

# HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KEW



1967 – 2007

The first 40 years



Rotary Club of Kew



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280th District Rotary International



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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Via air mail

23 June, 1967

Keith A. Hansen, Esq.  
President, The Rotary Club  
Kew, Victoria, Australia

Dear President Hansen:

It is a privilege to welcome the Rotary Club of Kew into the fellowship of Rotary, and to greet you and the members of your club as fellow Rotarians.

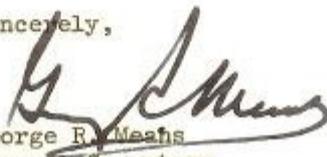
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Best wishes for the success of the Rotary Club of Kew.

Sincerely,

  
George R. Means  
General Secretary

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## History of the Rotary Club of Kew

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## Preface

The information for this "History of the Rotary Club of Kew" was obtained from documents and photographs in the Club's possession. The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Kew presents an accurate and detailed account of the weekly activities of the Club.

The introductory section "Rotary" was written by Rotarian Jim Braden. For a detailed account of the regions and development of Rotary International refer to:

Rotary International (1954), ***Rotary Fifty Years of Service: 1905-1955***, Swanston, Illinois.

For an account of Rotary Australia:

Rotarian Hunt H, ***The Story of Rotary in Australia: 1921-1971: The First Fifty Years***,  
Rotarian Harold Hunt, Rotary Club of Melbourne, Emeritus Professor of Classical Studies at The University of Melbourne.

For a discussion about Rotary and the significance of being a Rotarian together with a year by year summary of the progress of Rotary against a backdrop of World events, refer to:

Rotary International (1967), ***Adventure in Service***, Sixteenth Printing, Swanston, Illinois.

# Rotary

Rotary is an ideal in action.

Rotary is thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others.

Rotary is the experience of men of different faiths, different opinions and different nationalities, growing in fellowship wherever they may be.

To these definitions could be added others, each different in terminology but similar in concept.

But fundamentally Rotary is a world fellowship of business and professional men who accept the idea of service, individually and collectively, as the basis of success and professional life.

In Rotary, thoughtfulness of others is regarded as the basis of service and helpfulness to others as its expression. Together they constitute the "Rotary Ideal of Service". Rotary is not a secret organisation.

Rotary does not seek to supplant or interfere with any religious or political organisations.

It assumes that its programme of service is in accord with all religions and it does concern itself with Rotarian's politics. Rotary expects him to be faithful to his religion and loyal to his citizenship.

Rotary was born out of a lonely man's hunger for friendship and fellowship. On February 23rd, 1905, a young Chicago lawyer named Paul Harris explained to three business associates, one a coal dealer, another a mining engineer, and the other a merchant sailor, that his idea was to form a new kind of Club of business men who would meet together periodically to get better acquainted and to help one another in business.

Paul Harris named the new organisation "Rotary" - because originally, the members met in rotation at their various places of business. Membership grew and soon became too large to meet in the place of business of members, and Rotary began to meet once a week around the luncheon table. The first Rotary Club in Australia was organised in Melbourne in 1921.

Rotary did not need great promotion, its growth was spontaneous. Paul Harris, a quiet, unassuming man, is, in a way, the founder of all modern Service Club movements. From the beginning of the first Rotary Club in Chicago, 68 years ago, the Rotary ideals of service have spread through six continents. They have been accepted by men of practically all nationalities with many different political and religious beliefs, by 700,000 business and professional people in over 15, 000 Rotary Clubs throughout the 150 countries and geographical regions.

The programme of Rotary is expressed in its objective, which is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. Shortly after the organisation of the first Rotary Club it was realised that Rotary could serve a wider purpose than its original aim of promoting understanding and fellowship among business and professional people. Rotary soon became a factor for the promotion of many different types of community betterment acts and community service, today supported by many Clubs with impressive arrays of projects.

Vocational service - the promotion of high standards in business and professional practices, was regarded as a fundamental principle of Rotary. Rotarians are leaders in their particular vocations. It was here that the objective of Rotary could be put to work.

As the Rotary ideal of friendship and service to others spread from country to country it became evident that Rotary's International Service programme could be a potent force for the development of goodwill.

Although the situation is depressing, perhaps more understanding does exist in the world today and Rotary has helped with such efforts as Student Exchange, Rotary Foundation, Matched Clubs, International Conventions and with International Club Projects where Rotary is trusted as it has no axe to grind.

Rotary's membership plan is unique. Each Rotary Club is founded on a classification basis for membership, wherein, each member is pledged to give service to his Club, vocation, community and to the development of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.

## **History of the Rotary Club of Kew**

Rotary strives to have in the membership of the Club a representative of every worthy and recognised business, professional and institutional activity of its locality but at the same time basically linking the membership to but one person from any kind of business or professional service to the public.

In this way a membership truly representative of the community is produced - a membership, which is not exclusive, but one that is inclusive of all services to society, within which any member may freely discuss the particular activity, which he represents.

## **Beginning of the Rotary Club of Kew**

The 1950s was a decade of active expansion of Rotary in the suburbs with the formation of many Clubs including Hawthorn in 1953, Camberwell 1956, Heidelberg 1956, Box Hill 1957 and Collingwood 1959, but Kew had to wait until 1967 - though the possibility of a Club in Kew was considered in 1959 when past President Doug Seeson of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn made the first survey, but it was decided not to proceed at that time. Kew has always essentially been a residential suburb and the lack of a balanced list of classifications, because of the absence of industry, was the main reason for not proceeding with developing a Club in Kew.

The possibility of a Rotary Club in Kew was next raised by District Governor French at the District Governor's Assembly on September 27th 1966, and in October 1966 the Rotary Club of Hawthorn was asked to conduct a survey, which Past President Jack Cathie conducted in November of the same year, and reported:

"The survey of the municipality of Kew was conducted by me during the month of November, 1966. The area could not be described as industrial. There are a few small manufacturing businesses and several schools, colleges and institutions. The commercial centre consists mainly of retail shops which are grouped into two main areas, Kew and East Kew. There also exist a number of small personal businesses servicing the general community, such as electricians, painters, plumbers etc.

The survey shows approximately 70 classifications available.

There are seven members of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn residing in the Kew area and some of these may join the Kew Club if it should be formed. I am of the opinion that a successful Rotary Club could be formed in the Municipality of Kew, although it would not have the same cross section of business and professional men as is the case with most metropolitan Clubs."

The survey was sent to the District Governor in January and he approved it and sent a copy to Rotary International Headquarters. In February, interviewing of prospective members began.

Success of this initiation is owed much to the enthusiasm of Past President Jack Cathie but a pending overseas trip brought the need for an equally enthusiastic successor who was found when Geoff Stevens became the District Governor Special Representative (DGSR). It is clear that the key men in making possible the Rotary Club of Kew were Jack Cathie, Geoff Stevens, District Governor Vic French and the Chairman of Rotary ??? Committee District 280, Frank Gill. By April 28th there were 14 prospective members and on May 5th, a meeting was held at the home of Rotarian Bib Stillwell and it was obvious that sufficient momentum had been expended to form the Rotary Club of Kew.

## **The Provisional Rotary Club of Kew**

By the middle of May, Frank Gill had approved of the list of proposed office bearers and arrangements were made for the first meeting of the Organising Group which took place on June 1st at Sunninghill Reception Rooms in Kew, with Geoff Stevens in the Chair and twenty four prospective members present.

Many visiting Rotarians were present including Frank Gill, and representatives of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn who's Charter President, Ron Fowler, spoke stressing the need to foster the fellowship in the formative years of a new Rotary Club. Among the resolutions passed, the first was that DGSR Geoff Stevens request District Governor Vic French to "Constitute the Provisional Rotary Club of Kew" and another nominating Keith Hansen for appointment as Charter President.

On June 29th, the granting of the Charter (dated June 16th) was announced and Keith Hansen was inducted as Charter President in a private ceremony conducted by DGSR Geoff Stevens who, at the same time, inducted another member who was going overseas. At the completion of the induction, elected Charter President Keith Hansen read the following letter from George Means, General Secretary, Rotary International, Illinois.

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The remaining members were inducted at the next meeting on July 6th by Charter President Keith Hansen, and presented with their badges which the visiting Rotarian Ken Blair of the Rotary Club of Melbourne referred to as "the outward symbol of your entry into Rotary".

The Charter presentation was made by District Governor, J. Barton Hack, at Kew City Hall on September 28th, 1967, and the distinguished gathering included representatives from 31 other Rotary Clubs. The night will always be remembered as a remarkable demonstration of Rotary Fellowship as District Governor Hack in the presence of the Mayor of Kew, Councilor W. D. Hope and a large gathering of Rotarians, members of other Service Clubs, members and their wives and friends, handed over to President Keith Hansen, the Charter of the Rotary Club of Kew.

## **History of the Rotary Club of Kew**

In the early 70s, the late John Leppitt, MA, commenced a History of the Rotary Club of Kew. This covered the first three years of the Club's life and included a verbatim record of the entire speeches of our Charter Presentation Ceremony, as well as more information regarding the origins and aims of Rotary. Much of this was taken from a tape recording made at the time.

Unfortunately, this tape was lost many years ago, but on the occasion of our 25th Anniversary, we were given an edited version by PDG Geoff Stevens.

The original manuscript of this early history was included separately. **NOW MISSING!!!**

## **End of original Preface**

### **Now follows the Rotary Club of Kew Chronology**

**Years 1967 to 1993 were compiled by PP Tom Harrison almost entirely from the Newsletters.**

**Years 1994 to 2007 are either reports from the Presidents or have been compiled from the Newsletter and other records.**

**Where possible, Past Presidents have been asked to review the report of their year.**

**Enormous credit must go to Cliff and Edna Phillips who have maintained the Club records and provided the majority of the information that is presented here.**

**Every effort has been made to make this record accurate. Our apology to anyone who finds this not so. If any errors are detected we would appreciate being informed so that we can correct our records.**

**This publication has been produced to commemorate the first forty years of the Club.**

## Charter Members

<b>ANGUS Ron</b>	<b>Construction Services: Highway Construction</b>
<b>BALDWIN Ivan</b>	<b>Hardware: Staple &amp; Staple Machine Manufacturing</b>
<b>BRADEN Jim</b>	<b>Education: Inspection</b>
<b>CUNNINGHAM Bill</b>	<b>Clothing Industry: Men's Clothing Manufacturing</b>
<b>FAIRSERVICE Gavin</b>	<b>Religion: Christianity, Presbyterian</b>
<b>FOWLER Bob</b>	<b>Hotels &amp; Restaurants: Hotels</b>
<b>FRAZER Len</b>	<b>Consulting Engineering: Civil Engineering</b>
<b>GANNON Jim</b>	<b>Veterinary Medicine: Veterinary Clinical Practice</b>
<b>GLYNNE Des</b>	<b>Government Road Research</b>
<b>HIGGINS Harry</b>	<b>Business Service: Accounting Service</b>
<b>HOLDSWORTH Keith</b>	<b>Animal Training: Guide Dogs for the Blind</b>
<b>HANSEN Keith</b>	<b>Chemical Industry: Pharmacy</b>
<b>INCE Ken</b>	<b>Clothing Industry: Men's Clothing Retail</b>
<b>LANGDON John</b>	<b>Medicine: Dentistry</b>
<b>LAWSON Norm</b>	<b>Agriculture: Flower Retail</b>
<b>LEPPITT John</b>	<b>Education: Independent Schools</b>
<b>Mc CARTHY Frank</b>	<b>Designing Industrial Engineering: Industrial Design</b>
<b>Mc KENZIE Mac</b>	<b>Recreation: Sightseeing Services</b>
<b>MANDER Clive</b>	<b>Finance: Banking Savings</b>
<b>MEADOWS Keith</b>	<b>Wood Industry: Timber Merchant</b>
<b>MURPHY Steven</b>	<b>Food Industry: Grocery Retailing</b>
<b>PECHER Hans</b>	<b>Jewelry: Jewelry Retailing</b>
<b>PHILLIPS Cliff</b>	<b>Electrical Industry and Electronics: Electrical Repair Service</b>
<b>ROOZEN Leo</b>	<b>Electrical Industry and Electronics: Light Fixture Distributor</b>
<b>RUSSELL George</b>	<b>Municipal Services: Engineering</b>
<b>SANSOM Joe</b>	<b>Religion: Christian, Church of England</b>
<b>SHAW Fred</b>	<b>Automobile Industry: Automobile Retailing</b>
<b>SIMMS John</b>	<b>Real Estate (Property) : Real Estate Agency</b>
<b>STONE Bert</b>	<b>Law: General Law Practice</b>
<b>WESTLAND Jim</b>	<b>Government Traffic Commission</b>

## History of the Rotary Club of Kew

### 1967 - 1968

#### President: Keith Hansen

On June 1st, a formal "Organisational Meeting" was held, chaired by DGSR Geoff Stevens. 24 prospective members attended with several apologies. Also present were 14 members of Hawthorn Rotary Club. Geoff outlined the procedure for the formation of the Rotary Club and distributed copies of the constitution and By Laws.



The meeting proceeded with arrangements to formally apply for the establishment of the Provisional Rotary Club of Kew, open a bank account and name signatories, to recommend a joining fee of \$17.00, and an annual subscription of \$20.00 and to nominate Keith Hansen as Charter President.

At the conclusion of the luncheon the Board held its first meeting to nominate officers for the 1967 - 1968 year.

The first meeting of the Provisional Rotary Club of Kew was held the following week, on June 8th. At the meeting on the 29th, it was announced that a Charter had been granted to the Rotary Club of Kew on June 16th. Keith Hansen was inducted as Charter President of the Rotary Club of Kew. The rest of the members were inducted on July 6th.

On Thursday, September 28th, our Charter Night Dinner was held at Kew City Hall with a total attendance of 420, which included a long list of important personages and representatives of 31 other Rotary Clubs (bearing gifts ranging from a brass gong and other desk top equipment through to cheques down to banners).

District Governor J Barton Hack presented the Charter Certificate, dated June 16th 1967, and President John Showers of Corryong handed over the Wembley Shield which was first presented at the Rotary Club of Essendon in 1964, and is handed on to each Rotary Club as it receives its Charter - Kew Rotary Club only held the Shield for a few days as it travelled on to the newer Club of Mansfield.

On May 2nd, we had our first Club exchange meeting when a large contingent from the Rotary Club of Collingwood paid us a visit.

On June 7th, 8 families set out to visit the Rotary Club of Cobram. After morning tea at Seymour, they called at Chateau Tabilk (and left with a quantity of local product), lunch at Shepparton and onto Cobram. Tours of the district's beauty spots and large commercial enterprises culminated with each couple being entertained at a different home attended by several Cobram couples. Back home on Monday night with wonderful memories of Cobram and our friends.

**Inductions: Jack Balloch, Colin Amos, Ian Scott, Bill Pick, Les Austin, John Hope, Geoff Andrews.**

**Resignations: John Langdon, Hans Pecher, Frank McCarthy, Ron Angus, Joe Sansom.**

**Deceased: Len Frazer**

**1968 - 1969**

**President: Bert Stone**

The first annual Change-Over Night was held at "Sunninghill" and was a great success, the feeling being that a milestone had been passed and the Club was well on its way.

First (organisational) meeting of Ruyton-Trinity Interact Club was held on the night of July 16th. On July 23rd some Interact members visited the Interact Club of Richmond at the Technical School.

A successful Fellowship Dinner Dance was held at the South Yarra Club.

A very pleasant morning tea was held at the home of Sharon Andrews where the catering arrangements were made for the forthcoming Christmas function.

"Club Project" was launched to enable an aboriginal child to have his/her secondary education in Melbourne (later deferred).

On Sunday, November 17th, 36 members and their families enjoyed a pleasant and educational trip through the Dandenongs, per courtesy of Rotarian Mac Mc Kenzie's Bus Service, including Ferntree Gully Lookout, and many other beautiful spots.

On December 3rd, Kew Rotary Club, in conjunction with Brighton and Sandringham Lion's Clubs, presented to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, two double seated kayaks and two sailing boats complete with paddles, sails and all necessary accessories. The presentation was made on the steps of the Old Treasury Building in Spring Street.

On January 30th, we received the first supply of our own banners.

During May a lectern was presented to St. George's Hospital.

The return visit by the Rotary Club of Cobram through the 8th - 10th March long weekend, including Saturday night entertainment, a bus trip on Sunday and a progressive dinner was a happy and successful affair.

RYLA nominee for this year is Tom Stokes.

Trinity/Ruyton Interact Club was presented with its Charter Certificate at Ruyton Girls' School on April 17th.

