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## ROTARY CLUB OF WARRNAMBOOL

CHARTERED 75 YEARS

## FOREWORD

The preparation of this update has necessitated the use of material prepared for earlier Anniversaries. In particular, material was extracted from a number of souvenir booklets. The earliest was titled *Rotary Club of Warrnambool 1929-1959*. Another similar booklet was titled; *Rotary Club of Warrnambool 1929-1979*, whilst the most recent was a supplement within the Warrnambool Standard titled; *Rotary Club of Warrnambool 1930 – 1990 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*. Further historical information as provided by Past President, Ron Rauert. The preparation of material from 1990 to the present was greatly facilitated by access to a private collection of Annual Reports. Other material was gleaned from R.I. World Conference literature.

It will be obvious from a reading of this latest publication that considerably more detailed information has been provided in the summary of each Rotary year since 1990. This should not be interpreted that less activity occurred in pre-1990 Rotary years but that earlier publications, particularly the Standard insert, were constrained by available space.

Some paragraphs within this update provide general information about Rotary such Objects of Rotary, Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships and the significance of the design of the Rotary Wheel. It was considered that this information was essential in the Centenary Year of Rotary.

The assistance of Club photographer, John Reid, Iris Bickley and former Rotarian Doreen Risbey, and her Business studies students at S.W. Institute of TAFE, in the preparation of this history update, is thankfully acknowledged.

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## IDEAL IN ACTION



**Paul Harris 1868 –1947**

From a painting by EMR Weiner

**“Rotary is an ideal in action”.**

This one statement probably best explains the Rotary movement.

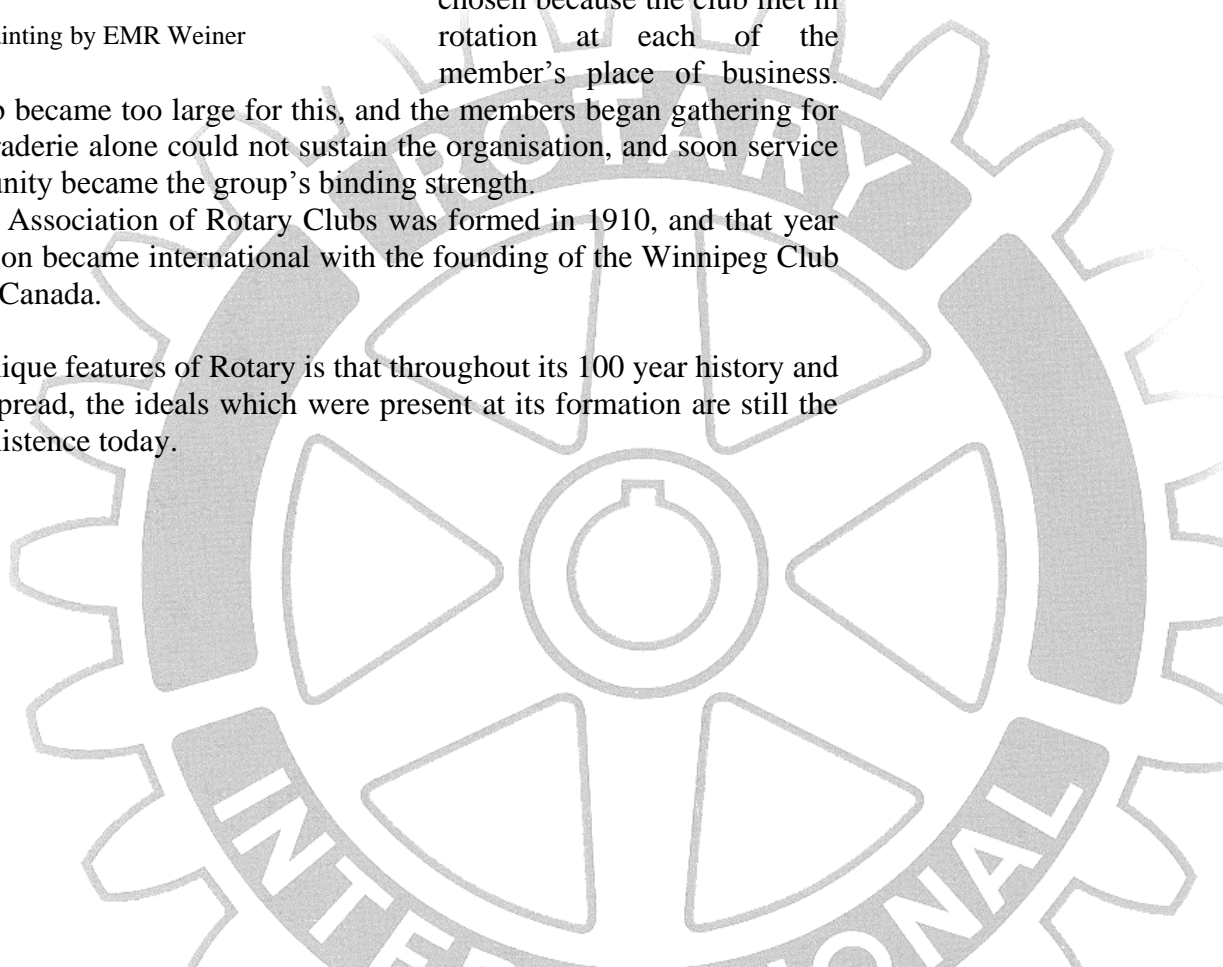
Paul P Harris, a Chicago lawyer, was the founder of Rotary 100 years ago. Harris was lonely and wanted friendship and fellowship. His idea was to bring together men from different professions to recapture the friendliness of small towns many had known as youngsters.

The first meeting of the group took place on 23 February, 1905. The name “Rotary” was chosen because the club met in rotation at each of the member’s place of business.

Soon the club became too large for this, and the members began gathering for lunch. Camaraderie alone could not sustain the organisation, and soon service to the community became the group’s binding strength.

The National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed in 1910, and that year the organisation became international with the founding of the Winnipeg Club in Manitoba, Canada.

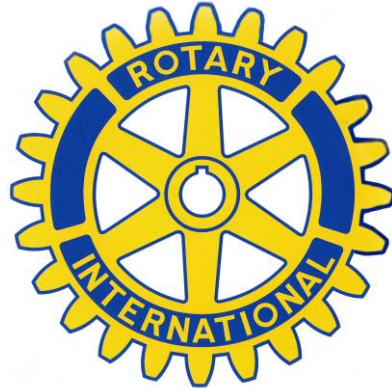
One of the unique features of Rotary is that throughout its 100 year history and world-wide spread, the ideals which were present at its formation are still the basis of its existence today.



## **ROTARY'S WHEEL EMBLEM**

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since its earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver, who drew a simple wagon wheel with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement". Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians.

Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association". In 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.



## **OBJECT OF ROTARY**

In some areas of the world weekly Rotary club meetings begin with all members standing and reciting the Object of Rotary. This statement, which comes from the Constitution of Rotary, is frequently seen on a wall plaque in Rotarians' offices or place of business.

The Object of Rotary is "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise". The statement then lists four areas by which this "ideal of service" is fostered: through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for service; the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions; through service in one's personal, business and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

The last major change came in 1951, when the "Objects" were streamlined and changed to a single "Object" which is manifested in four separate ways. The "ideal of service" is the key phrase in the Object of Rotary. This ideal is an attitude of being a thoughtful and helpful person in all of one's endeavours. That's what the Object truly means.

## **THE SECRETARIAT**

Many Rotarians consider the secretariat simply another name for the R.I. World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois USA. Actually it is much more. While it does include the entire World Headquarters, the Secretariat encompasses nearly 500 individuals working to make Rotary International run smoothly and effectively. The term describes the entire operations of the General Secretary and his staff. The Secretariat includes all eight Rotary Service Centres (formally called Branch Offices) around the world, all of the staff serving in those centres, as well as all staff assigned to the Rotary Foundation.

## A WORD FROM THE GOVERNOR - DISTRICT 9780

Congratulations to all at the Rotary Club of Warrnambool on reaching a most significant milestone in the Club's life – its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday!

In a year when we “Celebrate Rotary” it is most fitting that those celebrations should include recognition of this marvellous Club birthday.

The community of Warrnambool – and the world in general – is the richer for the contributions made by so many Rotarians as members of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool, over so many years. Club members should feel incredibly proud of the many lives they have touched, the many projects they have completed, the many leaders they have created.

This celebration should be about recognizing and acknowledging those achievements. It is time to recall precious friendships, remember shared trials and to relive beautiful memories. It is a time to reflect on the journey, and a time to bask in that warm glow of success.

Enjoy this special chapter in the life of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool. It is a most wonderful one! And the fellow Rotarians of District 9780 wish you joy and friendship on this day and for all the days ahead – Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday from us all!

*Cathy Roth*  
*District Governor Year 2004-05*



World President, Rotary International, Glenn Estess shaking hands with District Governor Kathy Roth



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I feel it is a great privilege to have been given the opportunity to serve as President of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool in its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. My predecessors have recorded the achievements of the club through its long history and its record of service to the local, national and international communities.



At this stage I can only report on our plans for the year. A Matching Grant project with the Rotary Club of Meera, India, made possible by the work of immediate Past-President Geoff Williams, will become a reality during this year. It has become a regional project with substantial contributions from all Warrnambool Clubs, the two Portland Clubs, and the Rotary Club of Port Fairy. We had the opportunity to meet with Indian Rotarians from the Meera area when our Club hosted in October 2004, the Friendship Exchange Team from District 3050. We also celebrated our sister Club relationship with the Rotary Club of Meera.

Our major local initiative for the year is an attempt to establish a residential facility at South West Health Care, Warrnambool, where relatives of patients from outlying areas of the Western District can be accommodated. During July, 2004 the Club again ran a most successful Dinner Auction when a substantial sum of \$23990 clear was raised towards the cost of our ongoing Community Service projects. My thanks go to Rotarians Bob Bowman, Ray and Kaye-Maree Hollingsworth and their Committee.

The Club is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday at a gala dinner attended by Past Rotary International President, Glen Kinross as the guest speaker. On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2005 the Centenary of Rotary International will be celebrated with a joint meeting of all four Warrnambool Rotary Clubs.

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool is a very busy Club and there is much more happening. Our Club is working closely with other Warrnambool Clubs on a number of projects and this inter-Club co-operation is growing. The prospects for the future of Rotary in Warrnambool are exciting indeed.

*David Richards*  
*President*  
*2004-2005*

# THE GENESIS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARRNAMBOOL

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool celebrates 75 years of service to the community this year. The Club had its birth in 1929 as a result of the efforts of Mr Tom Buchan, Secretary of the Rotary Club of Geelong. During 1928 and into 1929, Mr Buchan made numerous investigations into the possibilities of forming a Rotary Club in Warrnambool.

Following his investigations a Melbourne Rotarian, Mr Harry Osborne, made a survey of Warrnambool and his inquiries led to a meeting at the Warrnambool Technical School on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1929. Rotarian Ivor Evans, of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, addressed the 19 citizens who attended the meeting. Apologies were received from nine other citizens. After general discussion and questions it was resolved, "that those present form themselves into a provisional Rotary Club". After the election of the Board of Directors, of which Dr H. I. Holmes was elected Chairman, it was also resolved that a weekly luncheon be held each Tuesday.

The next step in the formation of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool was the adoption of a constitution and by-laws. Invitations were then sent to 35 selected citizens inviting them to become Charter members of the Club.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> November 1929 the Rotary Club of Warrnambool was admitted to membership of Rotary International.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October, the names of 27 members were submitted and the President was authorised to sign the Charter list in support of the application of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool for membership into Rotary International.

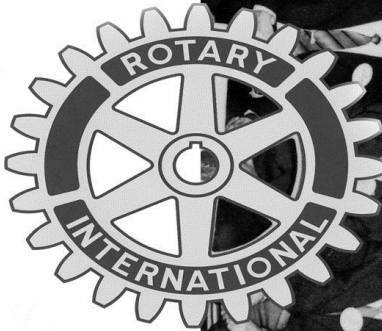
In 1929 there were 26 Charter members with W. (Les) Marfell as an additional member. The first luncheon to be held was at the Coee Tea Rooms in Liebig Street on the 8<sup>th</sup> October. The 24 members who attended were read greetings from Rotary International and 13 other Australian Rotary clubs.

On the 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 the District Governor, Alfred Holtz, who presented Charter No. 3237 to the Club.

At the time the Warrnambool Club was formed there was only one Rotary district, the 65<sup>th</sup>, for the whole of Australia. Since then Australia has been divided into eight districts and the Warrnambool Club has had the distinction of providing two district governors: Dr H I Holmes and Fred Bennett.

This year the Rotary Club of Warrnambool celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Rotary Club of Warrnambool has sponsored the Rotary Clubs of Hamilton (1937), Terang (1948), Port Fairy (1960), Warrnambool East (1967) and Warrnambool Central (1988).





## **WARRNAMBOOL ROTARY CLUB'S ACHIEVEMENTS ARE MANY**

The list of achievements of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool reads like a "what's what" around the city. Since the Club's formation in 1929 the Club members have as their motto states, "let service light the way", completing hundreds of projects for the benefit of every part of the Warrnambool community.

One of the first Club projects in the early 1930s was associated with the difficulties arising from the Great Depression. Great hardship was experienced by many families and Rotary initiated a garden plot scheme in Warrnambool and district. Interested children were supplied with seed and advice for home gardens. An exhibition of the fruits of their labour was held and prizes given.

From 1934 to 1938 infantile paralysis, later known as poliomyelitis, was rife in the district. Assistance was given to needy families with an affected child. Rotary organised local medical treatment or specialist attention in Melbourne.

