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### Secretary's Report

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#### YEAR TO DATE

After having finished 2009 on such a high we could never have been prepared for 2010.

First came the air-conditioning failure making it too hot to use the office. This lasted for approximately 2 weeks. This was resolved and the air conditioner has never worked better. Great back to work, **NO!** Now we are locked out. The office has become a part of a construction zone. A very heavy MRI machine was to be installed upstairs requiring the reinforcing of all levels of the car park. The struts went through our floor and ceiling. This scenario lasted another two weeks.

Finally we receive the call that all was clear to return to work in the office, with new floor and ceiling. Then you wouldn't believe it, whilst working on my computer at 3.45pm, it starts raining inside the office. After a frantic call to maintenance the water stopped. It was overflow from the new waste water pipes which had been installed over the Christmas break.

Surely now we would be able to catch up and prepare for the busy year ahead, **NO!** Within days, the office was flooded not once but several times leaving it uninhabitable with no prospect of it being fixed in the foreseeable future. We had become homeless. Not a comforting feeling. It was at this time we also found we were unable to use the Trout Conference room for our monthly meetings, as it was required by the Damascus Centre for their meetings for the foreseeable future. We were becoming very despondent.

Fortunately Mr Michael Ravbar came to the rescue. He worked very hard to secure the society new office space for the next four months at a very affordable rent, \$000.00 per month.

But that was the beginning of a new chapter in the year that is 2010. Now we had to move. Again we had to call on our friends at the CFMEU, Michael, Bud Andrew and the rest of the boys who chipped in with the muscle power while the girls, Helen, Kay and Kerrie packed and sorted the contents of the office. Of course they had to repeat this process in reverse in the new office. **All this time of course I was offering my expert supervision.**  
**(Ha Ha)**

Today as I sit here writing this News Flash, I am in wonder at how fortunate we are to have friends like the CFMEU and Windsor Management, the owners of these fine offices. A big thank you must also go to our good friends and loyal supporters at Turner Freeman Lawyers, in particular Mr Thady Blundell. When it appeared that all was lost and we had nowhere to go, they did offer to accommodate us until we were able to make alternate arrangements.

The future looks bright and with hard work we will get back on track for a successful 2010. We look forward to everybody's continued support.

Raymond J Colbert  
Secretary

## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Do you have some time to spare?

If so, would you like to help us with some of our activities that we do.  
Please call Helen on 0439 10 11 14 to discuss any further information.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Thursday **11<sup>th</sup> March** - General Meeting - Please ring for attendance and venue details.

Thursday **8<sup>th</sup> April** - Management Meeting - Mill Hotel.

Monday **3<sup>rd</sup> May** - May Day.