A very successful and enjoyable barbecue was held at Keith Holdsworth's property on April 20th.

Sons and daughters appeared in droves at the "Sons and Daughters" meeting.

We had great visits to four Clubs during the year; Hawthorn, Fitzroy, Nunawading and Melbourne North.

On June 25th, several members were hosted at the Council Chambers by the Mayor.

Change-Over Night, held at Sunninghill on June 26th was, as usual, a happy and interesting evening.

We were highly commended by the District Governor for the hosting of the District Assembly at the Heidelberg City Hall on June 15th.

Inductions: Don Patterson, Bernie Smith, Perc Watts, Laurie Johnson, Hugh MacKenzie, Bas Abery, Stuart Warmington, Peter Mackie, George Vardon, Gordon Brown, Bob Handley, Gordon Hinrichsen, Laurie Johnson.

Resigned: Gavin Fairservice, Fred Shaw, Les Austin,

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#### President: Clive Mander

On July 3rd, Doctor Bill Pick completed the Hong Kong Influenza injections. After deduction of the cost of the serum, Doctor Bill donated the balance of the fees to the Club funds.

The first Inter-Club visit was held on September 9th when we attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Northcote.

On Sunday 20th, a giant working bee took place at Trinity Grammar Library in connection with the Elder Citizen's Association Project.

The Ladies' Coffee Morning on October 1st was not only a great social success but produced some very helpful (and candid) suggestions on the type of social functions they would prefer.

During October, a visit was paid to the Rotary Club of Reservoir.

We were visited by the Rotary Club of Malvern on November 11th.

Seven members visited the dental surgery of member Geoff Andrews for a Rotation Day meeting and inspection. An offer of free extraction was not taken up.

Another Inter-Club visit was held, when we went to a meeting at Prahran Rotary Club on November 27th.

Another Rotation Day, this time at the clothing factory of Bill Cunningham, who explained the conducting of and problems associated with this type of business.

In February, a group held another Rotation Day at the premises of the Road Traffic Authority per courtesy of Jim Westland. Another Rotation Day was held at the Council Depot.

A splendid barbecue was held at the home (also splendid!!) of Rotarian Bernie Smith on April 14th.

The Rotary Club of Prahran was officially visited on May 17th, and our last Rotation Day was held at Kew Post Office.

The Interact Club of Trinity/Ruyton is going from strength to strength...among many other activities, they gained and executed a contract to deliver phone books to the East Kew area.

Inductions: Mac McIlroy, John LeBoeuf, Ned Spark, Jim Perry, Bob McGilp, Rod Matthews, Alan Capell, Tom Harrison, Keith Solomon, John Scanlan.

Resignations: Bob Fowler

## **1970 – 1971**

### **President: John Simms**

President John presented our first RYLA Award to Leigh Timms. Leigh is deeply involved in youth work, including the Fitzroy project, entertaining young people from the high rise flats. The certificate was presented on July.17th.

In September a successful Antique Furniture Exhibition was held in Kew City Hall. Titled "Arts de Mexico", it comprised of hand made replicas of 16th and 17th Century furniture. The function was attended by the Mexican Ambassador and was a cultural and financial success. A net profit of \$266.00 being returned for the Indonesian Training Programme.

Kew Interact Club's first bulletin was published in October.

Two Rotation Days were held during the year; at Kew City Council premises and at Trinity Grammar School, attended by small but interested groups.

In May an International Dinner was held at Kew City Hall and was an outstanding success. With the help of our ladies, food from six different countries was provided, with entertainment from six Swiss yodellers, Spanish dancers and Scottish bagpipes, all in a multi national setting. \$1600.00 was raised for donation to St. George's Hospital.

Several members and wives attended the Sydney Conference.

The Club made two Inter-Club visits - Heidelberg and Coburg, the latter in the form of a barbecue.

An International House Student was hosted.

Audio visual equipment was used for the first time for a new member information night.

Inductions: Roy Blyth, Peter Manton, Bert Anderson, Tom Davidson, Jim Gray, Bill Burne, Jock Hay.

Resignations: Ken Ince, Jim Gannon, Clive Mander, George Russell, Bert Stone, Ian Scott, Bernie Smith, Ned Spark, Tom Davidson.

Deceased: Bob Fowler

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### 1971 – 1972

#### President: Keith Holdsworth

Off to an early start for the new Rotary Club year. Our Ruyton- Trinity Grammar Interactors won a contract to deliver phone books in the East Kew area at 4 cents each. They distributed 3269 books, making \$107.75 in the process. This was made up to \$110.00 and donated to the Childrens' Welfare Section of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.



An appeal for clothing for Indonesia resulted in several tea chests being filled and dispatched.

A most enjoyable trip by train and bus to Ballarat was organised by the fellowship Committee. This included a tour of places of interest, in particular, Sovereign Hill Township with its authentic reconstruction of a gold mining community during the gold rush days.

Our Christmas "Do" was held at Madelaine's, one of the newer city restaurants. A good turn out and a happy time.

Many activities were provided for the good crowd attending the barbecue at the Lawson's Doncaster home, including tennis, table tennis, mini golf, quoits, pony rides, and later on, bingo!! The day showed a profit of \$280.00 plus \$333.00 from a raffle.

A special collection per the "Copper Pot" raised \$100.00 towards a fund aimed at supplying appropriate footwear for lepers in Papua New Guinea.

RYLA awardees for the year were Nola Jones and Gerard Clark.

A set of very fine films on the drug problem, shown at the Guide Dog Centre, was followed by keen discussions by the various groups, comprised of adults and teenagers. A fine supper rounded off an educational and enjoyable evening.

A Rotation Day was held at the premises of our resident architect, Stuart Warmington, who showed us the ramifications of designing and planning the construction of a large city development.

President Keith Holdsworth was awarded an M.B.E in the Queen's Birthday Honour's List in recognition of his splendid work with the Guide Dogs for the Blind Organisation.

We received an official visit from the Rotary Club of Richmond.

Inductions: Alan Pryor , John Boadle, Ian Docker, Dick Nathan, Ken Little, Selby Steele, Harry Wiltshire, George Redfern.

Resignations: John Scanlon, John Boadle.

## 1972 – 1973

### President: Cliff Phillips

President Cliff's first presentation for the year was to our RYLA representatives Nola Jones and Gerard Clark who received framed certificates.

A letter was received acknowledging receipt of the tea chests of clothing in Indonesia, as well as soap for leprosy patients and powdered milk for sick and aged Chinese and Indonesian families. Distribution is strictly supervised by the Salvation Army.



Our first Exchange Student, Cary Stevens from Salt lake City Utah, U.S.A arrived on August 21st. Cary attended Kew High School.

This year's Christmas Party consisted of a car rally finishing in a party and barbecue at Gordon Hinrichsen's property at Main Ridge, Mornington. A marvelous time was had by Rotarians, Rotaractors, families and friends.

Lindsay Mc Millan, our nominee for a Foundation Award has been selected and will spend a year abroad studying problems of the deaf and blind in which field he is presently teaching.

An X-Ray deep therapy unit was sent to Bangalore Hospital, India. Presented by a retired Melbourne radiologist, it has been brought up to first rate condition and all costs involved have been met by the Rotary Clubs of Kew, Hawthorn, Keilor and Camberwell (\$400.00 each).

In March a very successful Colonial Dinner Dance was held. The food, decor and in many cases the dress was all appropriate to the old Colonial era. Much of the work was carried out by the ladies and entertainment was provided by the Gray Sisters and the Salt lake City Barber Shop Quartet (per favour of Rotarian George Aposhian, who is spending a term here with the Mormon Church). The funds raised (\$1500.00 plus) are to aid the Mobility Training School for the Blind.

A group of members attending the District Conference at Albury took along Cary Stevens, our Exchange Student, who gave a fine performance at the concert there.

RYLA representatives this year are Judith Reichman and Deborah Haycraft. Certificates were presented on June 22nd.

Bowls night, held at Kew Bowling Club was enjoyed by all except the greenkeeper!!

Train of Knowledge. Three girls from the Salvation Army Girls' Home were financed on a trip in the train.

Inductions: Bob Bates, Syd White, Ian Doherty, Peter Hatherley, John Kennedy, Hamish Christie-Johnson and Murray Chessell.

Resignations: Keith Solomon, Jim Braden, Peter Mackie, Bert Anderson, Alan Pryor, Perc Watts, Laurie Johnston, Bob Bates, Ian Docker, Mac McIlroy, Syd white and Harry Wiltshire.

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### 1973 – 1974

#### President: Norman Lawson

Our new Exchange Student is Moira Brennan from Cortland, New York State. Moira is staying with the Ballochs and is attending Genazzano Girls' College. Our outward students were Sue Kirscher (Canada) and Elizabeth Wentworth (Japan).

We now have our own Rotaract Club, a small but enthusiastic group which has already organised a barbecue at Badgers Creek.

A Golf Day was held at Kew Golf Club and was well attended and very enjoyable though some of the golf was pretty horrible!!

Another successful day was the Car Rally and barbecue held out somewhere past Kinglake.

We again deeply shocked Kew's veteran players by our obvious lack of knowledge of bowling. Although the ladies were not allowed on the greens, they entertained themselves inside. A great night.

A Ladies' Night, purely social in nature, was held at the Kew Golf Club and was a huge success...beautiful meal and drinks and plenty of animated conversation.

Kew Rotaract has published its first Bulletin.

A proposal to change to an evening meeting was defeated 19-17 after a short trial period.

Our first Asian Exchange Student arrived in May and settled in well with Gwen and Jock Hay. Takafumi (Taki) Kimura hails from Japan and is attending Trinity Grammar Boys' School.

RYLA awardees were Steve Whatmough and Barbara Giles.

Jamie Fennessy was our Exchange Student to Japan where he stayed near Taki Kimura's home town.

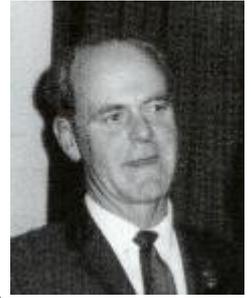
Inductions: Frank Bolton, Leo Roberts, Brian Robinson, Dennis Cahill and Rich Bennett.

Resignations: Ian Doherty, Roy Blyth, Jim Gray and Selby Steele.



## 1974 – 1975

**President: Leo Roozen**



A "Roman Happening" was scheduled for November 27th, but owing to a number of circumstances sufficient support was not forthcoming and it was moved to May 3rd when it was a great success. Most participants were dressed in their own version of Roman dress, a playlet depicting a Roman Rotary Club entertained the audience but most of the fun went to the cast... the errors and accidents were funnier than the play!! The food was perfect and "a jolly time was had by all".

From the Progress Press, October, 1975 : What is New? A View from Kew. The Rotary Club of Kew Exposition of Innovation, Invention and Design arranged in co-operation with the Industrial Design Council of Australia and the Inventors' Association of Australia. Theme: To show what is new, innovative and inventive and well designed to serve the people and improve the quality of life in all aspects of work and pleasure. Purpose: To fund a Scholarship for Design in fields of useful endeavour. This splendid project, put forward by Rotarian Ivan Baldwin, was not to be, due to unavailability of local venue, lack of and withdrawal of support promised and finally, when it was decided to ask for space at the Sun Home Show, a huge rental was demanded.

Christmas Dinner at the Airforce Club, South Yarra was well attended, including a full table of Rotaractors. Excellent food and atmosphere.

Clayton Long was our Exchange Student to Japan.

Frail Elder Citizens' Club is for those who cannot attend the normal Kew Elder Citizens' Club because of age and/or disability. As requested, we provided and installed a kitchen sink, oil heater, chairs, tables, floor coverings and so on, just in time for the Club to move elsewhere!! Ah,well.

RYLA awardees are Helen Fenton and Vito Toce.

Inductions: Fred Kent, Don Mc Kinnon, Frank Donald, Alex Stewart, John Robertson and Jim Hayes.

Resigned: Bob McGilp, Leo Roberts, George Redfern, Frank Bolton, Jack Balloch, John LeBoeuf, Rod Matthews and Alan Capell.

## History of the Rotary Club of Kew

### 1975 – 1976



#### President: John Hope

The year started with a general re-vamp of committees, activities and so on, including a debate and vote on the holding of evening meetings for a three month trial period. After much debate, a formal vote was taken, result being 15 in favour, 14 against, with three abstentions and sixteen absent, well short of the necessary two thirds majority.

On Thursday, September 18th, our venue was changed to Angelucci's in Walpole Street. The change was necessary because of the insistence by "Sunninghill" on payment for a minimum number of dinners every week. As the figure was above our average attendance it was no longer a viable situation. Because of increased costs it was decided not to post the Bulletin but to give it out at meetings and have back numbers available for absentees. It was found difficult to execute and, after some complaints, the normal service was resumed. The singing of the National Anthem was discontinued at weekly meetings in October.

The Christmas Dinner Dance was a huge success...it was again held at the Airforce Club, South Yarra with 68 attending.

Exchanges: During this year Usa Miller arrived from Clarendon Hills, Illinois, U.S.A., Jennifer Dawson left for Canada and Clayton Long arrived home from Japan.

Our Club helped out in several areas at the Annual Kew Festival, the Rotaractors held a successful Art Show in the City Hall. Outstanding were the sketches by Rotarian Stuart Warmington. We sponsored member Dennis Cahill in the "Walk Against Want".

A Rotation Day (night) was held at the Swinburne Technical College where our member Fred Bevis is Dean of Engineering. Many signified their intention but only four turned up. They were treated to a fascinating tour of computers, stroboscopes, wind tunnels and so on. The four did their best to demolish the beautiful supper provided, but students had to be called in to complete the job.

RYLA nominees this year were Elizabeth James and Brenda Muller.

Monthly picture Nights were held at the Guide Dog Centre and went down very well, as did the chicken and champagne supper.

Medical wall cards in Greek and Italian were printed by the Club and supplied to all medicos in the area. In the form of question and answer, they listed all the common information, which a doctor may require. Support was also given to the District Medical Disc Project, aimed at supplying discs with vital medical information to those needing them, to be worn as a bracelet or necklace.

In May, a very enjoyable Car Trial was held, finishing at Keith and Judy Holdsworth's charming property in Kilsyth, where various games made a fair bit of apple munching ensued.

Our first official visit to the Club next door, Glenferrie took place on June 1st.

Support was given to many causes including proposed Rotary Village, Guide Dog Centre and Dr. Graham's Homes.

Another successful function was a Progressive Dinner when the participants had one course of the meal at each of three homes.

Inductions: Mike Freeman, Lindsay Hannel, Fred Bevis, Stewart Edwards, David Currie, Robert Hart, Rob Moulder, Roy Bresnahan, John Brooks, Bill Bell, Charles Davis.

Resignations: Don Patterson, Gordon Hinrichsen, Jock Hay, Lindsay Hannell, Brian Robinson and Jim Hayes.

## 1976 – 1977

### President: Geoff Andrews



Highlight of the year was our Art Show. After months of work and worry by many members of the Club under the direction of Art Show Director Murray Chessell (whose idea it was in the first place) 725 paintings were hung of which \$13000 worth were sold. This constitutes approximately 20 percent, considered by experts to be a better-than-average result. After expenses, approximately \$4000 profit was made. The Show was opened by Senator Margaret Guilfoyle. \$1500 of the proceeds were donated to our District Project, the Rotary Village. The Show ran from 18-21 March, at Angelucci's. Money to establish the Art Show was raised by a loan of \$25.00 from each member.

Fellowship gatherings were: A Card Night at Meadow's, A Slide Night at Kennedy's, a Bingo Night at Lawson's, a Cup Day Picnic at Hanging Rock and a Christmas Party at Cunningham's, as well as eleven successful picture Nights at the Guide Dog Centre and a most enjoyable weekend at Beechworth attended by a group of members and their wives.

Much movement of Exchange Students with Joanne Verity leaving for the U.S.A., Jenny Dawson returned home from ?????, Lisa Miller went home to the U.S.A and Carol Van Rhyn arrived from Canada. Anne Bodin was selected as our next Exchange Student.

John Crabbe and Don Collyer were this years RYLA awardees.

Other activities included visits from the Rotary Clubs of Hawthorn, Melbourne, and Collingwood, and Austerity Meal to raise funds for the needy, financial support for the Kew Schools Music Centre and contact with our "Matched Club", Benin in Nigeria.

Inductions: Gilbert Matters, Brian Quiligan, Eddie Lusk, Peter Evans, Les Fell, Duncan McGilp, Peter Hoban, George Grant and Geoff Fowler.

Resignations: Mac Mc Kenzie, Hamish Christie-Johnston, Roy Bresnahan, David Currie, Jim Westland, Robert Hart and Norm Lawson.