There have been many achievements and projects undertaken by the Rotary Club of Warrnambool since 1937 when the Club earned the Rotary International citation for outstanding international service.

When the Grampians and Hall's Gap areas were swept by fire in 1937 the Club, together with the Ararat Club, assisted in bringing more than 40 affected families to Warrnambool where accommodation was provided for long periods.

In 1936, 1937 and 1938 Norfolk Island pines were planted in Lava Street east and Raglan Parade, and shrubs were donated to the Housing Commission settlement area. Trees were also planted in Banyan Street in 1950 and 1958. Milk was supplied to two Warrnambool schools during the winter months while needed. Assistance was given to the Framlingham Aboriginal Settlement and during the early stages of the Heytesbury Forest Settlement.

For several years toys were distributed at Christmas in Warrnambool. In conjunction with Toc H, Food for Britain received the support of the Club during and after the war years, and the City of Hull sent an inscribed plaque to the Warrnambool City Council in recognition of this work. The Club played an important part in the establishment of Young Farmers Clubs in the Warrnambool district. Books have been donated to the Warrnambool Public Library and support given to the Warrnambool Boys' Club and the Boy Scouts.

Members donated £200 pounds for furnishing a room at the new nurses' home at the Warrnambool and district Base Hospital. The International House Appeal was generously supported during 1953-55. Club members were responsible for installing bed lamps at the Lyndoch Hostel for the Aged. During 1955-56, a playground was built in the new Ardlie Street housing settlement and 30 trees were planted with protective guards.

More than £500 was given to the Warrnambool Life Saving Club in 1956 for a lifeboat. In 1956 the Club began a program of visiting senior citizens in the hospitals and hostels, and presented flowers or sweets on their birthdays. During the disastrous Murray River floods in 1956 the Club was responsible for collecting 18,000 bags for flood relief. Also that year volunteer labour was used to complete the Elderly Citizens Club recreation room and the Warrnambool Memorial Swimming Pool was assisted with volunteer labour and £1,217 for equipment.



In 1957 a children's playground was built in Crawley Street and the Club staged an exhibition of Australian literature and photography. Trees were planted in Banyan Street and a courtesy campaign was held in Warrnambool shops.

In 1959 the Club was able to assist the struggling Youth Club by affiliating the Club with the worldwide YMCA organisation and as a result the Youth Club went from strength to strength.

In 1960 the Warrnambool Olympic Pool was constructed. Rotary working bees assisted with the beautification. Rotarians conducted a doorknock which contributed £1217 to the Pool Appeal.

Waste paper collections began during 1962 and 68 tons of paper was collected during the year. £300 was given from the proceeds of waste paper collections to assist the Lyndoch Building Appeal. In 1962 the Club participated in the Florado Festival and organised the procession of 40 floats. The Club provided a float depicting "The Globe of the World". In 1962 the Australian Surf Life Saving Championship were staged in Warrnambool with 25000 people attending. The Rotary Club assisted as ticket sellers, car park attendants and in the general running of the event.

Meals on Wheels for the elderly was established by the Rotary Club of Warrnambool in 1964, mainly due to the initiative of then President Bruce Rogers. This followed a public meeting convened by the then Mayor, Cr. Mitchell. The initial equipment cost \$500 and the first meals were delivered in March 1965. Initially 68 volunteer drivers delivered meals five days a week to the elderly. The three-course meals, prepared by the Warrnambool Base Hospital, cost 40 cents.

The Club was involved in a Plane of Knowledge to Melbourne, Careers Week and a display of apprentices' work. A total of \$4,000 was raised for the Retarded Children's Building Fund in 1965, and Barbara Stephenson was chosen as an exchange student to go to Denver, Colorado, in the USA.

Rotarian Irvine Absalom, Foundation Secretary, checking the Meals on Wheels Roster



Rhyl and Jack Hazeldine delivering a hot meal

In 1965 Club President John Norton raised \$4,000 towards the establishment of the Yalundah Retarded Childrens Centre. This amount was raised by the organising of a rodeo, theatre and bowls night, auctions and \$1,300 from waste paper. Rotary Park and a playground at the Central Kindergarten were also completed at this time. From 1968 to 1970 seats along the scenic walk and a barbeque at the Hopkins River were built and another playground at the South Warrnambool Kindergarten was constructed.

## **SUMMARY OF YEARS OF SERVICE 1966 – 1990**

**1966-67**

**President Eric Turland**

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool's work for other organisations continued in 1966 with the hosting of under-privileged children from Melbourne and assistance with labour to the City's Tourist Information Centre as well as several appeals.

**1967-68**

**President Don Dickson**

During the year the club chartered Warrnambool East Rotary Club - the second Rotary Club in the city. The club sponsored the Australian Boy's Choir who entertained capacity audiences. A water ski carnival was conducted on the Hopkins River. A Rotary Park and picnic area was constructed on the eastern side of the Olympic Pool. Play equipment was installed at the Central Kindergarten.

**1968-69**

**President Reg Sobey**

A total of \$2,162 was raised from various projects, mainly by manning the Showgates for the first time, from which \$290 was raised. Playground equipment was installed at South Warrnambool Kindergarten. Keith McLeod organised a pigeon derby.

**1969-70**

**President Les Reynolds**

Major fundraising was assisted by staging a rodeo, golf day and paper collections. The Club supported the YMCA Building Appeal. Seats were erected along the scenic walk overlooking the Hopkins River between the bridge and the mouth.

**1970-71**

**President C. R. Rauert**

Six barbecues installed throughout the city. A Blue Arrow tour guide was completed guiding visitors to local beauty spots. 20,000 colour brochures relating to the tour were made available to the Tourist centre. A geodetic tablet, completed in the next Rotary year, was erected on the highest point of the Tower Hill rim. The brass direction marker commemorates early gliding by locals from the spot and also points out mileages to cities of Australia and local places of interest. Famous aviator Sir Charles Kingsford Smith glided from this spot. The project was officially opened by the then Premier of Victoria, Sir Rupert Hamer. The Premier opened the Natural History centre at Tower Hill on the same day. Exchange student John Brown of Warrnambool went to Philippines.

**1971-72**

**President J. M. Crothers**

A steering committee was set up to establish a Sheltered Workshop. Twelve prominent businessmen, mainly Rotarians, loaned \$1,000 each, interest free, to purchase the old S.E.C. pole depot in Albert Street on which was constructed a modern printing factory. The site contained two acres. Past President Reg Sobey was elected President of the Workshop and continued in that role until his untimely death in 1990. Exchange student Prue Henderson went to Japan. Children were sponsored to the Lord Mayor's camp at Portsea.

**1972-73**

**President J. Hazeldine**

The Warrnambool Rotaract Club was formed. In conjunction with the Warrnambool and District Base Hospital equipment consisting of 30 hospital beds, 30 overhead tables, bedside lockers, porcelain baths, a fridge and surgical appliances, was collected and packed for a hospital in Sumatra. The Rotary Club paid for the crating and freight to the ship's berth. The District Conference was hosted. Exchange student Mark Henry of Warrnambool went to USA.

**1973-74**

**President W. H. Johnson.**

Exchange student Vivienne Porter went to South Africa. The Club was active in the formation of the Linear Park on the Merri River. The continuing establishment of the Sheltered Workshop was consolidated.



**D.G. Alf Swan presenting Paul Harris Fellows Ted Wilson, Ted King**

**1974-75**

**President J. M. Reid**

The East Warrnambool Kindergarten, destroyed by fire, was supported with fund-raising. The Club constructed the Charles Kane Memorial Park in South



Warrnambool next to the kindergarten. The Club assisted with the Darwin Cyclone Tracy appeal. Assistance was also provided for the Sheltered Workshop and Flagstaff Hill projects. Other assistance was given to Brucknell Scout Camp, Brophy House, and the Ralph Illidge Sanctuary. The Club received the Rotary District Significant Achievement Award for the year.

#### **1975-76**

##### **President A. L. Lane**

Exchange student Patricia White of Allansford went to Brazil. 250 people assisted with the cleaning of the Warrnambool beach of oil nodules. Other projects included tree planting at Flagstaff Hill, replacement of benches and tables at Cannon Hill and installation of an electric barbecue. A combined service clubs Picnic Cabaret Ball was organised to fund the cost of a Warrnambool State Emergency vehicle. Other assistance was given to Chaplaincy, Nestle's Ladies Rowing Club and the Port Moresby Youth Leadership Scheme.

#### **1976-77**

##### **President F. D. Billing**

Following a public meeting, convened by P.P. Bruce Rogers in the previous year, the Warrnambool Eisteddfod was launched with 432 competitors in its first year. The Rotary Club has supported the event since its inception. A start was made on the establishment of a park in Simpson Street near the Hopkins River, 200 hours of voluntary labour were provided by 31 Rotarians. A trampoline was installed at Yalundah Day Training Centre. Assistance was given to Dr. Hannah in Moshi, Tanzania. Warrnambool student David Caple was granted a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for 12 months study at Loughborough University, England. Exchange student Brian Gunnulson went to the Rotary Club of Kimberley, South Africa.

#### **1977-78**

##### **President A. J. Bowes**

A log cabin style picnic rotunda with double electric barbeques and undercover benches was erected by Rotarians at a number of working bees at Pertobe Road Beach Reserve. The cost of the project was \$3,500. This community facility required some 400 hours of voluntary work by Rotarians and was supervised by P.P. Archie Graham. The facility was officially opened by the Mayor and handed over to the Warrnambool City Council. The Simpson Street Park was levelled and planted down with grass. Fund raising was supported by the continued collection of waste paper, a trash and treasure sale, manning of the Show gates, a progressive dinner, sale of a recipe book and a casserole tea and craft night. Assistance was again given to the Sheltered Workshop and a meeting of Rotary, held at the centre, was catered for by the Ladies Committee. The Warrnambool Technical School driver education course was assisted by the provision of scoria filling to improve the surface. The Eisteddfod was supported with doorkeepers. Several other appeals were supported by the Club. Exchange student Jackie Preece went to Japan. P. President Jim Crothers was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship.



**1978-79**

**President K. Sutherland**

Further works were undertaken at the Hopkins River park. A playground was provided. In addition further beautification of the Park took place with a rockery, trees and shrubs planted and a Japanese style pagoda erected. Help was provided by the Club in fundraising with several appeals. A \$1,500 donation was made to Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. A donation of \$200 was given to the Warrnambool Technical School towards the operation of the Driver Education Course. Exchange student Linda Spencer went to Ermelo, South Africa. Work was undertaken on the Salvation Army premises after a fire damaged some facilities.

**1979-80**

**President M. J. Amore**

During the year the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club included preparation and publication of a souvenir booklet of the fifty years service and history of the Club. The "E.J King Park" was officially opened in November 1979 by Immediate Past World President Clem Renouf. The park was so named after P.P. E.J. King in appreciation of his service to the Club and his efforts in the establishment of a public park. A pathway was constructed at Heatherlie Homes. An avenue of 75 New Zealand Christmas trees were planted in Koroit Street west near the Showgrounds to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary International. These trees have been diligently cared for ever since by P.P. Ted Wilson. Participated in 3H program in conjunction with "The Year of the Child". Archie Graham was honoured as a Paul Harris Fellowship. Exchange student Marion Reid was selected by Club to go to New York State.

**1980-81**

**President D. F. Haynes**

Due to the initiative of P.P. Archie Graham an 80-year old elm tree in the Botanic Gardens was saved and surplus timber was used to make a seat and two tables for use in the Performing Arts Centre. A wishing well was constructed in "E.J. Johnson Park" at Lake Pertobe. Assistance was given with the Wangoom Recreation Reserve pavilion roof. Further works undertaken at Warrnambool Ability Industries included a mesh fence for the cost of \$1,150. In addition a donation was made to the facility of a Rota Trike for spina bifida children. The Victorian Boys Choir visit raised \$919.00.

**1981-82**

**President E. J. King**

The 9780 District Conference was held in Warrnambool with more than 1,000 people in attendance. Rotary Foundation Scholar Ian Shimmin went to study

in England. Donations to charities totalled \$2,330, the major project being a donation of \$1,520 to the Warrnambool Base Hospital.

**1982-83**

**President A. E. Elliot**

The tragic Ash Wednesday Bushfires occurred in February 1983 and Rotarians assisted at working bees to clear debris from burnt-out properties to the east of Warrnambool. An amount of \$945 was donated for bushfire relief and the Club also donated a number of canteens of cutlery to fire victims.

**1983-84**

**President E. C. Wilson**

The District 9780 Conference was hosted in Warrnambool. 120 native trees were planted in Albert Park and a shelter was erected over a barbecue at Surfside One Caravan Park. Support was given by the Club to I.P.A.C. (Indian eye camps), Schools for the Blind, S.E.A.L., Glenelg Family Services and Glenelg Foster Care. The Club continued to participate in the collection, from city businesses, of waste paper. Working bees were organised to load the waste paper on a semi-trailer and transport it to Melbourne.

**1984-85**

**President B. M. Williams**

The concept of a Diorama, to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of Victoria, was initiated at the Tourist Information Centre. This costly project was ongoing over several Rotary years and involved considerable voluntary work, including the partners of Rotarians. A particular feature was the carving of wooden figures and the superstructure of the boat by Bill Breen, father-in-law of Rtn. Jim Dwyer. Other projects included the construction of a ticket box at the showgrounds and a community blood pressure test program. The I.P.A.C. Project made the restoration of the sight of 85 blind Indians. Presentation of a 'Pride of Workmanship Award' was made to Mrs Betty Rodda, Yalundah Day Training Centre and Ken Lawn, Dualware Industries. A barbeque was held at the Caravan Park to thank all paper boys and girls, Bluelight Disco assistance was also given. Catherine Johnson and Carolyn Gunn attended the Rotary National Science Summer School in Canberra.

