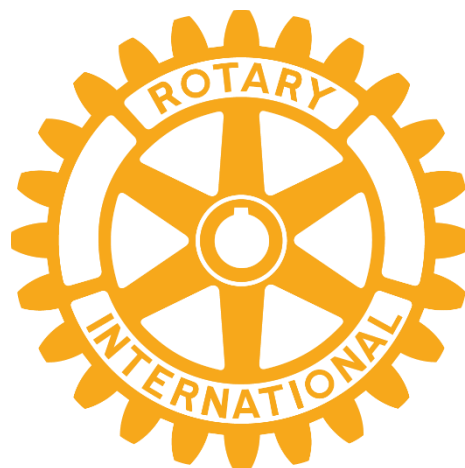


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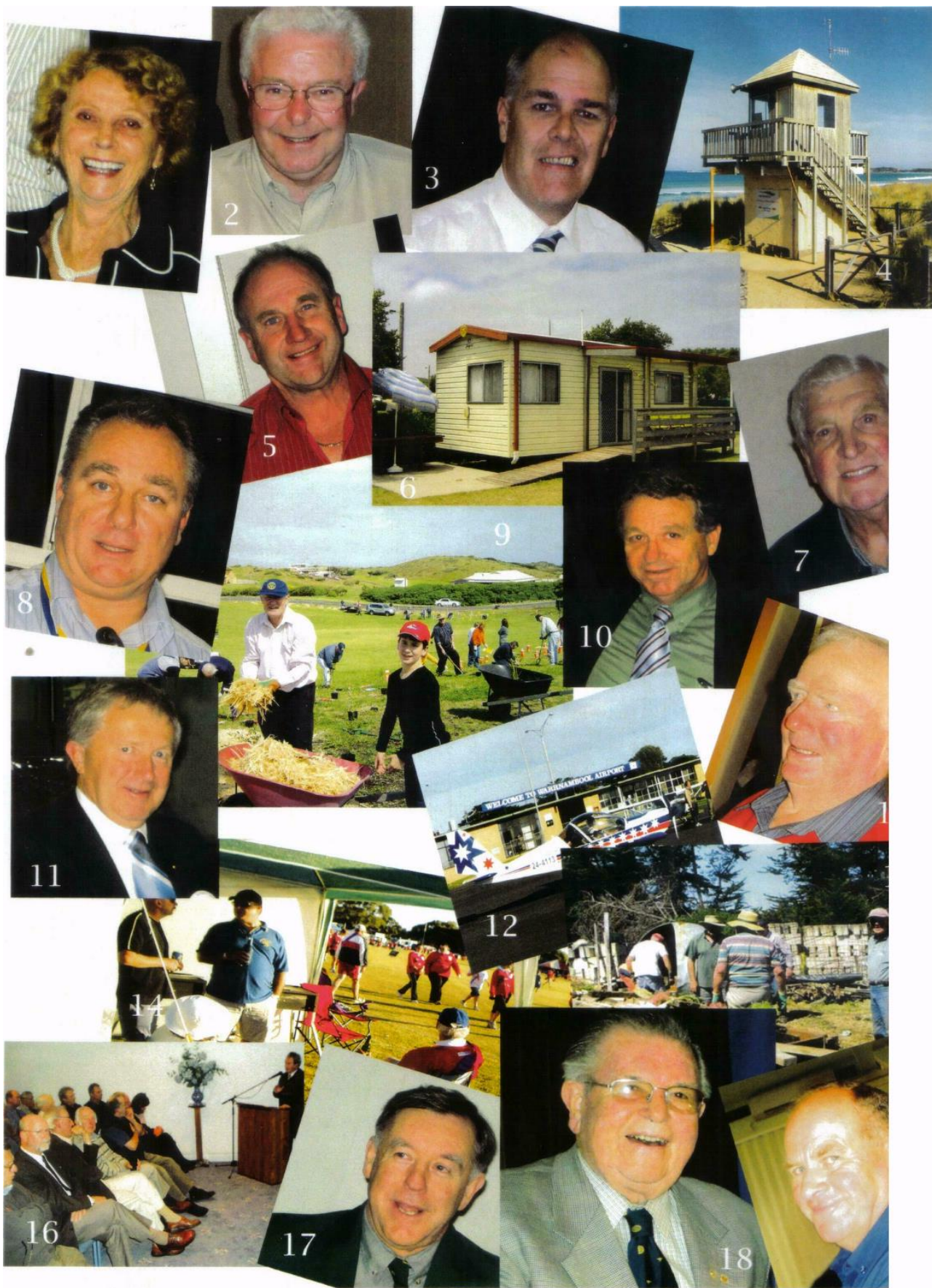
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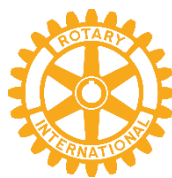
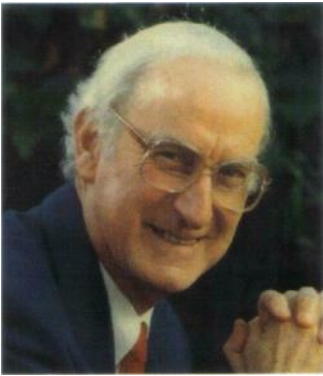


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FOREWARD (adapted from the 2009 update)



This small historical update of the Club has been prepared for the Club's 90th Anniversary and should be read in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary history prepared by Eric Williams and I in 2004. It is not intended to be a stand-alone publication. The format generally follows that of the earlier 75th Anniversary history. A summary of the fifteen Rotary years; 2004-5 to 2019-20 has been compiled from the Annual Reports of the Presidents for those years. As was the case in the earlier history, much more space has been devoted to the activities of the above Rotary years under the various Avenues of Service, than was possible in records prior to 1990. It certainly has not been the intention to suggest that Rotary years prior to 1990 were any less active.

Individual articles have been written about those Rotarians who, since the last history publication, have been awarded special honours, namely Keith McLeod, Ron Rauert, Graeme Ross, Eric Williams, Brian Trenery, Alan Bowes, and Ian Cairns with Sapphire Pins to their Paul Harris Fellowship, Ron Rauert, Eric Williams, and Alan Bowes with Four Avenues of Service Citations, Ron Rauert and John Reid with 50 years of membership, plus the signal honour of having Brian Trenery as District Governor for 2011-12. This small update was an opportunity to recognize those hard workers in the Club who may be overlooked in some histories. They include the vital positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant of Arms, Bulletin editor, Directors and Board, not to forget those manning the Attendance table or putting out the Properties. Space has been devoted to the passing of esteemed members of the Club, Sep. Morse, Gill Attridge, Jack Douglas, Ken Armstrong, David Richards, Morrie Amooore, John Reid, John O'Sullivan, Robert McNally, Roy Slater, Ted King, Jim Dwyer, Ted Wilson, Iris Bickley Jane Chislett and Ron Rauert.