Deceased: Ken Little, John Leppitt

Membership at 30/06/77: 51

## History of the Rotary Club of Kew

### 1977 – 1978



#### President: Steve Murphy

With a catalogue showing 660 plus paintings, the 2nd Art Show, held again at Angelucci's, lived up to our hopes and expectations. The proceeds will be directed to the funding of equipment for the Schools Music Centre at East Kew and to purchase an electric barbecue to be erected at Stradbroke Park.

Our Tenth Anniversary was celebrated at "Eidelweiss" Reception Rooms at Heidelberg.

The Cup Day Picnic to Mason's Falls, Kinglake was attended by 11 Rotarians and families, surrounded by about five thousand others of other ethnic origins who had all heard of this lovely spot, (not to mention the sports team who had travelled all those miles to stand teetering with a can of Foster's clutched in each hand). We all left for home tired and happy, after a day of chatting and enjoying the smell and products of the barbecues.

The Christmas Party was again held at the home of the Cunningham's and was, as usual a great success.

A Rotation Day at "Karana" Old Peoples' Home was enjoyed by all.

A very enjoyable trip to Maldon, where members and families explored the old gold mining areas. As there is no accommodation available at Maldon, the group stayed at Marysborough.

Another successful occasion was a bus trip and picnic for Turkish migrants held at Warrandyte. This was organised in conjunction with the Lions Club of Kew.

Great Picture Nights were again held throughout the year.

This year's RYLA Awards went to Jennifer Sandells and Warren Roberts.

Anne Bodin was selected as our Exchange Student. ??? repeated previous year

Reports on Rotary Village Project (District) note good progress.

Inductions; Dennis Sear, Ivan Wade, Neil Hamilton, Laurie Styles, John Waugh, Ivan Wilkes, Don Balsillie, Joe Ormando, Lex Bendixen, Rod Aitchison, Dennis Mc Donald.

Resignations: Frank Donald, John Robertson, Fred Bevis, Stewart Edwards, Charles Davis, Gil Matters, Brian Quiligan, Geoff Fowler, Ivan Wilkes, John Leppitt, Eddie Lusk, Gordon Brown, Stuart Warmington and Peter Evans.

Deceased: Fred Kent

## 1978 – 1979

### President: Des Glynne

Our 3rd Annual Art Show, held at Angelucci's, was again a great success, with just over 700 entries. Proceeds will be several local projects, the main one being the proposed Rotary Village for the Aged.

The first social activity for this year was a Family Picture Night at the Guide Dog Centre.

Exchange Student George Marrash arrived from the U.S.

11th Anniversary Dinner was again held at "Eidelweiss" in Heidelberg.

Rotaractors paid us an official visit in August.

The world-wide "3H" Programme came into being at the Tokyo Conference.

The Christmas Party was a great success at Bill and Alice Cunningham's beautiful home in Eaglemont.

Cup Day Picnic was held at the lovely Upper Yarra Dam (7 members).

Keith Meadows and Rob Moulder took part in the FAIM project in New Guinea (construction of a school building).

In September, the former position of "Vice President" was re-instituted as "president-elect" with provision for replacement.

A quantity of toys were donated to the Rotary International Toy Exchange in Chile.

The monthly movies at the Guide Dog Centre were discontinued because of falling attendance's, although the shows were well presented and the catering was excellent.

Social activities included a Coffee Morning at the Murphy's and a picnic for elderly citizens at Wattle Park.

RYLA awardees for this year were Virginia Sheridan and David Natoli.

Inductions: Alf Salter, George Rogerson, Roy Horan, Bill Hargreaves, Reg Braddy, Peter Kellaway, Reg Simmonds, Michael Stillwell, Leo La Vella, Peter Harkin, Vic Moll, Lou Moll, Lou D'Alterio and Reg Hickey.

Resignations: Peter Manton, Dennis Cahill, Duncan McGilp, Dennis Sear, Lex Bendixen and Leo La Vella, Leo Roozen.



## History of the Rotary Club of Kew

### 1979 – 1980

(Rotary International 75th Anniversary Year)

**President: Tom Harrison**

American Exchange Student George Marrash returned to the U.S.

The Club Birthday Party was held at "Naughty Nineties" in Glenferrie and a "Father and Son" Evening held in September was well attended and voted to be a success.

At the request of some members a trial period of evening meetings were held from September 6th for four weeks, returning to normal day meetings on October 4th. A vote was taken on March 6th and the change was overwhelmingly defeated 31 votes to 10.

It was decided to try a local venue for our Cup Day Picnic and a small but happy group gathered at the Studley Park Boat Shed area for a relaxed few hours under the trees.

The Christmas Party was again held at the home of the Cunningham's and was its usual success, marked by the presentation of the Club's first Paul Harris Fellowship to ex-member Leo Roozen.

On the Student Exchange front, Sumiko Mori arrived from Yoichi, Hokkaido, Japan, Alistair Craig departed for Norway and Janet Walker came back from the U.S.

Over the Christmas holidays our venue was being renovated so we had three open air meetings in the Alexandra Gardens. Basket lunches were supplied and we were all fortunate to have glorious weather on all three occasions.

This year's RYLA Award went to Helen Jones.

Several boxes of books were collected for Uganda; \$100.00 was donated towards the purchase of a bus for Nigeria; a refrigerator (courtesy of a member) was given to Kew Cottages Independence Group for Occupational Therapy for Mentally Handicapped Children. A "Rotatrike" is a tricycle especially adapted by Chadstone Rotary Club for use by the handicapped, spina bifida children in particular. This Club arranged for the purchase of a machine, but found, surprisingly, that there were no takers as the various institutions had all the equipment they needed.

A feasibility study of the formation of a new Club in Kew was initiated but owing to a lack of interest by the Club (2 names only) and by those from District who were sounded out privately (one PDG suggested that we'd be better off recruiting from Glenferrie), this was not proceeded with.

The Art Show, at Angelucci's, continues to grow, with prizes of \$3,500 and 890 paintings catalogued. Main project is the furnishing of the new Hamer Hostel for the Elderly...target, \$20,000.

An outing for the Elderly Citizens took the form of two bus loads to Williamstown via the Westgate Bridge with lunch on the lawns. A picnic at Stradbroke Park made good use of the barbecue donated by our Club.

Inductions: Marshall Inman, Jeff Prentice, Don Cameron, Bruce Haycraft, Alex Jamieson, Peter Kellaway, Alec Jamieson, Walter Haidun, Bob Thwaites, Viv Stevenson and Rob Tucker.

Resignations: Vic Moll, Michael Stillwell and Mike Freeman.

Membership: Total at 30/6/80 65 members



## **1980 – 1981**

### **President: Murray Chessell**

Changeover Night was held at the Kew Golf Club on Wednesday, July 2nd.

On July 10th, we were second off-the rank for the District-Governor's visit.

Annual subscriptions were increased from \$55 to \$60, being passed by the required two thirds majority by the Club members. New ruling that attendance at Rotaract counts as a make up for Rotary.

Informed that the Rotary Village Project (District) will not go ahead, due largely to changes in Government subsidy rules and the fact that the Church was building a much larger one in the same area.

Eliza Bram has been selected as our Exchange Student and will travel to Denmark in January. Sumiko Mori from Japan has now been with us for 3 months.

Mayor of Kew, Mrs. Kay Cole, made an official visit to the Club on July 31st.

An Anniversary Dance took place at Salzburg Lodge in Heidelberg and attracted about 70 revelers in all.

On December 11th, a group of 46 ladies and 4 men from the Golden Age and Studley Park Clubs for the Elderly entertained us with a beautiful rendering of Christmas songs and carols.

Alistair Craig returned from his twelve months stint as an Exchange Student in Norway, and Eliza Bram bid us a tearful farewell as she departed for Denmark to represent us for the next twelve months.

Anne Regitze Voss was our incoming Exchange Student from Denmark and our well-loved Japanese Exchange Student Sumiko Mori returned home on Friday 13th.

Meetings for the January 8th, 15th and 22nd were held at the Guide Dog Centre.

The Club competed with distinction in a Raft Race organised by Kew Rotaract.

A group of members visited Ararat and the Grampians.

Our Club manned a successful donut stall at the Kew Festival manufacturing and selling 1330, complete with holes.

A successful Fellowship Evening was held at "Tikki and Johns" on April 10th. An equally successful Sportsman's Night on May 1st resulted in a profit of more than \$900 to the Elderly Citizens' Centre Project.

Our two RYLA candidates were Dale Mc Conchie and David Proe.

Members provided an interviewing panel at Ruyton Girls' School on May 7th, August 6th and October 15th.

Another great Art Show with slightly greater results than last year, with sales at \$25,500 plus. Supply of occupational therapy furniture and equipment for Camsworth-Garoopna Home was completed in June.

Inductions: Neil Guerin, Vin Doquile, Rod Brennan, Frank Hartley, Frank Mummery, Ray Woods.

Resignations: Bob Handley, Peter Hatherley, Walter Haidun, Reg Hickey.

Deceased: Colin Amos



## History of the Rotary Club of Kew

### 1981 – 1982

#### President: **Bill Pick**

Change-Over Night was held on July 2nd at Kew Golf Club.

Several Ararat students were hosted to take part in a work experience project.

Exchange Student Anne Voss arrived from Norway and is attending Strathcona School.

A Sportsman's Night was held at Kew Golf Club, and was a huge success, raising \$1206.

Swinburne Bursary for the assistance of needy pupils was launched on December 18th. This is jointly run by the Rotary Clubs of Kew, Hawthorn, Glenferrie, Camberwell, North Balwyn and Balwyn. Funds of \$7272 were invested with RESI at 8 percent.

A small change barrel and a lectern were presented to St. George's Hospital.

Our Christmas Party for the Elderly was held on December 17th...the Club Christmas Party for members was again held at the home of the Cunningham's.

Our donation to the abandoned Rotary Village scheme was returned to the Club less funds for the promotion of a film for the Blind Appeal.

On November 11th, a mock job interview was held at Ruyton Girls' School, and on the 19th a Ladies' Night was held at the Kew Golf Club.

\$700 was sent to the Paraplegics' and Quadriplegics' Association.

A group of members, wives and friends had a pleasant visit to Bendigo.

It was decided to withdraw from the Student Exchange Programme for one year.

A Bridge Competition was held in conjunction with the Kew Festival at the Bridge Club of Marshall Inman, on April 29th. Marshall's splendid effort raised \$800 for the Club's Fund.

\$1000 was donated to ANSUA for the cost of printing brochures.

On June 18th we thoroughly enjoyed a night out at the "Naughty Nineties" Revue.

The Don Cameron Art Project raised \$858 net.

We changed our venue from Angelucci's to Studley Park Receptions.

RYLA awardees for this year were Stephen Asquith and Andrew Davey.

A food warmer was donated to the elderly Citizens' Club.

Inductions: Rod MacDonald, Geoff Rerry, Ted Kahanoff, Martin Samuel.

Resignations: Jeff Prentice, Marshall Inman, Laurie Styles, Ivan Wade, Peter Kellaway and Bill Bell.

Deceased: Hugh MacKenzie and Rich Bennett.



## 1982 – 1983

**President: Peter Hoban**

On July 1st, Districts 978,979,980 and 982 were re-grouped. Our District, 980 lost part of its suburban territory and was extended to include country areas.

Changeover Night held at The Kew Golf Club had a 25 piece Dance Band.

15th Birthday Dinner was held at Muset's.

A Theatre Night was held at the Balwyn Theatre on August 19th.

The Cup Day Picnic was held at Alexandra Gardens, Kew.

Christmas celebrations were held on Saturday, December 4th, at the home of Geoff and Sharon Andrews.

First Christmas Lunch for elderly citizens of Kew was held at Angeluces, Walpole St. All guests were picked up and taken home by Rotarians.

A work experience project was completed (in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Bendigo) from October 24th to the 29th.

On Sunday, February 20th, a Barbecue and Beach Day was held at the Hoban Beach House.

Keith Holdsworth was appointed as our representative to Interplast.

Another Sportsman's Night was held at Kew Golf on March 17th.

A Theatre Night was held at the Rivoli Theatre on April 15th.

A cassette recorder was presented to Mr. Bill Martin for use in his voluntary work around the Elderly Hostels'.

A Community Bus, with Rotary sign, was donated to the Council.

Club donated \$20,000 toward furnishing "Hamer Court", High St, Kew.

An interesting meeting for the proposed Kew Probus Club was held at the premises of the Kew RSL on May 26th. The premises have been kindly offered for the Club's regular meetings free of charge.

Printed manila folders were given to Kew High School for use in the "Work Experience Programme.

The John Newman-Morris Hostel for paraplegics was presented with a television set.

A Paul Harris Fellow was awarded to John Hope.

Inductions: Allen Martin, Doug McLaren, Alan Fluck, Raymond Martyres, Kevin Hughes, Rodney Jupp, Merv Williams, Bryan Mackenzie, Charles Crellin, Peter McCance, Paul Collyer, Hilary Ellis, David Brown.

Resignations: John Simms, Roy Horan, Alex Stewart and Rod Aitchison.

Deceased: Jim Perry.



## History of the Rotary Club of Kew

### 1983 – 1984

#### President: Harry Higgins

Another successful Change-Over Night was held at Kew Golf Club.

Again we hosted students from Bendigo coming down to Melbourne for work experience.

Preliminary enquiries were made in regard to a new Club in our territory.

Our Anniversary Dinner was held at Panda Chinese Restaurant in Hawthorn on Thursday, September 29th.

Another mock job interview was held at Ruyton Girls' School. Kew High School was invited to participate but declined as they had a similar function of their own.

Our Christmas Party was also celebrated at the Kew Golf Club on December 6th, as was our Elderly Citizens' "Do" at the same venue on the 15th.

Our Exchange Student, Paul McIntosh left for Sapporo, Japan on January 21st.

On October 6th, a cheque for \$11,000 was presented to the Superintendent of Willsmere Hospital.

A Film Night was organised at the Mid-City Cinema to see the film "Phar Lap" on October 25th.

In October, 20 young people from Kew travelled to Bendigo for a return work experience session.

Anita Tobe arrived from Hokkaido, Japan on March 24th.

Danesh Irani (Carey Grammar) was chosen to attend the Summer Science School.

The Club subsidised the attendance from some children at the Asthma Camp.

Once again, we had a very happy Beach/Barbecue Day at the Hoban's Beach House.

This year's Sportman's Night was held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

At the Kew Festival we sold large quantities of pies, pasties and donuts!!

On March 1st, a Twilight Golf Meeting was held, after which a spit-roast was enjoyed.

We made an official visit to Melbourne Club on April 18th, and on the 24th we visited the Collingwood Club.

We conducted our annual Art Show at the Kew Municipal Hall during Queen's Birthday weekend, with Jeff Kennett, then Leader of the Opposition, officially opening the Show.

Inductions: Graeme Lindsay, John Travers, Geoff Hillman, Con Gekas, Guy Warner.

Resignations: Les Fell, Rod Mc Donald, Rod Brennan, Reg Simmonds, Bill Hargreaves, Joe Ormando, John Waugh and Con Gekas.

Deceased: Steve Murphy and Don Balsillie.



**1984 – 1985**

**President: Don McKinnon**

A most enjoyable Change-Over Night was held at 228 Cotham Road.

Our Anniversary Dinner was held at "Banjo's" Theatre Restaurant on September 21st.

On October 11th, the meeting was a ladies' Night at International House, University of Melbourne. The attendees dined with the students.

A cricket match against the Rotaract Club resulted in our being thrashed!!

This year's Christmas Party was held at the Warandyte property of Peter and Jenny Harkin on December 2nd.

The Elderly Citizens' Christmas Party took place on December 13th.

Paul Mc Intosh returned from Denmark in January...our incoming student from Denmark is to be Heidi Blomquist. Anita Tobe returned to Japan on March 14th.

Research has been started into the feasibility of a new Club in the area.

On April 19th, our luncheon Meeting was held at St. George's Hospital to present a cheque to pay for a treadmill and to hear the Head of the Cardiology Department give a fine address on his specialty.

Our Club acted as hosts at the District Governor's Change-Over Night at Leonda Reception Rooms in Hawthorn.

Kylie Davis departed for Denmark.

A successful Golf Open Day was enjoyed at Kew Golf Club on November 24th.

Among other donations, a microscope was supplied to Fiji, and cheques sent to the Rotary Health Research Fund and Rotary Foundation.

Inductions: Ray Walker, Geoff Boxer, Maurice Langford, Ron Seymour, Michael Stillwell.