**1985-86**

**President L. L. Mogg**

Projects during the year included the staffing the Hampden Football League gates to raise funds. The Diorama commenced at the Tourist Information Centre. Work on E J King Park continued. Other projects again included the Indian Eye Appeal through I.P.A.C. Paul Harris Fellowships were presented to Morrie Amooore and Aurthur Elliot. A 'Pride of Workmanship' award was presented to Bruce McInnes at Warrnambool Base Hospital and a Vocational Award to Elizabeth Lindsey to attend the Dingley Village Youth Industrial Seminar. The supply of table tennis tables and equipment for Freedom Zone

Youth Centre was organised to help continue their work with disadvantaged youth.

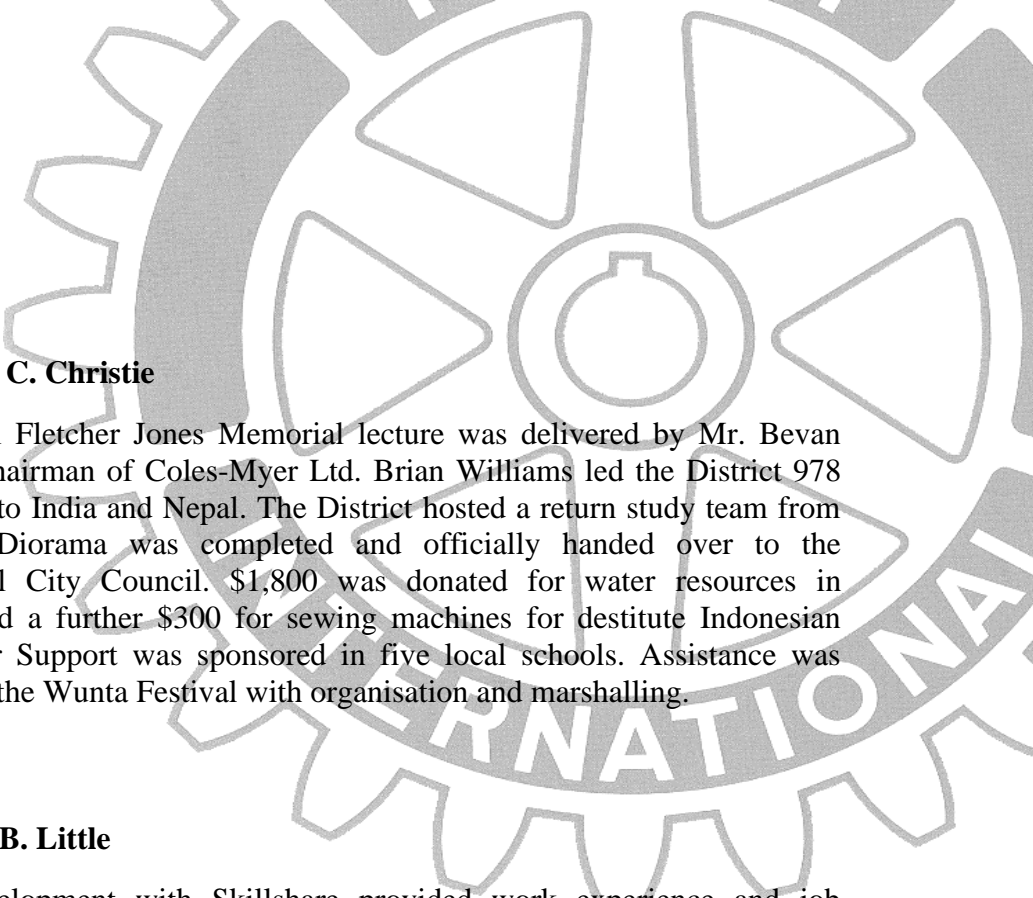
**1986-87**

**President J. G. Abraham**

Rotarians planted an avenue of Norfolk Island Pines behind Surfside 2 Caravan Park. A \$2,000 donation was made to furnish a room at the new Palliative Care Ward at the Warrnambool Base Hospital. Dean Turner was the National Science Summer School representative in Canberra. Simon McDowell went to the first Rotary International Music Exchange. Four students went to Camp Quality for cancer victims. A donation of a music system was made to the Warrnambool Youth Centre. 60 students arrived on the Youth Safari. Kaylene Johnson went to the R.Y.L.A. Seminar. Fund raising events included a Fashion Parade (\$2,000), Easter Raffle (\$1,500), Bus trip (\$800), Auctions (\$2,500) Dinners (\$1,100), Trash & Treasure (\$1,500). \$1,000 was donated to the City Council to purchase a piece of art in remembrance of Rotarian Sir Fletcher Jones. The Blood Testing Unit was staffed at the Warrnambool Show. Ray Hollingsworth went to the Solomon Islands, under F.A.I.M., to rebuild schools demolished by the Namu Cyclone. Apprentice of the Year was awarded to Matthew Aitken, a Tertiary Award to Michele Carmody. \$1,500 was donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Committee for a special bed.



President Ken Armstrong 1989-90,  
Past World President Royce Abbey



**1987-88**

**President D. C. Christie**

An inaugural Fletcher Jones Memorial lecture was delivered by Mr. Bevan Bradbury, Chairman of Coles-Myer Ltd. Brian Williams led the District 978 Study Team to India and Nepal. The District hosted a return study team from India. The Diorama was completed and officially handed over to the Warrnambool City Council. \$1,800 was donated for water resources in Indonesia and a further \$300 for sewing machines for destitute Indonesian women. Peer Support was sponsored in five local schools. Assistance was provided for the Wunta Festival with organisation and marshalling.

**1988-89**

**President J. B. Little**

A new Development with Skillshare provided work experience and job interview sessions for a number of groups. The Club played a major role with the Community Drug Awareness program. A Rotary truck was acquired for the collection of waste paper by Morrie Amore. The Club won an award for the Bulletin. Beach cleaning was introduced as a social fund raising exercise. An inaugural Dinner Auction raised over \$17,000 for distribution among Rotary projects. The Rotary Club was involved with the chartering of Warrnambool Central Rotary Club. Donations were made to the St Kilda Family Home, Don Bosco School in India and the Nelson Camp for disadvantaged. Planting of trees was undertaken along the foreshore. Rotarians were involved in the supervision for the Blue Light Disco, financial support was given for Arts For Kids, Christmas at Hall's Gap. Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded to Ted King, Ted Wilson and Irving Absalom.

**1989-90**

**President K. B. Armstrong**

A major project was the establishment of a new 2 bedroom flat at Brophy Boys' Home, financed with a \$15,000 grant obtained by Eric Williams from the Buckland Foundation. A donation of \$1,000 was made towards the cost of a sculpture by Robert Ullman at the Warrnambool breakwater to commemorate its' centenary. The Chaplaincy Appeal was supported, as was Warrnambool Eisteddfod, Rotary Scholarships, Glenelg Family and Glenelg Foster Care, Brucknell Camp, hospital visits to the elderly, Rotaract, the Blue Light Disco, National Science Summer School, Student Exchange, World Vision, 40 Hour Famine and the 60 and Over Christmas Treat. It was during Ken's year that the 60 year Anniversary of the Club was celebrated.

## **SUMMARY OF YEARS OF SERVICE**

### **1990-91 – 2004-5**

During the past fourteen and a half years the record of service by the Rotary Club has continued in various avenues. Both local and international commitment is witnessed in the following snippets from Annual Reports. A number of projects recur from year to year. The Senior Citizens Treat and the manning the Showgates are such projects and have proven successful either as a service to the community or as a source of funds for Rotary projects. Likewise in Vocational and Youth avenues of service the Club continues with proven beneficial activities such the Rural-Urban night and its yearly association with vocational, tertiary and apprenticeship awards. Some projects and activities overlap the Rotary year and may therefore be mentioned in successive Annual Reports.



#### **1990-91**

**President: Eric Williams**

**"Honour Rotary With Faith And Enthusiasm"**

No more significant step has been taken by the Rotary Club of Warrnambool than the decision to admit female members to the Club. As the years since have attested this was a progressive decision resulting in outstanding contributions to the Rotary Club from a succession of female Rotarians. The first female Rotarian was Sister Rose Glennen, then principal of St. Ann's College, now Emmanuel College through amalgamation with the Christian Brothers College.





John Reid paints the Albert Park fence

The Club mourned the passing of Jack Hazeldine, an exemplary Rotarian, Past President and Paul Harris Fellow. It was also a shock when Past President Dr. Reg Sobey died at a Rotary meeting.

A valuable community project was undertaken with great fellowship, when the Rotarians painted much of the extensive length of the Albert Park boundary fence.

The Club also contributed to tourism by conducting a “Hole-in-One” competition at the foreshore and a public viewing area was planned for the eastern rim of Tower Hill. Regular commitments required a large number of volunteer hours to man the gates of the Annual Agricultural Show, organise the Senior Citizens treat and collect large quantities of waste paper. Ladies of Rotary also worked hard to raise almost \$4,000 for Club projects. Hospital visitation continued due to the efforts of a number of Rotarians.

Financial assistance was provided for many and diverse projects and worthy organisations such as the Salvation Army, Base Hospital Bloodbank, Association for the Blind, as well as the Bangladesh Appeal, restoration of the Botanic Gardens fountain, construction of the Tower Hill viewing area, the Brophy House gardens and Rotary International projects.

A highlight was the visit to the Club by the Japanese Consul-General, Masa Kawase and Mrs Kawase. The Club continued to assist youth through the annual Student Exchange programme, Apprenticeship Award and a Vocational Service Award.

The Club was privileged to hear many competent guest speakers during the year. A provocative address was provided by John Halfpenny, Secretary of the Trades Hall Council.

## 1991-2

**President: Richard Hawker**

**"Look Beyond Yourself"**

A milestone was reached with Archie Graham attaining 50 years of service in Rotary and the Club suitably celebrated such an outstanding feat. Arch was a living monument to Rotary service.

Rotary began its contribution to what has continued as an exceptional community and youth service - the Camp Quality project. Designed to assist kids with cancer, a feasibility study began into the hosting of 150 persons and carers for a weekend.

The Club contributed \$7,000 toward a road safety exercise book for the Western District Road Safety Council. These were distributed to a wide range of premises. In conjunction with Warnambool police, a Courteous Driver Award was instigated and a number of members of the public received these awards.



Warnambool Rylarians (on right) Craig Little & Phoebe Adams edit the camp paper

The Club continued long-standing projects such the Senior Citizens Treat, Red Cross calling, Salvation Army 'Red Shield' Appeal and the manning of the Show Gates. Further assistance was provided for the local Association for the Blind.

The Club embarked on a Tree Planting scheme under the Preserve Planet Earth programme. Further assistance of \$2,500 was provided to the local hospital towards the cost of a heart-monitoring machine.

Continued assistance was provided for a variety of Youth projects including Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Programme for Enrichment (designed to assist younger students), Australian Science Summer School, Year 10 Science Seminar and the Lord Mayor's Portsea Camp for disadvantaged children. Operation Little Noah providing drug-related information was continued for a third year. A major initiative was the training of adult youth leaders in conjunction with the City Youth Advisory Board.

Regular programmes such as the Apprenticeship Award, Tertiary Award, Rural-Urban Night were continued plus a Pride of Workmanship Award. Student Exchange involvement continued with both an incoming and outgoing student. The Club participated in the hosting of 56 students on a Student Safari from Rotary Districts in N.S.W. The Club also participated in a joint Rotary Clubs welcome to a Rotary Group Study Exchange team from Kentucky.

**1992-93**

**President: Jim Dwyer**

**"Real Happiness is Helping Others"**

The Club received a Presidential Citation for Balanced Achievement from District Governor Jeff Binder.

Joy Conlin walked from Adelaide to Warrnambool, ably supported by Club members, to raise money for Camp Quality. The Club conducted the first holiday weekend for 100 children with cancer and their minders. The project was an excellent example of mutual support and fellowship between the Rotarians, partners, members of the public and the visitors.

Eric Williams organised a deputation of 37 members and partners to the International Convention of Rotary in Melbourne.

Outstanding Rotarian Arch Graham, Past President and Paul Harris Fellow passed away. It was a great loss to the Club. Few members of this Club could boast his record of service over 50 years. He was an inspiration to many past and current Rotarians.

Rotarians conducted a tree planting project in Albert Park. Assistance was also provided for the Warrnambool Eisteddfod, Great Australian Boat Race, Walk Against Want, and regular projects such as manning the Show Gates and paper collection continued. Other regular activities included assistance with high-profile appeals such as Salvation Army 'Red Shield' and Red Cross Calling.

The Club again participated in preparations for the Melbourne to Warrnambool cycling classic. A garage sale raised \$600. The painting of several rooms was carried out at the premises of the local Association for the Blind and \$4,000 was donated to the new Archie Graham Centre for various projects, tools and fittings.

Vocational service projects were undertaken including a Vocational Award, Rural-Urban Night, recognition of the Fire Fighting services, Apprenticeship Awards. Tertiary Awards were made to students from both Deakin University and T.A.F.E.

International projects continued with student exchange, Rotary Foundation projects, F.A.I.M. and I.P.A.C. Youth in the community were supported through R.Y.L.A. and R.Y.P.E.N., Sieman's Science Summer Schools, Lord Mayor's Portsea Camp, National Science Summer School and Edmund Rice Camps.

A Club History for the first 60 years of the Club was compiled and distributed as a supplement in the Warrnambool Standard.

**1993-94**

**President: Keith McLeod**

**"Believe In What You Do; Do What You Believe In"**

The Club won District Best Bulletin Award 1993-94. Past President Jim Dwyer was selected as Group Study Team leader to Germany.

Another successful Camp Quality was held in February for young cancer sufferers and was ably organised by Past President Richard Hawker. Financial support for the project was assured with funds raised by an Open Garden day and the walk from Adelaide to Warrnambool last Rotary year by Joy Conlin.