An opportunity has been taken to relate the history of important and long-standing projects. The Dinner Auction, the major fund-raiser for the Club, has been considered and a detailed analysis of the work involved in its staging in recent years has been provided. The Rotary House Project; the rebuilt Camp Quality Holiday Cabin, and the Papua New Guinea Humanitarian Aid Projects have also come in for a mention. Likewise, the renaissance of the expensive Diorama, warrants mention. The list of Past Presidents, Incoming and Outgoing Exchange students and those awarded Paul Harris Fellowships should be read as an extension of the lists provided in the 2004 history of the Club. As with the preparation of any historical information, research of primary documents, including countless Bulletins, Annual reports and newspaper clippings, was essential. Appreciation is therefore due to the late Ken Armstrong who kept the archives of the Club and to his successor Past Secretary Ian Sharman who is the current keeper of the club archives. The publication of this update would be less presentable without the insertion of photographs relative to the period under review and many thanks to Bob Bowman and John Hunt for putting more than 2000 of these on CD's. Other material was provided by Ron Rauert, Keith McLeod, Eric Williams, Doug Maclean, Ian Sadler and Brian Trenery. I am also indebted to the Warrnambool & District Historical Society for advice and assistance in formatting the text and photographs within and on the covers of the update.

Alan BOWES

A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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

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

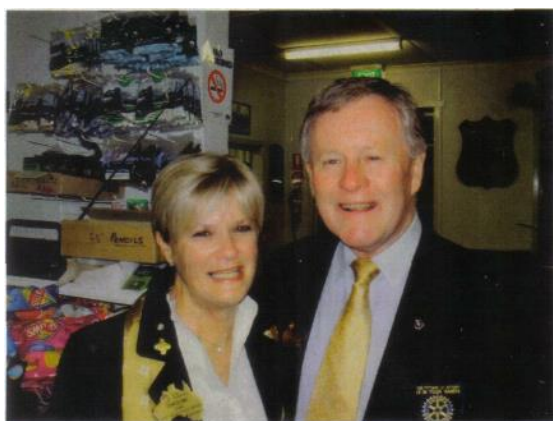
Club members can be justifiably proud of the achievements of the Rotary Club over the past 80 years and should enjoy this milestone opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate these achievements as well as the special lifelong friendships that have been formed.

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

Happy 80th Birthday.

Chris Sims

District Governor 2009-2010



A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

On behalf of all Rotarians of District 9780, it is my great pleasure to congratulate the Rotary Club of Warrnambool on its 90th Anniversary.

The Club has a proud history of being a strong contributor to Rotary at all levels – internationally, at the District and Group levels, and in its own community, and this continues today.

The many achievements of the Club since it was formed in November 1929 and the way it has partnered with other organisations and contributed to addressing local needs has resulted in a high level of trust and appreciation by local organisations and the wider community.

Members are to be congratulated also on the difference the Rotary Club of Warrnambool has made to sustainability for communities in other countries, most recently through its long term, substantive project in Papua New Guinea.

Thank you for the excellent service the Club has provided since 1929 and we wish you every success as you continue to connect with Rotary across the world.

Happy 90th birthday!

Rosanne Kava

District Governor 2019-20



PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARRNAMBOOL

1929-30	H. I. Holmes	1974-75	J. M. Reid
1930-31	H. I. Holmes	1975-76	A. L. Lane
1931-32	J. King	1976-77	F. D. Billing
1932-33	R. H. Corrie	1977-78	A. J. Bowes
1933-34	R McE. Stott	1978-79	K. Sutherland
1934-35	H. E. Oakman	1979-80	M. J. Amooore
1935-36	L. E. Whitney	1980-81	D. F. Haynes
1936-37	G. H. Newnham	1981-82	E. J. King
1937-38	H. Lord	1982-83	A. E. Elliott
1938-39	D. F. Jones	1983-84	E. C. Wilson
1939-40	I. G. Ryan	1984-85	B. M. Williams
1940-41	N. K. Morris	1985-86	L. L. Mogg
1941-42	J. R. Richards	1986-87	J. G. Abraham
1942-43	W. H. Reed	1987-88	D. C. Christie
1943-44	R. L. Paige	1988-89	J. B. Little
1944-45	H. J. Worland	1989-90	K. B. Armstrong
1945-46	H. T. Curnick	1990-91	E. F. Williams
1946-47	A. H. McMillan	1991-92	R. Hawker
1947-48	A. Graham	1992-93	J. M. Dwyer
1948-49	H. C. Taylor	1993-94	K. A. McLeod
1949-50	F. H. Ford	1994-95	D. Stalker
1950-51	A. A. Grace	1995-96	G. Ross
1951-52	W. J. Huffer	1996-97	B. J. Trenery
1952-52	C. J. Hallowell	1997-98	J. J. Harris
1953-54	T. A. Eastick (6mths)	1998-99	M. D. Boyd
	C. J. Hallowell (6mths)	1999-00	W. Anne. Adams
1954-55	E. H. Kew	2000-01	N. M. Smart
1955-56	D. R. Watson	2001-02	D. J. Stuckey
1956-57	H. A. Street	2002-03	D. Friebe
1957-58	R. J. Reeves	2003-04	G. Williams
1958-59	F. G. Bennett	2004-05	David Richards
1959-60	H. W. Shilton	2005-06	Ian Sadler
1960-61	G. Maddocks	2006-07	Robert Cuzens
1961-62	K. F. Inglis	2007-08	Kate Williams
1962-63	W. I. Holmes	2008-09	Malcom Price
1963-64	H. C. Verey	2009-10	Judy Ross
1964-65	B. R. Rogers	2010-11	Janet Blackley
1965-66	J. B. Norton	2011-12	Svetlana Lineham
1966-67	E. B. Turland	2012-13	John Nisbet
1967-68	D. H. Dickson	2013-14	John Hunt
1968-69	R. R. Sobey	2014-15	Marie Bennett
1969-70	L. F. Reynolds	2015-16	Stephen Giddens
1970-71	C. R. Rauert	2016-17	Stephen Giddens
1971-72	J. M. Crothers	2017-18	Trevor Williams
1972-73	J. Hazeldine	2018-19	Michael Boyd
1973-74	W. H. Johnson	2019-20	David Brown*

*currently in office

A WORD FROM PAST CLUB PRESIDENT Judy ROSS (for the 80th)



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

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

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

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

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

In November 2009, the Club celebrated its 80th Anniversary with a big birthday party, including a Dinner Dance in the Civic Hall where there was an emphasis on fellowship, a very important aspect of modern Rotary. Too often we think of what we should be doing for others and neglect to take time to 'smell the roses'. I look forward to another wonderful, enjoyable 90th Anniversary celebration where Rotarians, families and guests can 'kick up their heels' and have fun.

ROTARY CLUB OF WARRNAMBOOL - THE FIRST 75 YEARS

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool became part of Rotary on 20 November 1929 and held its charter night in the Warrnambool Town Hall Supper Room on 27 January 1930. Eighty-eight Rotarians from throughout Victoria witnessed the presentation of Charter No. 3237 to the Club by Rotary District Governor Alfred Holtz.