Resignations: Dick Nathan, Alex Jamieson, Bruce Haycraft, George Rogerson, Neil Hamilton, Ray Walker, Alf Salter and John Travers.

Deceased: Ron Seymour.



## History of the Rotary Club of Kew

### 1985 – 1986

#### President: Vin Doquile

Change-Over Night was again held at the Kew Golf Club, on July 4th.

This year, mock job interviews was offered to various schools. In the last week of October, another mock job interview was conducted with a record number of 48 girls processed, not to mention a larger than usual (9) number of interviewers.



Exchange Student Heidi Blomquist arrived and was welcomed on August 15th.

A well-attended Theatre Night was held on August 9th.

Our 18th Anniversary was celebrated at "Panda's" Restaurant with an eight-course dinner on September 12th.

On September 26th, the meeting took the form of a Ladies' Night at International House, Melbourne University. The 40 attendees dined with the students. The Meeting on November 7th was a breakfast one. Guest Speaker was Jeff Kennett.

Chloe Hardnan has been accepted for a place in the Summer School of Science. Chloe is a student at Genazanno Convent.

A new floor was installed at the Community Health Centre in Denmark Street. Our Club sponsored a caravan for free testing for diabetes in Walpole Street (near Safeways).

Kew Golf Club Charity Day, held on Saturday and Sunday, November 24th and 25th was to raise funds for the Rotary Club of Kew and the Carry-On Club. As well as various golf tournaments, a successful White Elephant Stall was operated. Proceeds were in excess of \$7,500.

Exchange Student Kylie Davis has returned from Denmark.

Geoff and Sharon Andrews hosted our Christmas Party at their lovely home and the annual frolic was held at the Hoban Beach House on Friday 2nd.

The Elderly Citizens were entertained at a party complete with Santa Claus on December 19th.

On March 6th, we had an "Austerity Meal" consisting of a dish of steamed rice and a small sprig for which we paid a higher than usual fee (the meal was supplied by the caterers, Chris and Terry). The whole of the proceeds were donated to Rotary Internationals "3H" Campaign.

A "Trivial Pursuit" Night was held on May 2nd. Our Annual Art Show was held June 6th to 9th inclusive with a final result of \$15,500 plus raffle and Tea Stall profit of \$340.

On June 16th, East Kew Rotary Club was granted its Charter...19 years to the day from our own Charter.

Donations: \$200 to Kew High School Chaplaincy; \$1000 to the Australian Council for the Blind; \$500 to Sister Emanuel and the Rag Pickers of Cairo; and \$1000 to the Polio Plus Project. \$200 was donated to the Mexican Earthquake Disaster Appeal. \$250 was donated to the "Tools for Tigray" Project organised by Community Aid Abroad. \$915 (representing \$15 per member) has been donated to the "Rotary House" Appeal.

Inductions: Bob Black, Tom Roberts, Tom Eggers, Peter Gillies, Kevin O'Loughlin, David Bloom.

Resignations: Bas Abery, Rodney Jupp, Martin Samuel, Rob Tucker, Peter Gillies, Geoff Boxer, David Brown and Paul Collyer.

## 1986 – 1987

**President: Neil Guerin**



Rotary Exchange Student Heidi Blomquist left for home on Sunday, July 20th to the accompaniment of cheers and tears.

On Friday, August 15th, our Club held the Charter Dinner at "Chaucers" for our new Rotary Club of Kew East. Professor Norman gave an interesting and humorous forecast of the coming Federal Budget.

The Club, in October, gained the support of Kew High School for the involvement in the "Peer Support Foundation".

Visits in November to the Carnsworth Nursing Home culminated in the presentation of a cheque to support refurbishment of a two-bed ward.

The usual Kew Golf Club Charity Day took place on Sunday, November 23rd. The Club received \$4073 as its half share in the proceeds (the other half going to the Carry-On-Club). Our share was used to purchase an extra "high-low" bed for the Caritas Christi Hospice.

A Family Christmas Party at Peter Hatherley's property at Hurstbridge was a happy occasion for young and old.

Jane Francis of Genazzano Convent was selected to attend the Summer Science School.

\$100 was donated to the National Heart Foundation in memory of Frank Mummery. A patient's alarm system has been installed in Henry Pryde Hospital.

Elderly Citizens' Christmas Party was held on December 11th (with Santa Claus being in attendance).

On February 6th, a great Theatre Night was held at the showing of "HMS Pinafore", and on the 22nd, a Beach Day at the Hoban's Beach House was held.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Kew Rotary Art Show had to move from Council premises because of Council needs. We were able to start a new era of using a major school during term breaks. From 23 to 26 April 1987, we held the Art Show very successfully at Carey Grammar School, with the generous support from royal portrait artist Paul Fitzgerald and skilled judges Brian Pearce and Ernst Fries..

We are again involved with FAIM expeditions...a young carpenter is to join a team in the Solomon Islands in the wake of the recent cyclones, and we will be helping to pay for the airfare.

On February 26th, a twilight Golf Meeting was held and an interesting tour of Government House took place on February 28th.

Kew Rotarians and Rotaractors were well in evidence at the year's Kew Festival.

RYLA Awardees for this year are Sue and Elizabeth Grover (twins). This was a joint sponsorship with Camberwell Rotary Club. Both Elizabeth and Sue are Rotaractors.

Andrew Paulette from Trinity Grammar School has been named as our Exchange Student for next year. The incoming student from the US, is Rocke Mullen.

The meeting on June 4th was at International House where we were entertained (and fed!) by the students.

On the 12th, a Trivial Pursuit Night was held at the home of Tom and Kate Eggers.

Change-Over Night on June 26th was held at Studley Park Receptions.

Cheques have been handed over to Carnsworth-Garoopna Project, Bangladesh Eye Camps, Asthma Foundation, Musicians' Guild Benefit Concert, Kew Citizens' Band, FAIM, Polio Plus

## **History of the Rotary Club of Kew**

and other, totaling \$17740.

During the year, there were three Fireside Meetings.

There was a rewarding end to the Rotary Year with the club receiving the District Governor's Citation for achieving a complete set of District targets which included recruiting new members, attendance, raising funds, and distributing the funds widely and wisely.

A Presidential Citation was awarded to the Club for outstanding service during 1986 - 1987.

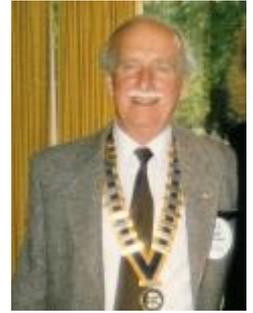
Inductions: Terry Honan, Rod Whittaker, Ian Collis, Phylip Doughty, Brian Clarke, Ian Harvey, Frank O'Sullivan and John Savage.

Resignations: Geoff Perry, George Grant, Kevin O'Loughlin and Bob Black.

Deceased: Frank Mummery.

## 1987 – 1988

### President: Viv Stevenson



Rocke Mullen arrived from the US to commence his year as an Exchange Student.

Our first Inter-Club visit for the year, when we visited Collingwood on September 23rd.

Sunday August 30th, we had a Jazz Night at the Naughty Nineties Restaurant, as well as the Kew Rotaract Club conducting a car wash, which raised \$207 towards Polio Plus.

On Friday, September 11th we held a Theatre Night to see "Porgy and Bess" and the Club celebrated its 20th Anniversary at "Leonda" on September 16th.

An Evening Meeting with the Rotary Club of Kew East was held on September 23rd.

A cricket match was held between our Club and a team from Kew Rotaract. The latter won but the winning margin has conveniently been forgotten (or buried!)

Kew's Elderly' Citizens (or some of them) were again entertained with Christmas Dinner and gifts from a "real" Santa Claus on December 10th.

Our Christmas "Do" was again held at the Hatherley's property at Hurstbridge. Tennis Courts, bathing pool, saunas, walks or just sit...a great choice, and, there was a good turn-up from the Rotary Club of Collingwood on their annual visit on January 7th.

Exchange Student Andrew Paulette departed for Finland on January 14th.

A day of fun and fellowship (says the Bulletin) was again held at the Hoban's Beach House on February 14th. March 16th was an Evening Meeting and a Golf Tournament.

Our "Big M" caravan raised \$688.10 at the successful Kew Festival.

Lincoln Hiatt, our Rotary International Graduate Scholar has arrived and is doing a Diploma in Film Production at Swinburne Institute of Technology.

Moira Rush from Genazzano was our choice for the Summer School of Science in Canberra.

A Film Night, followed by a champagne and chicken supper was held at the Royal Guide Dogs' Theatre to raise funds for Polio Plus.

RYLA Awardee for this year was Peter Traffon.

June 16th was an evening meeting at International House, now an established annual affair, where the student residents entertained members before enjoying a first class meal.

For the first time we held our mock job interviews at Kew High School.

On June 18th we helped the Kew East Club to plant 1500 trees in Stradbroke Park.

The annual Art Show was opened on June 30th at Carey Grammar School by Sir Edward (Weary) Dunlop with a record of 1175 paintings and 77 sculptures.

The Australia wide Rotary Polio Plus Project was launched in 87/88 and the Club reached its target of over \$10,000 for District 980.

Inductions: Roger Fasken, David Kelly, Carl Sherman, Howard Ellis and Michael Conyers.

Resignations: John Hope, Peter Mc Cance, Maurice Langford, Frank Hartley, David Kelly.

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### 1988 – 1989

#### President: Charles Crellin

Change-Over Night was held on July 7th at Studley Park Receptions.

The Art Show, said to be the greatest ever with an amount of \$13000 being ultimately available for Club funds.

Exchange Student Rocke Mullen departed for the US on July 10th.

The venue for the 21st Birthday "Do" was the Richmond Footy Club Social Club and was a great success in spite of a lower than promised turn up. A Magical Mystery Tour was listed for October 16th (no other details published). Also on November 9th, a Fireside Chat was enjoyed at the home of PDG Geoff Stevens of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn.

On November 9th, the initial meeting of the Kew ladies" Probus Club at Kew RSL. It's off to a great start with 71 members. The meeting was organised and staffed by members of Kew Rotary, but the ladies soon took over and elected their office-bearers.

Once more, off to the wilds of outer Hurstbridge to enjoy eating, drinking, swimming, playing tennis or just talking at the Hatherley Hacienda.

The Elderly Citizens' Christmas Party was held on December 15th at Studley Park Receptions and was very well attended by oldies and members.

The raffle held for the LEC Programme raised a net profit of \$4000 and the Club received a cheque for \$31600 from the Estate of the late Ella Forsyth.

Collingwood Rotary Club paid us a visit on January 5<sup>th</sup> and Andrew Paulette, our Exchange Student to Finland, returned on January 8th.

Beach Day again at the Hoban's Beach house in Bonbeach on February 19<sup>th</sup> and a Night Golf Meeting was held on March 16th.

On April 6th, the meeting (evening) was to host finals of the Schools' Debates held by the Club. Finalists were Ruyton and Xavier (Xavier won by 2 points).

On April 19th (Wednesday), we held a joint meeting with the Kew East Rotary Club at their venue, Greenacres Golf Club, to meet the Austrian Group Student Exchange Team.

Incoming Exchange Student is Anke Jennifer Gabriele Webber from West Germany.

The Art Show, from May 6th to 13th was a success despite being about half the usual size.

June 13th was a Fellowship Theatre Night to see "Rain Man" and enjoy supper at the Windsor Hotel.

Rotaract's 1st Birthday and Change-Over were celebrated at the "Sentimental Bloke" on June 24th.

Our Change-Over Night was at "Le Belmore" Restaurant and was its usual success.

Inductions: Paul Wise, Leo Blake and Peter Jacobson.

Resignations: Reg Braddy.

Deceased: Ivan Baldwin.



## 1989 – 1990

### President: Alan Fluck



On August 3rd the Club voted on the question "That the members of the Club wish to retain the Club as an all-male Club". The result was "yes" 14 and "no" 33 and 1 abstention.

Mock job interviews were conducted at Kew High School on Wednesday, August 16th.

We recently supported the supply of educational material to Zimbabwe.

Exchange Student Anke Webber arrived on August 17th.

The Anniversary dinner was held at Anchorage Restaurant, Williamstown on Wednesday September 27th (Show Eve).

Kew's Rotary Exchange Student for 1989-90 is Skye Taylor from MLC.

On October 5th we held our first Breakfast Meeting with Cameron Schwab as Guest Speaker. A full house of assorted footy fans turned up.

Two community projects were initiated during October: Victorian State Youth Orchestra at Kew High School Theatre (7th) and taking part in the Yarra River Clean-up that was followed by a sausage sizzle.

We undertook to support two children's secondary education in Zimbabwe (we have previously sent general education material to the Mission there).

A walk through the Botanical Gardens followed by a barbecue was a perfect fellowship day on October 29th.

We supported the Rob Carr Entrepreneurial Award for 1989-90.

A third Ladies' Probus Club was formed in Kew East.

A cheque for \$8500 was handed to the Mayor of Kew for our contribution to the cost of modifications of paths, entry areas etc. to provide easy access for everyone.

Rotary/Rotaract Cricket Match at South Melbourne was held on November 15th. Who won?

A Breakfast Meeting on December 7th featured as speaker, the golfer, Jane Lock. Forty members attended in addition to sixteen assorted visitors. A \$1000 donation was made to the Asthma Foundation at this meeting.

On December 10th we held our Christmas Party at Doug McLaren's estate at Red Hill.

On December 14th the Elder Citizens' joined us for their Christmas Party.

On January 13th, a Fellowship Night at the Victorian Arts Centre for the Glen Miller Night.

Collingwood Club visited us on February 4th.

On February 8th we held a Twilight Golf and Evening Meeting.

A Beach Day was held at Bonbeach on February 25th.

Together with Collingwood, we presented a television set to replace one stolen from well known social worker, Margaret Oakes.

Thursday April 5th, saw Ruyton win the Schools' Debating Competition sponsored and run by the Club.

A group of Rotarians and their wives enjoyed an outing to our President's (and that of his wife, Ros) home at Warrandyte on Sunday April 1st.

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The Art Show was held from the 2nd to the 13th of May at Kew Civic Centre.

Six Japanese members of the visiting Group Study Exchange Team were guests at our midday luncheon on May 17th.

A "Fireside Chat" was held at the home of Ian and Jennifer Harvey on Sunday May 27th.

On May 29th a Club group attended a Theatre Night at the Russell Cinema to see Sean Connery beat the "baddies" in "The Hunt for Red October".

This year's RYLA Award recipients were Jenny Daly and Peter Waiters.

Martin Keuneman is our Exchange Student next year.

Our Annual Dinner at International House (evening meeting) was the usual successful contact with resident students and their tutors.

The final activity for the year was the Change-Over Night at Argenti's on June 28th.

Inductions: Robert Levin, Alan McDonald, Malcolm Hutchinson and Michael Conyers.

Resignation: Howard Ellis.

**1990 – 1991**

**President: Raymond Martyres**



At an evening meeting on July 26th, the meeting was successfully run by the ladies, who took over all offices and later thrashed a male team in a debate on the subject "Judy had lost Her Punch".

With money supplied by the Kew Rotary Trust Fund (\$10,000) St. George's Hospital installed three respiratory monitoring devices and a patient-lifting device.

On August 17th, a large group attended the Naughty Nineties Restaurant in Hawthorn to eat a great meal and watch a stage show.

A Ten Pin Bowling Competition between Rotaract and Rotary at the Southern Cross Bowl in the City resulted in victory to Rotaract (September 19th).

The Anniversary Celebration Dinner was held at Strongy's Restaurant in Hawthorn, and as usual, a great night was had by all (September 26th).

On October 25th our regular meeting was followed by a seminar on Time Management, which finished at 2.30 am.

Historical visit to Kew on Sunday November 11th was a great success, and raised \$2,000.

Ladies' Night on November 15th was well attended - to hear a speaker on the environment. Tour of China Town took place on December 2nd, including Chinese Museum, food and music and lots of Australian rain!!

The Christmas Party at President and Gita's residence was voted a great success on December 1st.

Elders' Citizens Christmas Party took place on December 13th.

Joint Breakfast Meeting with Collingwood at their venue, Collingwood Football Social Club on December 20th. Collingwood Club visited us on January 3rd.

During January, our two selectees, Elizabeth Thomas (MLC) and Hao Chang (Scotch) attended the Summer School of Science in Canberra.

Exchange Student from South Africa, Jacqui Van Der Spuy arrived early in February.

February 28th, Ladies' Night, Golf and Meeting.

Our Annual Art Show was held from March 15th to the 29th and raised \$10,000. The Garage Sale held on May 11th realised \$1226.

Two RYLA Awardees for 1991 are Julie Bryce and Frank Wollensack.

