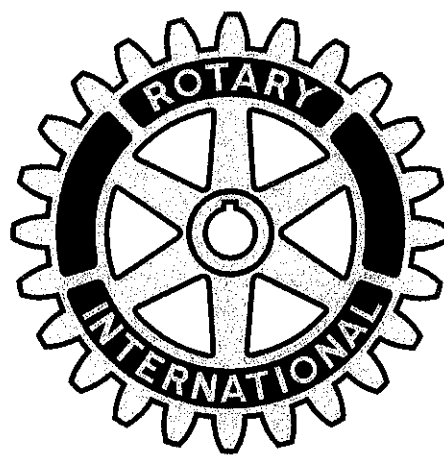


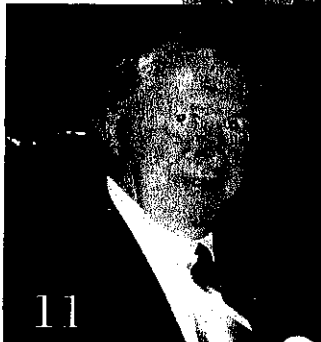
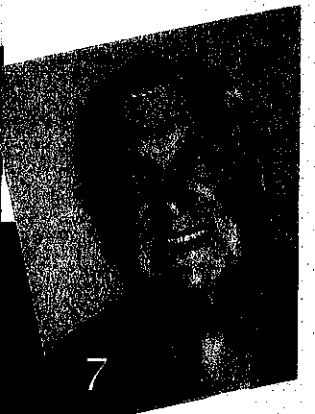
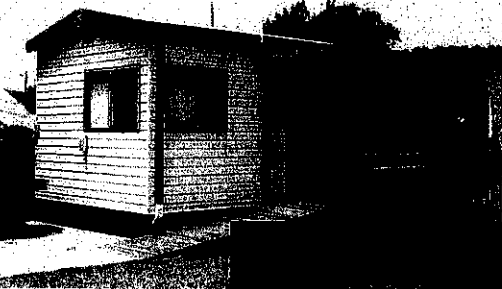
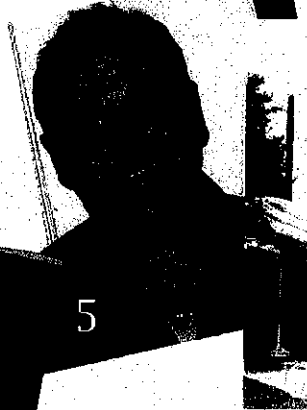
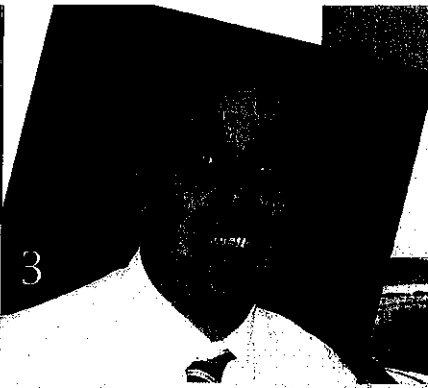
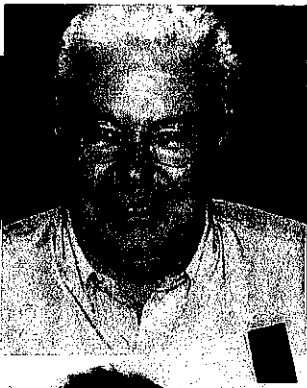
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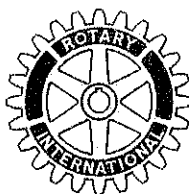
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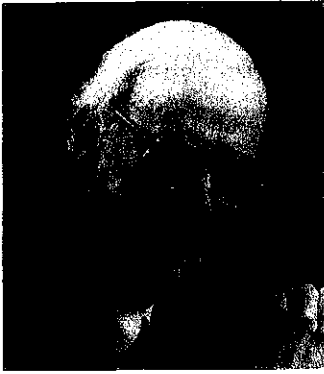


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## FOREWORD



This small historical update of the Club has been prepared for the Club's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and should be read as complementary to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history prepared by Eric Williams and I in 2004. It is not intended to be a stand-alone publication. The format generally follows that of the earlier 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history. A detailed summary of the five Rotary years; 2004-5 to 2008-9 has been compiled from the Annual Reports of the Presidents for those years. As was the case in the earlier history, much more space has been devoted to the activities of the above Rotary years under the various Avenues of Service, than was possible in records prior to 1990. It certainly has not been the intention to suggest that Rotary years prior to 1990 were any less active.

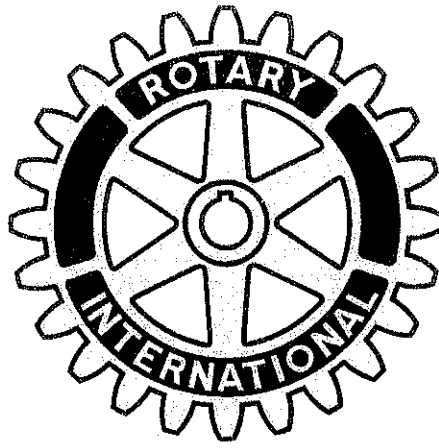
Individual articles have been written about those Rotarians who, since the last history publication, have been awarded special honours, namely Keith McLeod and Ron Rauert with Sapphire Pins to their Paul Harris Fellowship, Ron Rauert and Eric Williams with Four Avenues of Service Citations, Ron Rauert and John Reid with 50 years of membership, plus the signal honour of having Brian Trenery as District Governor elect for 2011-12.

This small update was seen as an opportunity to recognize those hard workers in the Club who may be overlooked in some histories. They include the vital positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant of Arms, Bulletin editor, Directors and Board, not to forget those manning the Attendance table or putting out the Properties. It was also an opportunity to give space to the new Members since July, 2004, and those who resigned in the five year period. Space has also been devoted to the passing of four esteemed members of the Club, they being Sep. Morse, Gill Attridge, Jack Douglas and Ken Armstrong. Former member PP David Richards died in October this year.

An opportunity has been taken to relate the history of such important and long-standing projects as the Senior Citizens Treat which was staged for the last time in December 2007. Likewise the renaissance of the expensive Diorama, now located at Flagstaff Maritime Village, warrants mention. The Dinner Auction, the major fund-raiser for the Club, has been considered and a detailed analysis of the work involved in its staging in recent years has been provided. The list of Past Presidents, Incoming and Outgoing Exchange students and those awarded Paul Harris Fellowships should be read as an extension of the lists provided in the 2004 update of the history of the Club.

As with the preparation of any historical information, research of primary documents, including more than 200 Bulletins, plus Annual reports and newspaper clippings, was essential. Appreciation is therefore due to the late Ken Armstrong who kept the archives of the Club. The publication of this update would be less presentable without the insertion of photographs relative to the period under review and many thanks to Bob Bowman and John Hunt for putting more than 2000 of these on CD's. Other material was provided by Ron Rauert, Keith McLeod, Eric Williams, Doug Maclean, Ian Sadler and Brian Trenery. I am also indebted to the Warrnambool & District Historical Society for advice and assistance in formatting the text and photographs within and on the covers of the update.

Alan BOWES



### **A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

On behalf of all the Rotarians in District 9780 I extend my congratulations to all at the Rotary Club of Warrnambool for reaching a most significant milestone – its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

From its inception in November 1929 to the present time the Rotary Club of Warrnambool and its members have been outstanding and consistent contributors to a wide range of Rotary programs both internationally and within Australia. In addition the Club has made an immeasurable contribution over so many years to the Warrnambool and surrounding communities which is reflected in the high regard held for the Club by the people of those communities.

Club members can be justifiably proud of the achievements of the Rotary Club over the past 80 years and should enjoy this milestone opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate these achievements as well as the special lifelong friendships that have been formed.

On behalf of the Rotarians in District 9780 I wish you well, not only for this special time, but for all the days ahead.

*Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.*

Chris Sims  
District Governor 2009-2010



## A WORD FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT - Judy ROSS



The Rotary Club was chartered 80 years ago and has had a proud reputation in the City of Warrnambool. On the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1929, the Rotary Club of Warrnambool was admitted to membership of Rotary International. On 27<sup>th</sup> January 1930, the Club held a Charter Night in the Warrnambool Town Hall Supper Room. Eighty nine Rotarians from throughout Victoria were at the function including then District Governor, Alfred Holz, who presented Charter No. 3237 to the Club.

A Charter photograph of the initial Rotarians who constituted the Club reads like a 'Who's Who' of then Warrnambool, with prominent businessmen and professionals making up the membership. The Club has had the distinction of providing two District Governors; Dr. H. I. Holmes and Frederick G. Bennett and will soon provide a third, Brian Trenery, in 2011-12. The Rotary Club of Warrnambool has sponsored a number of District Clubs; The Rotary Club of Hamilton 1937, The Rotary Club of Terang 1948, The Rotary Club of Port Fairy 1960, The Rotary Club of Warrnambool East 1967 and the Rotary Club of Warrnambool Central 1988.

Rotary has changed significantly over the past 80 years. It is difficult to speculate on the reaction of the early members to female Rotarians. Yet, who could argue against this progressive change. Some of our most productive and hardworking Rotarians have been women, the first, Sr. Rose Glennen being inducted in 1990-91.

Change has been integral to the evolution of Rotary Clubs. Rotary's effectiveness has been enhanced by the cultural changes which have broadened its' membership. In earlier decades it was customary for Rotarians to be more formally dressed and it would be frowned upon should a Rotarian attend a meeting without a jacket and tie. Anecdotes from long-serving members of the Club, such as John Reid and Ron Rauert, have highlighted the quaint customs of meetings in the first decades of the Club, for example, when permission was given, at an appropriate stage of the meeting, for members to smoke.

A more relaxed dress code and meeting procedure has met with the approval of the majority of Rotarians. Modern Rotarians have not thought it derogatory to their station to roll up their sleeves and cook at a barbecue or knock on doors for charity, collect goods for the Dinner Auction or, some years ago, load more than 20 tonnes of waste paper on a semi-trailer. Such visible community activities have diminished a possible perception by the general public that Rotary was merely a 'knife and fork' organization of 'self-appointed leaders' of the community.

To look ahead, in November 2009, the Club intends to celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a big birthday party. Plans are underway for a Dinner Dance in the Civic Hall with the emphasis on fellowship, a very important aspect of modern Rotary. Too often we think of what we should be doing for others and neglect to take time to 'smell the roses'. I look forward to a wonderful, enjoyable celebration where Rotarians, families and guests can 'kick up their heels' and have fun. During the evening this brief update of the history of the Club will be launched as a memento of another milestone in the long life of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool.

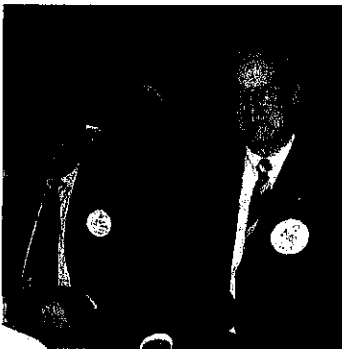
## 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The function held at Emmanuel College Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2005 was probably the greatest Rotary celebration since Charter Night on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1930, almost seventy five years earlier to the day. The large auditorium was virtually packed with Rotarians past and present and guests, there being representatives from no less than 18 Rotary Clubs present.



A measure of the importance of this function was the presence of Past World President Glen Kinross, the keynote speaker. Also in attendance was President Anne Jacques of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. It is significant that the Rotary Club of Melbourne had much to do with the formation of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool. Also present was Cathy Roth the then Governor of District 9780.