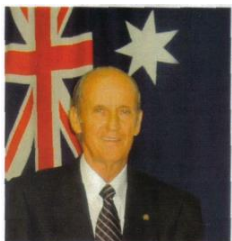
In its first 75 years, the Rotary Club of Warrnambool had the distinction of providing two District Governors, Dr I H Holmes and Fred Bennet, with Brian Trenery following in 2011-2012

Over the first 75 years, some of the club's highlights include

- Sponsorship to create new Rotary Clubs of Hamilton (1937), Terang (1948), Port Fairy (1960), Warrnambool East (1967) and Warrnambool Central (1988)
 - Planting of trees in Lava Street and Raglan Parade, Banyan Street and Albert Park
 - Purchase of a lifeboat for the Surf Lifesaving Club in 1956
 - Collection of 18,000 sandbags for Murray River floods in 1956
 - Built playgrounds in Ardlie Street and at the South Warrnambool Kindergarten
 - Establishment of Meals on Wheels in 1964
 - Erection of 6 Barbeques in 1970/71
 - Erection of the geodetic cairn and plaque to commemorate the glider flight of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith at Tower Hill
 - Establishment of a Sheltered Workshop (now WDEA)
 - Erection of a picnic rotunda with electric barbeques in Lake Pertobe in 1977/78
 - Establishment of the EJ King Park in Simpson Street in 1979/80
 - Saving the historic 80-year-old elm tree in the Botanic Gardens in 1980/81
 - Building of a shelter over the barbeque at Surfside One Caravan Park in 1983/84
 - Construction of a maritime diorama at the tourist information centre
 - Providing an annual Christmas concert for elderly citizens
 - Erection of an accommodation unit at the Brophy Memorial Hospital in 1989/90
 - Restoration of the fountain in the Botanic Gardens in 1990/91
 - Developed outdoor facilities at the Archie Graham Community Centre
 - Holding residential holidays for Camp Quality (1994&1995)
 - Fund-raising for St John of God Hospital building appeal 1993/94
 - Peer Support Program for school students in 1993/94
 - Assisting with the annual Warrnambool Fishing competition
 - Erection of a Surf Lifesaving Tower at Warrnambool beach in 1996
 - Erection of Camp Quality Accommodation unit at Surfside One Caravan park and serviced continually by members
 - Initiation and Implementation of 440,000 tree project 1999-2002 to re-establish native plantations in the Moyne Shire.
 - F.A.I.M team trips to New Guinea and Fiji 2001-2002 to build schools and homes for local residents
 - Continuing support for Youth programs, National Science school, RYLA, RYPEN
 - Providing scholarships for Deakin University & TAFE students
- Substantial contributions have also been made to
- Chapel, Accident and Trauma department, and Palliative Care Unit at the Warrnambool & District Base Hospital
 - Collection of more than \$26,000 for Red Cross over 31 years
 - Repairing of the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne
 - Gazebo at the entrance to Albert Park
 - Warrnambool Special Development school in 1995/96
 - New Observation Tower at Warrnambool Surf Club in 1995/96

75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

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



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

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



Another event of significance was the launch by President David Richards, of a comprehensive update of the History of the Club. This history was compiled by PP's Eric Williams and Alan Bowes over a period of 9 months. This earlier publication built on previous publications titled; Rotary Club of Warrnambool 1929-1959, and a supplement in The Warrnambool Standard titled Rotary Club of Warrnambool 1930-1990, 60th Anniversary Additional information was gained from material supplied by PP Ron Rauert, Annual Reports and publications by Rotary International. The 75-year history was by far the most comprehensive to date of any history of the Club. With some literary hubris the editors signed a number of copies purchased during the evening. A reprint was recently ordered by the Club.

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

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

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

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



MAJOR PROJECTS 2004-2019

Rotary House Warrnambool



The 2013-14 Rotary Year saw the culmination of a decade's effort when Rotary House Warrnambool was opened by the Member for Wannon Dan Tehan. Building commenced in August 2012 with the transfer to South West Healthcare taking place on 22nd November 2013. Many supporters, including the Premier Denis Naphthine, joined the RHW Inc Committee of Management for the opening and transfer ceremony. There were a few issues to be resolved

prior to the provision of the Certificate of Occupancy, which resulted in the first client to utilise the facility being delayed until 16th February 2014.

Between February and the first week in May, 2014, 67 people had utilised RHW with weekends being when the major use of the facility occurred. Of those 67 utilising the accommodation, 66 were visiting patients in South West Healthcare and one was visiting a person in Mercy Place. For people living over 100 kms from Warrnambool the cost is covered by the Government reimbursement. Figures from 2018-2019 show the average occupancy rate being 65%, with the highest to date of 95% being reached in December 2018. Individual guest numbers have risen from 425 in 2014/15 with an average stay of 2.3 nights, to 1186 in 2018/19 with an average stay of 2.7 nights.

The final cost of the building, as at 13th May 2014, was \$1,122,303. With significant Donations in Kind and monetary support the funds remaining total \$198,835. These funds continue to be managed by the RHW Inc. Committee of Management and are likely to be used in the future for the upgrading of RHW, bearing in mind that these funds were raised specifically for Rotary House Warrnambool.

Camp Quality Redevelopment

In 2012-2013 the Rotary Club of Warrnambool agreed to upgrade their Camp Quality Cabin as the Warrnambool City Council was in the process of building five new cabins on the existing site. Under the then President John Nisbet and President Elect John Hunt, the Board agreed to place funds aside in 2014 to have a new cabin built, matching the new cabins being built by the Council. This upgrade was planned to include two bedrooms, a larger bathroom, access ramp, external shower, covered verandah with seating and a modern kitchen/dining area.



Camp Quality commenced in 1983 and its purpose was to create a better life for every child living with cancer in Australia. This service is to provide families with children suffering cancer aged 0-14 to have a holiday away from their home and local environment. Australian Cancer Facts: Cancer is the largest killer of children from diseases in Australia; Approximately 10,000 children are either newly diagnosed with cancer, under treatment or in remission; Today in Australia survival rates are about 75% across all types of childhood cancers; The number of children diagnosed each year under 14 in Australia is approximately 600; 46% of all children diagnosed with cancer are under 4 years of age.

In May 2014 the existing cabin was removed and sold for \$14,000, and builder Daniel Griffiths commenced constructing the new cabin. The cabin was opened for business in the 2014-15 Rotary Year.

Dinner Auction

In 1988-89 the then President Jim Little brought from Traralgon the idea of a Dinner Auction as a major fund-raising project. The inaugural function raised more than \$17000 for Club funds. The annual event has been a feature of every Rotary year since. The profit from the annual Dinner Auction has been the major source of funds for Club projects. During the period 2000 to 2019 these functions have raised approximately \$425,000. Organization of the Auctions has been extremely labour-intensive with work now commencing in December / January before the function in May / June and for a short time afterwards. Many man hours have been required by the small organizing Committee of capably led Rotarians. Due to the work involved, these hard workers have been supported by a dedicated number of Rotarians.

The Committee aims to have a list of about 250 business houses to approach. Experience has shown that a success rate of 80% has been achieved and a donation received from four out of every five businesses approached. With about 250 business houses to approach, about 25 to 30 Rotarians have been needed as collectors, each required to visit a maximum of ten business houses. The Committee sends about 350 printed letters in colour to highlight the Rotary logo and theme.

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

From 2009, all donors have received a 'Certificate of Appreciation' it is hoped would be displayed in their business premises. All Rotarians need to support the Dinner Auction Committee in the massive task of staging this annual fund raising and social event in the Club calendar.



Rebirth of The Diorama

Readers will be aware from a segment in the 75th Anniversary history publication, that the Club in 1984-88 undertook what turned out to be one of its costliest projects to date.