The major project was the highly successful Combined Rotary Clubs Dinner Auction which raised \$30,000 towards the St. John of God Hospital Building Appeal. Much planning was required by a specialist committee of Rotarians prior to the event. Other fund raising efforts including a Grand 50s Ball, manning Showgates, catering for functions, the Hole-in-One competition, assistance at a Drag Racing event and the ever reliable waste paper collection.

Rotary Foundation was supported by a donation of \$2,900. Ladies of Rotary also raised considerable sums which were donated to Camp Quality and the Bone Marrow Donor Institute.

The Annual Senior Citizens Concert was again a highlight of the Rotary year. Rotary also assisted with worthy appeals such as Red Cross Calling and the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. The Club also contributed to the Sydney Bushfire Appeal and sponsored a Rotarian in the Community Aid Abroad 'Walk against Want'. A parent-child Reading Tutor Programme was funded and financial assistance given to a local support group for Attention Deficit Disorder. A number of other local organisations were assisted including the Warrnambool Eisteddfod, Lifeline, Chaplaincy in Schools Appeal, Shrine of Remembrance Restoration Appeal and Scouting.

The Club continued to participate in the Student Exchange, Group Study and Ambassadorial Scholarship programmes and funds were donated to a suitable I.P.A.C. project in flood devastated India. The Club again assisted in Youth related programmes such as the C.R.A. National Science School, Siemen's Science School, R.Y.L.A., R.Y.P.E.N., Lord Mayor's Children Camp and the Edmund Rice Camp. Other Youth activities supported were the Peer Support programme in schools, a Youth Resource programme at T.A.F.E., Rotaract and a Youth Concert

**1994-95**

**President: Duncan Stalker**

**"Be A Friend"**

The inaugural Spring Garden Festival, organised in partnership with the Special Development School, was held. The project realised a profit of \$17,000.

A Rotary "District Information Service" provided publicity material in motels and tourist information centres. \$1,300 was donated to the Accident and Trauma Department of the Warrnambool Base Hospital plus a further \$4,225 to assist with the cost of a chapel at the complex. Another \$900 was allocated to assist with staff training at St. John of God Hospital. \$1,200 was allocated towards Drought Relief in northern NSW. \$1,500 was donated to the Shrine of Remembrance Restoration Appeal. The Club participated in the 'Bowel Scan' Project and \$600 was donated by the ladies to the Bone Marrow Organisation in Warrnambool.

Regular projects included the annual TAFE Apprenticeship Award and a Tertiary Award to a student of Deakin University. Vocational based programmes were supported through Job Talks, a tour of St. John of God Hospital was organised by Rotarian Sister Helena Lavelle. Other related activities included the annual Rural-Urban night at Koroit, Group Training, a Tertiary Award, an award to a TAFE student, participation in the National Employment Association programme in co-operation with other City Rotary Clubs, and the conducting of mock interviews at Brauer College.

Community programmes included the finding of a permanent home at Cheeseworld, Allansford for a restored vintage Ruston Hornsby engine. The Club continued its participation in the Senior Citizens Night, Walk against Want, Red Cross Calling and Red Shield Appeals. A further project was the construction of a gazebo at Albert Park over a two months period.

Our Club continued to support Student Exchange, and the Rotary Foundation and F.A.I.M. Continued participation in youth activities was an important feature of the year with the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, Lord Mayor's Camp, Siemen's Science Summer School and the Sunsmart Sandcastle Competition. R.Y.L.A. was again supported at a seminar in Camperdown.

## **1995-96**

**President: Graeme Ross**

**"Act With Integrity - Serve With Love - Work For Peace"**

The Club received a Presidential Citation from Rotary International for dedicated service in the Four Avenues of Rotary Service.

The Club continued to support Community activities such as the Warrnambool Eisteddfod and another week long Camp Quality for kids with cancer and their carers. A major activity was the Home, Garden and Craft Exhibition which realised a profit of \$21,000. A number of other activities included a BBQ breakfast at Flagstaff Hill for 300 BMW motorcycle riders, collection of native seeds at Tower Hill for planting, assistance with the gates and catering at the Historical Vehicle Club display, manning the Agricultural Show gates, and the Senior Citizens concert. A donation of \$2,500 was given to the Surf Life Saving Club to build an observation tower at the Warrnambool main beach. Again the Club funds gained from the success of the Hole in One competition.

The Club also provided volunteer collectors for Red Cross Calling and the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. The Club catered at Acme Field days for a Veal Promotion Programme. The Club also built an Initiative Obstacle Course at Brucknell Scout Camp. Further funds were raised by the sale of ranunculi bulbs, assistance at a meeting of the Historical Vehicle Club and the collection of waste paper. The partners of Rotarians donated \$1,000 to the Palliative Care Unit at the Base Hospital.

The Club attempted to obtain funding for a project in Bangladesh and several children were sponsored, through the Salvation Army, in a Third World country. An exchange student was sent overseas and the Club hosted several Japanese from Osaka Women's Junior College. A Group Study Team from USA was hosted.

Continued participation of the Club in vocational projects involved the Rural-Urban night at Wangoom, a Tertiary Award to a Deakin student, a R.Y.L.A. seminar at Kangarooobi, a Pride of Workmanship Award, the Apprenticeship Award at TAFE and a Vocational Service Award.

#### **1996-97**

**President: Brian Trenery**

#### **"Build The Future - With Action And Vision"**

A major project for the year was an allocation of \$8,000 plus supporting working bees of Rotarians, to establish and landscape the gardens surrounding the new dementia hostel at Lyndoch. A project of the Warrnambool Rotary Clubs was the setting up of a Joint Youth Committee designed to identify problems of youth and to develop assistance strategies.

Several Rotarians celebrated long service with the Club - Ron Rauert and John Reid with 40 years of service. A special presentation was made to Rotarian Sep Morse for 50 years as a Rotarian. The Club received the award for the Best Bulletin in District 9780.

To facilitate Youth Exchange a special committee was established. An incoming student from USA was hosted by the Club. The necessary procedures were undertaken for an outgoing exchange student. A Group Study Team to Thailand was selected including several men from Warrnambool. The Club again participated in the "Homestay" programme whereunder Japanese university students were hosted whilst participating in research programmes.

An international project involved an allocation to the Tigray community in Ethiopia sponsored by Community Aid Abroad. The project was designed to assist with food production. A number of books were sent to Thai Teachers Colleges as a contribution to international understanding and the teaching of English. A health worker from Papua-New Guinea was hosted in a project in conjunction with other City Rotary Clubs and the Warrnambool Base Hospital.

The Club again assisted the community through its annual Senior Citizens concert and supported the Agricultural Society by again providing many voluntary man-hours on the gates at the annual Agricultural Show. The Home



and Garden Festival involved a great amount of organisation and raised \$20,000 for Club projects. Youth were assisted through the usual programmes of the C.R.A. National Science Forum in Canberra, the Lord Mayor's Portsea Camp, R.Y.P.E.N. and a R.Y.L.A. seminar at Princetown. The Club also facilitated a visit to 'Quamby East' at Woolsthorpe by international Deakin University students to see the kangaroos and witness a shearing demonstration. The usual TAFE Apprenticeship and Deakin University Tertiary Awards were made to deserving recipients.

## **1997-98**

**President: John Harris**

**"Show Rotary Cares"**

The first Goods and Services Auction was organised to replace the Home and Garden Expo and raised \$12,500. Much time and work was required to co-ordinate the donation of goods and services by Warrnambool businesses and others.

It was a sad time for district Rotary when PDG Ellis Bickley died. Another stalwart of Rotary Leo Turner also passed away.

A number of small community projects reflected the interest of the Rotary Club in assisting the local community in diverse ways. A tree planting project took place at the Guide Hall in Manifold Street and 20 Notice Boards were made by John Reid for erection at St. John of God Hospital.

Assistance was provided for the Meals on Wheels service, an early initiative of Warrnambool Rotary Club. Waste paper collection continued due to the hard work of a number of Rotarians. As in previous years the Club again assisted in erecting and dismantling the crowd barriers for the Melbourne to Warrnambool Annual Cycle Road Race.

A garage sale organised by Eric Williams raised nearly \$1,000. An amount of \$975 was donated to the Palliative Care Unit at the Base Hospital. Again much work, particularly by the partners of Rotarians, went into the smooth running of the Senior Citizens concert. Likewise a lot of planning and Club support was required for the manning of the Agricultural Showgates.

Past President Ron Rauert, as he has for many years, continued his sterling efforts by selling many Christmas Puddings and \$1,000 was raised with our Club's assistance at the Historical Vehicle Display held at Lake Pertobe. Assistance was provided at barbecues at the Family New Years Eve function at Flagstaff Hill. Rotarians raised \$600 by assisting at a fishing competition at the breakwater. Our assistance at a Wunta weekend barbecue raised \$650 towards Palliative Care. The Club participated with the donation of more than eighty cuddly toys for distribution to children under 'Project Cuddly' by local police. The Club again assisted with collectors at the Red Cross and Red Shield Appeals.

The Club participated again in well-established International projects such as Student Exchange and Group Study, one such team being led to USA by Past President Brian Trenery. A visiting American team was hosted as part of its tour of the District. Contact was made with the Helena Goldie Hospital in the

Solomon Islands and \$750 donated for essential medical equipment. The Club provided sponsorship to several children, one in Bangladesh and the other in Indonesia.

The Vocational avenue of service was maintained through involvement in Youth Employment, Vocational Service Month, Job talks, Mock Interviews at Brauer College, Rural-Urban night at Bushfield, Pride of Workmanship Award, plus the Tertiary Award for a Deakin student and Apprenticeship Awards for students at South-West Institute of TAFE.

The Club also gave some priority to Youth projects and maintained its association of previous years with Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment or R.Y.P.E.N., Canberra Youth Forum and the Sieman's Science Summer School. More children were sponsored to the Lord Mayor's Portsea Camp. Through the recently established Warrnambool Youth Committee support was given to a Youth Life Line in Warrnambool and the planning for a Warrnambool Youth Centre with a commitment of \$5,000.

## **1998-99**

**President: Michael Boyd**

**"Follow Your Rotary Dream"**

The year saw 2,970 hours of community service with 25 different projects supported by the Club. Particular satisfaction was gained through the provision by the Club of a Camp Quality accommodation unit at Surfside Park. It had been the dream of some Rotarians for years that an on-site cabin be available for use by families associated with Camp Quality. Thanks are due to Past President Richard Hawker for initiating this facility.

The Club received the 1998-99 Presidential Citation for achievements in each of the Four Avenues of Service.

The Club again participated in the 'Old Faithfulls'; namely the manning of the Warrnambool Showgates, the organisation of the ever-growing Senior Citizens Concert, the continued collection of waste paper by a few dedicated Rotarians, and the support with volunteers for the Red Cross Calling and the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeals. We also participated in the Melbourne to Warrnambool Bike race preparations with the erection and removal of crowd barriers. The Club also assisted the Vintage Car Club.

New projects during the year included the Red Cross Blood Bank Challenge, the History Walk brochures for tours of Warrnambool cemetery, a Family New Years Eve party at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, a repaint of a lengthy section of the boundary fence at Albert Park, assistance at a children's fun activity at the Wunta Festival and the relocation of residents and belongings from the former Corio Nursing Home to the new Moran Health Services Nursing Home near Gateway Plaza.

The Club was inundated with donations of soft cuddly toys for distribution by police to children in stressful situations under 'Project Cuddly'. In conjunction with Brophy Youth and Family Services funding was obtained to set up a 'Streetwork Programme'. Under this scheme \$4,500 was received. We were

the only Rotary Club in the District to secure such funding from a Rotary Trust. Early investigations were made about the feasibility of a Steam Engine and Tourist Railway at Flagstaff Hill. A Rotary Ball was organised to raise funds to those ravaged by a tidal wave in Papua New Guinea.

The Goods and Services Auction was again conducted as the major Club fundraiser and realised \$22,000. As he has done for years, Past President Ron Rauert successfully sold a large number of Christmas puddings. Such year after year of voluntary activity, including donning the Santa Claus gear, represents the essence of Rotary service.



The Club again participated in the key areas of International service through its association with International Youth Exchange. Group Study Exchange saw a Warrnambool woman selected in the team to go to France. Information was provided about the Rotary Foundation by guest speakers and video. Funds were allocated to Boroka Vocational School in New Guinea for tool kits for graduates to take back to their villages. The Club

raised funds through the “vacuum flask” to help fund for the valuable reconstruction work of surgeons and their teams under Interplast. \$1,000 was allocated by the Club for this worthy project.

The Club again participated in a project whereunder students from Osaka Womens Junior College in Japan were hosted. Closer ties were established with international students at Deakin University and eleven students visited the Club and briefly addressed the Rotarians.

The Vocational Avenue of service was maintained during the year with more job talks, the Rural-Urban night at Allansford, an Employment Agency night, a Vocational Service Award and participation in the Annual Apprenticeship Award night at TAFE, the Award being worth \$1,000. Several Year 10 students were hosted by the Rotary Club of Dingley where they were exposed to a range of vocations not necessarily available in a rural area.

The Club has maintained a commitment to youth through participation in R.Y.P.E.N. and several students attended a seminar in Mt. Gambier. A working bee was organised to complete painting at Sherbrooke River Guide

Camp. Arrangements were made for young people to visit various businesses to obtain insight about possible future careers. Support was given to the Tararer Concert by supervising parking at the Killarney Reserve. A nominee was sent to the R.Y.L.A. seminar in Beaufort that aimed at developing leadership potential within the young persons attending.

## **1999 -2000**

**President: Anne Adams**

### **“Act With Consistency, Credibility, and Continuity”**

The Club celebrated 70 years of Rotary service. This provided the opportunity to revisit our history and recognize Past Presidents as guests at a special evening addressed by Rotarian Jack Melbourne, President of the Rotary Club of Melbourne - our founding Club.