It was appropriate that one of the Clubs most outstanding workers, PP Keith McLeod, proposed the toast to Rotary International. A separate paragraph highlights Keith as the first member of the Warrnambool Rotary Club to receive a sapphire pin to his Paul Harris Fellowship. Later in the evening Past World President Glen presented a Four Avenues of Service Citation to PP Ron Rauert.



Another event of significance was the launch by President David Richards, of a comprehensive update of the History of the Club. This history was compiled by PP's Eric Williams and Alan Bowes over a period of 9 months. This earlier publication built on previous publications titled; *Rotary Club of Warrnambool 1929-1959*, and a supplement in *The Warrnambool Standard* titled *Rotary Club of Warrnambool 1930-1990, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*. Additional information was gained from material supplied by PP Ron Rauert, Annual Reports and publications by

Rotary International. The 75 year history was by far the most comprehensive to date of any history of the Club. With some literary hubris the editors signed a number of copies purchased during the evening. A reprint was recently ordered by the Club.

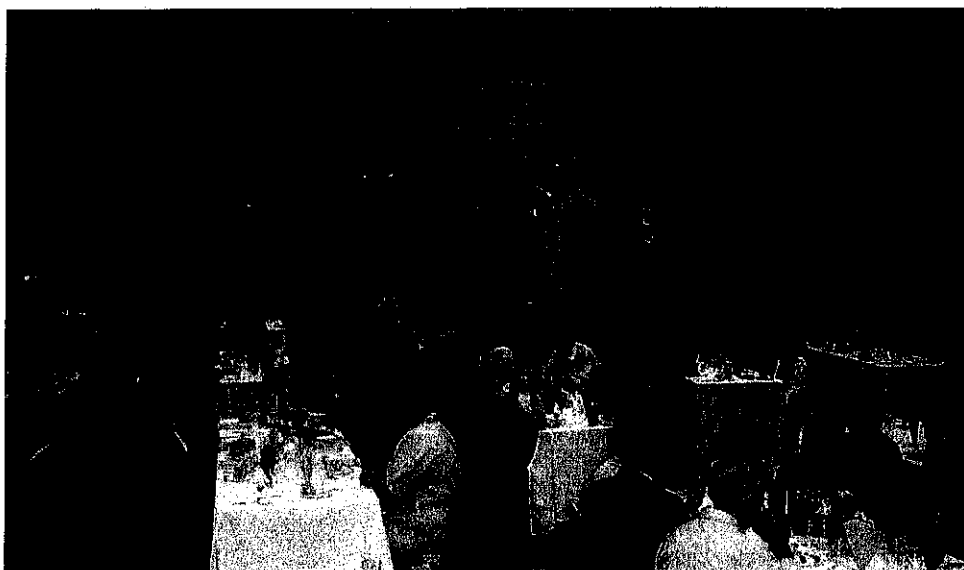


Past World President Glen Kinross gave an inspirational address about Rotary International, and the contribution made by the Rotary Club of Warrnambool over three quarters of a century 1930-2005. President David Richards proposed a vote of thanks to PWP Glen.

During the dinner all then current members of the Club received a Certificate of Commemoration to mark the Anniversary of the Club and the Centenary of Rotary International. District Governor Cathy Roth presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to PP Max Smart.

Later in the evening an anniversary cake was produced and the honour of cutting it was given to late Sep. Morse, the then longest serving member of the Club. True to form Sep produced something quirky by cutting the cake with a ceremonial sword. His remarks about the Sergeant and Local Members of Parliament at his table produced spontaneous mirth.

On the following day Glen Kinross recognized a Centenary of Rotary by unveiling a plaque at Logans' Beach tree plantation, a project of all four Warrnambool Rotary clubs.



### **BRIAN TRENERY – DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2011-2012**



The Club was very proud to learn that recently yet another member has been chosen as a District Governor for District 9780. Previous District Governors were Dr. Horace I Holmes and Frederick Bennett, also Ellis Bickley who joined our Club from Mortlake. Now the honour has fallen to P.P. Brian Trenery who will lead the District in Rotary Year 2011-12.

Brian was born and raised in Geelong, Victoria, and was educated at Chanel College, Geelong. He began employment with Geelong and District Ambulance Service before moving to continue employment with the local Warrnambool Ambulance Service. He gained promotion through positions in communications, training and education, administration and management finally reaching the position of District Superintendent.

Brian left the Ambulance Service in 1994 but continued his involvement in the health industry, with a contract to write a paper to establish a University Department of Rural Health. He became involved in Drug and Alcohol Services as manager of W.R.A.A.D. and later was employed with an Aged Care Assessment Service. For a bit of relaxation Brian began driving tourist coaches which allowed him to see much of Australia. Throughout his life Brian has been involved in his community, serving on School Councils, Community Road Safety Councils, hobby groups and in Scouting. Brian and Jenny were married in 1972 and have two sons and two grandsons.

Brian was invited to join the Rotary Club of Warrnambool in 1991 and since then has served as Outbound Student Exchange Counsellor, Club Secretary for 3 years, Club President in 1996-97, and several Directorships on the Board. He was recognized by the Club as a Paul Harris Fellow in 2000-1 and received a Four Avenues of Service Citation and the Cliff Dochterman Award for distinguished and dedicated service to the scouting movement. He also served as Group Study Exchange Team leader, Conference Secretary, Chairman GSE Sub-committee, Assistant Governor and District Secretary.

In retirement, Brian continues to drive coaches and enjoy an interest in model railways, genealogy, scouting, travel and photography Jenny is a registered nurse who trained at Geelong Hospital. On moving to Warrnambool she continued nursing before working in pathology and later with the Red Cross Service. Jenny has now retired and enjoys walking, scrapbooking, photography, and travelling and involvement with family.

### KEITH McLEOD – PRESTIGIOUS HONOUR



During the period of review, one of our most esteemed and hard-working Rotarians secured a first for our Club. In November 2007 an almost speechless but deeply moved Keith McLeod received the award of a sapphire pin to his Paul Harris Fellowship. No other member of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool, during its long history, had then achieved this distinction which is awarded only for outstanding service. Whilst Keith was characteristically humble about the award, all Rotarians in the Club would agree that the recognition was well justified.

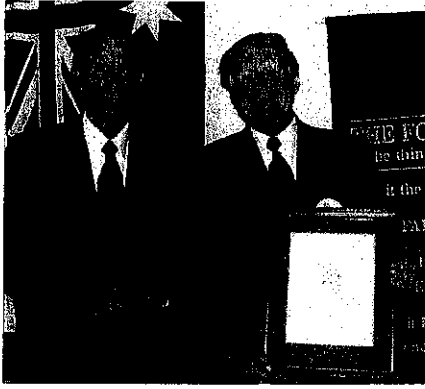
Keith has been a member of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool for more than 40 years, having been inducted in June 1966. During that long association he was President in 1993-94 and Director in no less than nine Rotary years and Sergeant of Arms in four different Rotary years. He has also been involved in Inter-Club visits, International contacts, Asian Students, Counsellor under the Student Exchange Programme and he and Pat have acted as host to incoming students. Keith was also active in Group Study Exchange, RYLA, Finance and Fundraising, was Fines Master during several Rotary years, the Senior Citizens Treat and Chairman of catering for several District Conferences. He has participated in auctions, the Garden & Craft Exhibition for several years and waste paper collection. He was also prominent in organizing and participating in the District Governor's Golf Day when held in Warrnambool. In 2002-3, Keith's contribution to the Club was recognized by the Award of a Four Avenues of Service Citation.

His interest in Rotary can be measured by his attendance at three International Conferences of Rotary International. Keith found this an opportunity to implement the third of the Four Avenues of Rotary Service; *Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendship*. The World Conferences provided Keith and Pat with the opportunity to meet people from a wide range of member countries of Rotary International.

The Club would be much the poorer in its community service and fund-raising terms were it not for the countless occasions, over the years of his membership, when Keith organized catering and barbecue activities. It is hard to imagine how many times Keith has been responsible for ordering food, loading and unloading heavy and bulky barbecues, gas bottles and all the gear associated with these activities. At the end of the activity it was Keith who cleaned up, loaded the gear and unloaded again. Untold boxes of meat and other foodstuffs such as bread, rolls, sauce etc have had to be transported from suppliers and on many an occasion additional stocks have had to be collected. The red ute has worked overtime in all weather to meet a Rotary commitment to some organisation or public activity at numerous localities, from the Botanic Gardens to Flagstaff Hill, or from the Warrnambool Foreshore to Deakin University. Because of Keith's unselfish attitude to Rotary Service, other Rotarians have been inspired and Keith seldom had difficulty in recruiting helpers.

## FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE CITATIONS

### RON RAUERT



A feature of the 75th Anniversary Dinner was the presentation by Past World President, Glen Kinross, of a Four Avenues Of Service Citation to PP Ron Rauert. Few Rotarians would be more deserving of this award than Ron, a member of the Club for more than 50 years. He was President of the Club in 1970-71 and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1990-91.

Some of the remarks made by the Past World President during the Citation,

*Rotary is known for its ability for providing recognition to Rotarians for their contribution in some way or another; awards like Community Service, Certificates of Appreciation, 100% Attendance Certificates, Ambassadorial Scholarship Awards, Pride of Workplace Awards and Paul Harris Fellowships to name but a few.....it has been reinforced by Rotary Officials that a Club can bestow no greater honour on one of its members than to recognize the members work with a Four Avenues Of Service Citation.*

Among other attributes, the Citation drew attention to the involvement by Ron in all areas of Rotary service. These included serving on the Board of Directors, Chairman of various Committees, Rotary Foundation Chairman, and many other Club activities. Ron has been involved in Membership Development, Club Fellowship, fundraising and waste paper collection and loading. Many Rotarians recall his year after year sale of Rotary Christmas puddings, his Santa Claus at Club Christmas functions and the tireless work of trying to recruit collectors for Red Cross or seeking volunteers to man the doors at the Eisteddfod.

A measure of the dedication of Ron Rauert to Rotary was shown by attendance at no less than four International Conventions and for many years, his role as *On to Conference* co-ordinator for the Club. One wonders how many District Conferences Ron and Val have attended over the years.

The Citation also stated:

*... this Rotarian continues to provide leadership, enthusiasm and drive for other members ... a Rotarian of high business ethics, a strong family man and a long time supporter of his church, his community and a shining example for us all ...*

Although the Citation was written five years ago, its sentiments are still appropriate and Ron Rauert is still a major contributor to the Club today. It was therefore very fitting that, at the *Change-over Dinner* in June, 2009, Ron was honoured by the presentation of a Sapphire Pin to his Paul Harris Fellowship, joining Keith McLeod as the only Rotarians in the Warrnambool Club ever to receive such a distinction. Congratulations to an exemplary Rotarian.

## ERIC WILLIAMS



Eric Williams came to Warrnambool in 1972 as Manager of the ANZ Bank in Warrnambool, later to be promoted to Area Manager with a staff of 48. He was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool in July 1973. He began a long and distinguished period of service not only to Rotary but to the wider community. His Rotary service encompassed all Avenues of Service at one time or another in 36 years of membership. Some of his participation in Rotary activities included the bulletin, programme, tertiary awards, environment, student exchange, Finance Committee, fund raising committee for more than 20 years and Group Study Exchange. Eric has been a willing and regular participant at 'hands on' activities such as manning and supervising the Warrnambool Agricultural Show gates, Garden & Craft Exhibition, loading of waste paper, workplace visits, mock job interviews, Senior Citizens Treat, membership, and business mentoring.