This was a Diorama or a miniature three-dimensional scene in which models of figures are seen against a background. In the case of the Rotary Diorama the scene depicted was an English family of four and was taken from an early lithograph of Lady Bay.

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



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

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

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

Papua New Guinea Projects

Several Rotary Clubs initiated a Rotary overseas aid project in Papua New Guinea to assist the Sariri Village in Papua New Guinea, mainly after a severe cyclone impacted the country. In 2014-15, Tony Austin from our Rotary Club volunteered to join the

reconstruction team from Victoria. Arising from his first visit, it became apparent that there were a number of urgent needs which could be met in such things as building of a school, accommodation huts, and a fresh water supply. Our Club thus became involved and thereafter annual trips to PNG were undertaken. The visiting Rotarian Teams were made up of members drawn from several different Rotary Clubs, and undertook a number of vital



tasks to improve the life of the villagers and at the same time, enabled the people of the village to learn new skills and to become more independent and self-sufficient.

During 2015-16 our Club, along with the Rotary Club of Geelong and Warrnambool Daybreak continued with this project on site in PNG, with material assistance from other organisations such as Wannon Water in Warrnambool, and the Rotary Club of Rajkot in India. The work that was undertaken includes

- delivery of 17.5 tonnes of work materials
- delivery of medical equipment, clothing and food to several schools, medical centres and villages
- deliver a tractor and four-wheel-drive vehicle plus fuel for the use of the Sariri community
- working a day at Martyrs School
- worked with the teachers and assistants on curriculum development and lesson planning
- refitted a pump that had been brought back to Australia to be repaired
- laid an additional 500 metres of polypipe and taprisers
- Built two water-tanks and solar-panel installations at either end of the village
- stumped and framed a house
- sunk a waterborne and fitted a solar-pump
- delivered clothes and packs for women and children in Sariri. All this cost around \$9500.

During 2017-18 some of our Club members went to PNG to continue their work for the people of Sariri Village. This time they were successful in: - Rectifying a chronic water storage tank leaking problem at the Martyr's Memorial School.

- Repairing a damaged water bore for the Kongoho community and setting a solar pump onto it. This provided the first clean water ever for approximately 400 people.
- Sinking 3 water bores at Embessa Village. Two of these were dug to water level, the third was abandoned due to limited on-site time available. One of the two successful bores was fitted with a hand pump, the other was left for the Embessa community to complete. This project provided the first clean water ever to approximately 1000 Embessa villagers.
- Provided a commercial rotary hoe to the Embessa community to assist in sustainable crop growing.
- Identifying several potential project sites; six locations were visited and were identified as having potential to sink bores and fit hand pumps, one site was identified as having potential for a surface pump and four school sites were identified as having potential for water provision projects.
- Facilitating the potential formation of the "Oro Community Service Foundation" (OCSF); a group of PNG Nationals who will work with us to plan and achieve projects.

To facilitate our ongoing and extended involvement in PNG our Club has coordinated the aggregation of several organisations interested in being involved in PNG projects into a collective which is now referred to as the PNG Projects Group (PNGPG). The PNGPG is currently a partnership of the RC Warrnambool, RC East Warrnambool, RC Warrnambool Daybreak, RC Geelong, RC Wynyard(Tasmania), RC Mount Martha. RC Boroko (PNG), Wannon Water and the Oro Community Service Foundation (OCSF).

Father of the Year

In 2009, the Rotary Club of Warrnambool and Brophy Family and Youth Services jointly identified an opportunity to better celebrate Father's Day and recognize local fathers and father figures who are positive role models for their children and community, by staging the "Father of the Year" promotion in Warrnambool and Moyne.

The competition was originally divided into 3 age/year level groups: Prep to Grade 2 (approx 5-7 years old), Grade 3 to 4 (7-10) and Years 5 to 6 (10-12) with students asked to nominate their father/father figure and provide supportive drawings or words. Entries close mid-August and judging is completed soon after. Since 2013, due to the growing number of affected families, we have also awarded a fourth category prize especially for entries for father figures, step fathers, carers and any other significant role models in a child's life.



The winners in each of the 4 sections and the overall winner are announced at a gala breakfast function usually held at the City Memorial Bowls Club in the week before Father's Day. Ace Radio General Manager, Peter Headen has been the MC for this function for several years, and we usually have local members, VIPs and both Mayors attending to assist with presentations. Denis Naphine was our special guest at our first breakfast and subsequently, we have had people like John McGrath, Dan Tehan, Derek Guille, James Purcell and Roma Britnell join us. We now expect about 130-150 people to attend the celebration breakfast event including a large percentage of Rotarians, Brophy staff members and teachers, students and parents from the winning schools. The event has attracted some great publicity over the years with the Warrnambool Standard attending each year and providing excellent coverage in their paper.

Members of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool also help promote the event and are also involved in the screening and preliminary judging of entries. Our members determine a short list of approximately 10-15 nominees in each section that are then handed over to a "judging panel" of appropriate people from both Brophy and Rotary. This is a big task as we now receive over 1400 entries per year, with nearly all schools throughout the Warrnambool and Moyne Shires participating.

We are thrilled to boast that we have had the same 3 major sponsors for all eleven years of the promotion: Ace Radio (3YB/CoastFM), Bunnings Warehouse, and SW Credit. Our promotion is the longest sponsorship that all 3 have participated in. The promotion has grown over the years to become a major event, not only for the sponsors and our club, but also for the greater local community. It generates some great publicity for our club and our close association with the community and with Brophy Family & Youth Services.

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	2003-4	Ian Armstrong
1977-78	J.M. Crothers	2004-5	Stewart Bell
1979-80	Arch Graham		Max Smart
	Jack Hazeldine	2005-6	John Stuckey
1982-83	Irvine Absalom		Geoff Williams
1983-84	Ellis Bickley	2006-7	Keith McLeod
1985-86	M.J. Amooore		Mary Fitzgerald
	A.E. Elliott	2007-8	Val Rauert
1989-99	E.J. King	2008-9	Robert Cuzens
	David Richards	2009-10	Gordon Curran
	E.C. Wilson		Ian Sadler
1989-90	R.R. Sobey	2010-11	Anne Adams
1990-91	C.R. Rauert		Ian Sharman
	J.L. Douglas	2011-12	Eric Williams
	J. Reid		Graeme Ross
1991-92	K.A. McLeod		Terry O'Neil
1992-93	Iris Bickley		Kate Williams
	B.M. Williams	2012-13	Tony Austin
1993-94	R. Hawker		Janet Blackley
	E.F. Williams	2013-14	Judy Ross
1994-95	A.J. Bowes		Doug Maclean
	K.B. Armstrong		Jim Hanrahan
1995-96	Ian Sharman	2014-15	Bunny Hinchcliff
	Leo Turner		John Nisbet
1996-97	D.H. Dickson		Jenny Trenery
	J.G. Abraham	2015-16	Michael Boyd
1997-98	J.M. Dwyer		Graeme Ross
1998-99	D.F. Haynes	2016-17	Alan Bowes
1999-00	Duncan Stalker		Ian Cairns
2000-01	J.J. Harris		Brian Trenery
	B.J. Trenery	2017-18	John Hunt
2002-03	J.M. Beks	2018-19	Louise Keogh
	Tonia Mizzi		
	G. Ross		

BRIAN TRENER - DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2011-2012



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

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

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

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

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

KEITH McLEOD - PRESTIGIOUS HONOUR

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



Keith has been a member of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool for more than 50 years, having been inducted in June 1966. During that long association he was President in 1993-94 and Director in no less than nine Rotary years and Sergeant of Arms in four different Rotary years. He has also been involved in Inter-Club visits, International contacts, Asian Students, Counsellor under the Student Exchange Programme and he and Pat have acted as host to incoming students. Keith was also active in Group Study Exchange, RYLA, Finance and Fundraising, was Fines Master during several Rotary years, the Senior Citizens Treat and Chairman of catering for several District Conferences. He has participated in auctions, the Garden & Craft Exhibition for several years and waste paper collection. He was also prominent in organizing and participating in the District Governor's Golf Day when held in Warrnambool. In June, 1992, Keith's contribution to the Club was recognized by the Award of a Four Avenues of Service Citation.