Our first woman member, Cathy Nail, was inducted on May 16th.

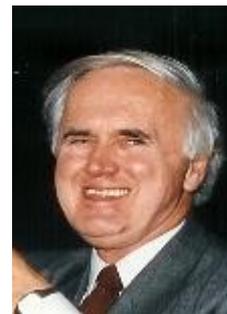
May 23rd: Inter-School Debate - Subject - "The City of Kew should Amalgamate with Neighbours". Trinity versus Xavier. Winners.

A total of \$41,540 was distributed to various service projects throughout the Rotary year.

Inductions: Tony O'Shea, Wolf Deane, Daryl Oldaker.

## History of the Rotary Club of Kew

### 1991 – 1992



#### President: Ian Harvey

The President's aim for the year to assist the poor, needy and disabled in the community was largely achieved through the work and budgets by members through committee chairmen. The achievements were more meritorious despite the limitation of time in the poor economic conditions.

Total funds distributed were	
Community	13,807
Youth	5,464
International	7,790
Vocational	810
Total	\$27,871.

Highlights of the year include interschool debate won by Ruyton over Xavier, organised by Chairman Leo Blake. Vocational visits were made to Caritis Christi and Carlton and United Breweries.

There was participation in the applications to the National Science Summer School.

Fellowship chaired by John Savage saw 35 people at the Phantom of the Opera and 15 only at the Hoban Beach House restaurant.

Fundraising consisted of the Hole in One Competition at the Yarra Bend Course. Raffles by Brian Clark and Lou Dalten.

Youth Committee handled the Student Exchange segment by hosting Jacqueline Vanderspry from South Africa, Katherine Thomas went to Finland and hosted Gus daCruz from Brazil.

The Club sponsored Julie to attend the RYLA seminar.

The Board approved a donation of \$800 to the Kew High School Chaplaincy.

There are currently 28 members of Kew Rotaract.

Peter Harkin is the Executive Officer for the Swinburne Bursary Trust which currently has a credit balance of \$23,875.63.

The International Committee had of our nominations Carolyn Goodwin chosen to represent District 9800 as part of the Team that visited Florida USA.

Raymond Martyres and Keith Holdsworth successfully concluded last year's grant to the Western Samoa project.

In Rotary Foundation, Kevin Purcell of Kew was nominated for a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for 1993/94.

Community Service featured Anti-Cancer Council involvement and tree planting headed by Dennis McDonald. John Kennedy organised the Elder Citizens Xmas Party which was very successful with some 98 participants.

Float a boat project was organised for the use by disabled users.

Inductions: Maeve O'Brien, George Verginis, Ken Blair, Doug Killmister, Derek Prinsley, Prue Gitties, Eileen Marquis.

Resignations: Rob Moulder, Doug Killmister, Prue Gitties.

## 1992 – 1993

### President: Dennis McDonald



Rotary Club of Kew accepted the request of District to join with the Rotary Club of Prahran in becoming a lead club in raising \$4 million to build the Bone Marrow Donor Institute. With Raymond Martyres and Murray Chessell as chairman and secretary this became the Rotary Club of Kew's "Bone Marrow Year".

Formation of Kew Gardens Probus Club of Forty five members.

Exchange student Gustav de Cruz from Brazil stayed with us and Kate Thompson our exchange student went to Finland.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Argenti's Restaurant attended by Club Formation District Representatives Jack Cathie and PDG Geoff Stevens.

Ben Chessell (Murray) and David Fluck (Alan) were sponsored to travel to Western Samoa to repair damage to schools by recent cyclone.

Fellowship nights included Occasional Dinners at restaurants, nights at Phantom of the Opera, Bolshoi Ballet and film theatres. Club visits to Melbourne and Hawthorn Rotary Clubs.

Special appeal raised \$500 for immediate Bosnia Croatian Relief Project. Five cubic meters of school supplies sent to a Chilean orphanage.

Career nights for Kew High School Students. Annual Schools Debating competition resulted in a win for Kew High School. Leah Thomas sponsored by the Club to attend RYLA seminar and Daniel Oh from Trinity Grammar selected for National Sciences Summer School. Tim Lane sponsored to CRA National Science School.

Forty Kew Senior Citizens entertained at Annual Xmas lunch. Father Xmas delivered by Kew East Fire Brigade.

Xmas Raffle yielded \$4458. Prizes donated by members. Great Xmas Party held at the McDonald home.

Annual Golf evening held in February and Kew Rotary Art show held in conjunction with Kew Festival raised \$8,000.

Members attend RI World Convention in Melbourne. Postcards reproduced by Don Cameron at this event realised \$2,200 for the Anti Cancer Council. Kew members hosted 73 visiting Rotarians and partners to dinner.

\$2,000 donated to Kew Citizens Advise Bureau for local food vouchers for needy families.

"Vanishing" Tea Parties raised \$3,300 for the Bone Marrow Institute. Idea spread to other Clubs with a total of \$9,600 raised.

Paul Harris Fellows: Des Glynn, Bill Pick, Graeme Lindsay, Raymond Martyres, Harry Higgins, Cliff Philips, Gillian Stilwell, Ian Harvey.

Inductions: Rod Branson, Jenny Begent, Leo Adams, Kathy Nall, Stephen Kelly, Ludwick Hertschel.

Resignations: Bill Burne, John Brooks, Geoff Andrews, Lou D'Alterio, Bob Thwaites, Ray Woods, Kevin Hughes, Guy Warner, Tom Roberts, Terry Honan, Tom Eggers, Ian Collis, Phylip Doughty, Carl Sherman, Malcolm Hutchinson, Tony O'Shea, Daryl Oldaker, Ludwick Hertschel.

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### Section 2

#### 1993 – 1994

##### President: Merv Williams

Due to continued poor economic conditions, funds and time available for projects was limited.

Club numbers ranged from 62 down to 55. Death of two stalwarts of the Club: Tom Harrison and Teddy Kahanoff.

A gift of \$5,000 from the A H Green Charitable Trust. This and other gifts helped maintain our past level of fund distribution despite losing the Kew Civic Center for the Art Show.

Bone Marrow Donor Research Center recognised the efforts of Raymond Martyres with a Presidential Citation by RI President Bob Barth and of Murray Chessell by a certificate presented by DG Rob Dunn.

Dennis McDonald with the Car Raffle to end all raffles.

Due to intermittent availability of Studley Park Receptions a forced move to Greenacres Golf Club.

Secretary Cathy Nall excellent job as secretary.

##### Major contributions (Funding)

Bone Marrow Research	\$12,000
Student Exchange	\$2,764
Citizen's Advice Bureau – Food Hampers	\$1,940
Australian Rotary Health Research Fund	\$1,000
Life Education Center	\$1,000

Forty attended the Chinese Night at Cheng Moon Restaurant. Beach Day – sailing Blairgowrie to Sorrento – hosts, the Williams and Hatherleys

Fifteen Rotarians and spouses attend Conference in Adelaide. Party of five attends Convention in Taiwan.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party enjoyed dinner and Father Xmas Peter Hoban with assistance from ELF.

Rotary Student Exchanges: Alison Stewart to Denmark and Ricard Roats from San Paulo in Brazil.

Inductions: Jenny Richards, Jim Donnelly, Gerry Detrie, Mah Hoon Tan.

Resignations: Bryan Mackenzie, Leo Adams, Eileen Marquis, Rod Whittaker, Rod Branson, Prue Gillies, Tom Harrison, Ted Kahanoff, Paul O'Brien, Ken Blair, Paul Wise, Peter Jacobson.



## 1994 – 1995

### President: Roger Fasken



#### Overview

I thank the members of the Club for entrusting the leadership of this great Club to me. I have really enjoyed the experience. I feel that there is vitality about the Club that bodes well for the future. I hope it is fostered, tackling old problems with new heart and taking on projects that we have not tried previously. A change is as good as a holiday.

The selection of Office Bearers for the past year was guided by the idea of using experienced Rotarians in the administration areas and appointing newer Rotarians to the position of Director.

Communication was increased by having the Bulletin produced each week with a few exceptions. The starting of the President's Corner and the position of Almoner were used to increase the members' awareness and caring. I thank each and every Office Bearer for an excellent job well done. A lot has been achieved this year and the list is impressive.

#### High Points of the Year

Fundraising tops the list - \$40,000 was raised which exceeded our wildest dreams.

Fellowship - occasional dinners, Anniversary Dinner at the Zoo, Golf Day Dinner, Christmas Winery Function, G.S.E. B.B.Q., and so the list goes on - a great year's Fellowship.

Paul Harris Awards - Three Rotarians were named - Charles Crellin, Ian Harvey and Teddy Kahanoff.

100% Attendance - Peter Hoban, Cliff Phillips, Peter Hatherly and myself.

Elderly Citizens Christmas Party.

School books for overseas.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

Bring a gift for the elderly under-privileged citizens of Kew.

Tree planting in conjunction with the Rotaractors and Kew East Primary School.

\$50,000 worth of Hospital equipment sent to the Samarinda Hospital in Borneo. The support Keith Meadows received from our members.

Computerisation of the Club records.

G.S.E. team visit

Youth Exchange - Ricardo Raats from Brazil and Alison Stewart returned from Denmark.

I hope that I have not left out a major event, if I have please accept my apologies.

As can be seen by the above list the Rotarians of Kew achieved or started a great deal during the year.

#### Thanks

Vice President Murray Chessell for his advise and guidance

Secretary - Cathy Nall and John Savage worked very well together. I thank Cathy for allowing us the use of her home for our Board meeting and the lovely grub provided. The happy atmosphere created set the tone for all the meetings.

Treasurer - I thank Derek Prinsley for again taking on one of the major jobs of the Club. It is a week in, week out task with no let up - well done.

Membership - I know that Dennis McDonald and the Membership Committee are disappointed with the number of new Rotarians inducted this year, however, it has not been without a lot of trying. Our figures would have looked a lot better if we included the 3 or 4 who will be inducted shortly in July. I also thank Dennis for running the Club's Conservation Project. He organised the propagation of the trees with the Kew East Primary School students. The students and Rotaractors carried out the tree planting.

Bulletin - I believe that communication within the Club is very important and that is why the decision was made to produce the Bulletin weekly. To further increase Rotarians' knowledge of what was happening in the Club the President's Corner was started. This action also relieved pressure on the time for announcements in our weekly luncheons. This increased the task of the Bulletin Editor and his helpers and I thank Cliff Phillips and the team most sincerely for a job well done.

Attendance - This is a back room job which most Rotarians don't see being done, and I thank Charles Crellin for his very efficient handling of the task.

Program - David Bloom tackled our weekly program with his usual flair. I have had many compliments on the quality and diversity of speakers.

Fellowship - Fellowship is one of the corner stones of Rotary and I thank Alan Fluck and this team for a very enjoyable year. The zoo, the winery, the occasional dinners and the Victoria Club were the eye catching

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events.

Almoner - the starting of this position was again to increase members awareness of the happenings in our fellow Rotarians lives, so that the Rotarian who has difficulties, can be supported in the appropriate manner. I thank Peter Hoban for his caring of the sick and disabled, the small thoughts and gifts for those people who should be honoured or thanked. A job very well done.

Sergeant at Arms - I thank Leo Blake for taking control of the position after George Verginis had to retire because of his new business. Leo with his quiet humour set a great tone for the meeting. I also thank Allen Martin and Brian Clark for helping out when Leo was not available.

Fundraising Director - The Fundraising Team led by Harold Fraser really excelled themselves. Our new Rotarians Ma Hoon Tan, Toni Bruin and Vernon Woods were very enthusiastic in their support. The Golf Day proved to be great fellowship and entertainment.

The Art Show Committee ran two Art Shows this year and overall raised \$12,000. Ian Harvey and his Committee are to be congratulated on their fine effort. Ian's efforts with the last Art Show typified the thought of the day several weeks ago, which said "Tough times never last, but the tough people do". I thank both Harold Fraser and Ian Harvey for their great efforts as leaders of our record breaking Fundraising result.

Ian Harvey also organised this Club's part in hosting and entertaining the G.S.E. Team visit from Bangladesh.

Community Service Director - This was Captain Jenny Begent's first effort as a Director, and what an effort. I thank the Community Service Committee for their hard work this year. The Christmas Luncheon for the Elderly was a great success, as was the wide spectrum of Community Service achieved. I thank Jenny for the use of her Board Room at Mary Anderson Lodge for our Board Meeting when we could not use Cathy's home. Please pass on our thanks to your staff for their help, transporting the elderly to the Christmas Party, as well as Val for our suppers at the Board Meeting.

International Director - I thank Frank O'Sullivan for taking on being International Director. The M.U.N.A. seminar was a great success. Frank put a great deal of effort in collecting school books to be sent overseas. This is the "in kind" of project with which the Club can be involved. It is just as important as raising money. I thank Harold Fraser and Derek Prinsley for their leadership in arranging the hospital equipment to be sent to the Samarinda Hospital in Borneo, it was a great project.

The visit and hosting of the G.S.E. team was very rewarding, and again I thank Ian Harvey for organising their stay. I thank those families who hosted the Bangladeshis, the Williams, the Harveys, the Guerins and Elaine. Peter Hatherly went out of his way to help as much as he could.

Youth Directorship - I thank Stephen Kelly for taking on the leadership role. Unfortunately, for the Club, Steve was appointed C.E.O. of his Company and he has spent most of his time overseas or interstate. I thank the Committee for their efforts particularly Jim Donnelly for arranging students for the R.Y.P.E.N. camps.

I thank Viv Stevenson for taking on what turned out to be a very onerous job as being Counsellor to our exchange student from Brazil, Ricardo Raats. I also thank those in the Club who acted as hosts to Ricardo - the Williams, the Flucks, the Stevensons and my own family.

Vocational Service Director - Vocational Service Committee have been very busy this year and I thank the Committee and Vin Doquile for his leadership. Employ Australia was an outstanding project which involved the whole Club well done.

District Involvement - On top of all of the above I must include those Kew Club Rotarians who have District duties. I thank them for bringing honour to this Club. they are Dennis McDonald, Raymond Martyres, Murray Chessell, Peter Hoban.

I particularly thank Peter Hatherly for the unstinting giving of his time and money and support. Peter picks up the task which no one else will do, gives the prize for the raffle, you name it, Peter does it.

Inductions: Toni Bruin, Vernon Wood, Roy Blyth.

Resignations: Gerrie Detrie, Keith Meadows, Roy Blyth, George Verginis.

## 1995 – 1996

### President: Peter Hatherly



#### FELLOWSHIP.. Chair: Peter Hoban

18 Jul '95 Movie: "First Knight" at Balwyn - with chick'n'champers - 60 attending.  
17 Aug Occasional Dinner: "Dunyazad" - Top Middle-Eastern fare.  
28 Sep Club's 28th Birthday Dinner at Kew Golf Club - a magnificent "Seafood Extravaganza".  
15 Oct Fun Theatre Night: "Beauty & the Beast" at The Princess, & Athenaeum Club Supper.  
26 Nov Sunday Christmas B-B-Q at Yea. Many thanks to Dennis & Ann McDonald.  
8 Dec Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon/Party/Carols/Santa. Great as ever - thanks to all.  
8 Feb '96 "Fellowship Breakfast" Meeting at Greenacres - well attended.  
29 Feb Fundraising Golf Day & Dinner. Fantastic \$\$\$, & 1st Class Fellowship.  
7 Apr Sunday Night Dinner at "Walter's" - Southbank. Excellent.  
4 May Tour of Regent & Plaza Theatres & intimate Fellowship Dinner with RC Kew East.  
28 Jun Change-Over Dinner at "Leonda". "Well-done all!" - with grateful thanks from Peter Hatherly for Paul Harris Fellowship. Harold Fraser's PHF held over until return from RI Convention Calgary. Hand-over to David & Pamela Bloom, & Board.