He was President of the Club in 1990-91 and inducted Sister Rose Glennen, the first female Rotarian in the City. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1993-4. In 2004 Eric was invited to Government House to receive the Victorian Government Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation at the Premier's Victorian Senior of the Year Award Ceremony. He has attended numerous District Conferences. In 1992-3 he was Chairman of the On To International Convention Committee attended by 37 Rotarians and partners in Melbourne. He was also Chairman of the Committees responsible for the 60<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary histories of the Club. He was a Director on several occasions and Chairman of the International Service Committee. In 1984, he was Treasurer for the Rotary District Conference in Warrnambool for DG Ellis Bickley.

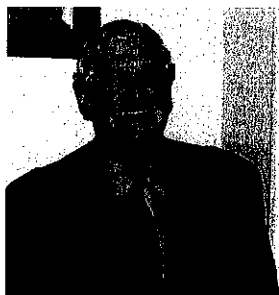
Quite apart from his Rotary service, Eric has been very active in the wider community. He was Foundation Treasurer and a prime mover in the setting up of a Sheltered Workshop in Warrnambool. He was Foundation President of the Warrnambool Probus Club in 1984 and has been made a Life Member of Probus. He was Foundation President of Friends of Tower Hill and Foundation President of the Warrnambool Branch of the Association of Independent Retirees in 1993. Eric had been travelling interstate and learned of the organisation which aims to look after the interests of independent retired people. An inaugural meeting convened by Eric attracted 200 people. Warrnambool Branch was the first to be formed in Victoria. He was also honorary auditor of The Embroiderers Guild for 20 years and was also an honorary auditor for other organizations. Eric is a director of the Gwen and Edna Jones Foundation, a philanthropic Trust set up to benefit the people of Warrnambool and district. In 1989-90 he was responsible for obtaining a \$15,000 grant from the Buckland Foundation for the Brophy Hostel. He has also been a financial adviser to Heatherlie Homes Complex.

It is obvious that Eric Williams has had a lifetime of interest in community groups and, during his retirement years since 1980, has established groups particularly concerned with the interests and welfare of older people. Irrespective of advancing years, Eric is still an 'ideas' man and regularly comes forward with suggestions for consideration which would benefit the community or assist with fund raising. Eric has been a well known and respected member of the community and is a very positive role model for older and younger people alike. It was not surprising therefore when, in 2006 he was accorded the signal honour of being selected as Warrnambool's Australia Day Citizen of the Year, a recognition of his widespread and selfless service to his community. It was also appropriate that Eric should be awarded the highest honour which Rotary can accord one of its members; a Four Avenues Of Service Citation.

## HALF CENTURY MILESTONES

During the 2006-7 Rotary year several highly regarded members of the Club reached the 50 year membership milestone, only achieved by two other Rotarians in the history of the Club. These were Archie Graham in 1992 and Sep. Morse in 1997. Those who achieved this milestone in 2006 were PP John Reid and PP Ron Rauert.

**JOHN REID** joined the Club in October 1956, nominated by the late Charles Hallowell, then Editor of *The Warrnambool Standard*. John was Acting President for six months in 1973-4 and President in 1974-5. It is said that John was then the only President of the Club to become a grandfather whilst in office. He was a Director of Club Service, and over the years a member of and/or Vice-Chair of every Avenue of Service. His was involved with Group Study Exchange, Elderly Citizens' Treat, Rotaract, projectionist, Membership Development, Vocational Service Awards, District Conference Executive, F.A.I.M, Finance & Fundraising, Attendance, On to Conference, the magazine, Fellowship, Florado Festival, handicapped children, apprenticeship week, new projects, classifications, music and entertainment, welfare and special projects. Little wonder he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1990-91



In his response to congratulations on reaching 50 years of membership, John gave an historically enlightening reply. He referred to prominent members of the Club in 1956, including Fletcher Jones, Harry Taylor, Rupert Phillpot, Jack Hazeldene, Keith Arnel, Archdeacon Bennett, Henri Worland and Stewart Lindsay to name a selection. Most of these names will mean nothing to more recent Rotarians but they were prominent citizens in the city at the time. The young John was somewhat overawed by their company regarding himself as a humble electrician. At the time the response of his wife Gladys had been, "What do you want to join that old mens' club for?"

John recounted how the Club met at a number of venues; The Palais Cafe, the Temperance Hall, The Western Hotel, The Lady Bay Hotel, various football clubs, the R.S.L, and then the Warrnambool Club. In those days the Sergeant carried out the fines session and the usual fine was three pence. His first major working bee was digging holes in Banyan Street to plant trees.

John's main involvement was for many years in entertainment and music in the Club. There was always a community song at every weekly meeting and John believed the Club had the best singers in the District. John was always involved in community singing at District Conferences, and at the *60 and Over* functions run each year for Warrnambool's 'oldies'. His wife Gladys was a tower of strength at these functions and would personally phone every partner of Rotarians to get them involved, a tradition that continued nearly every year afterwards. Gladys was also instrumental in inviting all the widows of Rotarians to changeover nights.

John and Gladys attended Conferences in Adelaide, Mt. Gambier, Ballarat, Broken Hill, Melbourne and a few in Warrnambool. The then Rotary District extended from Adelaide to Geelong, Warrnambool to Broken Hill. John's daughter, now President Judy Ross, composed a very clever ode to her father which was read to the Club on the night of the presentation. Honorary members, Iris Bickley, Jack Douglas and Morrie Amooore were also present for the celebration. A Rotary International 50 Year Membership Award signed by the World President was presented to John by then President Robert Cuzens.

**RON RAUERT** joined the Club in 1957 with the classification of 'Shoe Repairing'. In 1957 Ron was a young man and had been taught to refer to elders as 'Mr' or 'Mrs' so found it difficult to call Rotarians such as Fletcher Jones by their Christian name or former District Governor Andrew Suggett's father as Lin. Ron found Rotary to be a great confidence builder and he made many friends in many professions. As a Rotarian Ron has heard many guest speakers at Rotary meetings, Conferences and Conventions.



In his Presidential year in 1970-71, Ron went to the Sydney World Convention where he heard an address by Sir Edmund Hillary and heard Winifred Atwell play the piano. He also attended the Brisbane World Convention and the 1978 Tokyo World Convention. Whilst touring Britain, Ron also attended the 1984 Birmingham World Convention. Attending Conventions gave Ron an insight into travel and he and Val have travelled extensively since.

Ron recalled some quaint customs from earlier Rotary meetings. He recalled that in 'the old days' the President would wait until the last Rotarian had finished eating then ring the bell and announce: 'You may smoke gentlemen'. Ron was a non-smoker. As with John Reid, Ron recalls his first working bee was the planting of trees in Banyan Street. Perhaps it was the same working bee. In 1962, at the urging of PP Bruce Rogers, the Club had its first waste paper collection which over the years raised much money. He recounted that Ted Wilson and Morrie Amooore continued the collection for many years driving the blue Rotary truck. Ron also recalled the periodical working bees of Rotarians when 26 tons of paper was loaded on to a semi-trailer every few months.

Some of the activities with which he has been involved included Disabilities Workshops, Meals on Wheels, provision of electric BBQ's and a cairn on Cannon Hill. He recalled all the fund-raising that went on for the Warrnambool Base Hospital and the St John of God Building Appeal. He said it was a privilege to have been a member of the Club for 50 years. With Val and family present, Ron was presented, by then President Robert Cuzens, with a Rotary International 50 Year Membership Award signed by the World President.

Following the presentation, the President, Robert Cuzens, presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Val Rauert. Prior to the presentation PP Keith McLeod commented that Ron had been 'upstaged' by his wife Val who had had a 57 year association with the Club. During the years her late father, Reg Reeves, was Secretary of the Club, Val worked as his secretary and would take apologies for meetings and helped to print the bulletin on behalf of her father.

Throughout Ron's long association with Rotary, Val would attend ladies evenings, host Exchange Students, work with the disadvantaged and provide support for the Uniting Church. She was a great worker for Chaplaincy and initiated the telethon which raised much money for the Chaplaincy Appeal. Val was also a member of the Uniting Church Parish Council and a Charter Member of Probus. For many years she was associated with Meals on Wheels, and she has provided a hamper for the Camp Quality Beach Cabin, used by families of kids with cancer. District Governor Andrew Suggett presented an emotional Val with the Paul Harris Fellowship certificate and insignia.

## DEMISE OF SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS TREAT

A feature of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool, for almost the entire period of its existence, has been the annual Senior Citizens Treat or, as it was once known *The 60 and Over* and, before political correctness, the *Elderly Citizens Concert*. This event organized by the Club began in 1932. In its early days, the event was more of a drive with supper. A convoy of perhaps 20 to 30 vehicles, driven by Rotarians, would take a contingent of elderly for a drive to Port Fairy and return via Koroit. The guests would then be provided with supper in the old Warrnambool Town Hall, now incorporated into the Eva Gaspar Theatre, before being returned to their homes.



As the years passed, the event changed in form and the drive to Port Fairy was abandoned in favour of a concert in the Town hall, later the Performing Arts Centre, now the Warrnambool Entertainment Centre. A programme, of sometimes novel acts, was performed by the Rotarians dressed as ballet dancers or something similar. Some local Warrnambool talent was included and a Rotarian, for many years PP John Reid, himself a competent singer, would lead community singing and Christmas carols with the words projected on to a screen on the stage. A Rotarian was usually the compere for the concert and, as with amateur concerts, was frequently required to tell a joke or somehow fill in time as the next act was getting ready behind the curtain.

In recent years the Concert developed to a very high standard with the involvement of very talented groups and individuals from within the Warrnambool and district



community. No doubt the operation of the Warrnambool Eisteddfod since 1977 had much to do with development of talent, particularly in school choirs and bands. Those who performed at the concert included prominent local singers, dance groups, choirs and instrumentalists. At the conclusion of the concert a Christmas message would be given by a member of the Club, usually a member of the clergy.

Since the rebuilding of the former Town Hall, and the inauguration of the Performing Arts Complex in 1983, increasing numbers of elderly guests, particularly those in wheel chairs, were assisted to the upper level Civic Hall. Here a sumptuous supper, mainly donated by Rotarians and prepared by their partners, under the supervision of the wife of the current President, was served. The supper usually comprised a wide range of sandwiches, homemade sponge cakes and slices. It was a major exercise for Rotarians and partners to serve the hundreds of cups of tea or coffee, not to mention refills.

It was not uncommon in recent years for in excess of 300 persons, including performers, to be served. Novelties were a feature of the supper such as 'oldest man and lady present' and the 'person with a birthday nearest to that of the Club President and also the President's wife. A generous feature of these suppers for year after year was the donation by Rotarian Ted King of hundreds of carnations to decorate the tables. At the conclusion of supper the Rotarians would return their guests to their home. A bus from Brauer College was also available for groups from nursing homes.



About August 2007, the Board considered a report on whether or not the function should be continued. The Report stated that the original concept of the Christmas function was to provide an outing for those in the community that were housebound. The current clientele in the main were not housebound with many having a busy social calendar at Christmas time. The issue was not the success of the concert but rather can Rotary better

serve the community by targeting people who are less fortunate or timing the event at a less busy time of the year.

A further consideration was the need to undertake risk assessments, required by Rotary International, and new food handling regulations. Set procedures that adhere to Australian Food Standards must be met otherwise severe penalties could apply. Considerable detail was provided for the Board about current procedures for food drop

off at the venue, the making of sandwiches, cutting and plating of cakes, slices and biscuits.