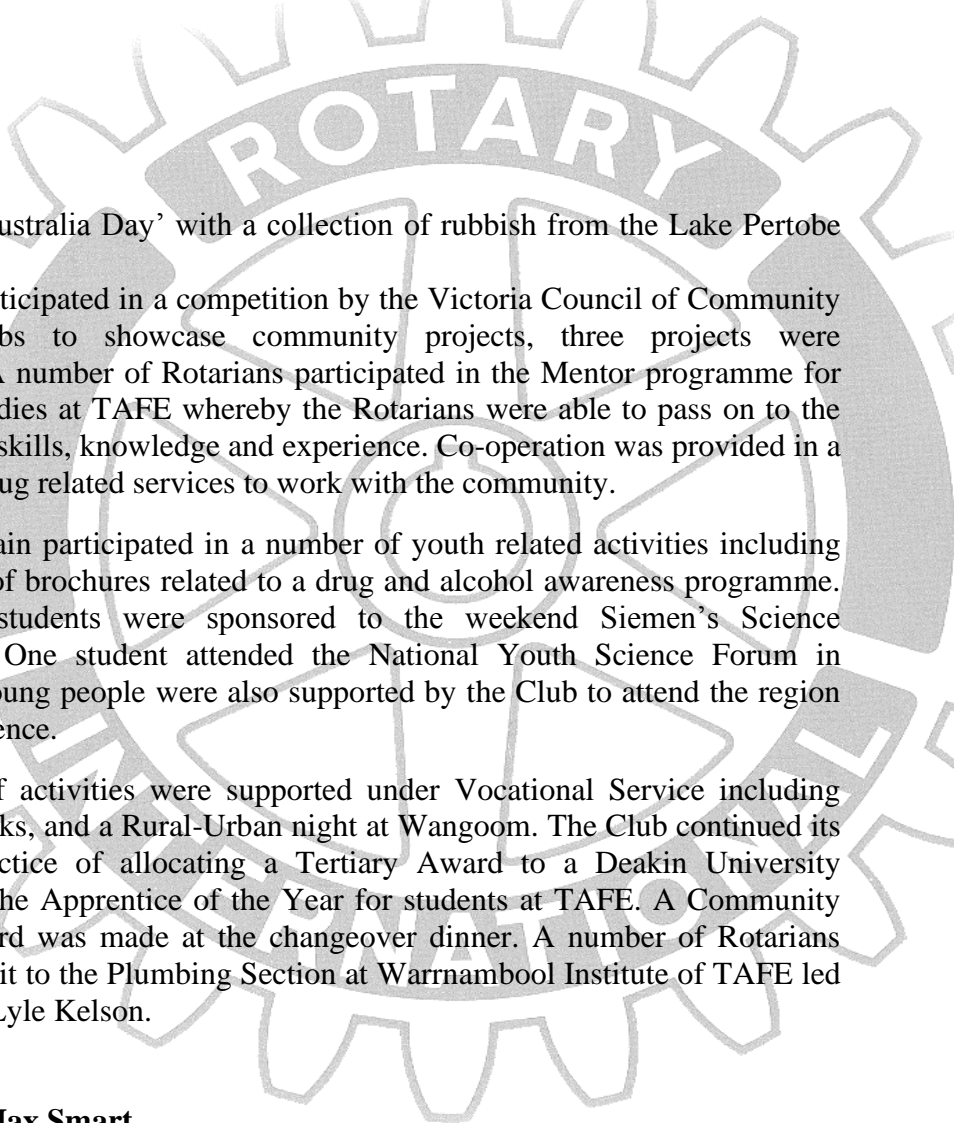
The ‘Streetworx’ programme, in conjunction with Brophy Family and Youth Services, was started and focussed on ‘at risk’ and homeless youth in the city. As mentioned in the preceding report a grant of \$4,500 was received for this programme. The official opening took place of the Rotary Accommodation Unit at Surfside caravan park, for families associated with Camp Quality.

Another Goods and Services Dinner Auction was organized; a profit in excess of \$16,000 was realized. This money greatly assisted the Board in its decisions about projects to be undertaken. The Club staged a Wunta Fiesta Variety Concert although the attendance at the function was disappointing.

The Club again became involved in a number of International Service programmes including Student Exchange with both outgoing and incoming student. An Argentinian Group Study Exchange team was hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Warrnambool. The Club also nominated an applicant for an Ambassadorial Scholarship. \$1,000 was donated to “Donations in Kind” Overseas Projects under the auspices of Rotary Foundation. Another \$1,000 was donated to the Interplast programme in Third World countries. A Rotary meeting was held at Deakin University with international students and some academic staff as guests.

A very busy year for the Club was experienced in the avenue of Community Service. The ‘Old Faithfulls’ of manning the Showgates, Senior Citizens concert, waste paper collection, assistance with major appeals by Red Cross and the Salvation Army and other projects were continued. A number of new projects were initiated such as the Wunta Fiesta Variety Concert. Another project was a link with the Rotary Club of Alice Springs to try and preserve twin ghost gums in the Northern Territory that were the subject of paintings by Albert Namatjira. The Club became involved in a project associated with the ANZ Bank whereby redundant computers could be provided for less fortunate kids. A shade panel was provided at Nullawarre School with financial assistance of \$600 and assistance with its erection.

The Club, in conjunction with Warrnambool East Rotary Club participated again in the New Years Eve family function at Flagstaff Hill. Another Rotary Ball was organised to raise funds for Rotary projects. The Club also assisted in



‘Clean Up Australia Day’ with a collection of rubbish from the Lake Pertobe picnic area.

The Club participated in a competition by the Victoria Council of Community Service Clubs to showcase community projects, three projects were nominated. A number of Rotarians participated in the Mentor programme for Business Studies at TAFE whereby the Rotarians were able to pass on to the students any skills, knowledge and experience. Co-operation was provided in a project for drug related services to work with the community.

The Club again participated in a number of youth related activities including the printing of brochures related to a drug and alcohol awareness programme. Nine local students were sponsored to the weekend Siemen’s Science Programme. One student attended the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. Young people were also supported by the Club to attend the region youth conference.

A number of activities were supported under Vocational Service including more Job Talks, and a Rural-Urban night at Wangoom. The Club continued its previous practice of allocating a Tertiary Award to a Deakin University student and the Apprentice of the Year for students at TAFE. A Community Service Award was made at the changeover dinner. A number of Rotarians enjoyed a visit to the Plumbing Section at Warrnambool Institute of TAFE led by Rotarian Lyle Kelson.

#### **2000-2001**

**President: Max Smart**

#### **“Create Awareness – Take Action”**

The Club was involved in a long list of activities under Community Service - sometimes described as ‘The Heartbeat of Rotary’. One such project provided 500 Emergency Medical Information Books prepared in conjunction with the Ambulance Service. The Club began what has become a continuing project, ‘Adopt A Highway’ provides a periodical clean-up of litter from a section of the Princes Highway east of Warrnambool. A large notice board was made for the bird hide at Lake Pertobe and another sign was provided for the Rotary BBQ at Lake Pertobe. A freezer was purchased for storage of food by Anglicare Warrnambool and refrigeration was purchased for S.W. District Scouts. The Club participated in a pilot project to purchase calico bags to be sold at supermarkets to replace environmentally unsafe plastic bags. Support was given to the ‘John Flynn Scholar Scholarship’ with a four year commitment to encourage future doctors and associated staff to seek opportunities in the country. The Club contributed to the ‘Teenage Suicide’ programme and organized accommodation for second-year medical students at Southwest Healthcare. Further the Club gave a four-year commitment to encourage future doctors to seek employment in rural areas. Assistance was provided for the Warrnambool Business Advisory Board.

Another successful Rotary Goods and Services Auction was organised by a dedicated group of Rotarians.

One significant project was the successful organisation and running of a Camp Quality weekend where 8 families with 18 children were hosted. Panmure Primary School provided entertainment for the weekend. Camp Quality again benefited from the proceeds of the Warrnambool Historical Vehicle Club display at Lake Pertobe where Rotary manned the entrances and cooked a BBQ. Carols on the Merri also provided \$2,200 towards the Camp Quality project. The Camp Quality Cabin at the foreshore park has accommodated 36 families including 18 children.

The Club again participated with volunteers to plant trees or provide meals under the '440,000 Trees' project. Over 400 volunteers took part in this worthy Landcare Programme. The Club received a District 9780 Public Relations Award at District Conference for its association with the Landcare project.

Youth Service activities again formed an important feature of Club activities with participation in R.Y.P.E.N., also a R.Y.L.A. seminar. More students attended the Siemen's Science Experience and a student attended the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. One local student was supported to attend an International Forum in South Africa. For the first time the Club participated in the Warrnambool City Council's Youth Achiever's Award. The Club hosted the District 9780 Youth Exchange weekend.

A Group Study Team from South Africa was hosted and a Rotary meeting was again held at Deakin University at which international students were guests of the Club. A major international project in which our Club participated was a F.A.I.M. team to Ba, Fiji. A number of our Rotarians and partners spent ten days building a mud brick house and prepared the site for additional houses. The Club also contributed towards the cost of a R.O.M.A.C. project to bring a baby girl from Mauritius to Perth for surgery. The "vacuum flask" contributions supported Interplast and \$2,000 was contributed to this programme. Under the student exchange programme a student returned home whilst an incoming international student arrived from Canada. Another outgoing student left for Mexico early in 2002.

## **2001-2002**

**President: John Stuckey**

**"Mankind is our business"**

A new and very effective project in Community Service was our Club's heavy involvement in the '440,000 Trees' scheme. Our member actively participated in the planting of thousands of trees along waterways and on private land. Some Rotarians took responsibility for catering for the large number of visitor planters. This project continued into a later Rotary year and has transformed the rural landscape in our region.

The present-day Rotary Club becomes involved in many and varied activities. Unlike the earlier years, it is not uncommon for the Club to participate in several dozen projects. The Club continued previous essential community projects such as erecting and dismantling the crowd barriers for the Melbourne to Warrnambool Bike Race, manned the Showgates, organising the Senior



Citizens Concert, assisting the Eisteddfod, providing collectors for major Appeals and also supported a number of other minor projects. Again P.P. Ron Rauert continued to raise valuable income from the sale of several hundred Christmas Puddings. Others have sold Christmas cards to raise funds for the Australian Rotary Health and Research Fund. The Club again assisted Camp Quality. Support was also given to the Lions Club time capsule at the new Aqua Zone.

With three other city Rotary Clubs the Club became involved in raising funds over four years for a major redevelopment project at Lyndoch Home for the Aged. The Club also donated \$2,800 to the S.E.S. to purchase hand-held radios and made a donation to Southwest Healthcare to purchase children's play equipment for the Casualty Department of the hospital. The Club was involved in assisting a John Flynn Scholar at Southwest Healthcare. The Club donated a projector to W.R.A.D.D. to be used in training staff and schools about the dangers of drug abuse.

A new project was the inaugural Easter Fair on Swan Reserve. The Club was grateful for a City Council grant to assist with this project which will grow in succeeding years as the community becomes better aware of its value.

Involvement with youth continued with attendance at the Siemen's Science Experience, the National Youth Science Forum and the City Youth Achiever of the Year Awards. The Vocational avenue of service was involved in Vocational Awareness talks, Vocational Awards, Career development, Vocation at Work - working with retirees, and in addressing drug, alcohol and literacy problems through co-operation with W.R.A.D. Some involvement was had with raising concern on ethical issues facing the workforce, including environmental degradation.

In International Service the Club shared the hosting of the Group Study Team from Norway. Past President Duncan Stalker was selected as Team Leader for a GSE team to visit Norway. Another GSE team was hosted from the Philippines and a Warrnambool applicant was selected on a return GSE visit to the Philippines. Further participation by the Club continued with an outgoing students to Mexico and a student return from Japan. Another BBQ Rotary meeting was held at Deakin University to host international students. A tertiary award was made to a number of Deakin University students. Several representatives of our Club teamed with Stawell Rotary Club in a FAIM team to Fiji.

## **2002-2003**

**President: Dedy Friebe**

**"Sow The Seeds Of Love"**

The Club followed up Polio Plus, a major Rotary International project in the 1980s, by making a contribution of \$3,665 to the Polio Eradication program during the year. An additional \$3,000 was sent to the Rotary Foundation through the 'Centurion' scheme. A weekly collection for Interplast continued. Mr Ian Holten, a plastic surgeon associated with the project, addressed the Club.

Again, as with recent years, the Club has been associated, in a major or minor role, with an impressive list of more than three dozen community projects including many which have been a feature of Club activities for many years and have been listed earlier. These include the Senior Citizens concert, manning the Showgates, waste paper collection and assistance at the Vintage Car Club Display. A few of the many other projects assisted were 'Fun For Kids', 'Adopt a Highway', a BBQ at Harvey Norman, a promotional stand at the Show, the Wendy Lawson Appeal, cooking meals at the Lyndoch barbecue, a donation of hay, the Fire Victims Help Fund, a Guide Dogs donation, assistance at the Probus Conference, the Angus Trichter Appeal, gatekeepers at the Tararer Concert, assistance at Friends of the Botanic Gardens Fair and \$7,200 from combined Rotary Clubs for Lyndoch redevelopment. The Easter Fair realized a substantial profit due to its relocation to the Foreshore whilst providing Rotarians and their families with an opportunity for fellowship.

A number of Rotarians and partners attended the Rotary International Convention in Brisbane.