#### FUNDRAISING .. Chair: Harold Fraser

Special Account Summary: INCOME (Proceeds): Sargeant At Arms \$1145 - Club "Door Raffles" \$2077 - Jumble Sale at Alan Fluck's old shop \$2406 - Christmas Raffle \$3447 Puddings/Cakes/Salmon \$1198 - Boroondara Golf Day & Dinner \$17342 - Art Show ('94-'95) \$3200 - Chernobyl Donation (N Balgue) \$5 - Hire-out of Art Show Equip. \$766 - Bank Interest \$260 - "Chips for Kids" Donation (pP J Hope) \$100 - ARHRF Donation \$7] - "Beauty & the Beast" \$110 - Interest from Forsyth/Kahanoff Bequest not taken; fully re-invested. Tot: \$32,127 EXPENDITURE: (V = Vocational, C = Community, Y = Youth, I = International .. Projects). CRA Science Summer School (1 student sponsored '96) V \$500 - Bill Martin's Car C \$1000 Senior Citizens Christmas Party C \$1866 - Kew High School Chaplaincy Fund Y \$1000 - Bike for Nicholas Balgue (w/sale & disc.) C \$1095 - RYPEN x7 Y \$600 - Kew/Hawthorn Youth Committee \$500 - Victorian School for Deaf Children Building Fund (Art Show & Paints.Raffle proceeds) \$3200 - RYLA x2 Y \$800 - Dr. Greg Coates' microscope 1\$1000 - Model UN Assembly 1\$320 - Rotary Foundation \$2680 - Aust. Rotary Health Research Fund \$3000 Rotary Portsea Childrens' Camp (new bedding) \$5000 - Citizens' Advice Bureau Kew - Food Vouchers C \$2000 - Life Education Centre C \$1000 - Shade House (trees' seed box) \$250 Chernobyl Appeal \$1005 - Keith Meadows "Chips for Kids" Project - re-vamped, 2nd-hand, slow computers for "Special Needs" students \$2100 - "Bed for Bodalla" C \$2000 - "Cottage by the Sea" Y \$1000 - Siemens Science Summer School (Melb. '97) 1 student V \$500 - Salvation Army (Mary Anderson Lodge) C \$1000 - Misc. & Bank charges \$200. Tot: \$33,616 OTHER CREDITS "not put through our books": Portsea Camp - Kew/Balwyn Banquet-Auction at Camberwell Civ. Cent. (our 50% share) \$10760 - Other "Sargeant's" monies \$67 - Australian Rotary Foundation Trust \$400 - Portsea, RC Albert Park Grand Prix Raffle \$650. Tot: \$11,877 GRAND TOTAL "RAISED".. approx.: \$44,000

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE.. Chair: Jenny Begent

*Continuing assistance & support to:-* LEC - junior students' drug awareness & education - InnerEastern Mobile Unit. Senior Citizens' Christmas Party - Luncheon with the works, carols, Santa. CAB Food Vouchers to most needy in Kew/Hawthorn. Bill Martin's car maintenance - Bill entertains elderly & sick in local nursing homes & hospitals. *"One-off" Projects:-* Nicholas Balgue was a student at Kew East Primary - 85% bums at school camp - Our custom-made mountain-bike provides therapy & pleasure to a very brave young man. Bodalla Nursing Home - prototype (as incentive to attract others) of electronically operated bed, for patient comfort & relief of strain & injury to staff Mary Anderson Lodge - Salvo's refuge for abused mothers & their children.

#### VOCATIONAL SERVICE.. Chair: Murray Chessell

The Committee achieved its plans for 6 Members to provide Vocational Talks to the Meetings & to continue the sponsorship & participation of senior students (2) to the Science summer Schools.

#### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE.. Chair: Brian Clark

Model United Nations Assembly - 2 students from Kew High School attended & reported to the Club. Dr. Greg Coates addressed the Club re the No.1 killer in "his" Solomon Islands - Malaria. In conjunction with RC Nth Balwyn, we purchased (at cost from Olympus Co. Ltd.) a microscope to be used in the field by trained locals (further help needed!).

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YOUTH SERVICE.. Chair: Roger Fasken

Needy students are aided by our funding toward the Kew High School Chaplaincy, & the "Peer Support" Program. Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) camps - we sent 7 students, & Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camps - we sponsored 2 Leaders.. are both truly excellent Rotary "Youth" Projects. Our Rotaract Club finished the year with President Chrissy Douglas reporting 11 Members. Our working-bee at the Rotary Portsea Childrens' Camp has been held over. The very worthy, Queenscliff, "Cottage by the Sea" - holidays for disadvantaged children, has been supported with a donation of \$1000.

Inductions: 27/7/95 Terry Cooper & Michael Glennon. 14/9 Harry Belli. 21/9 Malcom Kinloch. 20/6 Lindsay Noss.

Resignations: 14/9 Alan McDonald. 8/2/96 Geoff Hillman, Wolfe Deane, Michael Glennon. 7/3 Reg. Simmonds. 2/4 Peter Harkin.

### 1996 – 1997

#### President: David Bloom



There were a number of "highlights" during the past Rotary Year and I am especially grateful for the efforts and achievement of a significant majority of Kew Rotarians. Indeed, virtually all members of the Club participated to a degree and enabled Kew Rotary to become a larger, happier and more effective Club.

It is difficult to single out specific achievements, let alone rank them, in that it may be incorrectly perceived that acknowledge the outstanding efforts of a particular Rotarian somehow diminishes another. This is certainly not the case. One of the greatest joys of Rotary is that members can participate in varying ways over a period of many years with their value to the Club remaining a constant. Nothing would be more irritating and, ultimately, counterproductive than a group of 50 overachievers unceasingly striving for some ineffable quasi nirvana.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to indicate what I believe to be some of the outstanding aspects of this past Rotary Year.

Perhaps the greatest achievement has been the membership growth. At the beginning of the Rotary year it was feared that our luncheon club would soon lose viability with a steady decline in membership. Through the initiatives of the membership committee, most particularly its Chair Dennis McDonald and Viv Stevenson, our numbers have grown dramatically.

There has also been a change in the culture of the club with punctuality and structure stressed and a diminished number of activities that could have stretched the capacity of the club to function both effectively and harmoniously.

The Bulletin was edited and produced wonderfully well by Cliff Phillips. This often onerous duty was effected with seamless skill and dedication. That an Octogenarian achieved all of this is an object lesson that should be a little inspiring to all of us.

The Community Service Committee under Jim Donnelly continued the tradition of hosting elderly citizens at our annual Christmas Luncheon, provided support with a major hands on effort for the Salvation Army appeal and assisted financially, inter alia, Network Q, the Quadriplegic Hand project, the Red Cross Picture Library and the Karana Building Appeal.

Fellowship, as always, was tremendously important and Peter Hoban's Committee provided us with much pleasure, most especially via the Christmas Party River cruise, our 29th birthday celebrations and the Changeover night.

Roy Blyth's Fund Raising Committee was highly effective and ran a successful Charity Golf Day with skill and flair. Moneys were also raised through Mah Hoon Tan's Smoked Salmon Sales and Harry Belli's Four Wheel Driving Course.

Alan Fluck did a splendid job as Treasurer, an often-thankless task. The combination of tact, mild bullying and sheer blind cunning (most particularly with respect to collecting yearly dues) in addition to plain hard work kept the Club solvent.

Peter Hatherly, as Immediate Past President and Chair of Rotary Foundation, provided much needed assistance and advice.

Ian Harvey was an immensely capable and supportive Secretary who's "behind the scenes" work, in addition to the more visible accomplishments, was much appreciated

The Youth Committee, under Vernon Wood, was active in enabling our club to participate in RYPEN, RYLA, the Variety Club Children's project and the Youth Suicide Awareness program. This last initiative is likely to be ongoing and may be a significant part of an ongoing commitment by the Club.

The International Committee, through its Chair Brian Clark, reintroduced our financial assistance to Zimbabwe

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(the cost of education for two children) and helped Dr. Greg Coates with his Solomon Islands medical assistance program.

The Vocational Committee, chaired by Raymond Martyres, enabled our Club to receive a Presidential Citation and was active in organising our successful participation in the Shine On Awards.

Cathy Nall, our program director, provided a range of guest speakers with great efficiency and liaised commendably with all appropriate club officers to meet the club's objectives and requirements.

President Elect John Savage facilitated Club Service admirably and devoted much time, thought and effort toward his disparate duties.

Charles Crellin undertook his Attendance duties with his usual effectiveness and humour and his negotiating skills vis a vis 100% attendance requirements may well lead to another career in the diplomatic corps.

Merv Williams was a potent and tremendously capable Sergeant. His policing of our "Red Light" District made a tight ship policy eminently achievable.

I most sincerely hope that I have not inadvertently left someone/some major achievement unmentioned. Nor have I deliberately "damned with faint praise". Everyone in the Rotary Club of Kew is very important indeed and I thank all of our members for participating in an important, progressive and enlightening year.

Inductions: Susan Holliday, Gregor Mason, Mark Houston, Laurie Bird, Adrian Huber, Margaret Owen, Judith Voce, Anam Khoirul, Richard Price.

Resignations: Stephen Kelly, Rod Whittaker, Jenny Richards.

## 1997 – 1998

### President: John Savage



President David Bloom sadly departed Melbourne in June on the announcement of the death of his father who was a resident in the United States of America. I wish to express to David and his Directors my thanks for the successful and happy year 96/97 proved.

Like all incoming Presidents one thinks your changeover night is the best ever. Then I am guilty! My pride and pleasure had a score of 100%. Leonda as the venue provided the best ambience in the Eastern Suburbs matched with both service and an excellent menu. Both Judy and I had the pleasure of introducing our complete family to 80 Rotarians and friends and felt very proud to accept the honour and privilege from Past President Merve Williams who deputized in David's absence. Thank you Merve for a memorable night.

Some of the year's highlights.

Membership approx 53 including the support and help from our Lady Rotarians.

District Conference Surfers Paradise.

President Elect Brian and Kim Clark and a group of 12 enjoyed the company of District Governor Jeff Birds and Lady Jane Birds hospitality.

Major Fund Raising

Golf Day venue Kew Golf Club.

Perfect in every way. Result over \$12,000 profit.

My sincere thanks to Rotarians Blyth/ Fraser/Kennedy and many others.

This year was outstanding by way of sponsorship.

My support group was excellent. Without these Rotarians my year would have been "annis horrorbilis". Viv Stenson, V Pres Peter Hoban, Ian Harvey, Brian Clark. Special thanks to Vernon Wood for use of Board Room at Kew Junction. I like all of my directors felt a sincere sympathy to Allen Martin who spent hundreds of hours endeavouring to get the programme "Work for the dole" up and going.

Xmas Party. Special thanks to Father Xmas Hoban and his number 1 elf former RCK member Peter McCanns with Jim Donnelly and his team.

The water tank teams in Western Samoa Harold/Roger/Graeme/Merv the Pacific Zone thanks you for all of your humane effort!

The following congratulations from us all.

Rotarian Donald J C Cameron

Mr Bill Martin

Mrs Joy Guerin

Above recognised with Paul Harris Awards.

Rotarian Geoff Stevens an Honourable Membership.

Rotarian Murray Chessell PP/PHF with the Rotary Sapphire Pin.

The highest award bestowed within the Kew Rotary Club.

To my understanding and considerate Editor Cliff Phillips. The person who every week spent hours looking after my reports and our Club Bulletin. My special thanks.

In conclusion, Presidents are important however without the input, support and help from my darling wife year 97/98 could have been just another year in my 12 years at the Rotary Club of Kew. Thank you Judy.

Inductions: Beth Foley, David Kegele, Julie Ann Laird, David O'Brien, Peter Carrigan.

Resignations: Jennifer Begent, Toni Bruin, Cathy Nall, Anam Khoirul.

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### 1998 – 1999

#### President: Brian Clark



I started the year with the following aims:

That 1998/9 would be a year of convivial fellowship

That the year would revolve around the City of Boroondara with particular emphasis on community service and youth.

That the Club membership would be substantially increased. That the meeting speakers would be interesting and that our attendances would increase.

I think that despite the club's lack of funding, the above aims have been achieved and that the success of the club is reflected in the reports of my hardworking directors which are attached.

Don McKinnon provided a string of interesting speakers and the attendance reports show that the members of the club responded and embraced the meetings and as a result achieved great fellowship. Well-done Don.

I inherited from Past President John Savage the Boroondara Charity Auction, which produced \$36,000.00 in conjunction with the R.C. of Hawthorn. The City of Boroondara had been promised \$40,000.00 and the 2 clubs contributed \$2000.00 each from their club funds to achieve this result. This drained some funds from the Club and also sapped from the Club its resolve to hold much more in the way of fundraising for the year. Whilst the Golf Day was held the result was disappointing to me and I hope that the Fundraising Committee next year will reflect upon this result and take steps to analyse the results and the programme.

In view of the fundraising deficit directors were required to prune their budgets and were not able to do as much as they had hoped. For this I am truly sorry and I accept this as a personal failure on my behalf.

Harold Fraser and his band on the Membership Sub-Committee have striven long and hard to produce a number of new members and there are more to come. Well-done fellows.

March saw a number of Rotarians and partners attend the conference in Adelaide and it was great to have Beth Foley and David Kegele attend as new Rotarians. Beth is still away at the R.I Conference in Singapore and Mah Hoon Tan also attended this conference.

I do not propose to highlight the work of my directors and their committees as this is well catered for in their respective reports that are attached. I would, however, like to thank those directors for their tireless work and assistance to me. In addition I would like to thank Ian Harvey for his guidance and assistance. Ian took on the job of Secretary again for me and acted as my mentor with the assistance of many past presidents including Viv Stevenson. Without your help the year would not have been as successful.

Barry Douglas was our Assistant District Governor and he proved to be a great assistance and was a facilitator when something had to be discussed and worked out. Thank you to Barry and his long suffering wife, Jan. I hope that we continue to see more of Barry and I wish him well as he goes back into the chair as a recycled president at his club at Altona.

Margaret Owen acted as the Foundation Coordinator and did a great job in providing Foundation information to the members. In addition, Margaret interviewed a potential Foundation Scholar and her position is currently being assessed by District. Well done and thank you Margaret.

Michael Stillwell laboured with publicity and managed to get some information into the local papers. Well-done Michael.

Thank you to Hilary Ellis and Peter Hoban for your efforts with the Sergeant's sessions. Over \$2000.00 was raised for charity.

Thank you Cliff Phillips for all your hard work on Bulletin. This is a thankless job which Cliff has performed for years and continues next year.

My thanks also for Charles Crellin's work with roster and attendance. This is the "nuts and bolts" work that helps to make the club work.

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To the partners of Rotarians, my thanks for your indulgences and for all your assistance to your partner during the year. Without the partners the Club would not function. Your attendance at dinners and fellowship outings greatly enhance club activities.

My condolences to Gillian Stillwell and to Michael and the remaining members of the Stillwell family on the passing of Bib Stillwell last week. Bib was a founding father of our Club and his continued support, both social and financial, will be greatly missed.

To the members, my thanks and good wishes. You have been the backbone of the Club and have never failed me when you have been asked to carry out some function for RI or the Club.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to my long-suffering wife, Kim. We have only been married 4 years and her support and assistance, without any complaint whatsoever, has allowed me to complete this year with some success. Kim has been incredibly supportive and has not questioned both the time and money that I have expended in my quest to have a good and successful year. Thank you My Love

Inductions: Keith Walter, Durham Strachan, George Grant, Geoff Green, John Patrick, Gittian Rees.

Resignations: Richard Price.

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### 1999 –2000

#### President: Derek Prinsley

A continuum of activity in our club fulfilled the objectives of Rotary in most respects. Membership has increased from 51 on Jan 1 1999 to 57 in June 2000, particularly with younger members. New members this year were Geoff Green, John Patrick, Peter Stewart, Barry Minster, Derrick Golm, George Grant and John Jessop. Gillian Rees joined but resigned as she moved from the District, as did Gregor Mason. Alan Fluck and Adrian Huber resigned and we regret the death of a former charter member Past President Keith Hansen.



An annual directory, with photographs has been issued to all members, with details of their activities. Weekly meeting attendances have averaged over %70. The lunch meeting on Thursday after the Wednesday Board meeting has no speaker and the Board action is reported to the whole Club. A new member has been invited to attend Board meetings as an observer.

Editor Cliff Phillips has completed six years in this demanding job with distinction and our grateful thanks. A more economical production of the Bulletin is now well established, thanks to Network Q.

Community Service Director Judith Voce and her committee had a busy year. The Club collected door to door for the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Hawthorn Community Chest. Shade shelters were constructed for the patients at Mary Guthrie House. We helped with the Variety Club Xmas party for deprived children and did the cooking at the T. A. C. BBQ for the disabled at Hay's Paddock. The major commitment was with the International Diabetes Institute research project in control of type two diabetes. We are providing funds to purchase equipment to increase the number of participants.

Vocational Services, director Allen Martin, were involved with the resurrected Inter School Debating contest, which was taken up as a District project. The Kew Club was asked to run the Boroondara area. The competition was held at Ruyton School and the final took place at Hawthorn Town Hall.

The Club sponsored a University Study course for the Chaplain of Kew High School. The Chaplain described his activity and the course at a lunch meeting. Kew Rotary has provided funds annually to assist the work of the Chaplain in this school.