The report also drew attention to the outlay involved. It was stated that the concert utilized significant financial and labour resources of the Club. Estimate of labour alone was 238 hours plus nearly \$2000 for venue hire, advertising and food. Estimated income from donations and City Council refund amounted to nearly \$1000.

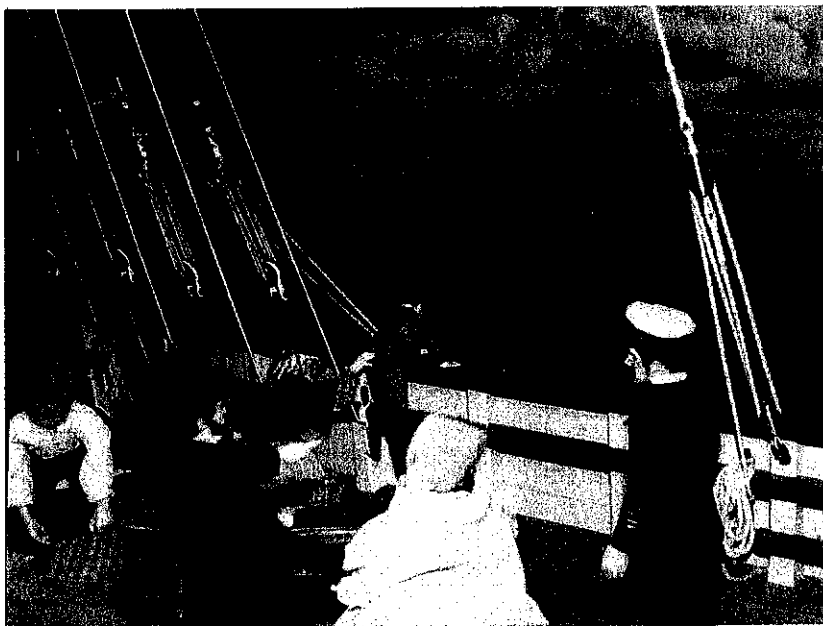
The Club was asked to comment on the recommendation;

*The Board believes the opportunity exists to work with a number of local agencies who have networks and systems to ensure those most in need are identified and supported by the Rotary Club of Warrnambool at Christmas time.*

At a subsequent meeting the above recommendation from the Board was discussed and resulted in positive feedback from Rotarians. As a consequence, the last Senior Citizens Treat was held in December 2007. However, the Community Services Committee has been delegated to look for possible alternatives to replace the event.

## REBIRTH OF THE DIORAMA

Readers will be aware from a segment in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history publication, that the Club in 1984-88 undertook what turned out to be one of its costliest projects. This was a Diorama or a miniature three-dimensional scene in which models of figures are seen against a background. In the case of the Rotary Diorama the scene depicted was an English family of four and was taken from an early lithograph of Lady Bay. The family,



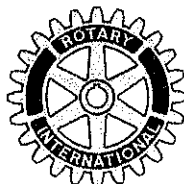
Captain and crew are shown on the deck of a three-masted top-sail schooner. This was typical of the coastal vessels which carried passengers and cargo to regional ports.

The project was the result of negotiations between The City Council and the Rotary Club and was to be situated in a new wing of the then Tourist Information

Centre adjacent to Raglan Parade in Swan Reserve. For various reasons the project overlapped several Rotary years from 1984-5 to 1987-8. The total cost of the project was about \$40,000. The Club was indebted to Mr. Bill Breen for handcrafting the deck, wheel and compass. Ladies of Rotary made the sails and ropes and clothing for the figures.

At a later stage the City Council decided to transfer the Tourist Information Centre to Flagstaff Hill resulting in the Diorama being dismantled and placed in storage. In subsequent years, agitation by PP Eric Williams and PP Max Smart resulted in representatives of the Club having protracted and sometimes frustrating dealings with City Council staff. It was rightly thought that a costly project such as the Diorama deserved more consideration from the Council and could be re-installed as a fitting feature of Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village.

The sustained efforts of the Club are gradually bearing fruit with a decision by Council to set aside an area at the Village in the Sound and Light building in which the Diorama will be located. Much credit is due to PP's Max Smart and Eric Williams for bringing the negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion. P.P. John Reid, assisted by Eric Williams, have polished all the brass rails and spray painted the walls of the new space in readiness for a local artist to paint an appropriate backdrop to the nautical scene portrayed by the Diorama. Minor works remain to be undertaken before the re-installation is completed. Rotarian Mal Price has been exerting pressure on the appropriate people to have the job finalized. It is anticipated that the Diorama will be open to the public visiting Flagstaff Hill in the near future. Thus the substantial financial outlay by Rotary more than 20 years ago will benefit tourists and locals alike for years to come.



## DINNER AUCTION

In 1988-89 the then President Jim Little brought from Traralgon the idea of a Dinner Auction as a major fund-raising project. The inaugural function raised more than \$17000 for Club funds. The annual event has been a feature of every Rotary year since. The profit from the annual Dinner Auction has been the major source of funds for Club projects. During the past ten years these functions have raised approximately \$200,000. Organization of the Auctions has been extremely labour-intensive with work commencing in the February before the function in late June and for a short time afterwards. Many man hours have been required by the organizing Committee of seven members, capably led by Rotarians such as Ray Hollingsworth, Bob Bowman and Ian Sadler. Due to the work involved, these hard workers have been supported by a dedicated number of Rotarians

To give Rotarians some idea of the work involved the following paragraphs will be informative. The starting point has been the list of donors from the previous year's auction. Those businesses which chose not to donate are removed from the list and last years' donors became the nucleus of the current year's list of businesses approached. Rotarians were given the opportunity to check this list and suggest other businesses to include. The most useful approach has been to walk around the CBD in Warrnambool and note any new businesses not previously approached. It is interesting that, in recent years, the Committee has increased the business donors list by new Rotarians coming into the Club and bringing with them contacts with whom they deal in their work.



The Committee has aimed to have a list of about 250 business houses to approach. Experience has shown that a success rate of 80% has been achieved and a donation received from four out of every five businesses approached. Letters were drafted by the Committee indicating they were from Rotary and outlining what the Club has done in the community and hence the need to raise funds. The wording varied between new and older businesses. Letters to past supporters acknowledged and thanked them for their past support and advised them of a similar function being held in the current year. Those contacted were advised that a Rotarian would approach them within three weeks.

Letters were also sent to professional service businesses such as solicitors, accountants,

financial planners etc. seeking financial and/or professional service donations, to about thirty hotels outside Warrnambool, all AFL Clubs, a number of Warrnambool AFL players and the Melbourne Cricket Club. With about 250 business houses to approach, about 25 to 30 Rotarians have been needed as collectors, each required to visit a maximum of ten business houses. The Committee sent out about 350 printed letters in colour to highlight the Rotary logo and theme. Use was made of modern technology and member contacts in business.

Contacts with selected businesses have been made several weeks after the letter has been sent and a variety of responses have been received. It has been necessary for some collectors to visit a business a number of times for all sorts of reasons. Where the same Rotarian has visited a specific business on previous occasions, a rapport has been developed making collections easier. Some Rotarians have given advanced notice of their intended visit thereby reducing the possibility of wasted time.

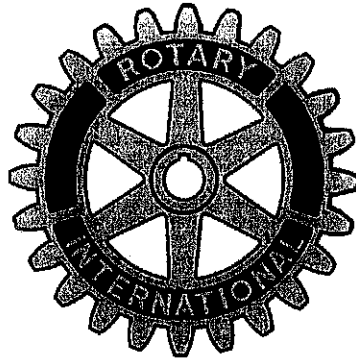
A final date has been set for the collection of donations in order that a comprehensive catalogue can be produced of the goods and vouchers donated. Rotarians have, over the years, done a fantastic job to complete the visits and collect the goods donated, sometimes in trying circumstances. Considerable work has been involved in 'lotting' the goods donated and deciding those that will be auctioned in the Main Auction and those to be included in the 'silent auction' of smaller lots.

It has also been necessary to seek out a suitable venue, capable of seating up to 150 people, and keep the meal cost to a minimum. Other Rotarians have been deputized to sell dinner tickets hoping for a mix of Rotarians and other attendees. It has been an objective to attract outsiders who are prepared to participate. A number of Rotarians have been required to prepare the venue and display the items to be auctioned. On the night of the function other Rotarians were needed to undertake specific tasks essential to the sound running of a Dinner Auction. These tasks included the registration of 'bidders' and issue of 'bidding bats', paperwork etc. whilst other Rotarians held donated goods aloft for bidders to view. Still others manned the computer to register sales and bidder numbers, provided successful bidders with sales chits and directed purchasers to their goods at the end of the evening after paying. After the Dinner, the Committee has taken considerable trouble to thank the donors and advise them of the success of the event. From 2009, all donors have received a 'Certificate of Appreciation' it is hoped would be displayed in their business premises. All Rotarians need to support the Dinner Auction Committee in the massive task of staging this annual fund raising and social event in the Club calendar.

#### **PAST PRESIDENTS OF ROTARY CLUB OF WARRNAMBOOL**

2004-5	David Richards
2005-6	Ian Sadler
2006-7	Robert Lyons
2007-8	Kate Williams
2008-9	Malcom Price
2009-10	Judy Ross*

\* currently in office



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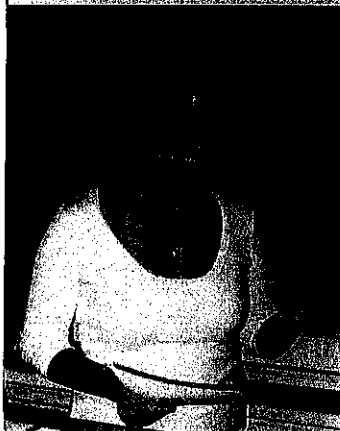


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**INCOMING AND OUTGOING STUDENT EXCHANGE**

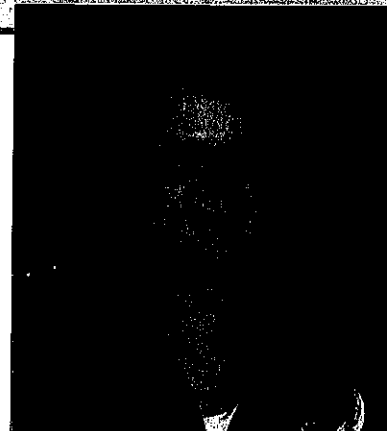
Year	Outgoing Student	Destination	Incoming Student	Country
2004-5			Amelita Vamala	Finland
2006-7			Wendy Chen	England
2007-8	Michelle Kauravaara	Finland	Lucy Bond	Wales
2008-9			Nicholas Jenkins	USA
2009-10			Anna Luikko	Finland



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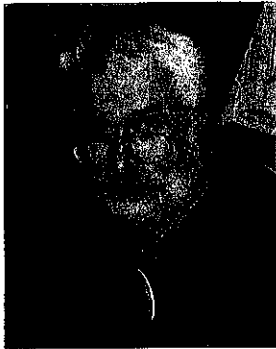
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## UNSUNG CONTRIBUTORS

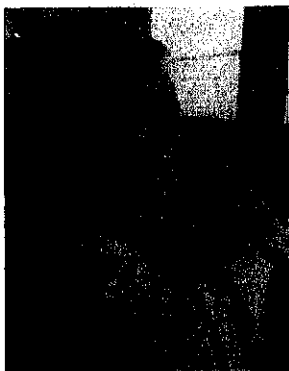


Many histories have been compiled about many organisations but rarely is much written about those responsible for the smooth operation of the organization. Histories of Rotary are no less offenders in this regard and therefore some space is due to the office-bearers; the 'unsung contributors'.