Further involvement occurred in Youth service with R.Y.L.A. and the National Youth Science Forum also the City Overall Youth Achiever of the Year. An outbound student left for Canada and another student elected to visit Denmark. Our inbound student returned to Sweden and a new inbound student from Denmark has been a great ambassador for her country. Another BBQ night at Deakin allowed interaction with international students at the university campus. The Club also assisted as voluntary door-keepers at the 'Fun for Kids' festival

Again the Club made an valuable contribution to Camp Quality by ensuring the on-site cabin at the foreshore was satisfactorily maintained. More participation took place in the Rotary Blood Bank Challenge. The Club took an active part, through participation in the 'Relay for Life', in a fund-raiser at Deakin University for cancer research. As has been the case for many preceding years a Rotarian was sponsored in the 'Walk Against Want' fund-raiser and also the 'Murray to Moyne' cycle event.

Career development, vocational awareness and Vocational Awards have been highlights of Vocational Service during the year. Another successful Rural-Urban night was held, this year at Panmure.

## **2003-2004**

**President: Geoff Williams**

**"Lend A Hand"**

A highlight of the Rotary Year was a visit to India by President Geoff and his wife Kate to participate in the National Immunization Day for polio prevention, under the auspices of Rotary International it is a worldwide programme to eliminate polio.

The Club contributed \$600 to provide mosquito nets and a further \$600 to provide school desks to Kiamandia in Papua New Guinea. Each month the Club toasts an international Rotary Club. A combined welcome was given to a

G.S.E.Team from England. \$1,750 was donated to Interplast and will support a medical team to Vanuatu.

As in recent Rotary years, the Club again had a busy year in Community Service activities. Another successful Dinner Auction was staged with outstanding work by the organising Committee; the final profit being \$17,000. The Club also participated in Rainbow Day to assist prevent youth suicide. Again much organisation went into manning the Showgates and staging the Senior Citizens Concert. Because it was the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Agricultural Society Show and the extension of the Show to the Friendly Societies Park additional work was involved in manning extra gates.

The Club in conjunction with other City Rotary Clubs participated in the planting of trees and the erection of protective fences at Logan's Beach Carpark. This project was an activity to commemorate the approaching Centenary of Rotary International. The project was financially assisted with a grant of \$3,000 from the G.M. & E.J. Jones Foundation. The Club again erected and dismantled barricades for the Melbourne to Warrnambool Road Race.

Club funds again benefited from members acting as gatekeepers and barbecue hands at the Historical Car Display, the \$4,000 profit going to Camp Quality. Lorraine Sharrock was the recipient of the Club's Community Service Award. Other Community Service Projects including the Relay for Life raising \$1,000 for cancer research, manning Panmure race gates, Red Cross and Red Shield Appeals, the Walk Against Want, the Murray to Moyne Bike Ride and the Warrnambool Eisteddfod. Another Easter festival was organised resulting in \$7,000 being raised.

The Club participated in a number of activities related to youth with two young people attending the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra and six students from Emmanuel College attending the Siemen's Science School. A nominee attended a R.Y.L.A. camp and volunteers helped at the R.Y.P.E.N. camp in Port Fairy. The Club supported the Junior Fire Brigades Championships.

Vocational Service was recognized with participation in a number of activities. There was continuing association with the TAFE Apprenticeship of the Year Awards, "My Job" talks, another Rural-Urban Night, career development and mock interviews at Brauer College.

## **SOME MAJOR PROJECTS OF OUR CLUB**

During the course of the past 75 years the Rotary Club of Warrnambool has, in a voluntary capacity, produced many “icons” or “jewels” which have been woven into the fabric of the community making for a better life in the City of Warrnambool.

It has been the object of Rotary, using the diverse vocations of its members, to seek out new projects, find the money, set up an initial management and get the projects operating successfully before handing over responsibility to a local organisation or group. The following projects are listed and are not necessarily in order of their respective importance:

### **Senior Citizens Christmas Treat**



Since 1932, in December each year, the senior citizens of Warrnambool have, in the former Town Hall complex, now the Warrnambool

Entertainment Centre, enjoyed a pre-Christmas Treat as guests of the Rotary Club. The function has taken the form of a special concert

featuring items by Rotarians, local artists and groups, followed by a sumptuous sit-down supper. Senior citizens are transported to the event by Rotarians and later returned to their homes. This event has continued, even throughout the war years, for 73 years.

### **Meals on Wheels**

In 1964 -5, whilst Bruce Rogers was President, Rotarian Stewart Lindsay formed an inaugural Committee to negotiate with the then Department of Health, the City Council and Senior Citizens' Committee, to form a Meals on Wheels Service in Warrnambool. The then Mayor, Cr.R.Mitchell, called a public meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1965, to form an operating Committee under the chairmanship of Cr. P. O'Sullivan with the service commencing on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1965.

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool donated 40 special double-meal containers at a cost of £290 and agreed to subsidize all meals for six months. Meals were prepared at the Base Hospital at a cost of 35 cents for two courses and 40 cents for three courses. Sixty-eight volunteer drivers delivered meals to recipients for five days a week during the first year.

## E.J.King Park



Left to Right: Geoff. Betts D.G. District 9780, Ted King Rtn., Mayor & Rtn. Bob Barham, Clem Renouf R.I. President, Ken Sutherland P.P. 78-79, Morrie Amoore President Warnambool 79-80.

This recreational park situated in Simpson Street East Warnambool above the Hopkins River was officially opened in 1979-80 by Past World Rotary International President Clem Renouf of Nambour, Queensland.

The area of land forming the park was developed by a series of Rotary Club working bees under the direction of Rotarian E.J.(Ted) King. The project commenced in 1977. Ted received approval from the City Council to develop this area of Crown Land controlled by the Council. Incidentally, Rotarian Ted has not missed a Rotary meeting since joining the Club in 1961.

Work comprised the clearance of builders rubble and sandstone from the demolition of Hopkins House, rotary hoeing and seeding plus landscaping and planting of ornamental garden lots.

### Ted King's Hole in One

Ted conducted a Hole in One golf competition at Lady Bay from Boxing Day each year through to January for thirteen years. He built up interesting statistics namely; Total Fees \$23,000, paid out prizes for 13 Holes in One and lost about 500 golf balls each year. The project closed when the City Council developed a Youth Skating Ramp on the site.

## Sheltered Workshop



The idea of creating a Sheltered Workshop, for disabled people to be gainfully employed on a regular basis was first mooted by Past President Dr. Reg Sobey who, in President J.M. Crothers year in 1971-2, convened a public meeting in the Town Hall to form the inaugural committee and install office-bearers. Dr. Sobey became the inaugural President, Ken Armstrong Secretary and Eric Williams was Treasurer of the Workshop.

In 1972 a Supervisor was hired and a small pilot workshop opened at the Council Chambers (since demolished) at the rear of the former Town Hall.

Negotiations ensued in 1973 for purchase of the present workshop in Albert Street, West Warrnambool Industrial Estate. Ccomprising a factory building on 2 acres and security fencing for \$30,000 the purchase was secured. The following citizens lent \$10,000 interest-free with the balance from the ANZ Bank. They were: J. R. Adams, Mrs. A. Askew, Mr. I. Askew, W. S. & L. C. Brodie, H. E. Cain, J. M. Crothers, W. S. Crowe, J. Hazeldine, Miss G. J. Jones,.A. L. Lane, K. R. Parker, Mrs. J. O. Tait, W. R. Uebergang and Mrs. Rita Williams.

From here on the Workshop grew rapidly under experienced management expanding into manufactured items and a large nursery was created on the one acre of surplus land.

Following the untimely death of the founder Dr. Reg Sobey the Workshop, operating under the name of Ability Industries, was taken over by the Yooralla Society of Victoria and renamed Dualware

The property was sold to the Victorian Government for \$30,000 and loans were repaid. In 1998 the Workshop began operating under the name of Wannon Metal Designs under the control of Yalundah which, in 2000 changed its name to Vantage Incorporated presently based in Warrnambool at 128 Fairy Street.

## Diorama



Diorama – Arrival at Lady Bay  
Port of Warrnambool – 1858-63

The Diorama is a miniature three-dimensional scene depicting an English family of four. Taken from an early lithograph of Lady Bay the family, Captain and crew, are represented on the deck of a three-masted top-sail schooner, typical of the coastal vessels which carried cargo and passengers,



including migrants, from Melbourne to regional ports. In the Diorama various ships are anchored in Lady Bay and the lighthouses on both Little Island and Middle Island are operating.

This project of the Club, was possibly the most complex and costly exercise ever undertaken . It began in 1984 when the Florado Festival (Flower festival) was discontinued and the Directors, Mr. & Mrs D. G. Collins decreed that funds of \$4,500 remaining from Florado were to be used to create an historical Diorama about Lady Bay about a century ago. Negotiations between the City Council and the Club began in 1984 with a view to creating a new wing on the Tourist Information Centre to house the proposed diorama.

The drawn out construction phase continued throughout President Brian Williams year 1984 -5 until the late David Christie's year 1987-88. The total cost was estimated to be in excess of \$40,000. As can be seen in the accompanying photograph the beautiful hand-crafted deck, wheel and compass, etc. was constructed at one-quarter scale by Mr. Bill Breen. Ladies of Rotary made the sails and ropes, also the clothing for the figures. Many thousands of man-hours went into the project.

It is unfortunate that the transfer of the Tourist Information centre to Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village caused the diorama to be dismantled by the City Council and placed in storage at Flagstaff Hill.

### **Waste Paper Collection**



Loading semi-trailer for Melbourne from Rotary Paper Truck

driven by Morrie Amoores.

With the advent of recycling in the 1950s, the Rotary Club decided to embark on a waste paper collection from the public. The method adopted was to circularise the city and Dennington by letter box drops with advertisements re the collection of paper, door to door on a monthly basis. Bulk paper was stored at the rear of Alderdice Brass Foundry for on-loading to Melbourne.

This developed to waste paper being obtained from some newsagents and convenience shops around the city. It was collected on a regular basis by Rotarians Morrie Amoores and Ted Wilson. The bulk collection depot later moved to the Warrnambool Agricultural Showgrounds where a semi-trailer loads was regularly loaded by a working bee for quarterly despatch to Melbourne.

Over the years income of many thousands of dollars from the project has been allocated to Rotary Community projects. With the advent in recent years of the City Council weekly recycling collection, including paper, the waste paper collected by Rotary has been reduced to a small volume. It is collected under the guidance of Ted Wilson at whose property the paper is stored.

## **Adopt A Highway**

This Community service project was born out of the Clubs 'Clean Up Australia Day' in 2001. A number of Rotarians felt it would be a good idea to undertake a regular 'clean-up' as part of Vic. Roads' 'Adopt a Highway' campaign. Vic. Roads was duly contacted by the Board and new Rotarian Don Owen liaised with Vic. Roads and established the project. A section of the Princes Highway east of Warrnambool, between Selby Road and Rowans Road, was designated. The clean-up applied only to the outer verges and not the median strip.



Michael Boyd, Keith McLeod, Mary Fitzgerald, Brian Trenery, Tonia Mizzi

Vic Roads erected appropriate signage at either end of the two kilometre section to identify and acknowledge the involvement of the Rotary Club Commencing in February 2002 there were four working bees per annum. 2004 sees our third year of operation.

## **Warrnambool Agricultural Society – Manning Showgates**

In 1969 after a run of poor gate takings the Agricultural Society invited the Rotary Club of Warrnambool to take over management of its gates and control the receipt of admission proceeds to the annual Show.

Attendance by Rotarians was strictly voluntary with a percentage of the gate receipts being paid as commission by the Society to the Rotary Club to assist with Club projects. Over the past thirty-six years of operation the overall takings by the Club have escalated substantially to the complete satisfaction of the Agricultural Society.

Each year the drawing up the roster involves considerable organization. In recent years this arduous task has been capably performed by Rotarian John Beks. Manning of the four main entrances is required. Some fifty Rotarians, plus some partners and family, are required over the three day Show. As a consequence of the administration of the gates by the Rotary Club considerable improvement in efficiency and facilities have been achieved.



## **TITLE**

### **Camp Quality**

In 1992 under the direction of Past President Richard Hawker the Rotary Club established a close and valued association with the management of Camp Quality, the body charged with supporting 'kids with cancer'. The Club was privileged to organise three camps in Warrnambool, the first for a weekend and later a week-long camp. This involved a number of children plus their carers on a one for one basis. The third camp was called a 'cluster' camp and was held at Surfside One Camping Ground. It involved a large group of parents with children who had recently been diagnosed with cancer. Relationships were formed with like-minded people. Accommodation, full catering and entertainment including crafts were provided by the Rotary Club.

The involvement of most Rotarians plus partners was very well attended and proved a rewarding experience for all associated with the project. The Club received excellent support from the management of the Camping Ground and the Foreshore Committee of Management. Further support was forthcoming from the Warrnambool Vintage Car Club which to date has continued with financial support for Camp Quality.

Another significant project was the acquisition by the Club of permanent holiday accommodation located at the Surfside One Camping Area for the exclusive use of families of children with cancer. This facility has been available for the past six years during which period a small group of Rotarians and partners have been responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the residential unit.

Needless to say the Camp Quality organization is deeply embedded in the future aspirations of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool. Bearing in mind the implications of the legal aspects of privacy laws it is certain that the organization of future Camp Quality projects will differ from that of earlier Camps.

### **Warrnambool Eisteddfod**

In 1977 Past President Bruce Rogers envisaged an Eisteddfod in Warrnambool and worked very hard towards staging the inaugural City of Warrnambool Eisteddfod. In the first year 600 entries were received for the initial Eisteddfod. This figure has increased annually to 2004 when in excess of 6000 entries were received. Performers from varying age groups participate and gain much benefit by participation in their chosen category, be it instrumental, vocal, dancing, band, callisthenics, debating, speech and drama.

