



ROTARY CLUB OF HALL Year in Review

DISTRICT 9710

JULY 2012 - JUNE 2013

Another Busy Year For The Rotary Club of Hall

The Rotary Club of Hall's Capital Region Farmers' Market continues to develop at EPIC each Saturday.



Bushrangers enjoy pizza and a beer after a hard morning's work helping the Rotary Club of Hall
Every year the Rotary Club of Hall has to set up sheep pens for the Canberra Show, otherwise it can't run its fundraising farmers' market at EPIC. This year the Hall Bushrangers Rugby Club volunteered to lend a hand, (helping to save many a grateful old man's back!) Thank you.

This four page special report provides a snapshot of some of the many projects

the Rotary Club of Hall's 35 members have achieved in the last financial year.

The Rotary Club of Hall started the Capital Region Farmers' Market as a community project to support agri-business in the region, to provide somewhere we could all go to get fresh seasonal produce and simultaneously enable the Club to raise funds to support community projects.

Since the Club's first market in 2004, their genuine farmers' market has now grown to over 200 registered stallholders with an average of around 100 stallholders attending weekly.



Many farm visits were undertaken throughout the year to ensure quality and authenticity. Above: Hall Rotary's Bill Watson conducts a spot check at Grandma's Eggs.



The Club had a glorious start to Spring with the wedding of two Club members, Chris & Janine at fellow Rotarian, Suzanne Carter's property.



Farmers Market

The Capital Region Farmers' Market continues to grow, attracting thousands of people each Saturday from all over Canberra who come for their fresh produce direct from the producer.

'The main thing that sets the Capital Region Farmers' Market apart from alternatives, is the Hall Club's strict policing of stallholders to ensure the authenticity of both stallholders and their produce,' says Hall Rotary's Market Director Bill Watson.

'We do everything we can to ensure that everything is 'two day fresh', and you won't get that from your supermarket.'

The funds generated from the market by the volunteers from the Rotary Club of Hall are used to support worthwhile community projects around the district and in our regional communities.



Support for our Community

The Rotary Club of Hall continues to support many worthwhile community projects locally and in the region. Here is a sample of some of these projects:

Supporting our community in Young

A few years ago the Rotary Club of Hall made a decision to donate a proportion of the profits from its farmers' market to the areas their stallholders come from. This has led to considerable donations in the past few years to projects in places such as West Wyalong, Crookwell and Batlow, to name a few.

This year the Club partnered with the Rotary Club of Young with a donation of \$5,000 toward construction of undercover electric BBQ facilities in a new \$150,000 park project in a community housing area at Young.



Rotary Club of Hall Community Director Chris Edwards presents Rotary Club of Young President Jenny Somerset a cheque for \$5,000.

When complete the project will offer an open playground, half basketball court and park facilities where children and families can meet.

This facility will make a substantial difference to the ongoing improvement of living standards for community housing tenants in Young.

The Club's Capital Region Farmers' Market has a number of stallholders from the Young area.

'Young is particularly well represented at the market during cherry season,' states Market Manager, Tam Arnold.

Musical Mushrooms



Having provided significant funding for the Achieving Independence and Mobility (AIM) program at Cranleigh School last year, the Rotary Club of Hall has continued its support with the commissioning of a new sensory playground.

A local Canberra instrument maker has been contracted to build a 'Magical Musical Mushroom Garden' in the playground that all of the children will have access to.

'We would like to say a huge thank you to Hall Rotary for your support. This will be fantastic for the children. We already know how much they enjoy music, especially if they can create it themselves,' explained Principal Karin Wetselaar.

Night Patrol - Homeless



The St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol provides a mobile outreach service offering refreshments and friendly faces to people on the streets at various hours of the night.

It is a service which engages with people by offering friendship, support, and compassion. 150 Volunteers provide warm drinks, something to eat, clothing and friendly conversation.

The Rotary Club of Hall raised another \$5,000 for maintenance and fuel to keep the Night Patrol vehicle on the road for another year.

Painting with Parkinsons



Continuing their support of Painting with Parkinsons, a very worthwhile program for sufferers of Parkinsons Disease, The Hall Rotary Club again made a donation of \$2,000 for materials.

Convener, Nancy Tingey was extremely grateful and all of the participants enthusiastically cheered when the cheque was handed over.

'The difference this program makes to people's lives was evident from the moment they arrived. Firstly, there is the social aspect but in less than an hour you could see a distinct physical change in each of the participants as they began to paint,' says Chris Edwards, Rotary Club of Hall Community Director.

Neonatal Intensive Care



Four hour old Max received life saving attention at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Canberra Hospital.

In response to a request from Max's parents to improve conditions for parents at the ward, the Rotary Club of Hall decided to try to make a difference.

'The \$5,000 of furniture and other equipment purchased by the Rotary Club of Hall has added to the comfort of the families and has already helped to give them time out space.

Without the Rotary Club of Hall's donation, parents and visitors would have been sitting on the window sills,' stated Zsuzsoka Kecskes, Clinical Director NICU.

MULCH at Marymead



The Rotary Club of Hall has partnered with Marymead in a long term support program designed to create opportunities for young adults with disabilities to build skills, both social and vocational, in the field of primary production.

'MULCH' stands for Marymead Urban Land Community Harvest and is a program designed around small farm production to extend social connectedness of all participants.

The Rotary Club of Hall will provide expertise and some financial assistance supported by a number of Capital Region Farmers' Market producers.

Many Rotary Club of Hall members, also participate in other community service activities in their individual capacity such as the Steve Waugh Foundation, TADACT, a group who make specialised equipment for the aged and disabled, along with membership with other volunteer organisations and at a Rotary District level.