New Generations, Director David Kegele, organised and transported five students to the RYPEN camps. The tree growing project at the East Kew Primary School is continuing very successfully, supervised by Dennis McDonald and Graham Lindsay. David Kegele has joined the District Committee for the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme. We have had a delightful student from Finland this year, Kirsti Tuommen. She has been hosted by the Patrick family, the Green family and the Voce family. Keith Walter has supervised this successful student exchange programme. We have sent an exchange student, Sara Juric, to Brazil and have heard from her that all is going well.

International, director Sue Holliday, has re-established contact with Melbourne University International House. We had an enjoyable meeting there, with dinner and a tour and donated money for the student library. We made a substantial contribution to the Turkish Earthquake Appeal through Rotary Foundation. Roger Fasken personally collected clothing and tools for transport to East Timor. The redundant hospital beds which we laboriously loaded into a cargo container for the Solomon Islands has we hear, reached Honiara.

Fellowship in the Club has been helped by having one meeting in four without a speaker with resulting high level of conversation. Other activities involved a soiree at the Greens, a progressive Dinner, a dinner and cabaret at Capers, a dinner at Cuccina Restaurant in Kew, a jazz night at a pub and an outing to Don McKinnon's at Point Lonsdale.

Fund raising, chaired by Roy Blyth and Leo Blake had a hard time this year with difficulty in attracting sponsors. However a number of projects went well including a weekly wine raffle at club lunches, sale of smoked salmon, Christmas cakes, Entertainment Guides and a cooking demonstration. A first effort at a school Swimathon was very successful and obviously a model for future expansion.

Financial affairs, treasurer Laurie Bird, kept the general account dealing with club expenses in comfortable credit. The special account is used to support club service activities. We have some ongoing commitments which we meet annually. This year, as a project, we have made a respectable contribution to the International

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Diabetes Institute. Funds raised in a previous Rotary year for drug counseling have been committed to fund a methadone treatment programme housed in Boroondara. This programme was formally opened on March 9th at the Hawthorn Town Hall with a ceremony attended by a local member and District Governor Vance Hilton.

The Club recognised Roger Fasken for outstanding achievement in the Four Avenues of Service with presentation of a Rotary International Citation.

Sergeant at Arms Murray Chessell and his assistant Durham Strachan carried out their retributions with high good humour. Our unofficial official photographer Peter Hatherly has enabled us to keep a permanent picture record of all our activities.

Treasurer Laurie Bird has kept the Club finances in order, with suitable solemnity.

Secretary Julie Anne Laird has kept me in order and made sure that the Club has run according to the rules, and appropriately recorded.

A steady year, and thanks to the Board and the Club for making my part in the proceedings so easy.

Inductions: Peter Stewart, Derrick Goh, Geoff Stevens, John Jessop.

Resignations: Keith Hansen, Adrian Huber, Raymond Martyres, Gregor Mason, Gittian Rees.

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### 2000 – 2001

#### President: Harry Belli

The Club had a successful year, it raised a large sum of money for the Aboriginal Community, it continued work for Mary Guthrie House, it continued the Tree Planting and it generated a financial surplus.

A sum of \$14,000 was raised from an Auction Night, the money was then passed on to the Aboriginal Youth Centre in the remote Western Australia. The money was used by the people to buy an audio system.

Work continued for the Mary Guthrie house under the direction of Roger Fasken, this work has continued into the following years and has become a focal point of our involvement with the community.

The Tree Planting continued under the direction of Dennis McDonald it has again become a long lasting and valuable project of the club in the community.

During the year the committee turned the tide and generated a cash surplus for the first time in a number of years. This was gratifying and necessary if the club is to be seen as a valuable part of the community. The funds on hand as at the end of the year were in the vicinity of \$104,000.

Membership unfortunately did not increase however we did not have a net loss.

We were lucky to have heard a number of interesting speakers, Leah Mann, CEO, Foundation for Young Australians, Kevin Sheedy, Essendon Football Club, Thomas Hazell, Past Secretary to Government House and Sir Gustav Nosal who does not need to be introduced.

The club inaugurated the first Hole-in-One competition, it was a successful idea which has been continued in to the following years and which unfortunately was virtually washed out on the second day.

I would like to thank my committee for their hard work and co-operative way they worked for the club during the year.

As President, it still has a glow associated with the fact that I am a Past -President of a Rotary Club.

Inductions: Andrew Kors, Graeme Sheahan.

Resignations: George Varden.



## 2001 – 2002

### President: Lindsay Noss

A most enjoyable Change Over Dinner was held on 12 July at the Green Acres Golf Club with 92 persons attending which included 37 of our own members.

Exchange student Katrine Thorup arrived at the end of July from Bronderslev, Denmark. She will study at Carey Grammar School throughout the year.

Tree planting was once again undertaken, supervised by Dennis McDonald, assisted by about ten members on 19 September, 6 & 13 February. As in most years it involved all students in years 5 & 6 at the Kew East Primary School and the trees are planted in local parks, but mainly at Hay's Paddock.

The Club's Anniversary was celebrated at the regular weekly meeting on 20 September.

A well supported Fellowship Malaysian Dinner was held on 9 October at the Penang Inn, Box Hill with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves.

A new Constitution and Bylaws was adopted at the AGM.

A Car Rally was held on 11 November starting at Yarra Bend Park at 10.30 am. Those who finished (got back) enjoyed a barbeque

The Christmas Party was held at the Fairfield Boathouse, Fairfield on 7 December with a very good attendance.

Our Club once again organised a series of debates, held at Ruyton, for secondary school students. This year it was won by Bialik.

The Club nominated Pierre Harcourt who was successfully chosen for a one year Ambassadorial Scholarship by District 9800 to study towards his Master of Law at the University of Edinburgh.

A fantastic Progressive Dinner, with over 60 attending, was organised in the homes of the Voce's, Green's and McDonald's on 27 April. The only item that the very happy travellers had to carry from place to place was their glasses (for drinking not seeing).

The Club Bulletin was judged the best among the medium sized clubs in District 9800.

Inductions: Ron McCartney, Michael Conyers, Rohan Brown, Liz Webb, Craig Young.

Resignations: Julie Ann Laird, Brian Clark.

Deceased: George Varden

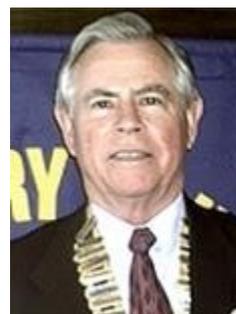


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### 2002 – 2003

#### President: Allen Martin

To encapsulate my "Year as President" compels me to look back well over two years, not just 12 months. For it was then I had to consider the priorities I wished to ensure during 2002-2003. As I talked with Club members, watched, & listened, they became clear:



(a) strengthen friendship/fellowship across all ages, interests, and years of membership;

(b) develop a bold and achievable local Service Project which would stimulate the imagination and enthusiasm of members;

(c) help the Club to make a significant financial contribution to a major Rotary International program; and let the membership achieve these goals within a business-like framework.

I shared these ideas with recently installed President Lindsay Noss to gain his support for any long-range project, and with several members and was encouraged as each indicated willingness to join the Board. With this backing I then discussed the St Paul's project with PE Frank O'Sullivan, and he willingly embraced the idea of the project becoming part of his plans. It would be setting a precedent - but the Project was too good an opportunity, and worth putting to the Membership.

At meetings in late 2001 we discussed "how" as much as "what". We agreed: start each month with a before-work meeting, keep Board membership as low as possible, experiment with a few Board Members designated without specific portfolios who would combine efforts for special tasks as needed, and not allocate every Club Member to a Committee but rather work to encourage all Members to think/act collectively. By March 2002 we were "ready", and at a regular weekly Rotary luncheon in April were able to present to the membership "our ideas for next year."

That luncheon meeting challenged everyone to consider a program to foster fellowship, strengthen existing membership bonds and build new friendships; undertake limited financial support for a number of local youth and aged-care projects; adopt a major Club project - equip 2 sensory rooms at St. Paul's School for Multiple Disabled children, a 2-year project to cost \$50,000; and, accept the Rotary International challenge to in 2003 contribute \$US120 per member to the final Polio Plus Appeal. I asked the Club "Is this the program that you wish to achieve next year?" and gained an enthusiastic endorsement. The Board therefore set about doing its job of making the Club's commitment - reality.

At Changeover on 4th July 2002 we publicly announced the Club's program of Service and Fellowship for the year ahead. One year later we were able to report we had met our major commitments.

How did we do it? A diligent Board and co-operative Members who accepted tasks when asked by delegated Board Directors. The Board met monthly at 7.30 am, all knew the agenda details & what major decisions had to be reached before 9.00 when we had to be out of the office. The status of each project was given, immediate tasks listed & Club members identified to do each job under guidance by nominated Board Director (s), & monthly progress was announced at Club Meetings showing a steady income stream, and opportunities for everyone to join in planned activities such as working bees, social gatherings, the Hole-In-One golf days etc..

Previous Boards had tried to redirect the investments funding the Rotary Swinburn Bursary Fund as it was now not a major source for student emergencies. The other five Rotary Clubs which supported the Fund when set up by Kew were re-approached, this time with three options: (1) close it down & contribute the funds to Polio Plus; (2) direct funds towards the equipping of one room in a St. Paul's school project; (3) continue "as is" with limited calls on the Fund. All Clubs opted for (2) and our Board acted to collect the funds as the investment mortgages matured over the next 18 months. April saw the Club able to make a presentation to St. Paul's to equip the first sensory room, with representatives of the five other Clubs attending this luncheon Meeting, and PE Frank O'Sullivan pledging his Board to fund the commitment for the second sensory room.

Regular fund-raising and social activities throughout the Year enabled us to meet our commitments of \$10,090

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to Polio Plus, the funding of five training places for Eastern Palliative Care volunteer staff, \$4,000 to a RAWCS project in Samoa, earmarking \$2,000 into next year's budget towards Student Exchange costs for our outgoing student in 2004, and other regularly supported causes. Keeping a regular check on members' health & well being was fostered, and as the year progressed we were able to induct new members to replace those who resigned for various reasons - maintaining the Club's total membership. We ended the Year showing a virtually nil effect on the Club's operating finances, we had completed Stage 1 of the St. Paul's School project and arranged for a further \$9,000 to become available towards stage 2, and the Bequest Fund was untouched apart from having gained regular interest deposits.

For me it was very satisfying to lead a Board, which worked as a team. The Club had set goals right from the year's start and just 12 months to meet these commitments. We displayed a degree of confidence which encouraged the general Membership to support the program which they had endorsed, and at the same time enjoy the fellowship of mutual service. We deliberately avoided any possible "negatives" such as "membership drives to stay alive." Judging by the audio-level at Club lunch meetings the Club as a whole was "alive" and "forward looking" - just as we had planned.

At hand-over it was very easy for me to say to the Club Members how proud I was to have had the privilege of being President of the Rotary Club of Kew while they had achieved so much in service to others in 2002/2003, and throughout the Year had enjoyed each other's company.

Inductions: Mike McFarlane, Don Priestley, Andrew Scheffer, Ron Swartz, Fred Payne, Ron Swartz.

Resignations: Derrick Goh, Margaret Owen, Rohan Brown, Geoff Green, Malcolm Kinlock, John Jessop.

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### 2003 – 2004

#### President: Frank O'Sullivan



Welcome all, to our change over dinner at Fountains Restaurant. As you may remember I commenced my year as President having major surgery and because of that I had serious doubts about if I was going to be able to do it. I have to thank members for their wise advice, they certainly put my feet on the ground and gave me confidence that I could continue in the role.

There are many people that I would like to thank, first and foremost my wife Doon for her help and support during the year and for hosting the Board meetings. I would also like to thank our Secretary Graeme Sheahan, Vice President Vin Doquile, Sergeant at Arms Peter Hoban and Club Treasurer Michael Conyers for a job well done, then to the Board, I enjoyed working with you and completing a successful year.

We have had a very successful year, raising nearly four times as much money this year as we have done in recent years, and for that we have to thank the hardworking fundraising committee chaired by Mike McFarlane.

The "Sportmans Night" with Kevin Sheedy as celebrity speaker, Rotary Club/Boroondara Mayoral Golf Day, Hole in One competition at Studley Park and Trivia Night at Gennazano enabled our Club to fulfill its pledge of a final \$25,000 donation to St Pauls College. This completed the promised amount of \$50,000 to equip two sensory rooms for the profoundly disabled students at St Pauls. We handed over the cheque at a Club meeting at St Pauls on the 27<sup>th</sup> May. Our members saw and had demonstrated the equipment. This I believe had to be the highlight of our Rotary Year.

Our Fellowship Committee worked very hard and I thank Don McKinnon for stepping in as Director when Barry Minster resigned. We had a very enjoyable Anniversary Dinner at the Pump House Hotel in November. There was a Cinema Night, a Beach BBQ, a Christmas Party and a Progressive Dinner at which we all had a great time.

Under Liz Webb the Community Service Committee organised a used clothing collection to be given to Natalie Dixon, Uniting Church Minister and Outreach Worker, for distribution. They also organised, in conjunction with the City of Boroondara, a Christmas Dinner for needy pensioners and assisted the ABC Giving Tree project for Camcare.

The New Generations Committee under Don Priestly ran the RC of Kew Boroondara Debating Competition held at Ruyton. The winning school was Camberwell Grammar. Dennis McDonald again coordinated the ongoing re-vegetation, planting and seeding, project at Hays Paddock, in conjunction with the students and staff of Kew East Primary School. Our Club sent two MLC students to the Model United Nations Assembly. We hosted a Rotary Exchange Student, Jussi, this year and helped him to go to many interesting places. The Club sincerely thanks the host families, the Faskens, the Stillwells and the Brennans. We are currently sponsoring Brenton Lutz in France and will be welcoming an inbound student Hubert Raymond next July.

Our Website won the District 9800 Award. Well done George Grant.

A Horizons Committee was established, chaired by Andrew Kors, and has produced its first report.

A new constitution & by-laws were adopted at the AGM.

Paul Harris Fellowships awarded: Leo Blake, Don McKinnon and George Grant.

Inductions: Richard Crawford

Resignations: David O'Brien, Ron Swartz, Des Glynn, Barry Minster, Mark Houston, Donald Cameron, Jim Donnelly.

Deceased: Des Glynn

## **2004 – 2005**

**(Rotary International 100th Anniversary Year)**

**President: David Kegele**



Changeover Night was held at Fountains' Restaurant, Box Hill where 80 attendees enjoyed food, fellowship, fun and formality.

Exchange student Jussi Neimo-Aro left in July after giving a very interesting talk to the Club. Our next exchange student Hubert Ramon from Belfont, France arrived on 8 August. Our outbound student was Brigitte Barson-Cole who went to Germany in 2005.

An enjoyable Fellowship Film Night & Candlelight Supper was held on 21 July to see Stepford Wives and another Fellowship Picture Night was held on 8 March 2005 to see Bride & Prejudice.

The Club trialed Breakfast Meetings on the first Thursday of each month for September, October and November.

The Club sponsored Jessica Tull & Anisha Pradham for the MUNA weekend where they represented Lebanon and later in the year we sent four other students to the RYPEN weekend camp.

As for many years now, on 13 October 10 members under the direction of Dennis McDonald, assisted 100 grade 5 & 6 students from the East Kew Primary School to plant 800 trees and grasses at Hay's Paddock. Tubes were washed, filled with soil and seeded later on 11 May 2005 ready for the next year.

A very successful 37th Anniversary Dinner was attended by 80 members and guests at the Studley Park Boathouse on 14 October with Hugh Evans, Young Australian of the Year, as the Guest Speaker.

Although the heavens opened, creating havoc on the roads, a most successful Garden DesignFest 2004 was held over the weekend of 13/14 November. Over \$40000 was taken with all proceeds of \$22000 being given to charity.

Zara Cohen was sponsored by the Club to attend the RYLA course from the 4th to 10th of December.

The Christmas Party of the Club was held at the Kew Golf Club on Tuesday 14 December.

Our Club strongly supported the Centenary Cluster Fund Raising Cocktail Party held at the Hawthorn Town Hall on 25 February.

Despite wet & windy conditions our Club again had a stall at the Kew Festival selling juices.

A most successful Mayoral Charity Golf Day for Foundation Boroondara was held on 15 April.

Considerable planning for our Centenary Project at Network Q was undertaken by our planning team but due to unforeseen delays the project could not be completed by the end of the Rotary year.

Our Club once again assisted with organizing and attending the Health Information Evening held at the Camberwell Civic Centre on 25 May with a most impressive speaker panel.