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

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

FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE CITATIONS

RON RAUERT



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

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

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

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

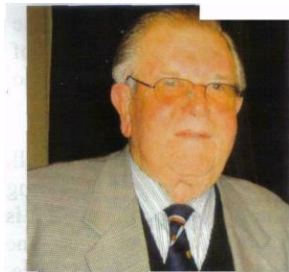
A measure of the dedication of Ron Rauert to Rotary was shown by attendance at no less than four International Conventions and for many years, his role as On to Conference co-ordinator for the Club. One wonders how many District Conferences Ron and Val have attended over the years.

The Citation also stated:

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

Although the Citation was written some years ago, its sentiments are still appropriate and Ron Rauert was still a contributor to the Club right up to his death in 2019. It was therefore very fitting that, at the Change-over Dinner in June 2009, Ron was honoured by the presentation of a Sapphire Pin to his Paul Harris Fellowship, joining Keith McLeod as the first two Rotarians in the Warrnambool Club to receive such a distinction. Congratulations to an exemplary Rotarian.

ERIC WILLIAMS



Eric Williams came to Warrnambool in 1972 as Manager of the ANZ Bank in Warrnambool, later to be promoted to Area Manager with a staff of 48. He was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool in July 1973. He began a long and distinguished period of service not only to Rotary but to the wider community. His Rotary service encompassed all Avenues of Service at one time or another in 45 years of membership. Some of his participation in Rotary activities included the bulletin, programme, tertiary awards, environment, student exchange, Finance Committee, fund raising committee for more than 20 years and Group Study Exchange. Eric has been a willing and regular participant at 'hands on' activities such as manning and supervising the Warrnambool Agricultural Show gates, Garden & Craft Exhibition, loading of waste paper, workplace visits, mock job interviews, Senior Citizens Treat, membership, and business mentoring.

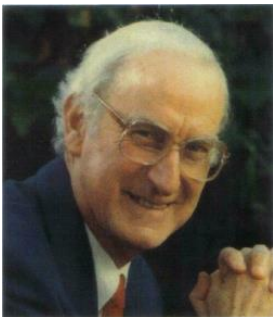
He was President of the Club in 1990-91 and inducted Sister Rose Glennen, the first female Rotarian in the City. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1993-4. In 2004 Eric was invited to Government House to receive the Victorian Government Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation at the Premier's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

Quite apart from his Rotary service, Eric has been very active in the wider community. He was Foundation Treasurer and a prime mover in the setting up of a Sheltered

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

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

ALAN BOWES



Alan joined the Club in March, 1970, with the classification of Local Government Administration, and has been heavily involved since then in all aspects of the Club. At various times he has been a member of most of the Club Committees, and Chairman of a number of them. He was Club President in 1977-78 as well as being Vice-President for several years, and Sergeant-At-Arms in 1993-94. He became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1995, and added a PHF sapphire pin to that in 2017. He was awarded a Four Avenues of Service Citation in July, 2010.

Alan Bowes came to Warrnambool in 1948 as a student at the Warrnambool High School, his parents having a farming property at Wickliffe, south of Ararat. He commenced duties as a junior at the Warrnambool City Council Offices in 1950 and remained in Local Government service ever since until his retirement. After commencing work, he Matriculated with First Class Honours, qualified as a Municipal Clerk and as a Qualified Municipal Auditor and Inspector of Municipal Administration, was a Fellow of the Institute of Municipal Administration. Was one of the youngest Town Clerks in Victoria when appointed to the Borough of Koroit in 1955. Was later appointed Shire Secretary and Rate Collector to the Shire of Minhamite in 1957-65, Shire of Wycheproof 1965-69 and to the Shire of Warrnambool in 1969. Has been a Justice of the Peace for many years and in early 1970's undertook considerable work at the Warrnambool Magistrate's Court. Has been both President and Secretary of the Warrnambool Branch of the Royal association of Honorary Justices, Institute of Municipal Administration and Warrnambool and District Orchestral Concerts Committee. Was a member of the Board of Management of the St. John's Presbyterian Church and has been a Committee member of the Warrnambool Branch of the Victorian Arts Council. He is interested in

Baroque music, also tennis and golf. Alan is also interested in travel and has undertaken private tours of Britain and Europe and United States and Canada.

In 2011 Alan was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Royal Victorian Association of Justices, for 50 years' service as a Justice of the Peace. Alan retired from the Warrnambool Shire Council in 1996. He then went on to study for a Bachelor of Arts from Deakin University in Geelong, and then an Honours Degree. This was followed by a stint at Selwyn College at Cambridge in England. Alan has invested long years of service to Rotary and our Community.

KEITH McLEOD and BRIAN TRENER. Keith and Brian's contributions to Rotary are already outlined in other parts of this booklet above, which demonstrate their value to our organization.

HALF CENTURY MILESTONES

1992	Archie Graham
1997	Sep. Morse
2006	PP John Reid PP Ron Rauert
2011	Ted King
2016	Keith McLeod

During the 2006-7 Rotary year several highly regarded members of the Club reached the 50-year membership milestone, only achieved by two other Rotarians in the history of the Club. These were Archie Graham in 1992 and Sep. Morse in 1997. Those who achieved this milestone in 2006 were PP John Reid and PP Ron Rauert. Ted King reached the half-century milestone in 2011, having joined the Club in 1961, and his many contributions are mentioned in the obituaries section.

John Reid



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

In his response to congratulations on reaching 50 years of membership, John gave an historically enlightening reply. He referred to prominent members of the Club in 1956,

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

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

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

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

Ron Rauert.

Ron Rauert joined the list of long-serving members in 2006, and his record is outlined in the previous pages of this booklet.

Ted King.

Ted joined our Club in May 1961. He was one of the "Legends" of the Club and was President in 1981-82. He was particularly notable in that he had a record 100% attendance at Club meetings for the first 50 years of his membership. Needless to say, that over his 57 years of service he served on every Committee in the Club. He was a Director of the Club for many years and at various times he served as Chairman of most of the Committees. He was Treasurer of the Club for the period 1978-1980 and was Sergeant-At-Arms in 1991-92. He received the Club's Vocational Service Award in 1984-85. He became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1989. Some of the Club members will remember the times when he was Attendance Officer for many years, and woe betide the Rotarian who forgot to tell Ted well in advance if they were going to be unable to attend a meeting.