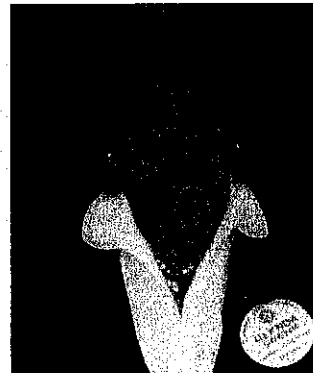
Rotarians are well aware of the work of their President and probably the Sergeant of Arms because of their regular exposure at dinner meetings. How many Rotarians appreciate the demands upon their President and Sergeant of Arms who seldom eat a meal uninterrupted? Directors and other Rotarians frequently want the President's ear about some matter and the Sergeant is constantly up and down to ensure the meal is ready and the meeting runs to schedule. During the past five years the Sergeants have been Robert Cuzens 2004-5, Ian McMahon 2005-6, Richard Hawker 2006-7, Keith McLeod 2007-8 and Ian Cairns for 2008-9. For the current year the Sergeant is Robert Cuzens



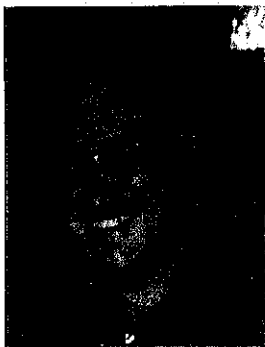
Another almost invisible contributor is the Secretary without whose efficient recording and implementation of Board proceedings, and compliance with statutes relative to Corporations law, the provisions of the Constitution, Rules of Association and many other silent duties, the Club could not function. The job of the President and Directors would be untenable. The Club has been well served by a number of dedicated and efficient Secretaries and those for the period under review have been Kate Williams 2004-5 and Ian Sharman for the subsequent four years.



Another important office of trust which we may well take for granted is the vital position of Treasurer. Rotarians need only make an inspection of the quite detailed Annual Statement of Accounts to ascertain that the Club now handles in excess of \$50,000 per annum. There is no surer way of encountering problems than if the income and disbursements of the



Club are mishandled or dealt with inefficiently. The Club has been extremely fortunate in the standard of those holding the office during recent years, they being the late Gill Attridge 2004-5, Terry O'Neill 2006-7 to part 2008-9 and Glenda Spehr is at present handling the tasks of Treasurer and other club duties efficiently.




One of the most important functions of the Club is to ensure information about the Club and weekly meetings is conveyed to the Members and those who over recent years have carried out the preparation and distribution of the Bulletin deserve recognition and commendation. For the period of this update, the editor has been Bob Bowman ably assisted by other Rotarians and weekly Bulletin scribes. It is unfair to compare current publications with those of earlier years. However

modern technology and electronic mail have transformed the way the Bulletin, with high quality colour photographs and professional layout, is prepared and distributed.

The Club should also recognize the contribution made by Directors and Board members. These Rotarians give up much time to formulate Committee programmes, and attend both regular and impromptu meetings, and their deliberations with the Executive are the backbone of Rotary Club operations. Our regular weekly meetings are also enhanced by the contribution made by the Attendance Committee, who have an important task of collecting dinner fees and making sure the correct information is passed on to the Treasurer, to ensure the caterer is accurately paid. The contribution of Stewart Bell should be recognized as Chairman of the Attendance Committee for more than 20 years. Stewart always made sure Rotarians manned the table and kept a close eye on the availability of change. It was therefore most appropriate that, at the Change-over Dinner in June, 2009, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Stewart for his long years of dedicated service to a very important but sometimes unrecognized task. His role has now been taken over by Roy Slater who has no doubt learned the importance of a smooth operation of this committee. Also deserving of mention is the Properties Committee without which the necessary equipment to conduct the meeting would not be in place. If this Committee does not function additional duties devolve on the already busy Sergeant of Arms.


**PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

**2004-5**

  
Stewart Bell

  
Max Smart

**2005-6**

  
John Stuckey

  
Geoff Williams

**2006-7**

  
Mary Fitzgerald

  
Val Rauert

**2008-9**

  
Robert Cuzens

## MEMBERSHIP – INDUCTIONS AND RESIGNATIONS 2004-2009

### New Members

#### 2004

July	James DUNBAR
September	Harminder SINGH
November	Doug MACLEAN
November	John O'SULLIVAN
November	Alan TAMPION

#### 2005

May	Peter WALSGOTT
August	Chris BOOTH
August	Svetlana LINEHAM
October	Elissa MILLER
October	Sue DAWSON
November	Stan BRANCH
December	Leon De VILLIERS
December	John KARASINSKI

#### 2006

April	Elizabeth NOLAN
June	Marcia McCARTHY
June	Julie WINZAR
June	John WALKER

August	Craig IMLACH
September	Judy ROSS
September	Philip DENNIS

#### 2007

August	Glenda SPEHR
August	Roy SLATER
October	Anne ENGLEHART
October	Sandra MILLER
November	Steve GRIFFEN
November	Janet BLACKLEY

#### 2008

June	Marie STEVENS
November	Tony AUSTIN
December	John MOIR

#### 2009

February	Vicki JELLIE
May	Stewart BELL
July	Margaret DALTON

### Resignations

#### 2004

August	Doreen RISBEY
October	Ray
	HOLLINGSWORTH
October	Kay Maree
	HOLLINGSWORTH
December	Tonia MIZZI

#### 2005

April	Reg MOOSEEK
May	Gary PARSONS
May	Dedy FRIEBE
May	Harminder SINGH
June	Peter TIEPPO
June	Kay SNOWDEN
August	Don DICKSON
December	Margaret STUCKEY

#### 2006

March	John STUCKEY
May	Elissa MILLER
May	Daryl SHARPE
May	Greg LANE

November	John WALKER
December	John KARASINSKI
December	Peter WALSGOTT

#### 2007

April	James DUNBAR
April	Chris BOOTH
June	Julie WINZAR
June	Marcia McCARTHY
December	Stan BRANCH
December	David RICHARDS
December	Steve GRIFFEN

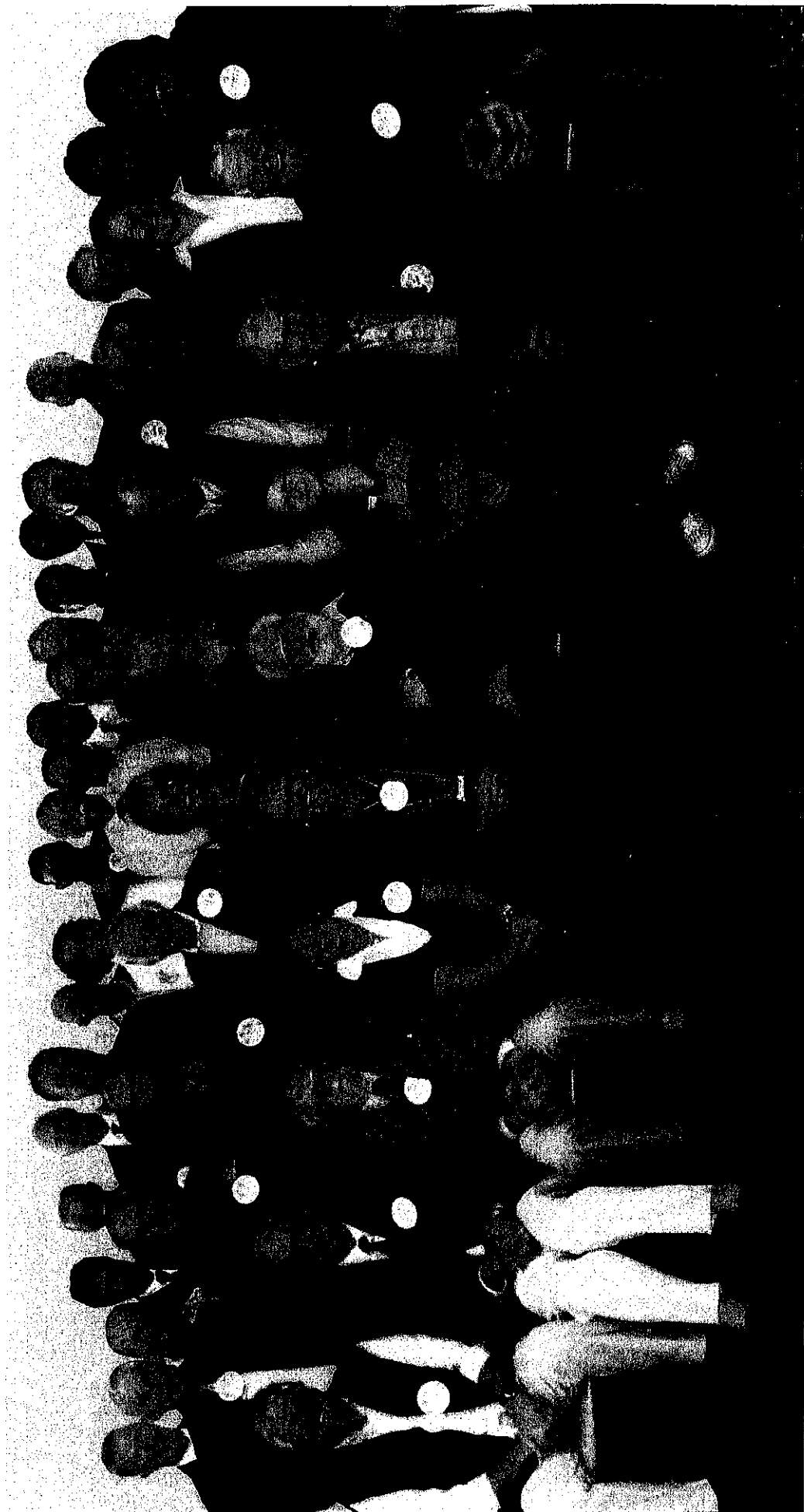
#### 2008

January	Don OWEN
December	Stewart BELL
December	Anne ENGLEHART

#### 2009

January	Terry O'NEILL
January	Craig IMLACH
April	Marie STEVENS
April	Kate WILLIAMS
May	Philip DENNIS
July	Geoff WILLIAMS
July	Max SMART

# ROTARY CLUB OF WARRNAMBOOL 2009



**Front Row L to R:** Bob Bowman, Alan Bowes, Eric Williams, Glenda Spehr (Treas.), Judy Ross (Pres.), Ian Sharman (Sec.), Anna Luikko (Ex. St.), Ted King, John Reid (Hon.)

**Middle Row:** John Beks, Richard Hawker, Gordon Curran, Ron Bishop, Svetlana Lineham, Sue Dawson, Eddie Sutcliffe, Robert McNally, Margaret Dalton, Janet Blackley.

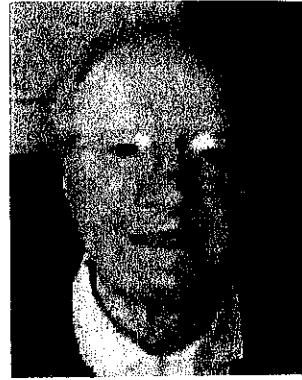
**Back Row:** David Brown, Ian Cairns, Tony Austin, Duncan Stalker, Jim Dwyer, Leon DeVilliers, Ian Sadler, Bunny Hinchcliff, Robert Cuzens, Doug Maclean, Keith McLeod, John Hunt, Elizabeth Nolan, Bernie Roache, Michael Boyd, Brian Trenery, Ron Rauert, Malcom Price, Jim Hanrahan, Mary Fitzgerald.

