Paul Harris Fellowship award.
- Two Morisset High School Dinners with around 90 people attending each event.
- A fascinating Bus Trip to Darley Stud at Aberdeen.
- The Sapphires Film Night which raised nearly \$2000 for Aquabox.
- A New Year social evening at the Morrissey's
- Easter BBQ at Hattaway's and exploring their Blue Gum Kennel's Boarding facilities.
- Computer training followed by Tapas.

A major achievement has been the completion of the web page and the implementation of the Rotary Club of Morisset Facebook page. This now has over 33 'friends' and will keep members and interested views up to date with events. The aim is to promote the Club as progressive and actively involved in the community, hopeful attracting like-minded new Members.



Morisset High School Dinner- Yum!!

Norma's PHF presentation

COMMUNITY SERVICE 2012-2013 Director - Toni McLean

(report prepared by President John)

For much of the year Toni has been away working on cruise ships. However when she has been present she has been the usual dynamo.

Major activities undertaken:

- Film Night to support Aquabox
- Christmas Trailer raffle - with the help of Friends of Rotary volunteers and many hours put in by Rotarians it was the most successful ever, raising just under \$20,000
- Catalina Festival – gate entry duties
- Morisset Show - gate entry duties & donation
- Loop the Lake – marshalling points & refreshment stop
- Super Tuesday Bike count
- Mark Vickery family appeal at Doyalson – fund raiser
- Morisset Community Festival – Barbecue trailer
- South Lakes Amateur Sailing Club – award prize
- Christmas Spectacular Event – Barbecue Trailer



Muffin Stop for Bikers



Peter's a very "Handy" man

MEMBERSHIP/PUBLIC RELATIONS 2012/2013

Director - Phillip Kesterton

A pleasing result achieved in new member growth with the addition of four new high calibre members joining us over the year.

Membership increase was 25% over our previous base of members. However with one members passing and one resignation our membership remains at 20.

Most current members appear to leave the finding of new members to others. It is not an individual responsibility but that of all club members.

Notwithstanding the lower than in the past membership I believe we have the most dedicated team we have had in some years.

With better signage and longer event exposure to the public (eg. trailer raffle) we have made Rotary more visible. But more exposure is needed in the coming year. Cooranbong Gazette has been most cooperative in accepting our copy monthly and we must continue to use that valuable resource fully.

We now have a better relationship and increasing coverage with the local paper but there are limits to the free space we can expect. We must look to get more involved with local situations (causes) where we can hope to attract greater interest from the local press and public.



Welcoming our newest member, Bruce (in red jumper)

INTERNATIONAL REPORT Director - Kerry Morrissey

Gentle Hands Orphanage, Quezon City, Manila

The orphanage cares for children, and the community living in a very poor section of the city. Children are rehabilitated & returned to their families or prepared them for adoption. High quality palliative care is provided for those who are terminally ill. The older children are assisted into vocational training and work. The club has sent five cases of clothes, medical supplies and foodstuffs to the orphanage, collected from club members and members of the community, with special assistance from the residents of the Bay View retirement village. The club has also donated \$1500 to ensure that all of the children in the orphanage are appropriately vaccinated.

Timor Leste

The Club gave \$1000 to the building project at Farol School. This will assist in building classrooms and toilet facilities for the kindy classes. Our second donation of \$1000 to Timor Leste will support a Youth Vocational Training programme. With 70% of the population under the age of 25, such programmes are imperative for the development of the community and the economy. A further \$2000 goes to the lymphatic filariasis eradication program in collaboration with Sydney University & Rotary Club of Sydney.

Oonte OVC Kitchen & Dining Shelter project in Namibia

The club was approached by Kate Salisbury, daughter of our former member Mike & Jan Hardie, to support this project. Kate lives near this small community where most of the children have been orphaned due to HIV and are being raised by grandparents and others

in the community. The community struggles just to feed the children and our donation of \$2500 will assist with the provision of a community kitchen & shelter which will simply change their lives.



Rotarians view the new building project at Farol School, Timor Leste Kitchen “Reno” is needed for Oonte!

NEW GENERATIONS 2012/2013 Director – Barbara Walsh

Our Rotary Club continues to participate in a wide range of local & international projects which support the health, education & personal development of young people.

Morisset High School

- * Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN).
- * Senior High School Scholarships for four financially disadvantaged students.
- * Excellence in Teaching Certificates were awarded in collaboration with the Principal.
- * Workplace experience for several high school lads who joined in Rotary projects.
Thanks to Murray Scoble for overseeing this.
- * “Service Above Self Awards” presented to four students.
- * Plans for Rotary Youth Driver Awareness programmes next year.

Local Primary Schools

- * Service Above Self Book Awards were presented to twelve local Primary Schools.
Thanks to Phillip Kesterton who managed this award programme.

PCYC Morisset

- * Assistance was given with several functions including a Blue Light disco & our president ‘In the lock up’. Thanks to Mick Payze for his assistance & liaison.

In Addition

- * Members assisted at the Science & Engineering Challenge.
- * Donations were made to assist the Farol School Building & Youth Vocational Training Projects in Timor Leste.
- * From a grant provided by Lake Macquarie City Council, Morisset Children’s Centre

was assisted with their Environmental Sustainability project by the installing a water tank, vegie garden, shade cloth, etc



The New Water Tank



Farol School Kindy says "Thank You Rotary"

ROTARY CLUB OF MORISSET
TREASURERS REPORT 2012-2013 - (Ross Dickson)

MEMBER' ACTIVITIES:

1. Members have donated \$2,397.70 to the Rotary Foundation in this Rotary year from members contributions.
2. The club has completed the construction of the storage shed for a total cost of \$16,917.00. The sum of \$16,162.00 was raised by means of government grants.
3. Members and their guests contributed \$4,470.00 to Morisset High School attending the dinners prepared by the Hospitality students

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT:

1. Funds donated are as per the table below:

Community Account

	Funds Distributed	Totals
Community		7,118.91
Morisset Pre School	500.00	
Australian Rotary Health	2,000.00	
Morisset PCYC	500.00	
DGP's Project	833.75	
Web Site	1,290.00	
South Lakes Carers	500.00	
Tower of Hope (Fuller Family)	100.00	

Scooter Battery	295.00	
Rotary Park	242.16	
Morrisset Show	500.00	
EMI Books	308.00	
SLMASC	50.00	
International		16,269.00
Shelterbox/Aquabox	3,500.00	
Rotary Foundation	2,500.00	
Oonte Kitchen	2,500.00	
ROMAC	1,000.00	
RAWCS	1,000.00	
Gentle Hands/Xmas box freight	1,769.00	
East Timor	4,000.00	
New Generations		3,619.50
SMART Program	1,250.00	
Local School Awards	369.50	
Morrisset High School	2,000.00	
Total Community Account		<u><u>\$27,007.41</u></u>

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2. The donation to the Rotary Foundation includes \$2,000.00 which was donated to the Rotary Club of Morrisset by the Hunter Fleet of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians.

3. Gross Community Account income for the year was \$38,661.00 and costs were \$6,537.00. An amount from the Loop the Lake fundraiser is still outstanding.

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Happy Trailer Raffle Winners



Cutting the Ribbon at the Shed



Onward to 2013-14 with Ron Burton, our new RI President