Competitors are drawn from local and district schools in addition to out of district schools in Hamilton, Colac, Ballarat and even the Melbourne metropolitan area. Entrants have the opportunity of being judged by highly qualified adjudicators who provide individual constructive criticism to all participants. The City of Warrnambool aria is a key event in each Eisteddfod.

A number of participants have gone on to become soloists in Australia and abroad.



Rtn. Iris Bickley, Founder P.P. Bruce Rogers and Nonie Smith

The Eisteddfod is conducted between May and August by a local Committee of volunteers, assisted by generous sponsors, including service clubs which render assistance to various categories. The Club assists as doorkeepers and provides financial assistance.

### **440,000 Trees - Three-Year Project**

This major environmental project represents an outstanding example of Rotary working through a three-year Landcare project with rural landholders to establish more than half a million native trees. The driving force for the project in our Club has been Past President Michael Boyd. The Club throughout the project used its capacity in a variety of roles – fundraising, encouragement of involvement by the urban community, tree planting and catering for all involved.

Our goals as a Rotary Club included primary objectives to:

Assist individual landowners to improve the tree cover of catchments at a faster rate than would be possible using their own resources;

Assist the Hopkins- Moyne Land Management and Farm Trees Group in co-ordinating rural landowners to provide land for the establishment of wildlife corridors on their properties using indigenous local species of trees and shrubs;

Attract the citizens of Warrnambool and elsewhere to volunteer to work with local Landcare groups to foster 440,000 trees between the Hopkins and Moyne rivers in South-west Victoria.

A summary of achievements by the project included 204 hectares of land removed from production by landholders and replanted to native vegetation, 201,900 seedlings planted and guarded, 233 km of direct-seeded native plants, 177km of protective fencing around plantations and 57km of waterways fenced on both sides and vegetated. In summary more than 500,000 new native plants (seedlings and seed planted) were established as a consequence of this project.

## Geodetic Cairn – Tower Hill



### TITLE

During 1970-71 when Ron Rauert was President, a Geodetic Cairn was erected on the highest point of the Tower Hill crater rim. A brass direction marker points out the distances to various cities within Australia and also places of interest. A plaque on the site records the starting point of the early Glider Club at Tower Hill. It also mentions early gliding by Sir Charles Kingsford Smith one of Australia's pioneer aviators. The project was opened by the then Premier of Victoria, Sir Rupert Hamer, on the same day the Natural History Centre at the Tower Hill Reserve commenced operation. A further lookout and carpark was established nearby on the Lake View Road

overlooking Warrnambool, its rich hinterland and the ocean by the Rotary Club. The Rotary emblem marks the site.



## PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARRNAMBOOL

1929-30	H.I. Holmes	1970-71	C.R. Rauert
1930-31	H.I. Holmes	1971-72	J.M. Crothers
1931-32	J. King	1972-73	J. Hazeldine
1932-33	R.H. Corrie	1973-74	W.H. Johnson
1933-34	R McE. Stott	1974-75	J.M. Reid
1934-35	H.E. Oakman	1975-76	A.L. Lane
1935-36	L.E. Whitney	1976-77	F.D. Billing
1936-37	G.H. Newnham	1977-78	A.J. Bowes
1937-38	H. Lord	1978-79	K. Sutherland
1938-39	D.F. Jones	1979-80	M.J. Amooore
1939-40	I.G. Ryan	1980-81	D.F. Haynes
1940-41	N.K. Morris	1981-82	E.J. King
1941-42	J.R. Richards	1982-83	A.E. Elliott
1942-43	W.H. Reed	1983-84	E.C. Wilson
1943-44	R.L. Paige	1984-85	B.M. Williams
1944-45	H.J. Worland	1985-86	L.L. Mogg
1945-46	H.T. Curnick	1986-87	J.G. Abraham
1946-47	A.H. McMillan	1987-88	D.C. Christie
1947-48	A. Graham	1988-89	J.B. Little
1948-49	H.C. Taylor	1989-90	K.B.
Armstrong			
1949-50	F.H. Ford	1990-91	E.F. Williams
1950-51	A.A. Grace	1991-92	R. Hawker
1951-52	W.J. Huffer	1992-93	J.M. Dwyer
1952-52	C.J. Hallowell	1993-94	K.A. McLeod
1953-54	T.A. Eastick (6mths)	1994-95	D. Stalker
	C.J. Hallowell(6 mths)	1995-96	G. Ross
1954-55	E.H. Kew	1996-97	B.J. Trenery
1955-56	D.R. Watson	1997-98	J.J. Harris
1956-57	H.A. Street	1998-99	M.D. Boyd
1957-58	R.J. Reeves	1999-00	W.
Anne.Adams			
1958-59	F.G. Bennett	2000-01	N.M. Smart
1959-60	H.W. Shilton	2001-02	D.J. Stuckey
1960-61	G. Maddocks	2002-03	D. Friebe
1961-62	K.F. Inglis	2003-04	G. Williams
1962-63	W.I. Holmes	2004-05	D. Richards
1963-64	H.C. Verey		
1964-65	B.R.Rogers		
1965-66	J.B.Norton		
1966-67	E.B.Turland		
1967-68	D.H.Dickson		
1968-69	R.R.Sobey		
1969-70	L.F.Reynolds		

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Undoubtedly the most important step to promote voluntary giving to the Rotary Foundation occurred in 1957 when the idea of Paul Harris Fellow recognition was first proposed. Although the concept of making US\$1,000 gifts to the Foundation was slow in developing by the early 1970s it began to gain popularity. The distinctive Paul Harris Fellow medallion, lapel pin and attractive certificate have become highly respected symbols of a substantial financial commitment to the Rotary Foundation by Rotarians and friends around the world. Those members of our Club who have been honoured as Paul Harris Fellows are:

1973-74	F.G. Bennett	1993-94	R. Hawker
1977-78	J.M. Crothers		E.F. Williams
1979-80	Arch Graham Jack Hazeldine	1994-95	A.J. Bowes K.B. Armstrong
1982-83	Irvine Absalom	1995-96	Ian Sharman
1983-84	Ellis Bickley		Leo Turner
1985-86	M.J. Amore A.E. Elliott	1996-97	D.H. Dickson J.G. Abraham
1989-99	E.J. King David Richards E.C. Wilson	1997-98	J.M. Dwyer
		1998-99	D.F. Haynes
1989-90	R.R. Sobey	1999-00	Duncan Stalker
1990-91	C.R. Rauert J.L. Douglas J. Reid	2000-01	J.J. Harris B.J. Trenery
		2002-03	J.M. Beks Tonia Mizzi
1991-92	K.A. McLeod		G. Ross
1992-93	Iris Bickley B.M. Williams	2003-4	Ian Armstrong

## **AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships Program is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. In 1947 18 "Rotary Fellows" from 11 countries were selected to serve as Ambassadors of Goodwill while studying for one academic year in another country. Since that time approximately US\$242 million has been expended on some 25,000 scholarships for people from more than 125 countries studying in 105 countries around the world.

The purpose of the Scholarships Program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through both informal and formal appearances before Rotary and non-Rotary groups.

Since the 1994 -95 program year the Rotary Foundation has offered two additional scholarships per academic year. The Multi - Year Ambassadorial Scholarship is awarded for two or three years of specific degree-oriented study abroad. The Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship provides three or six months of funding for intensive language study and cultural immersion in a language other than their native language.

## **AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS**

David Caple was the first recipient of the Rotary International Post Graduate Fellowship sponsored by the Warrnambool Rotary Club. These fellowships are awarded worldwide to fund study in other countries. David completed a Master of Science degree at Loughborough University, UK. during 1975 - 76. The Rotary Fellowship paid for all travelling, accommodation and university fees.

On returning to Australia, David completed a contract with the Victorian Education Department and then took up a position in Stockholm, Sweden for a year. After a period in America with Eastman Kodak David returned to Australia to work with I.C.I. (Australia). In 1983 David formed a private consulting firm in Melbourne specialising in management of occupational health systems.

The other Ambassadorial scholar sponsored by this Rotary Club was Ian Shimmin who in the 1981-82 Rotary year was awarded a scholarship to study at Wisconsin University, Madison, USA. Ian undertook a Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning. After one year of study he returned to Geelong where he was employed by Geelong Regional Council where his employment had been maintained during his overseas study. Ian later moved to Melbourne and joined the firm of Jebb, Holland and DeMasi, later changed to Urbis J.H.D. Pty. Ltd. where he is now a Director of the company.

These Scholars careers were launched through the opportunities provided by the Warrnambool Rotary Club.

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE



District 3050 India Friendship Exchange

One of the most popular and rewarding programs of the Rotary Foundation is the Group Study Exchange (G.S.E.). Since the first exchange between districts in California and Japan in 1965 the program has provided educational experiences for more than 40,000 business and professional men and women who have served on about 6,000 teams. The GSE program pairs Rotary districts to send and receive study teams. Since 1965 about \$50 million has been allocated by The Rotary Foundation for Group Study Exchange grants.

One of the attractive features of GSE is the opportunity for the visiting team members to meet, talk and live with Rotarians and their families in a spirit of friendship and hospitality. Although the original Group Study Exchanges were male only in recent years teams include both men and women.

In addition to learning about another country as the team visits farms, schools, industrial plants, professional offices and government establishments, the GSE teams also serve as ambassadors of goodwill. They interpret their home nation to host Rotarians and others in the communities they visit. Many of the personal contacts blossom into lasting friendships.

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool has been a regular participant in Group Study Exchange, particularly in the area of hosting visiting teams from abroad. Such welcomes usually involve neighbouring Rotary Clubs at a joint venue and very professional presentations are provided by Team members.

Our Club has sponsored a number of business and professional Team Members with some being accepted on outgoing teams to overseas Rotary Districts. The Club has also provided a number of Team Leaders including P.P. Brian Williams to India, P.P. Jim Dwyer to Germany, P.P. Brian Trenery to USA and P.P. Duncan Stalker to Norway.

## YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of Rotary's most popular programs to promote international understanding and develop lifelong friendships. It began in 1927 with the Rotary Club of Nice, France. In 1939 an extensive Youth Exchange was created between California and Latin America. Since then the program has expanded around the world. In recent years more than 7,000 young people have participated annually in Rotary-sponsored exchange programs.

The values of Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the secondary school age students involved but also by the host families, sponsoring clubs, receiving secondary schools and the entire community. Youth Exchange participants usually provide their fellow students in their host schools with excellent opportunities to learn about customs, languages, traditions and family life in another country.

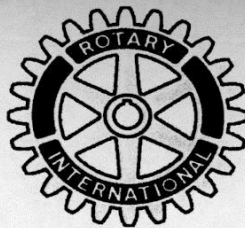
Youth Exchange offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. Students usually spend a full academic year abroad, although some clubs and districts sponsor short-term exchanges of several weeks or months.

Approximately 36 percent of Rotary Youth Exchange students are hosted or sent by the clubs in the United States and Canada. European countries account for about 40 percent and 12 percent come from Australia and New Zealand. Asian clubs sponsor 5 percent and 7 percent come from Latin American countries. Over 70 percent of all Rotary districts participate in Youth Exchange activities.



P.P. John Harris with Samantha Johnstone Outbound to Denmark 2004-05 and  
Kirsten Prismo Inbound from Denmark

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## Rotary Club of Warrnambool EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM

Name	Year	In/Out	Country	Councillor
Garth Walker		Outgoing	Norway	
Carol Frisk	1961/1962	Incoming	Colorado USA	Keith Inglis
Henry Peters	1962/1963	Outgoing	Wyoming USA	
Silvino Gallardo	1964/1965	Incoming	Phillipines	Bruce Rogers
Christine Retroski	1965/1966	Incoming	Pennsylvania USA	Harold Ristrom
Barbara Stephenson	1967/1968	Outgoing	Lakewood USA	
Rhonda Butterfield	1968/1969	Incoming	America	Harold Stephenso
Tomoko Shioto	1970/1971	Incoming	Japan	
John Brown	1970/1971	Outgoing	Phillipines	
Prue Henderson	1971/1972	Outgoing	Japan	
Mark Henry	1972/1973	Outgoing	America	
Percy Navarro	1973/1974	Incoming	Phillipines	
Michael Hanley	1973/1974	Incoming	America	Bill Johnson
Vivienne Porter	1973/1974	Outgoing	South Africa	Ken Sutherland
Patricia White	1976/1977	Outgoing	Brazil	Ken Sutherland
Domico Bernado	1976/1977	Incoming	Phillipines	Keith McLeod
Brian Gunnulson	1977/1978	Outgoing	South Africa	Doug Haynes
Bianca Dulak	1977/1978	Incoming	Netherlands	
Linda Spencer	1978/1979	Outgoing	South Africa	Maurie Davidson
Jacqui Preece	1978/1979	Outgoing	Japan	
Junko Ajiro	1978/1979	Incoming	Japan	Harold Stephenso