Ted started playing golf around 1979 and quickly became a devotee. It was Ted's idea to create the Rotary "Hole in One" golf competition at Christmas time as a fund-raiser. Ted joined the Royal Australian Airforce during the Second World War, and he was able to give a possible insight into the current problem of why the Great Barrier Reef coral growths regularly die off, connected to the disposal of World War 1 chlorine and mustard

gas shells and bomb stockpiles at the end of World War 2. Ted was a Sergeant in the Airforce unit which had the task of looking after the stockpiles. When Ted returned from the war, he started a Florist and Garden Shop. Ted also attended to a derelict plot of land, which in due course became the E. J. King Park. For many years he generously used his expertise as a Florist to create a wreath which he would then donated to the Club so that the wreaths could be used annually in the official Dawn Ceremonies to mark Remembrance Day, where the wreaths are laid at the Shrine near the Warrnambool RSL. Ted became an Honorary Member of our Club in 2013 due to health concerns. Ted died in May, 2017.

Keith McLeod.

Keith McLeod joined the list of long-serving members in 2016, and his record is outlined in the previous pages of this booklet.

INCOMING AND OUTGOING STUDENT EXCHANGE

Year	Outgoing Student	Destination	Incoming Student	Destination
2004-5	Lisa Roe	Canada	Anne Hyvarinen	Finland
2006-7	continued with Lisa		Kateriina Christo	Finland
2007-8	Andrei Khaidurov	Japan	Laura Rohrbach	Switzerland
2008-9	Nil		Nicholas Jenkins	U.S.A.
2009-10	Nil		Anna Luikko	Finland
2010-11	Thomas May	Switzerland	Nil	
2011-12	Cassie Rowe	Denmark	Julia Camara	Brazil
2012-13	Nil		Nil	
2013-14	Nil		Fabio Gomes	Brazil
2014-15	Nil		Astrid Sorensen	Denmark
2015-16	Ryan Keogh	Finland	Karla Bracklow	Germany
2016-17	Sarah Forbes	France	Mathilde Jacobson	Denmark
	Carly McDonald	Austria	Axelle Berthoumieu	France
			Tim Klienpas	Germany
2017-18	Carly & Sarah continue		Benedikt Pfeil	Germany
			Antonia Ederer	Austria
			Janick Palm	Denmark
2018-19	Monique Forbes	France	Leah Constantine	France
2019-20	Nil		Johannes Frantz	Germany

INDUCTIONS

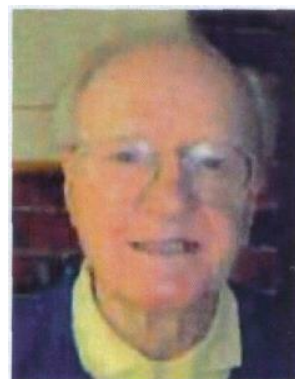
The following members have been inducted into the Rotary Club of Warrnambool over the last 15 years, with 28 still being active members of the Club.

2004		October	Dirkje Pera
July	James Dunbar	November	Terry O'Neill
September	Harminder Singh	November	Katherine Williams
November	Doug Maclean		
November	John O'sullivan	2011	
November	Alan Tampion	June	Lois O'Meara
2005		2012	
May	Peter Walsgott	March	Bernard Jansen
August	Chris Booth	July	Sharon Stark
August	Svetlana Lineham	November	Rachel Furnell
October	Elissa Miller		
October	Sue Dawson	2013	
November	Stan Branch	August	Peter Walsgott
December	Leon De Villiers	October	Michael Boyd
December	John Karasinski	December	Stephen Giddens
2006		2014	
April	Elizabeth Nolan	April	Isobel Siebel
June	Marcia Mccarthy	July	Andrew Womersley
June	Julie Winzar	October	John Stuckey
June	John Walker		
August	Craig Imlach	2015	
September	Judy Ross	July	Louise Keogh
September	Philip Dennis	September	Julie Threlfall-Ryan
		September	Karina Wood
		December	Dallas Armistead
2007		2016	
August	Glenda Spehr	February	Mark Andrews
August	Roy Slater	February	Robyn Blackmore
October	Anne Englehart	February	Louise Brennan
October	Sandra Miller	March	Karen Marsh
November	Steve Griffen	October	Geraldine Delaney
November	Janet Blackley	October	Paul Forbes
2008			
June	Marie Stevens	2017	
November	Tony Austin	March	Ann Donaldson
December	John Moir	March	Delia Jenkins
		April	Leon Cleal
2009		June	Graeme Ward
February	Vicki Jellie		
May	Stewart Bell	2018.	
July	Margaret Dalton	July	George Mcleod
Oct.	Ravi Ganeshalingham	August	Glenn Brotchie
October	Dedy Friebe	October	Jennifer Williams
		November	Cathy Bligh
2010		December	Chris Stebbing
February	John Nisbet		
March	Marie Bennett	2019	
March	Jane Chislett	June	Wilma Gibson
April	Therese Pittari	September	Richard Tuck
June	Andrea Sampson	September	Mary Tuck
July	Lisa Cairns		
Sept.	Daffydd Wiesner-Ellix		

OBITUARIES

Septimus Morse.

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



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

Gill Attridge

Gill died in May, 2008 after valuable service to the Club. Gill migrated from England in 1988 after a career in banking. She finished her career as Foreign Loans Manager with the Midland Bank. Those who heard her address to the Club in 2004 will acknowledge her dry wit and capacity to tell curious anecdotes of bank life against herself. Gill also had a capacity to tell stories about 'compromising' experiences in the bank and the gender discrimination which then existed in professional employment in Britain. As a member of our Club Gill accepted the



important position of Treasurer for some years, a task she performed competently after years in a bank. Her 'behind the scenes' ethic enabled her to participate in many and varied ways and contribute substantially to Rotary projects, particularly Interplast. In 2004, Gill made a crocheted rug to be raffled to raise money for Interplast and quite regularly would arrive at meetings with a bag of knitted toys of well-known characters to be auctioned for similar worthy causes. Gill was one of those achievers who never sought public recognition. Her passing was a real loss to Rotary.

Jack Douglas.

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

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

Ken Armstrong.

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



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

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

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

Morrie Amore.

Morrie died in December, 2010, and was a member of our Club from 1967 for around 43 years, and was its President in 1979-80. He was actively engaged in all aspects of the Club, being a member and Chairman of the various Committees. He also supervised the residential RYLA Seminar in 1984-85 and 1988-89. He became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1986. He became an Honorary Member of the Club in 1998, but continued to be actively involved.

Morrie lived in Warrnambool all his life and had a grocery business. He was in the Army during the Second World War and saw service in the Middle East, Papua New Guinea and Borneo. He was an active member also of his community, including The Technical College Parents Association, the School Council, the Warrnambool Football Club, and the Warrnambool Greyhound Racing Club. His hobbies and interests included the Warrnambool and Collingwood Football Clubs, and fishing.

John Reid.

John died in April, 2014, and was a great loss to our Club. Much about John has already been laid out already in this publication, in the section about "Half Century Milestones", and many Club members will remember their hands being engulfed by John's large hearty handshake of welcome when he greeted you at the door of the meeting venue. He became an Honorary Club member in 2001-02. He was a gentle "giant" in stature and soul.

Bernie Roache.