**Missing:** Robin Konigson, Ian McMahon, Anne Adams, Graeme Ross, Roy Slater, John Harris, Alan Tampion, Sandra Miller, John O'Sullivan, Ken Sheppard, Trevor Williams, Vicki Jellie, John Moir, Iris Bickley, Stewart Bell, Ted Wilson, Morrie Amore.

## OBITUARIES

### Septimus Morse

Sep Morse died in September 2005 after almost 59 years as a member of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool, being the oldest and longest serving member of the Club. He joined Rotary in 1947, the year of the death of Rotary founder Paul Harris. In his early years of membership, Sep would have attended meetings with such distinguished Rotarians as Dr. H. I. Holmes, Henri Worland, J. S. Tait, James Dickson, W. L. Marfell and Sir Fletcher Jones. Few will forget Sep at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in January 2005. As the oldest member of the Club he was selected to cut the Anniversary cake. In typical Sep. form he produced a massive ceremonial sword with which to perform the task



Whilst he never took senior office in the Club, Sep was involved in Club activities over the years. In particular Sep was one Rotarian to provide transport for senior Citizens for the annual drive to Port Fairy in a Straight 8 Buick. Some Rotarians will recall the not to be forgotten chaotic experience of Sep Morse taking the fines session at Club dinner meetings. Unfortunately he never raised much cash for the "waddy" due to his prolonged dissertations. The Club has missed his instinctive sense of fellowship and goodwill towards his fellow man.

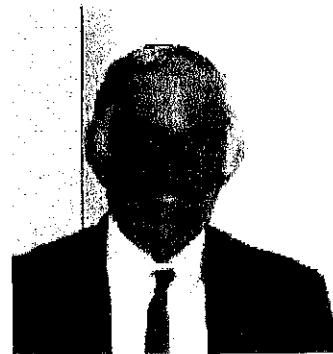
### Gill Attridge

Gill died in May, 2008 after valuable service to the Club. Gill migrated from England in 1988 after a career in banking. She finished her career as Foreign Loans Manager with the Midland Bank. Those who heard her address to the Club in 2004 will acknowledge her dry wit and capacity to tell curious anecdotes of bank life against herself. Gill also had a capacity to tell stories about 'compromising' experiences in the bank and the gender discrimination which then existed in professional employment in Britain. As a member of our Club Gill accepted the important position of Treasurer for some years, a task she performed competently after years in a bank. Her 'behind the scenes' ethic enabled her to participate in many and varied ways and contribute substantially to Rotary projects, particularly Interplast. In 2004, Gill made a crocheted rug to be raffled to raise money for Interplast and quite regularly would arrive at meetings with a bag of knitted toys of well known characters to be auctioned for similar worthy causes. Gill was one of those achievers who never sought public recognition. Her passing was a real loss to Rotary.



### Jack Douglas

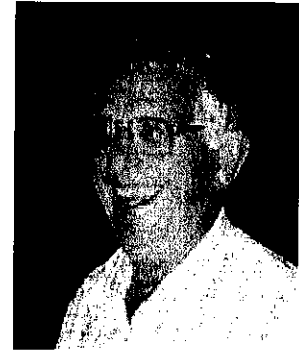
Jack died in August 2008. He was another quiet achiever who never sought the limelight but who devoted much of his time to assisting Rotary and many others. Even when ill-health made attendance difficult, he always longed to be able to attend meetings. For years the late Ken Armstrong worked to set up a roster of Rotarians who would drive out to Jacks home north of Woolsthorpe to bring him to Rotary. For his service to Rotary and to the community, Jack was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1990-91. Later, when he went to Port Fairy to reside in a nursing home, sometimes he was brought to attend meetings, and sat at the table in his



wheelchair. Many will recall Jack as the Rotarian who made his property *Quamby East* available to show International visitors and others. These visitors included GSE Teams, or kids attending Camp Quality visits to Warrnambool. He would show his modern woolshed to visitors, including a sheep shearing exhibition by Colin Richardson. However he was most remembered most for permitting many hundreds of people to see the large number of kangaroos protected on *Quamby East*. Jack would get out the large tray truck, sometimes a tractor drawn trailer, and drive visitors, seated on bales of hay, around the property to see the native animals grazing. Not long before his death his photo appeared in the Club bulletin with the fitting caption: 'A Rotary Icon'.

#### **KEN ARMSTRONG..**

Ken died in July 2009 having been a member of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool for 44 years. He was President of the Club in 1989-90 during which time the Club celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. At that time Ken hosted Past World President Royce Abbey. Ken occupied a number of positions on the various Committees of Rotary and was a foundation member of the Committee of the Club formed to establish a Sheltered Workshop in Warrnambool. After its successful establishment in West Warrnambool, Ken maintained an active interest in its activities and the Club would hold a dinner meeting at and tour the Sheltered Workshop each year.



His long-time project was as archivist of the Club. He was responsible for the laborious task of constantly updating the records of each Rotarian. Such information began at induction and a record of the Rotarian's involvement as a Member or Chair of various Committees or other involvement with various projects of the Club was maintained. This record provided the Club with valuable detailed information year by year about Directors, Sergeant of Arms, other office-bearers but importantly, information about nominees for Awards, such as Four Avenues of Service or the Paul Harris Fellowship. Ken also kept a folder with significant events during each Rotary Year, with details of major projects, student exchange, inductions and resignations and an extensive collection of memorabilia, Annual Reports and bulletins. This material has been invaluable in the various updates of the history of the Club. Ken should be included in the 'Unsung Contributors'. In 1994-5 Ken was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. He also applied the Rotary Four Way Test to the operation of his carpet business activities.

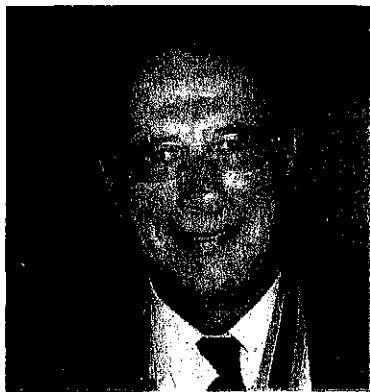
As well as being a Rotarian, Ken was active in a number of other organisations, notably Community Aid Abroad and Oxfam. His efforts helped to raise thousands of dollars for those less fortunate. Each year Ken would recruit a Rotarian to Walk Against Want, and seek Club members sponsorship to raise funds for underprivileged people around the world. He worked to improve the conditions of indigenous people in the District. He was actively involved in and a hard worker for his church, scouting, the Woodford Tennis Club and Recreation Reserve Committee, youth groups, and was a probation officer and mentor.

He was a devoted family man and, despite his busy business interests, he always found time for his family. He delighted in sharing a variety of activities with his children and grandchildren. All who knew Ken remember his infectious broad smile, his great sense of humour and capacity for making life a fun experience. He had the ability to encourage people, acknowledging their inherent worth and skills. He was a compassionate, gentle, caring, yet shy and humble man with a strong social conscience. Rotary will miss his warm, friendly, unobtrusive presence.

**2004-2005**

**President: David Richards**

***Celebrate Rotary***



This year encompassed the Centenary year of Rotary, but was also a significant milestone in the Club being the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Charter. This event was marked by a great celebration dinner at Emmanuel College Hall in January 2005. The Mayor the City of Warrnambool also extended a Civic reception to Rotary to mark the occasion and recognize the contribution to the city and district by the Warrnambool Rotary Club.

One of the significant features of our Club continued to be a high-quality weekly Bulletin. Those who have been Rotarians for a longer period will recall the rather basic presentations of earlier years before the advent of colour photos and modern technology such as electronic mail. Much credit was due to Editor Bob Bowman assisted by Don Owen and Mary Fitzgerald.

The Vocational Service Committee organised a number of activities. These included 'My Job' talks, a workplace visit to The Standard printing room in the Industrial Estate, mock interviews at Brauer College, a Four-Way Test debate on the topic 'is it relevant today?' and the annual Rural-Urban night, held at Glenormiston Campus of the University of Melbourne. As in past years the Club presented a tertiary scholarship to Deakin students and T.A.F.E. Awards to leading apprentices. Those present at the latter function at T.A.F.E. were informed by Director Barry Baker, of the various courses at the Institute and other interesting information, including the planned major re-building programme.

The club continued to promote Youth activities as an important avenue of Rotary service. Samantha Johnstone returned from exchange to Denmark and Anne Hyvarinen arrived from Finland. The Club again participated in the National Youth Science Forum at Canberra and David Sheedy was selected to attend. Nathan Delaney, Jessie Sambell and Caitlyn Cumming, three young students from Brauer College, were selected to attend a R.Y.P.E.N. Seminar at Maldon and later addressed the Club. Again the annual R.Y.L.A seminar was held with our club the host. Michael and Lyn Boyd acted as host parents at 'Kangarooobie', Princetown. Our representatives were Heidi O'Neill, Michael Carey and Mathew Rogers. The Club also participated in Warrnambool Young Achievers Awards attended by the Governor-General who presented the awards.

The Community Service Committee experienced a busy year, with participation in a number of projects including Adopt a Highway, Vintage Car Show, Logans' Beach plantation, maintenance of the Camp Quality beach cabin, investigation into a Rotary Respite House, Rotary Health Safari and also actively assisted fund-raising events such as the Dinner Auction, which raised \$24,000 due to the outstanding efforts of the Committee led by Ray Hollingsworth. Other fund-raising activities included Showgates, waste paper collection and manning gates at the Panmure races. Individual members also participated in Red Cross Calling, The Red Shield Appeal and Relay for Life. The Club also arranged the annual Senior Citizens Treat in the Entertainment Centre.

On the International front, our Club continued to sponsor programmes designed to further international understanding. Of particular note was the Matching Grant project with the Rotary Club of Udaipur Meera in India, made possible by the visit to the area by PP Geoff Williams, and resulted in District participation in the provision of services and equipment to disadvantaged schools in the Udaipur region. Some other activities during the year included Rotary Youth Exchange, an India Friendship tour, where we welcomed a party of Indian Rotarians and partners, Polio Plus and funds raised for Rotary International, East Timor project to assist fund several students to attend Dili Institute of Technology, a project to reduce the spread of malaria by supply of mosquito nets to New Guinea, containers of equipment and textbooks to New Guinea, Fiji and Solomon Islands and an eligible

Pacific Island country. Other projects included sponsorship of children in orphanages in Ghana, Dhaka, Bangladesh and Indonesia, Group Study Exchange with several Teams visiting Warrnambool, Interplast, Rotary Australia World Community service and a donation of \$1000 to the South Asia Tsunami Disaster appeal.

## **2005-2006**

**President: Ian Sadler**

### ***Service Above Self***



President Ian had a difficult start to his Presidential year due to illness, and a wait for medical attention, and was indebted to P. P.'s Brian Trenery and Robert Cuzens for filling in as chairmen. However, the Club was delighted that Ian was able to make a full recovery and returned to duty in September 2005, and led the Club very effectively. Membership was increased during the year from 52 to 58 active members. It was sad that Gladys Reid passed away in March 2006. Gladys had been a stalwart supporter of the Club and Rotarian PP John for many years.