Name	Year	In/Out	Country	Councillor
Marian Reid	1979/1980	Outgoing	New York USA	Maurie Davidson
Wichit Eunguwanpan	1979/1980	Incoming	Thailand	Ron Toward
Sanai Suzuki	1982/1983	Incoming	Japan	Duncan Stalker
Anita Read	1984/1985	Outgoing	Japan	Ray Hollingsworth
Leah Duprey	1984/1985	Incoming	Canada	Trevor Nelson
Emma Currie	1985/1986	Outgoing	South Africa	Larry Cook
Ronette Hartze	1985/1986	Incoming	South Africa	
Tim McLeod	1986/1987	Outgoing	Canada	
Carolyn Smart	1987/1988	Outgoing	Brazil	Trevor Nelson
Hanna Luuko	1987/1988	Incoming	Finland	Richard Hawker
Tom Thael	1988/1989	Incoming	Belgium	Max Smart
Jarrold King	1988/1989	Outgoing	Japan	Jim Abraham
Yukari Kakami	1989/1990	Incoming	Japan	Brian Williams
Lisa Batten	1989/1990	Outgoing	Norway	Bob Stuchberry
Marcus Malseed	1990/1991	Outgoing	Netherlands	Kevin McCarthy
Emma Taberner	1991/1992	Outgoing	Finland	
Nicola Vahsen	1992/1993	Incoming	Germany	Max Smart
Joanne Ryan	1992/1993	Outgoing	Denmark	Brian Trenery
Charlotte Walsh	1993/1994	Outgoing	Canada	Pat Bouchier
Bryce Lease	1994/1995	Incoming	America	John Harris
Rebecca Ball	1996/1997	Incoming	America	Dedy Friebe
GARTH WALKER	1995/1996	OUTGOING	NORWAY	
Adam Friebe	1996/1997	Outgoing	Canada	Pat Bouchier
Marjo Ojala	1997/1998	Incoming	Finland	Geoff Williams
Emma Williams	1997/1998	Outgoing	Denmark	Bunny Hinchcliff
Erynne McKewen	1998/1999	Outgoing	Denmark	
Olivia Frauenlob	2000/2001	Incoming	Switzerland	Bob Bowman
Daniel Higgins	2001/2002	Outgoing	Japan	
Emilie Bedard	2001/2002	Incoming	Canada	KAY SNOWDEN

Name		Year	In/Out	Country	Councillor
Ebony	Wood	2002/2003	Outgoing	Mexico	MARY FITZGERALD
Ellinor	Gunnarsson	2002/2003	Incoming	Sweden	Geoff Williams
Mathew	Hallowell	2003/2004	Outgoing	Canada	Kay-Maree Hollin
Kirsten	Prisum	2003/2004	Incoming	Denmark	John Harris
Samantha	Johnstone	2004/2005	Outgoing	Denmark	Margaret Stuckey
Anne	Hyvarinen	2004/2005	Incoming	Finland	Daryl Sharpe
Lisa	Roe	2005/2006	Outgoing	Canada	Michael Boyd



## **ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS ( R .Y.L.A. )**

Each summer thousands of young people are selected to attend Rotary-sponsored leadership camps or seminars in the United States, Australia, Canada, India, France, Argentina, Korea and numerous other countries. In an informal out-of-doors atmosphere 50 to 75 outstanding young people spend a week in a challenging program of discussions, inspirational addresses, leadership training and social activities designed to enhance personal development, leadership skills and good citizenship. The official name of this activity is the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program (RYLA), although the event is occasionally referred to as Camp Royal, Camp Enterprise, Youth Leaders Seminars, Youth Conferences or other terms.

The RYLA Program began in Australia in 1959, when young people throughout Queensland were selected to meet with Princess Alexandra, the young cousin of Queen Elizabeth II. The Rotarians of Brisbane, who hosted the participants, were impressed with the quality of the young leaders. It was decided to bring youth leaders together each year for a week of social, cultural and educational activities. The RYLA program gradually grew throughout all the Rotary districts of Australia and New Zealand. In 1971, the RI Board of Directors adopted RYLA as an official program of Rotary International.

## **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

Some magnificent projects grow from very small seeds. The Rotary Foundation had that sort of modest beginning.

In 1917 Rotary International President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that, "it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world". The response was polite and favourable but the fund was slow to materialize. In 1937 a \$2 million goal was announced for the Rotary Foundation but these plans were cut short and abandoned with the outbreak of World War II.

In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for the Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honour the founder of Rotary. From that time the Rotary Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering, "understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations". By 1954 the Foundation received, for the first time, a half million dollars in contributions in a single year and in 1965 a million dollars was received.

It is staggering to imagine that from those humble beginnings the Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than \$90 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world.

## **MATCHING GRANTS**

Among the programs of the Rotary Foundation are the Matching Grants that assist Rotary clubs and districts in conducting international service projects. Since 1965 more than 18,000 grants have been awarded for projects in about 166 countries with awards of more than US\$182 million.

A club or district must contribute an amount at least as large as that requested from the Rotary Foundation with at least half the funds that the Foundation will match coming from a country outside of the country where the project will take place.

Grants have been made to improve hospitals, develop school programs, drill water wells, assist people with disabilities and others requiring special medical attention, provide resource for orphanages, create sanitization facilities, distribute food and medical supplies and many other forms of international community service in needy areas of the world. Some grants are for projects in the magnitude of from \$15,000 to \$50,000, but most are in the range of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

## **POLIOPLUS**

PolioPlus is Rotary's massive effort to eradicate poliomyelitis from the world by the year 2005. It is part of a global effort to protect the children from polio and five other deadly diseases - hence the "plus" in PolioPlus. The program was launched in 1985 with fund-raising as a primary focus. The original goal was to raise US\$120 million. By 1988 Rotarians of the world had raised more than \$219 million in cash and pledges. By 1994 the cash total exceeded \$246 million! These gifts have enabled the Rotary Foundation to make grants to any developing country to provide a five-year supply of vaccine. Grants have been made to nearly 100 countries. A commitment by Rotary will be to buy vaccine and to improve vaccine quality. The goal is to raise half a billion dollars by the year 2005.

In 1988 the World Health Organisation adopted a goal of eradicating polio throughout the world by the year 2000. Rotary endorsed that goal hoping to celebrate a polio-free world in its own 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year - 2005. Achieving eradication will be difficult (only one other disease, smallpox, has ever been eradicated) and expensive (estimated cost to the international community is nearly \$2 billion). It will require continuing immunization of children worldwide and it must also include systematic reporting of all suspected cases, community-wide vaccination to contain outbreaks of the disease, and the establishment of laboratory networks. Rotary will not be alone in all these efforts but in partnership with national governments, the World

and Pan America Health Organizations, UNICEF and others. Rotary's "people power" gives them a special "hands on" role. Rotarians in developing countries have given thousands of hours and countless in-kind gifts to help eradication happen in their countries. A billion children will have been immunised during the twenty years since 1985.

No other non-governmental organization ever has made a commitment of the scale of Polio Plus. Truly it may be considered the greatest humanitarian service the world has ever seen. Every Rotarian can share the pride of that achievement!

Since the inception of this project our Club has raised thousands of dollars to assist in the reduction of polio throughout the world.

## **HEALTH HUNGER & HUMANITY**

These ( 3 – H ) grants were initiated in 1979 by R.I. President Sir Clem Renouf from Queensland, Australia. The goals of the Rotary Foundation's 3 - H programme are to improve health, alleviate hunger and enhance human understanding and social development world-wide. These objectives have been no small task but it has been a challenge that the Rotary Foundation has responded to with zeal assisting 3 - H projects that are simply too large for a Club or District to mount on their own. The 3 - H programme was created to pay tribute to Rotary International's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It continues today as a tribute to Rotarians world-wide.

## **ROTARY PEACE PROGRAMME**

Originally known as the Rotary Peace Forum, a three -year pilot programme was launched by the Rotary Foundation in 1987. The purpose of the Forum was to help Rotarians and the general public learn more about the causes of conflict and to encourage peace-related activities on the local, national and international level.

In a new direction in 2002 Rotary has partnered with nine universities around the world to implement an academic programme whereunder seventy scholars from thirty five countries, most speaking three languages, will graduate with philosophy, education and practical tools to effectually influence international relations. From 2004 up to seventy scholars will meet each year under the programme.

## WOMEN'S GROUPS ASSOCIATED WITH ROTARY CLUBS

Some very significant programs of Rotary service are not conducted by Rotarians. Many projects are sponsored by organizations of Rotarians' wives and female relatives around the world. Women's groups - often called Women of Rotary, Rotary Ann Clubs, Las Damas de Rotary, Rotary Wives or the more formalized organization The Inner Wheel, annually conduct hundreds of notable projects of humanitarian service in their communities.



Usually the women's groups complement and supplement the programs of service performed by the local Rotary clubs. Indeed in year 1988-89 President Jim Little inherited a sizeable bank overdraft to cover three-year cost overruns of the Diorama Project. Jim's wife, Carmel organized the ladies of Rotary to make and raffle an embroidered quilt. This saved the Club financially.

In year 1990-91 the ladies of the Club raffled a handmade rocking chair and tapestry which yielded \$3,850 for the Club.

As an ongoing service our ladies of Rotary keep up maintenance and cleaning of the Camp Quality unit at Surfside One. Likewise we all remember the freshly baked scones and tea provided by Brenda Wilson for the paper loading working bees.

The R.I. Board of Directors in 1984 recognized the excellent service and fellowship of the clubs and organization of female relatives of Rotarians and encouraged all Rotary clubs to sponsor such informal organizations.

Another international womens' group within Rotary is the Inner Wheel. Inner Wheel had its beginnings in Manchester, England in 1924. Manchester was the first Club to bear the name 'Inner Wheel'. The name was chosen to describe the connection of the Rotary Wheel with the smaller wheel contained therein. Ballarat, in Victoria, was the first Club to be chartered outside of Great Britain and Ireland in 1931. By 1967 Inner Wheel Clubs had been formed in many parts of the world and it was then decided to form International Inner Wheel.



Rita Williams, Val Rauert & Facilitator,  
President Jim Little's wife, Carmen.

## WOMEN IN ROTARY

Until 1989 the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The R.I. Board withdrew the Charter of that club for violation of the R.I. Constitution. The Club brought suit against R.I. claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The Appeals Court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the Club's Charter merely for inducting women into the Club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California Court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.

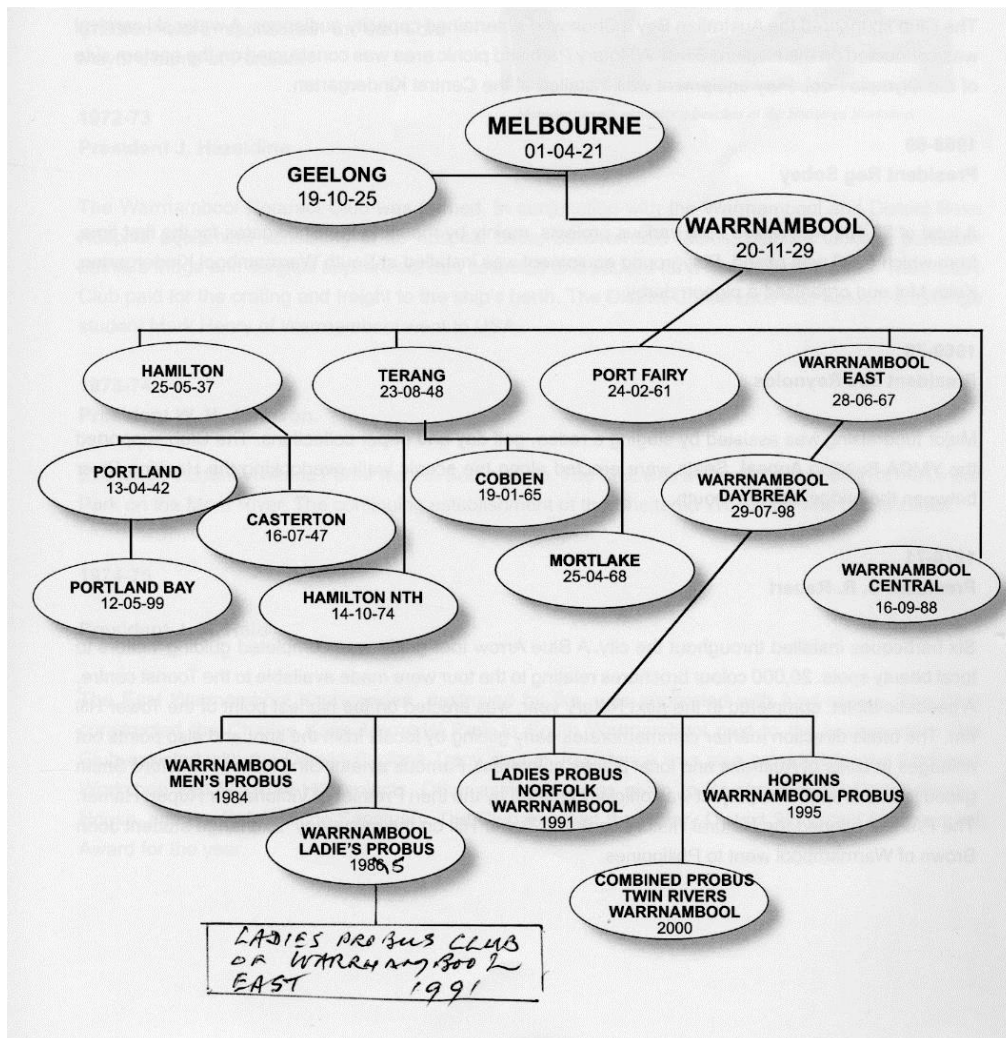
The R.I. constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary. The Rotary Club of Warrnambool admitted the first female Rotarian in Rotary year 1990-91.



## FAMILY TREE ROTARY CLUB OF WARRNAMBOOL DISTRICT 9780

The International Association of Rotary Clubs (later to be Rotary International) appointed two special commissioners to introduce Rotary to Australia and New Zealand. They arrived in Sydney - which was in the midst of the Sydney Royal Show - on March 22, 1921, so moved on to Melbourne to meet Mr Walter Drummond. He introduced them to Sir John Monash, Sir Harold Clapp, Professor W.A. Osbourne and Mr F. Tate. The first club in Australia was the Rotary Club of Melbourne, and its inaugural meeting was on April 21, 1921.

At the time the Warrnambool Rotary Club was formed, there was only one Rotary district, the 65<sup>th</sup>, for the whole of Australia. Since then, Australia has been divided into eight districts, and the Warrnambool Club has had the distinction of providing two district governors: Dr H. I. Holmes and Fred Bennett.



**Ladies Probus Club of Warrnambool East 1991**