Bernie died in September, 2014. He joined the Club in August, 1988, and held the classification of Mixed Farming. Over the many years of his Rotary service, Bernie was a member of over a dozen different club Committees and contributed to each of them. In 1992-93, he and his wife Angela were host parents for international Rotary Youth Exchange student Nicola Vahsen from Germany.

John O'Sullivan.

John died in August, 2015. He joined our Club in November, 2004. He was a Director of the Club and served on the Board of Directors. His interest was in Vocational Services, and he was Chairman of this Committee in 2006-08. He became an Honorary Member in 2013 due to ill health. He was involved in the Club Service- Administration Committee. He and Kathleen operated a successful Funeral Service business, and he could keep his fellow Rotarians amused and interested with his anecdotes about the pitfalls of being a funeral director.

Robert McNally.

Rob died in December, 2015, after being a Club member since September, 1993. His classification was Fire Fighting Services, and he worked in the Country Fire Authority workshop, repairing and maintaining the CFA vehicles and equipment. He was a very productive member of the Club, having served as a member on each of the service Committees over the previous 20 years. He was a Director of the Club for several years.

Additionally, he was Sergeant-At-Arms from 1999 to 2001 and Chairman of the Club Service-Administration Committee in 2001-01. He was always willing to “get his hands dirty”, as shown by his service as a member of a FAIM Team which travelled to Fiji in 2001-02 to build sturdy houses for villagers. His contributions to the Club Committees was very valuable.

Roy Slater.

Roy died in September, 2016. He joined our Club in August, 2007, with the classification of Industrial Engineering Services. He had his own light engineering company - R. A. Slater Engineering. He was productive in a number of Club Committees. Roy mentioned that he had always been mechanically minded and had been encouraged by various teachers. He was apprenticed to Jack Morse and won 3 awards from his Club. Roy worked for a number of employers, including Bamstone, International Harvesters and Goodalls. He then decided to start his own business, R. A. Slater Engineering, which concentrated on engineering repairs, including pumps for farmers and Wannon Water. He has also made parts for musical instruments. Roy was heavily involved in motor sports and had a long association with Premier Speedway. He helped build sprint cars and transporters and used to ride a motor bike for leisure. Roy was a proud grandfather and prior to his death announced the recent arrival of identical twin grand-daughters. Roy resigned from the Club in September, 2014, due to rising health concerns, which eventually led to his demise.

Ted King.

Ted King died in May, 2017. He Joined our Club in May, 1961, and was a great contributor to our organisation. Much about Ted has already been laid out already in this publication, in the section about “Half Century Milestones”.

Jim Dwyer.

Jim died in June, 2017. He joined the Rotary Club in October, 1976, with the classification of General Law Services. He was President of the Club in 1992-93. During his over 40 years in the Club, he served as a member of all the main Committees, and was Chairman of several of them. He served on the Board of Directors for quite a few years. In 1990-91 Jim arranged for our organization to become the “Rotary Club of Warrnambool Incorporated”, thus making us an incorporated body for the purposes of the Incorporation Act. Incorporation grants the Club members a measure of protection in legal matters. In 1993-94 Jim was the Team Leader of a Rotary District 9780 Group Study Exchange Team to visit Germany. He was our Club’s Sergeant-At-Arms in 2012-13. He became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1998.

Jim was born in Warrnambool in 1941 and lived here most of his life, apart from 13 years in Melbourne acquiring an education, including a Law Degree which he gained in 1963 and his Law Articles in 1964. He mentioned to Club members that his first wage was the princely sum of £20 per week. Jim returned to practice in Warrnambool in 1965, and joined his father as a partner in the firm of Desmond Dunne & Dwyer (now known as Dwyer Robinson). Jim was active in community affairs and his main interests were political and gustatory. He was Chairman of the Wannon & Warrnambool Electorate Committees for the Liberal Party and a delegate to the State Policy Assembly. He was also Secretary of the Warrnambool Wine and Food Society for 10 years. He was highly regarded and admired by his fellow Rotary Club members and his passing came without warning and was a great loss to our Club.

Ted Wilson.

Ted died in August, 2017, not long after his 100th birthday. He joined the Club in August, 1977, with the classification of Automotive Services. He was a very hard worker in promoting the Club's ideals of Service Above Self. He was President of the Club in 1983-84. Like other long-serving Club members, he was a member of most of the main Committees, and Chairman of several. On the approach of the Club's 75th Anniversary, Ted promoted the idea of planting an Avenue of Honour on Koroit Street near the Warrnambool Showgrounds, being one tree for each year of our Club's existence, and then went on to lead the project and maintain the trees over the following years. Ted and Morrie Amooore came up with a fund-raising idea in collecting and recycling waste paper and cardboard. For this purpose, Ted located a large flat-tray utility. As a qualified auto mechanic, he then spent his time repairing, re-painting and re-registering the vehicle, and then put it into use with a roster of Club members to collect and recycle the waste paper and cardboard. The project averaged \$4000 to \$5000 each year over the many years the project was conducted. Much fun and fellowship were created in the working bees to load the stockpiles onto a semi-trailer for transport to Melbourne.

Prior to coming to Warrnambool, Ted worked at a number of occupations, including working on a farm, motor mechanic, wood merchant, cartage contractor, and telephone linesman. Ted served during the Second World War and reached the rank of Sergeant. After the war, he lived and worked in Ararat, before moving to Warrnambool and starting his own business as an automotive mechanic. His interests included gardening and travel, the Scouts, West Warrnambool Kindergarten, and the South West Victoria Ambulance Service – which he helped Club member Arthur Elliott to create. He was a Rotary Club stalwart, and became an Honorary Member in 1998 due to health reasons.

Iris Bickley.

Iris died in November, 2018. She joined our Club as an Honorary Member in September, 1997. She was the wife of Ellis Bickley who was initially a member of the Rotary Club of Mortlake before joining our Club. Iris and Ellis operated a sheep farm in Mortlake. Iris was heavily involved in Rotary prior to becoming an Honorary Member, and she became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1993. Iris was born in 1924 and was brought up on the family farm. Iris became a teacher before meeting and marrying Ellis and then raising a family.

In our Club, Iris was involved in the Member's Welfare Committee, the Senior Citizens Concert Committee, the Community Service Committee, the Eisteddfod Committee, Red Cross Calling Committee, and several other Club Committees. Outside the Club, Iris was involved with the Warrnambool Eisteddfod, and assisted in running it for several years. Iris filled an important role in the Rotary District, supporting Ellis when he became District Governor in 1983-84, whilst he was a member of the Rotary Club of Mortlake. She was always a welcome presence at our Rotary meetings.

Jane Chislett.

Jane died in August, 2018. Jane joined our Club in March, 2010, with the classification of School Library Services. She was born and raised in Warrnambool, and her father, Harold Stephenson, was previously a member of our Club. After her secondary schooling, Jane married and moved to Melbourne, where she attended Melbourne University and gained a Diploma of Librarianship and Secondary Teaching. On moving back to Warrnambool, Jane worked both as a School Librarian and as a History Teacher. In the Club, Jane has served on a number of Committees, was a Director in 2011-12,

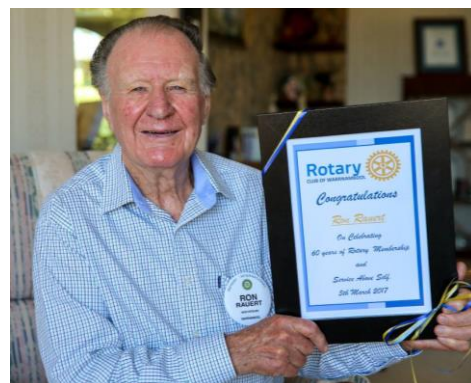
and was Club Secretary in 2011-12. Her interests outside the Club included involvement in the Warrnambool Historical Society for 10 years.