Although presented in President Ian's year, the Club was awarded a Presidential Citation, which was accepted by PP David Richards, for 2004-5, for demonstrating excellence and exceptional achievement, and to ensure Rotary's transition from one century of service to another through continued efforts under the Four Avenues of Service.

Our Club continued its active participation in community and fund-raising projects during 2005-6. Some of these projects included involvement in LifeGIFT, where young people were encouraged to donate blood, Rotary Health Safari, Relay for Life, Warrnambool Eisteddfod, Red Cross and Red Shield Calling, Senior Citizens Treat, Dinner Auction, Adopt a Highway, Show gates, Vintage Car Show, Commonwealth Games Breakfast, International Students Barbecue, Camp Quality cabin, Walk Against Want, waste paper collection, manning gates at Panmure Races, plans for Rotary respite House and the Logan's Beach and Harris Street tree plantations. It was an honour for the Club to have PP Eric Williams recognized by the City Council with an Australia Day Award.

On the International scene, the Club was involved in Polio Plus with \$2000 being donated to Rotary Foundation, Shelter Boxes which could provide shelter for up to 10 victims of overseas natural disasters, Interplast with \$1500 raised to assist surgical reconstructions in other countries, East Timor to assist students at Dili Institute of Technology, Adopt a Village in Papua-New Guinea, Donations in Kind to needy areas in West Pacific countries, Group Study Exchange with an incoming team from New York and Rtn. John Harris leading an outbound team to the same District 7120. Other projects assisted included the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund and Salvation Army Orphanages in Bangladesh and Indonesia. The Club continued its involvement with a Matching Grants Project at Udaipur Meera, India and \$1000 was committed to provision of water wells in Africa.

The Club maintained a keen interest in Youth activities with further involvement in the Youth Exchange Programme. Lisa Roe returned from Canada and plans were made for an outgoing student. Again the Club was a participant in the National Youth Science Forum at Canberra and Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment at Maldon with several students attending from Brauer, Kings and Warrnambool Colleges. Our Club was the major sponsor for the Youth Achievers Awards and was also involved with the R.Y.L.A. Seminar with Jacqui Storey being sponsored.

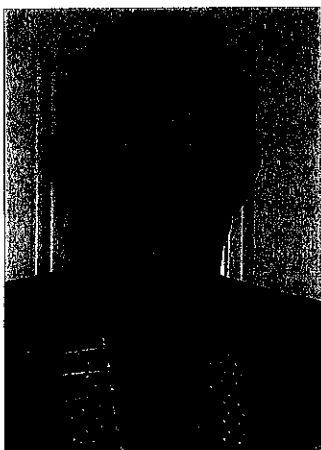
Our Club continued fostering the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations by dignifying the work of each Rotarian as an opportunity to serve the community. Projects included the organisation

of My Job talks given by John Harris, Michael Boyd and Doug Maclean, a workplace visit to South-West Healthcare, a discussion on ethics which could face Rotarians in their workplace, a Pride of Work Standard Award to the Red Cross Blood Service in Warrnambool, and awards to students at both Deakin University and Warrnambool Institute of TAFE. The annual rural-urban night was held at Nullawarre and mock job interviews were again supported at Brauer College.

## **2006-2007**

### **President: Robert Cuzens**

#### ***Lead The Way***



The year 2006-7 saw a continued contribution by the Rotary Club of Warrnambool to the Warrnambool and district community. As with previous years the Club participated in a number of established programmes of community service and fund-raising. These included a South-West Healthcare bladder scanner, a special bed and mattress for Jake Hicks, Southern Way Direct Care Service, Shamrock House equipping of a trailer, assistance to Friends of the Botanic Gardens and the Allansford and Warrnambool Girl Guides and further investigatory planning for a future Rotary Respite House attached to the Base Hospital. The Club also continued its previous involvement with such projects as Relay for Life, Life GIFT, Walk against Want, Warrnambool Eisteddfod, Red Cross and Red Shield calling, and the Senior Citizens Treat.

It was a pleasure to celebrate 50 years membership in Rotary by PP John Reid; October 1956 to October 2006. An ode was written and presented by his daughter, Rotarian Judy Ross. Honorary members Iris Bickley, Jack Douglas and Morrie Amore were present for the presentation and John gave a very interesting response about half a century of Warrnambool Rotary. Later in March 2007, Ron Rauert achieved 50 years in Rotary. To mark the milestone, the Club presented wife Val with a Paul Harris Fellowship funded by Ron, and their family was present.

The Club also participated in a Flagstaff Hill 'Day on the Hill' fundraiser during the Easter break. Other major fundraising projects continued during the year such as manning the Agricultural Show Gates and the invaluable Dinner Auction which raised more than \$18,000. Lesser contributors were the waste paper collection and manning of the gates at the annual Panmure Races. Again Rotarians assisted by manning gates and a barbecue at the Vintage Car Club display which financially benefitted Camp Quality. Rotarians again assisted with the installation of barricades associated with the finish of the Melbourne to Warrnambool Bike Race. Mention should be made of the Bulletin Commendation which was received from District in recognition of the excellent Club Bulletins during 2006-7. Congratulations to Bob Bowman and his team.

The International Committee oversaw a number of continuing and well-tried projects; a donation of \$2000 to Polio Plus, a 20 year old programme to rid the world of polio. Rotarians continued to donate generously to the vacuum flask for Interplast and \$2000 was donated by the Club to enable plastic surgeons such as Dr. Ian Holten to visit the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Papua New Guinea and repair dreadful defects in children and adults. In combination with Port Fairy Rotary Club, more Shelter Boxes to the value of \$1200 were provided. These were sent to various parts of the world where natural disasters have occurred and are capable of providing shelter for up to ten people, with sleeping bags, fuel cooker and survival equipment. The Donations In Kind programme was continued with donations of books and computers from local schools and a shipment made from Geelong. The sale of R.A.W.C.S badge stickers to support World Community Service raised \$295. Funds were again donated to Salvation Army Orphanages in Indonesia and malaria nets provided under the Solomon Islands "Adopt a Village" programme. Miss Melanie Bennett was granted \$250 to assist her plan to

build a medical clinic in Mexico and Miss Kimberley Ferguson was allocated \$250 towards costs of her work in Guyana associated with HIV/AIDS education.

The Club also welcomed a Group Study Team from Siberia and allocated \$500 towards the cost of their attendance at the District Conference in Warrnambool. The Club, in conjunction with other Warrnambool Clubs, hosted an Inbound Rotary Friendship Exchange team from Thailand. The Club also contributed \$300 to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

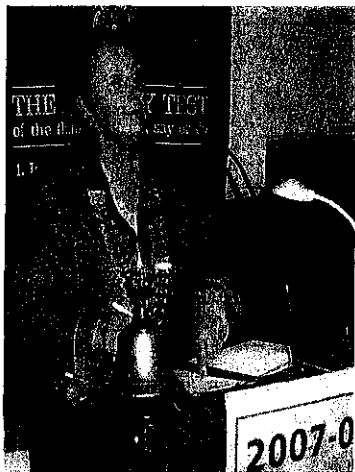
Continued emphasis was devoted to Youth activities. Rotary Exchange student Katarino Kristo returned to Finland, and Laura Rohrbach from Switzerland was expected in the near future as an incoming Exchange student. The Club intended to sponsor Andrei Khaidurov as an outgoing student to Japan. Max Hirst and Nicole Stuckey, two students from Brauer College, attended the R.Y.P.E.N. seminar at Mt. Gambier. Again our Club was the major sponsor of the Youth Achievers Award held at the Warrnambool Entertainment Centre. An Interact Club was initiated at Brauer College and \$350 allocated for this project. Local students were assisted to attend the Siemens Science Experience at Deakin University and RMIT. \$1200 was raised towards the cost of sending Josh Cahill to a World Jamboree in London to mark the centenary of Scouting.

During the year regard was given to the importance of Vocational service with the continuation of the 'My Job' talks. John O'Sullivan gave an interesting insight into the funeral industry with a visit by Rotarians to his Funeral Home in Warrnambool. Another Rural-Urban night was arranged, this year at Koroit. It was also attended by a number of non-Rotarians to hear an address on rural industry costs. The Club again assisted tertiary students with an award being made to Nathan Gass from Deakin University. The TAFE award was made to Rebecca Pike. Rotary also recognized Barrie Baker, the Director of TAFE with a Community Service Award for his 22 years of service to the Institute.

## **2007-2008**

**President: Kate Williams**

### ***Rotary Shares***



The year saw a number of more formal changes to the way in which the Club was administered. For some years the Club has followed the Model Constitution set by Rotary International together with its standard by-laws. It also has formal Rules of Association as required by the Associations Incorporations Act. In addition the Club was required to be registered in accordance with the Fund Raising Appeals Act. During 2007-8 the Club investigated the introduction of a Club Leadership Plan. An evening of discussion and review was led by PP Brian Trenery to review various methods of operation, procedures and to plan for the future. Members were required to consider a number of aspects of the operation of the Club such as the National Anthem, loyal toast, fines session, and vocational classifications to name a few.

The Club was also required to keep pace with community expectations and standards relative to food handling, having regard for the regular practice of cooking barbecues as fund raising at various outdoor functions from time to time. Seventeen Rotarians completed a Food Handling Course at TAFE. Other members qualified in the Responsible Serving of Alcohol. Another session was conducted to educate members on Risk Management with the result that Job Safe Analyses are completed for all activities and filed with the Secretary. A Club website was developed which provides comprehensive information about our Club. A report was prepared by Rotarians Alan Bowes and Jim Hanrahan on the operation, replacement and storage of Club properties.

As in previous Rotary years, the Club placed a high priority on programmes for Vocational Service. Under its banner Rotarians have recognized the worthiness of all useful occupations. A number of programmes were organized throughout 2007-8 to improve the quality of trades, industry and commerce and also the professions. These took the form of more 'My Job' talks during which Phillip Dennis spoke of his vocation as a pharmacist, Roy Slater spoke of his engineering business and Sandra Ponting gave an insight into Pontings, the family hardware business. A visit to Merrivale Primary school was arranged to enable Rotarians to be shown new technical equipment and have explained the unique philosophies which seek to encourage rather than criticize and to encourage all community members. Business ethics and scams were outlined by a speaker from Consumer Affairs and Business Mentor Services were explained by Martin Shirley. Again the Club participated in mock interviews to assist young people in career guidance. The annual Rural-Urban night was held at Purnim to promote mutual understanding between town and country. Again scholarships and awards were made to students from both Deakin University and Institute of T.A.F.E.

Another busy year was experienced in Community Service with a number of continuing programmes and activities. Although well-known from previous Rotary years, these included continuing participation in Relay for Life to raise funds for cancer research, maintenance of the Camp Quality cabin at the foreshore reserve, organizing the quite involved Senior Citizens Concert, participation in preliminary investigation into a Rotary Respite House and thanks are due to Duncan Stalker for his untiring efforts, and fund raising for the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. PP Ron Rauert continued his long and dedicated work to sell dozens of Christmas puddings and seldom are many left unsold. Some Rotarians continued support for the annual Red Cross and Red Shield appeals, whilst others gave of their time to Clean Up A Highway not the most pleasant of tasks. The Club continued its long time commitment of fund-raising and Community Service by manning the Annual Agricultural Show gates, manning the gates and other duties at the Annual Vintage Car display, doorkeepers at the Eisteddfod and by assisting at Flagstaff Hill *A Day on the Hill*. The annual Dinner Auction continued to be the major fund-raiser and produced a gross income in excess of \$19,000. New projects included beautification of the Brauerander Park and the purchase of equipment for the Warrnambool Soup Kitchen. A holiday in Warrnambool was provided for a family from a drought relief area in northern Victoria. In conjunction with other Rotary Clubs, support was given to projects in East Timor by means of a Fly-a-Thon; *Fly Away To Heaven* and pilot Paul Moloney addressed the Club on the project. The Club also provided refreshment in the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens to support Australia Day activities.

