

Wayne Smith 2011-2012

Within any service or sporting Club, there are always a few members of the team who are either inherently more skilled, or simply work much harder than most to make an invaluable contribution for a team to experience any success. Importantly, such members tend to, through their actions, inspire and motivate other members to lift their game and work harder. Wayne Smith is a good example of someone in our Club who leads by example and does not shy away from working hard to make sure our team kicks a few goals each year.



Wayne Smith
President 2011-12



In 2010, the Carols were not held due to inclement weather. In President Wayne's year, it rained again, but the Club had developed a contingency plan after the events of last year. Consequently, the Carols were held inside the Bendigo Exhibition Centre for the very first time. Even though numbers were down, the Carols went ahead, and a very enjoyable night was had by all those that attended.

President Wayne, during his year as President, undertook to initiate two programs which focused on the welfare of local children. With the assistance of member, Kaye Graves, and Bendigo



Community Health, a program was developed to assist children from the ages of 3 – 10 have access to early eye checks. Wayne donated \$10,000 of Club's funds to ensure the project was a success. Consequently, early identification of eye conditions could be treated to prevent long term visual impairments. Funds were also available to assist young children, from financially disadvantaged backgrounds, have access to low- cost glasses.

Another children's project in President Wayne's year which was supported was at Bendigo Special Development School in Kangaroo Flat. The school was trying to establish a 'sensory garden' to aid students with their education and general wellbeing.

Not only were funds made available to establish the garden in Wayne's year, but additional funds were promised in the year ahead from Brian Figg. Furthermore, Wayne made it his goal to lobby other local Rotary Clubs to also contribute funding for the innovative 'sensory garden'.

President Wayne supported a Plumber Apprentice and Tradie Exchange Scheme between Bendigo and Samoa. The idea was that plumbers from Samoa would be invited to come to Bendigo for a month for the purpose of upskilling, while 2 apprentices from Bendigo would assist volunteer work teams in Samoa.

Member, John Gallagher, from Ray Wild Plumbing, offered to sponsor a plumber from Samoa who was selected by The Australia Pacific Technical College. President Wayne covered all costs associated with the program from funds allocated to Samoa.



President Wayne, with the assistance of Hugh Wheeler, put forward 3 candidates from the Bendigo region for GSE teams to visit the U.S.A and England. For the first time since 1978, all candidates were successful.



President Wayne always enjoys attending Club events. Wayne, and the fellowship team, organized 6 events during the year: Val Barker's Vocational evening; the Xmas function; a Bowls night; a night at the Trots; a pleasant Sunday afternoon at the Glazebrook's; and the Great Penna Breakfast.



A very warm welcome to DG Keith Ryall and ADG Mark Weragoda when they visited the club in October 2011



Val and Alida leading us in some Carol singing at our Christmas meeting at the Discovery Centre in December 2011



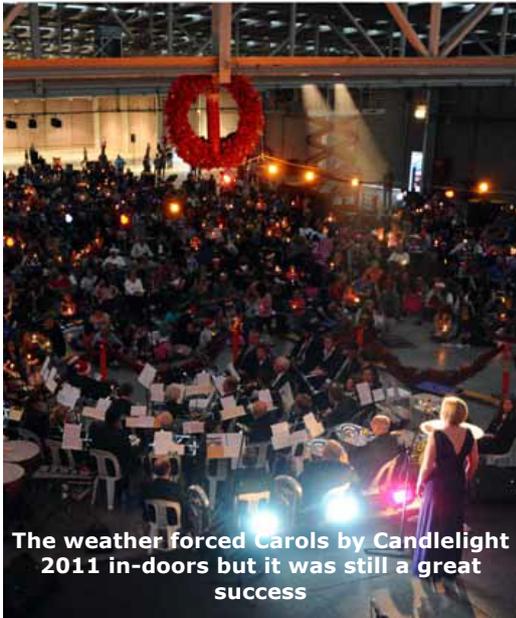
Bryan McMahon doing his phantom call of the 2011 Melbourne Cup



Returning Exchange s Student Dempsey Sanderson was welcomed back to the club after her exchange to Brazil in December 2011



The long and the short of it at the Discovery Centre



The weather forced Carols by Candlelight 2011 in-doors but it was still a great success



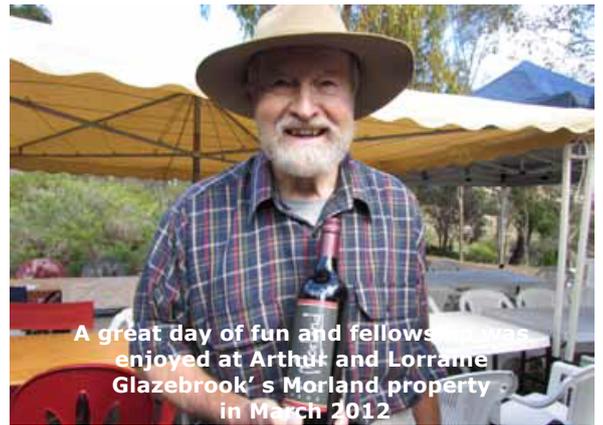
Outgoing Exchange Students Bonnie Wagner and Liam Oberin were farewelled in January 2012



Exchange Student Nina Robertson was welcomed home from Norway in February 2012



Exchange Students Abigail Trewartha was also welcomed home from Brazil in February 2012



A great day of fun and fellowship was enjoyed at Arthur and Lorraine Glazebrook's Morland property in March 2012



Celebrating Anna Isotalo's 17th birthday in February 2012



A great evening of celebration with the D9800 GSE Team led by PDG Greg Ross about to depart for Canada. The two female members were both Bendigo ladies, Briana Cowan on the left and Jacinta Lean (Frank's daughter) on the right. April 2012