2013 Friendship Exchange with Rotary Club of Feilding in New Zealand

A contingent from the Rotary Club of Hall visited the Rotary Club of Feilding on a friendship exchange.

Club members were home hosted by Feilding Rotarians for three nights and shown around rural Feilding and the Manawatu area, including a tour of the largest saleyards where 37,000 sheep went under the hammer on the day of the visit.

15 members of the Rotary Club of Feilding will visit Canberra and be hosted by the Hall Club in September.



Activities in Hall

Victoria Street Landscaping

This year, the Hall Rotary Club proposed a 50/50% funding arrangement with the Hall Progress Association toward the beautification of Victoria Street which is currently underway.

Hall Museum

The Rotary Club of Hall again supported the Hall community museum with a donation of \$1,500 for computer equipment to enable cataloguing of materials.

Broadband for Seniors

The Club continues to support the broadband for seniors program on Thursday mornings or by appointment at the Hall Cottage.



Remembrance Day 2012

On November 11th each year the Rotary Club of Hall organises a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph followed by a social community gathering at the pub. We'll see you there in 2013.

Prosthetic Legs for Cluster Bomb Victim

The Dickson College community is raising money to fund two prosthetic legs for one of its students.



Suraj Habib lost both legs when, as a 6 year old, he found a cluster bomb that he thought was a can of food in Herat Province, Afghanistan.

Rotary Club of Hall contributed \$6,000 toward the fund and it is hoped that the college will be able to give Suraj a pair of legs by the end of year 12.

International Projects

Abundant Water Project Gathers Strength in Lao

Rotary Club of Hall has been supporting the Abundant Water Project in Lao for a number of years and this year saw the Hall Club establish a more formal partnership arrangement with Abundant Water Inc., a 'not-for-profit' organisation developing and sharing the innovation of clay-pot water filters with indigenous potters in the Lao PDR.

The organisation develops and transfers clean water solutions with communities in need of clean drinking water.

In February this project was one of six that was selected to receive a grant of \$1,000 from the Pink Umbrella Foundation for its approach to develop local capability and ownership and sharing expertise rather than transplanting alien systems, technologies or money.



Rotary Club of Hall gets a cheque

Brian Goldstraw receiving a cheque for the Abundant Water Project from Sue O'Neill, Founder of the Pink Umbrella Foundation.

President Brian Goldstraw received the cheque that was put with the Rotary Club of Hall donation of \$8,000 toward the project.



Hornesio Pereria Arrives for His Operation

One of the many very successful Rotary programs is called Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC). This initiative provides medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life saving or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

This year Yvonne from Rotary Club of Hall and Sandra Mahlberg from the Gungahlin Club received another child, Hornesio, who arrived from Timer Leste this year.

Looking after ROMAC children and their accompanying family member has been a major additional contribution by Yvonne.



A Massive Year of Youth Initiatives

We are always on the lookout for young people to support in the many Rotary Youth Programs



Rotaract Club of UC bowling night

This has been a very active year in the area of Youth and Vocational Services with the launch of a number of large projects that were months in the planning.

The Club sponsored the chartering of the Rotaract Club of the University of Canberra which will be run by and for students and young professionals from 18 to 30 years of age, empowering them to create positive change in their community through community, social and professional events.

The Rotary Club of Hall also launched a Scholarship and Vocational Awards Program.

In conjunction with the University of Canberra an on-going scholarship program will award students who meet the University entrance criteria but may be in financial hardship. In this first scholarship year the Club has awarded two

scholarships of \$5,000 per year for three years of study.

The Club also provided Vocational Awards totaling \$4,000 to two worthy building apprentices, for the purchase of tools and equipment in their chosen trade.



The Hall Club managed another successful Rotary Youth Leadership Award Program

Additionally, the Club continues to support the Melba Copland Secondary School FLEX learning program assisting local students who need financial support in the purchase of specific equipment or to cover the costs of training programs.

The Club assisted many young people to achieve individual goals that will benefit the community, and to attend both Rotary and non-Rotary programs.

The Club continues to have a major input into the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for 18 to 26 year olds, with many of members involved in the organisation and running of the program that is held in January each year.

Following are some of the youth programs the Rotary Club of Hall has sponsored attendees to this year:-

- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for 18 to 26 year olds;
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) for 14 to 17 year olds;
- National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) for Year 11 students;
- Rotary Youth Exchange Program for senior secondary students to experience a year of schooling in another country.
- Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)
- The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN);
- Murray-Darling School for Freshwater Research.

There are many more opportunities to develop our youth. If you your son or daughter is interested in finding out more, please contact our Director of Youth and Vocational Services.

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About the Rotary Club of Hall



FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Although our Farmers' Market has continued to challenge us, it has all been well worth the

effort, as is reflected in the achievements of the Club this year.

This year, saw the initiation of long term support commitments, such as the establishment of the scholarship program with the University of Canberra, our commitment to the MULCH project with Marymead and the Abundant Water project in Lao.

It was also the year we launched the Roteract Club of UC with whom we hope to have a long and close association over the coming years.



INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Ralph Southwell — President**
- Bernie Rodgers — Vice President**
- Paul Tyrell — Secretary**
- Liz Rodgers — Treasurer**
- Yvonne Robson — Club Service**
- Tony Tucker — President Elect**
- Chris Edwards — Community Service**
- Vic Gibbons — Farmers Market**
- Janine Linklater — Youth and Vocational**
- Pam Brown — International**

These initiatives represent new directions for the Club as we continue to 'make a difference' with our ongoing youth, community and international aid projects.

The continued success of the Club is due to the enthusiastic work of the Club members and we look forward to continued success next year with Ralph Southwell as President.

Thank you very much indeed.

Brian Goldstraw

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The Club meets for dinner every Tuesday evening. If you are interested in finding out more, please get in contact.