The year ended with a Fellowship Night at The Anchorage Restaurant at Williamstown on 8 June.

Inductions: Michael deVincentis, Ed Koken, Jock Chudacek, Jonathon Shepherd, Kevin Berry, Bob Crozier.

Resignations: Andrew Scheffer, Geoff Stevens.

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### 2005 – 2006

#### President: Michael Conyers

Just over a year ago I stood before you at the 2005/2006 club change over and spoke of a need for club Members to re-invigorate themselves in Rotary and work with particular emphasis on local community issues. I am very pleased to say that this club did follow that direction as it will, I believe, in 2006/2007.

I would like to sincerely thank all the members of the club Board who worked so conscientiously and with great purpose to ensure our projects were completed in a timely manner for the benefit of our local communities.



Central to the success of our club's rotary year has been the influence of fellowship through club service. The centennial project, The Hole in One Competition, Vintage Car Display, Mayoral Golf Day, the Australia Day Clean Up, The Polio Plus Exhibition, The Hays Paddock Tree Planting program and the activities of the Kew Festival, have all needed team work that yielded the reward of great fellowships – "The Life Blood of any Rotary Club".

Instrumental in achieving this has been Andrew Kors, our Fellowship Chairman, who additionally gave us the Moonee Valley Race evening and the Golden Kelly Pool Cue competition won by our inimitable Peter Hoban. Thank you Andrew for your dedication and interest.

With great consistency the weekly meetings roll on and a fundamental influence in the success of those meetings has been our Sergeant at Arms, Jonathan Shepherd. We thank you Jonathan for your planning and good humour throughout the year. The club gratefully acknowledges the contribution of Jonathan and penciller Peter Hoban.

Of course the weekly meetings rely heavily on the calibre of our guest speakers and we are fortunate to have Keith Walters administering this task and we thank you Keith for another year of thought provoking presentations.

Nothing from our weekly meeting or activities around the club escape the ever watchful eyes of our Bulletin Editor, George Grant and his co-editor, Bob Crozier. We are fortunate indeed to be so well informed and we thank them both for their significant contribution to maintaining excellent communications within the club. George's photo library is an invaluable history of club events and the shots you see tonight predominantly come from his digital collage.

Significant among our activities this year has been the commitment to work with the local community on important issues. Peter Hoban and his team have worked very closely with the Reverend Natalie Dixon on the Good Deeds Day luncheon program that the Club participated in on a regular basis. This effort will be ongoing with further lunch and breakfasts planned for the disadvantaged in the local community.

Once again the club was involved in the Clean Up Australia effort in March and the club is to be commended for the number of members who turned up to work on the day. Dennis McDonald and his team have again this year run the local tree planting effort with Kew East Primary and this is a successful program that successfully involves local school children in the important activity of regenerative tree planting. Thank you to Dennis and his team.

Our annual Christmas party saw entertainment and invited elderly guest thoroughly enjoy the friendship, distribution of gifts at our yearly effort that takes place the first week of December. At the close of the year we had a call for help to purchase a new scooter for a young local student, George Bennett. George's old wheel chair had 'worn out' and he was desperately seeking a replacement. Due to the attentiveness of George Grant the Club approved the purchase of the new scooter.

In endeavouring to further connect with local youth we have initiated links with Ardoch Youth Foundation and have already established some food and necessary supply programs to assist homeless and at risk students in the community.

The overall mission of the Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the objectives of Rotary. Your club made a significant contribution of \$6,500 to Foundation this year.

We have witnessed tonight the presentation of Paul Harris Fellowships to Derek Prinsley, Vin Doquile, John

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Savage, Graeme Sheahan and Andrew Kors in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the club and Rotary in this and previous years.

At the beginning of the 2005/2006 year your club Board set a budget of \$26,000 and our fundraising Chairman Mike McFarlane and his team feverishly set about achieving this target. The combined results of the Hole in One, The Vintage Car Display, Mayoral Golf Day, Trivia Night, Kew Festival Stall and Tasmanian Air Tour enabled us to fulfill our support of the local community and Mike and his team are to be congratulated for enabling this to happen. Key members of Mike's team have been Andrew Kors, Fred Payne (Mayoral Golf Day) and Laurie Bird (Weekly Wine Raffle). Particular mention must be made of the efforts of the two new members who put together the very successful Trivia night at Genazzano College, namely Jonathan Shepherd and Jock Chudacek.

For the Rotary Centennial year and at the request of Rotary International, our club agreed to involve itself in a major local project and committed to provide Network Q a sheltered workshop with a complete fit out of its lunchroom and a comprehensive audio visual system, outdoor area including furniture and landscaping. The project has spanned three rotary years, costing \$40,000 and is now completed. Durham Strachan and his team have done a wonderful job. The funding for this project came out of the Ted Kahanof-Forsyth bequest. Teddy Kahanof was a very well respected member of our club.

From early December last year until February 2006, the club hosted Rotary International Polio Plus exhibition and we were most fortunate that Trinity Grammar College was able to make available its facilities at the Davey Gallery in Charles Street Kew. The exhibition raised the equivalent of 5000 inoculations for the world wide community. We were grateful for the support of members from Kew on Yarra, Boroondara, Glenferrie and Balwyn clubs who assisted us in manning the exhibition. Allen Martin and his committee are to be congratulated for their efforts not only for our own club but for Rotary International.

At the annual visit of our District Governor John Wigley, John's wife Fran, issued us with a challenge to get behind the pencils for Dili project and we were pleased to hand over some 10,000 pencils to Fran at a recent meeting. Well done to all members.

No club members will forget the visit of Jimmy Pham and his inspiring story of how he helped 100 young Vietnamese learn the skills to find stable jobs in their homeland. His program known as K.O.T.O - "Know One Teach One" began on the streets of Hanoi. Our club was proud to provide the \$1,000 to help further their efforts.

As in previous years the Club continued its involvement in the Student exchange program. With Julie Marriott our inbound French student, and Bridgitte Barson-Cole our outbound student to Germany. We had plenty of activity going on throughout the year. The student exchange program survives on the generosity of our host families and the club is sincerely grateful to Michael and Gillian Stillwell, Jonathon and Elizabeth Shepherd and Dawn Cole and Bridgitte Barson-Cole for sponsoring Julie. The generosity of Carey Grammar College in providing a paid student place for 12 months for our inbound student is fundamental to the success of the program and for that, the club is most appreciative.

The club financed three students from Kew High School to the Rotary Youth Programme for Enrichment (RYPEN). They have since addressed the club and spoke glowingly of their experience of that particular camp.

Club members attended the Ambassadorial Scholars Fundraising Benefit at the Ormond Hall in aid of the School of St Jude from Tanzania and the Rotex, Rotary Exchange Students Ball that raised funds for Heart Start, a program and institution that works with the Royal Childrens' Hospital. The club wishes to thank those members for their contribution to these worthy programs.

The survival of any club and indeed Rotary itself, hinges on each club's ability to expand its membership. In a year when many clubs have faced negative growth or no growth, I am very pleased to announce that we have positively grown. John Savage and his team are to be congratulated for a job well done. I also additionally want to thank George Grant for his input into this overall achievement.

Year in and year out our group of club sponsors continue to support the club by advertising in the bulletin and their generosity does not go unnoticed and accordingly we gratefully acknowledge their contributions.

I would like to thank the members of the Auburn cluster for the enjoyment of working with me throughout the year – namely, Trevor Mackey - Glenferrie, Ian Kremmer - Boroondara, John Gowers - Hawthorn, Peter Leonard - Kew On Yarra and of course Marjorie Gerlinger our Assistant Governor for her understanding and

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guidance in her capacity as chair.

And last but not least, I thank Wendy for her care, interest and personal contribution in making my year as president as enjoyable and fulfilling as it has been.

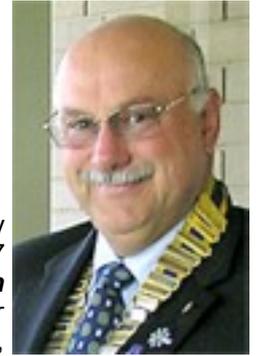
Inductions: Paul Curcio, John Green, Geoffrey Laver, Barry Minster, Jill Forsyth.

Resignations: Richard Crawford, Doug McLaren, Liz Webb, Craig Young.

## 2006 – 2007

President: Mike McFarlane

The new Rotary year commenced with a fun night held at the Kew Golf Club for many Rotarians, family and friends. President Mike presented his vision for the Club in 2006-7 which revolved around the Club **“genuinely making a very real and visible difference in one young person's life”** in a truly meaningful way by improving their physical or emotional wellbeing; and, should the human and financial resources be available another, then another and so on”.



Having returned from the R I Convention in Copenhagen, he was impressed with new RI President Bill Boyd who told the Convention that true Rotarians have a steadfast commitment to making a difference in the world by having **‘the vision to see, the faith to believe and the courage to do’**.

President Mike suggested; “then let us be people of vision, faith and courage as we go about the business of Rotary by spreading the word of Rotary, both our past achievements and our future plans; for Rotarians above all else are essentially people for others prepared to willingly put **“Service Above Self”**.

In 2006-7, we reintroduced the ‘President’s Project’ which included support for two of our Rotary International Service organisations: ROMAC and Interplast, each beneficiaries of GDF 2006.

The Club has benefited from an exceptional team of Directors and Committee Chairs who without their respective commitment and selfless dedication to serving our Club, we would not have experienced such a wonderful year of fellowship, fun, fundraising, hard work and deep satisfaction.

Elected to **“Lead the Way”** and certainly delivering that Rotary ideal on our Club’s behalf were: PE Fred Payne Fundraising, PP Michael Conyers, VP Andrew Kors Membership, Hon Secretary Graeme Sheahan, Hon Treasurer Ron McCartney, International Roger Fasken, Community Service Peter Hoban, Fellowship Durham Strachan, and Vocational Service Jonathan Shepherd. Additionally Club Service was ably provided by Peter Stewart, George Grant did an exceptional job with the Weekly Bulletin, Frank O’ Sullivan literally lead us all to a very successful District Conference in Canberra, Keith Walter’s unceasing commitment to the arrangement of our Guest Speakers, Barry Minster in his weekly role shining as fining sergeant, Michael Stillwell put Foundation first and Michael DeVincentis directed our best ever Garden DesignFest.

We, the members and frequently the family and friends of the Rotary Club of Kew have certainly enjoyed a very active year in 2006-7 with many, **many**, events and activities in which we all (well mostly) participated, some of the **highlights** of the year encompassed the following.

- ✦ Garden DesignFest 2006, opening some 32 gardens around Melbourne;
- ✦ Presentation of the net proceeds of GDF 2006 being \$44,000 to Romac, Interplast, Children First and Angel Flight;
- ✦ Financial support thru ROMAC, emotional support and visitations with 9 year old Perfanio Ramero Fan known to his Rotary friends as “Afu” during his life threatening illness (removal of a dumbbell tumour) and stay in the RCH. If we did nothing else this year as a Club we genuinely have touched this young life and made a real and visible difference to the quality of Afu’s future life;
- ✦ Hosted the very successful Kirsty Sword Gusmao Breakfast attended by 360 people for the Alola Foundation raising much needed funds to improve the lives of mothers and children in Timor Leste;
- ✦ On behalf of the Yarra Cluster, we coordinated Bernard Salt’s “The Boroondara Paper 2007” raising \$7440 for Boroondara Family Network and Chances for Children;
- ✦ A family fellowship outing for a Christmas BBQ at Old McDonald’s Farm Merton;
- ✦ A winning race night of fine food, wine and fellowship at Moonee Valley Races;
- ✦ Soirée Afternoon Tea Dances for the socially isolated or intellectually disadvantaged local community with Rev Pam White;
  
- ✦ Great Speakers each week like Dr Max Lay on Roads, Jeff Clifton (an ex Collingwood fullback and Builder of the MCG Members Stand and TelstraDome)
- ✦ A very successful Spit Dinner & Auction event raising some \$12,000 for the Neurological Ward’s

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- ✦ Epilepsy Monitoring at RCH and a visit to see it in action;
- ✦ Coordinating the District's promotion of the hugely successful Shelter Boxes for the Solomon Islands raising some \$100,000;
- ✦ Billeting, touring with and hosting the GSE Team Welcome Dinner for the popular and energetic Netherlands team;
- ✦ Weekly teams from the Club supporting the DIK Store for Timor Leste;
- ✦ Provided a flying scholarship for \$5,000 to Wheelies with Wings for a person with significant lower limb disabilities to commence flying to solo standard as part of building confidence and self esteem;
- ✦ Sponsoring and hosting our 2007 Rotary Youth Exchange Student Jenny Silvestre from Brazil;
- ✦ Coordination on behalf of our District the Interplast Aus & NZ "Operation 700" and its launch;
- ✦ Support raising \$29,000 by members and friends of Don McKinnon touring Laos for the Care Australia project building a bridge over the River Heung;
- ✦ A fabulous day of fun, recruiting, selling juice and Candles at the Kew Festival;
- ✦ A swinging Mayoral Golf Day with much frustration (...sorry fun) enjoyed by all;
- ✦ Re-engagement and membership of the Boroondara Family Network, with one spouse as a mentor for programme;
- ✦ Clean Up Australia day firm fixed in the calendar with lots of good humour and followed by a BBQ;
- ✦ Members drive for collecting computer related hardware for Computers 4 Kids;
- ✦ Foundation drive for increasing the number of members in the Centurion Club;
- ✦ Assisted a Sister Club "St Andrews North in Jamaica" with funds from the Club and our members to buy the daily necessities which we take for granted like toothbrushes and razors for the **Missioners of the Poor** thereby helping the intellectual and physically disabled where Justin McFarlane is working as a volunteer;
- ✦ The annual Club Forum was well participated in by members and comments from the floor well received;
- ✦ A select number of Paul Harris Awards passed by the Directors for the 2006-7 year.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007 we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> year in Rotary International at a very special anniversary and changeover joint dinner held for members and guests at the Eastern Golf Course in Doncaster.

In my very early years I found out that you only get out of life the measure you put into it; so as you can see, we as members should have achieved a full measure out of Rotary this year if it is judged in the light of our contribution to this our 40<sup>th</sup> year.

In closing, it has been a year full of expectation and hopefully a year which has delivered on much of that expectation; however, nothing would have been achieved without the weekly concerted effort of numerous Club members, family and friends of the Rotary Club of Kew. In particular, I would like to record my sincere thanks for my wife Sali McFarlane in her unwavering, total commitment, involvement and support of my year as President of our illustrious Club.

Inductions: Sameer Babbar

Resignations: Ed Koken

## Current Members

**BABBAR, Sameer**  
**BELLI, Harry**  
**BERRY, Kevin**  
**BIRD, Laurie**  
**BLAKE, Leo**  
**BLOOM, David**  
**BLYTH, Roy**  
**CARRIGAN, Peter**  
**CHESSELL, Murray**  
**CHUDACEK, Jock**  
**CONYERS, Michael**  
**CRELLIN, Charles**  
**CROZIER, Bob**  
**CURCIO, Paul**  
**DeVINCENTIS, Michael**  
**DOQUILE, Vin**  
**ELLIS, Hilary**  
**FASKEN, Roger**  
**FOLEY, Beth**  
**FORSYTH, Jill**  
**GRANT, Rev George**  
**GREEN, John**  
**GUERIN, Neil**  
**HARVEY, Ian**  
**HIGGINS, Harry**  
**HOBAN, Peter**  
**HOLLIDAY, Susan**  
**KEGELE, David**  
**KENNEDY, John**  
**KORS, Andrew**  
**LAVER, Geoffrey**  
**LEVIN, Robert**  
**LINDSAY, Graeme**  
**MARTIN, Allen**

**McCARTNEY, Ron**  
**McDONALD, Dennis**  
**McFARLANE, Mike**  
**McKINNON, Don**  
**MINSTER, Barry**  
**NOSS, Lindsay**  
**O'SULLIVAN, Frank**  
**PATRICK, John**  
**PAYNE, Fred**  
**PHILLIPS, Cliff**  
**PICK, Bill**  
**PRIESTLY, Don**  
**PRINSLEY, Derek**  
**SAVAGE, John**  
**SHEAHAN, Graeme**  
**SHEPHERD, Jonathon**  
**STEWART, Peter**  
**STILLWELL, Michael**  
**STRACHAN, Durham**  
**TAN, Mah Hoon**  
**VOCE, Judith**  
**WALTER, Keith**  
**WILLIAMS, Merv**  
**WOOD, Vern**

### Honorary Members

**Alan Fluck**  
**Harold Fraser**  
**Peter Hatherly**  
**Keith Holdsworth**  
**Viv Stevenson**