Our Club continued to support International activities and each week Rotarians donated to the vacuum flask to assist Interplast. A further \$2000 was contributed to Rotary International for the Polio Plus campaign and the Club continued its campaign of assisting malaria victims by working, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Port Fairy, to adopt a village in Papua New Guinea to provide mosquito nets. Further participation in the Donations In Kind programme resulted in kinder packs of books and other goods being forwarded to a needy country. The Club continued an on-going commitment to support children in Indonesian orphanages. A Rotary Friendship Exchange saw Warrnambool Rotary Clubs host a team from Great Britain. \$1000 was donated to a programme to rid Cambodia of landmines.

Again the Club placed emphasis on Youth activities and many programmes from previous years were again supported. These included the Youth Exchange programme and Laura Rohrbach from Switzerland was welcomed. The outbound student was Andre Khaidurov who travelled to Japan. Long standing programmes supported by the Club included the National Science Summer School. Laura Bouman and Meg Hussey addressed the Club about their visit to Mt. Gambier for the R.Y.P.E.N. seminar. The City Council's Youth Achievers Award was again supported with the Club again being the major sponsor for particular sections. The Rotaract Club continues to function and Rotarians have been asked to support membership by young people between 18 and 30 years of age. The Club sponsored Cathy Boyd to attend the R.Y.L.A. camp and she later addressed a meeting of the Club to give a report of the activities.

**2008-2009**

**President: Malcom Price**

***Make Dreams Real***



At the beginning of his year President Malcom stressed three objectives; membership, fellowship and service. Unfortunately, despite the great efforts of Membership Director Judy Ross, the Club lost six members and gained three. Current membership is fifty three with four Honorary Members. Membership was offered to seventeen citizens and eight are pending. A significant number of members have sought leave of absence, either for travel or recovery from illness. The past year saw the introduction of a scheme of support to members and their families headed by Elizabeth Nolan. This programme works quietly behind the scenes to assist members in need.

Fellowship improved internally, partly due to some innovative ideas and partly due to necessity. A review of Club property was undertaken due to limited storage capacity at the new venue and a report provided to the Board by Alan Bowes and Jim Hanrahan. The high quality Club bulletin was prepared and distributed under the direction of Bob Bowman and various members have been involved in the taking of photos during meetings and projects. These photos have been stored on disc and represent valuable historical material about the Club. A high quality of guest speaker has been organized by the Programme committee.

The Vocational Committee functioned effectively by the organization of various activities. These included 'My Job' talks, a workplace visit, awards for excellence for students at Deakin University, 'mock interviews' for students at Brauer College and the nomination of Paralympian Kathryn Ross for the Shine On Awards. The 'My Job' talks were given by Ian Sharman, Janet Blackley, Bob Bowman, Elizabeth Nolan, John Hunt, John O'Sullivan, Gordon Curran and Ron Rauert and provided an interesting insight into our own members. The workplace visit was to the Australian Technical College and was an eye opener to members and guests about the latest technology available for trades students and apprentices. A very successful Rural-Urban night was arranged at Koroit to hear an interesting talk by a prominent pastoralist about climate change and farming sustainability. Kathryn Ross received a Commendation Certificate for her success at the Beijing Paralympics. Tertiary Awards were made to a number of Deakin University students at a special night in June.

Community service as always was prominent in the activities of the Club during the year. Ongoing programmes such as Camp Quality, Relay for Life, Australian Health Research and maintenance of trees at Logans' Beach featured in the activities. Likewise long standing projects such as sale of Christmas puddings, assistance with barriers for the Melbourne to Warrnambool Bike Race, Red Cross and Red Shield calling continued. The Club maintained other important activities such as manning the Agricultural Show gates, support for the Eisteddfod and organized a welcome to International students. Other activities such as Adopt a Highway and the Senior Citizens Treat were discontinued. A decision was made to increase the number of BBQ's to assist fund raising and community groups including White Ribbon Day and Coastcare. Progress was made, with the participation of several Rotarians, in the relocation and restoration of the diorama at Flagstaff Hill. It was noted that the Tower Hill Lookout, constructed by Rotary in 1971, was restored by Parks Victoria relieving the Club of this expense. An amount of \$3700 was raised for Camp Quality by our participation in the Vintage Car Display. A new project initiated during the year was the Rotary Club of Warrnambool Father of the Year conducted in conjunction with Brophy Hostel and supported by local sponsors.

More discussion took place during the year, about the provision of a Rotary Respite House, for the accommodation of families of patients at Warrnambool South West Healthcare. A Steering Committee was formed representing all four Warrnambool Rotary Clubs. The site chosen was the former Marion Shrader Centre, made available by the hospital committee. When completed the building will provide a

number of accommodation units quite close to the main hospital complex. Other projects to be supported include clay target championships at Laang later in the year and Rotary Environmental Good Practice Award. A procedure is being developed to provide an audit of past Rotary projects on a register.

The International Committee maintained a number of projects. The Interplast vacuum flask continued to raise funds each meeting, the money being used by surgical teams in Pacific countries to alleviate cleft palate and hair-lip problems in children plus surgery to treat victims of burns and scalds. Support was again given to Polio Plus worldwide, a 20 year commitment to ridding the world of polio. A donation was made to the Rotarians Against Malaria programme by the provision of mosquito nets to families in the Pacific area. The Donations In Kind programme was given \$500 to enable containers to be sent overseas containing necessities such as second hand equipment, tools, wheelchairs, computers and school supplies. The Club also supported Rotary Australia World Community Service by the sale of badge stickers and \$250 was contributed. The Salvation Army Child Sponsorship scheme was able to support two students in their studies in Indonesia. Our Club joined several other Clubs to contribute \$500 towards the cost of clean water in India. Further support was given to the Shelterbox programme by a contribution of \$1200 towards the cost of shelter boxes used in disaster areas overseas and, more recently after the Black Saturday bushfires in Victoria. Each shelterbox contains a 10 person domed tent, water containers, multi-fuel stove, thermal blankets cooking utensils and tools, etc. The Club was also able to assist the Gawa Christian School, Elcho Island in the N.T. by a contribution of \$900 to assist aboriginal children and their teacher to gain exposure to Australian culture. In February, the Club hosted a Group Study Exchange Team from British Columbia, Canada and Washington State, USA. The Club also provided \$1000 to assist a nursing student from Deakin to travel to Thailand to look at the local healthcare system.

The Club continued the past practice of assisting the Youth Programme. Incoming student from USA Nick Jenkins was an example of the benefits of the programme. Nick was a very personable young man who endeared himself to the Club. Nick was very capably supported by Counsellor, Leon de Villiers and thanks were due to host families who were present at his send off where Nick gave a moving summary of his year with the Club. The Clubs nomination for the National Youth Science Forum was unsuccessful, only one in six applicants being selected. Our Club was again the major sponsor for the Youth Achievers Awards in February 2009 and donated prizes for Best Male and Best Female Achievers of the Year. Trent Bolden, the overall male winner attended a Club meeting. The Club continued to be involved with the Rotoract Club which is overseen by Daybreak Rotary Club.

## **PLANS FOR ROTARY YEAR 2009-10**

**Judy ROSS President**



I recall at my induction last July making a number of comments much of which I now repeat as a summary of some of the plans for the current Rotary Year. It is amazing that just over three years ago, my husband Phillip and I were guests at the Change-over Dinner when our friend Robert Cuzens was inducted as President for the Rotary Year 2006-7. Within three months I was a fully paid-up member of the Club and today I am your newly-inducted President. The future of the Club is in my hands – that's a bit of a worry. My L-plates are still firmly attached and I am somewhat intimidated by the success of those who have trod this path before me. Nevertheless I am honoured and humbled to have been elected your President and as such will endeavour to do my best.

Our members are the first priority, and we need to ensure that they are kept highly informed, interested and motivated; for what is the purpose of introducing new members into our Club, if we have lost our current members? It is becoming more difficult to attract new members, especially younger ones – and this needs to be addressed. It seems that many young people are eager to support a cause but are not

necessarily eager to join an organization. We have to ensure that our Clubs are attractive and our Club meetings meaningful to make people want to join us. However, we should be realistic and not set ourselves too high a goal. Rotary International President, John Kenny of Scotland, asks us to have at least more paid up members at the end of the year than we had at the beginning.

In past years, our Club has been instrumental in establishing and maintaining many assets around our city, and while there is a constant demand for all of us to do more for the less fortunate overseas, we must never stop helping our own community, and our own members are keen to participate in more hands on projects which will ultimately benefit our own City and Shire.

There is a current vast project on the International scene that demands we continue its support, and that is the eradication worldwide of that most insidious disease - polio. In 1979, while Sir Clem Renouf, a Queensland Rotarian, was President of Rotary International, he conceived the idea that polio could be eliminated worldwide as smallpox had been; so we Aussies have a special interest to see his plan succeed. We in Australia struggle to remember a time when polio was rife, and fortunately with Rotary's efforts there are now only four countries; Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan, which are still polio endemic, but these four are our greatest challenge. Unless we see Polio totally and completely eradicated, it will creep back into all societies, and all those years of hard work will be in vain. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has committed US\$355 million in funding on condition that Rotary contributes US\$200 million by 2012, making a grand total of US\$555 million. Hopefully, with these funds we can provide the resources to finish this crucial job and keep the Rotary promise to the world.

It is regretted that for the current Rotary year we do not have an Outward Bound Exchange student. To allow a child to spend a year overseas is a great financial burden on many families and the Board will be looking at ways in which to assist in alleviating this hardship. However, our Inbound Exchange Student, Anna Luikko arrived in July and has quickly settled in to the Club being hosted firstly by Sue and Larry Dawson.

Rotary Respite House appears to be no longer a pipe-dream. Recommendations have been received from the Steering Committee and the whole Club has discussed and voted on this issue. If it is to become a reality, our whole-hearted support is going to be absolutely necessary, for however long it takes.

Deakin University and T.A.F.E. will continue to be supported with Awards to worthy students, and our commitment to the Warrnambool Eisteddfod is ongoing, both financially and in providing man-hours at various sessions. In September, in conjunction with Brophy Family and Youth Services, we will be announcing the Rotary Club Father of the Year. This event is open to all pupils in Primary and Secondary Schools throughout the City of Warrnambool and the Shire of Moyne. There will be three age groups and winners of each will be announced at a Gala Breakfast in September. The overall winner will also be announced, with a weekend in Melbourne for the winning father and his family, and prizes to all winning students and schools.

Fellowship is most important – not just at the weekly meetings, but also at functions, in which partners, families and friends can be included. We belong to the Family of Rotary, so let us not forget to involve *all* of the family members, and encourage them all to take part. We need them to enjoy Rotary too, not just to expect them to turn up for our fund-raising efforts.

I have touched on a few of our continuing and new projects for the year, but hopefully, at the end of the Rotary Year, readers will have a comprehensive report on all that has been achieved. I hope that the Club will continue to flourish and will hopefully expand – not necessarily just in numbers, but in fellowship and usefulness to our community. Rotary International President, John Kenny reminds us that at Club level we must learn from experience and build on past success, remembering that the individual Clubs are the backbone of Rotary and the future will be shaped at each Club. So remember:

***THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS.***

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