Eric Williams.

Eric Williams died on 28 April, 2019. He joined our Club in July, 1973, and was heavily in Club activities and was a great contributor. Much about Eric has already been described already in this publication, in the section about "Four Avenues of Service Citations".

Ron Rauert.

Ron Rauert joined the Rotary Club of Warrnambool on 5th March 1957, ie; 62 years ago. Few people would have been an active member of any organisation for such a long period. In fact, Ron was a member of the Rotary Club for two-thirds of his life and a little more than two-thirds of the existence of the Club itself.



When Ron joined the Club in 1957 the culture then was much different from that which exists today. Rotary then only admitted the head of the particular organisation. This meant that the Rotary Club in 1957 was comprised of the heads of industry, commerce, Local Government, the public service, etc. How difficult it must have been for a young thirty year old boot and shoe repairer Ron Rauert to feel comfortable with such men, probably twice his age, and to call them by their Christian name, including his father in law Reg Reeves and Fletcher, later Sir Fletcher, Jones. He may have taken heart had he known that the founder of Rotary Paul Harris once said, "All honourable vocations are worthy of recognition if used in the service of society."

Likewise, dress was far more formal than the casual attire now accepted. Photos of the early Rotary Club show an array of men in suits. Even 50 years after inauguration, a photo of then Rotarians showed all but a few still in suits and tie including Ron Rauert in a dark lounge suit, white shirt and tie.

It is challenging to summarise in a few minutes the 60 year contribution Ron Rauert has made to Rotary. His detailed record covers almost both sides of an A4 page. My I briefly outline just a few of those activities in which he was associated in the Club.

- a) For 46 years Ron organised the Club's contribution to 'Red Cross' calling. The Club had been allocated about 20 inner city blocks and Ron had a map of those pasted onto cardboard and each area numbered. At a dinner meeting he would lean across the shoulder of those co-opted and lay a wallet of receipts, pencils and other material in front of you with a brief rejoinder "bring the money into the shop by next Thursday and Pete or I will count it." He would soon after the door knock detail how much had been collected for that particular year and a cumulative total of tens of thousands of dollars which had been collected over the years.
- b) He was an enthusiastic supporter of Rotary Conferences. He and Val attended no less than 4 World Conferences, one in England, one in Japan and 2 in Australia. But his outstanding record was attendance at no less than 50 District Conferences, and he would have attended more but for the deteriorating health of Val. Not only did he attend the District Conferences but some months prior he and Val would travel to the relevant city venue for the next Conference and do a circuit of the motels and book about 15 rooms at the best accommodation for the expected contingent from the Rotary Club of Warrnambool

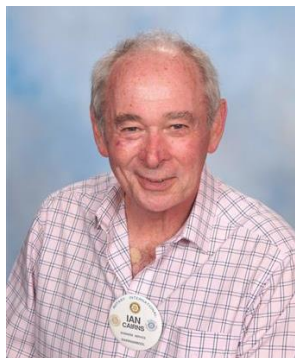
- c) He was President of the Club in 1970-71. He was responsible for the erection on the high eastern bank of Tower Hill of a geodetic cairn upon which is inscribed details of destinations near and far. Geodetic comes from the term 'geodesic' meaning the science of curved surfaces, no doubt referring to the moulded dome of the cairn.
- d) Ron was also a tireless worker for the Warrnambool Eisteddfod, a project started by Rotary. Each week during the Eisteddfod he would bring printed rosters for several weeks to man the doors and expected those to be filled before he left the meeting.
- e) The longer-term Rotarians will remember Ron's passion for the sale, as a fund raiser, of tinned Christmas puddings. He must have sold hundreds and he would buy them by the carton. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, he would bring armfuls to Rotary and expected to take none home. At the Christmas meeting he would launch into the meeting in full Santa Claus garb and bag full of puddings shouting in his stentorian voice "Ho Ho Ho Rotary Christmas Puddings" and get rid of any remaining tins.
- f) Years go Ron had a bit of an obsession about electric barbecues and associated shelters. He would return from holidays to the northern states with plans, specifications, photos and estimated cost of such structures. When a certain Rotarian was going in as President in the late 1970's, he asked Ron to be Community Services Director. Ron agreed on the condition an electric barbecue and shelter was constructed at Lake Pertobe and 400 voluntary hours later it was done.
- g) The Rotary Club has manned the Warrnambool Show gates for 50 years and during that time Ron has contributed countless hours, often many more than other Rotarians. Some days before each annual Show Ron would co-opt a small team of Rotarians who would clean out the ticket boxes of bird nests and other rubbish.
- h) The list of his contributions goes on and on with assistance at the Senior Citizens Treat for many years, his support in the establishment of the Sheltered Workshop, Waste Paper collection and Meals on Wheels etc.

The Club has recognised the outstanding work contributed by Ron over his long membership. In 1990-91 he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. He has since received no less than three sapphire pins to this award. In 2007 he received a "50 year Membership Certificate" signed by the then World President. In 2005 he received the highest honour Rotary can bestow, presented by no less than a Past World President, Glen Kinross, at the Club's 75th Anniversary Dinner at Emmanuel College. Such Awards are rarely made and Past World President Kinross stressed the significance of such an Award and read from the citation which is attached and I quote "this Rotarian continues to provide leadership, enthusiasm and drive for other members. A Rotarian of high business ethics, a strong family man and a long time supporter of his church and the community. An inspiration to us all."

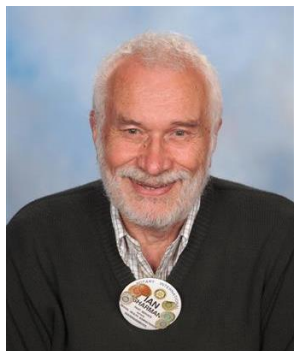
Our club will for many years be indebted to PP Ron Rauert and he is likely to continue, as stated in the citation to his Four Avenues of Service Award, to "be an inspiration to us all."

UNSUNG CONTRIBUTORS

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



Rotarians are well aware of the work of their President and probably the Sergeant of Arms because of their regular exposure at dinner meetings. How many Rotarians appreciate the demands upon their President and Sergeant of Arms who seldom eat a meal uninterrupted? Directors and other Rotarians frequently want the President's ear about some matter and the Sergeant is constantly up and down to ensure the meal is ready and the meeting runs to schedule. During the past fifteen years the Sergeants have been Robert Cuzens, Ian McMahon, Richard Hawker, Keith McLeod, Ian Cairns, Daffydd Wiesner-Ellix, Jim Dwyer, Andrea Sampson, Rachel Furnell, and Svet Lineham.



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



Another important office of trust which we may well take for granted is the vital position of Treasurer. Rotarians need only make an inspection of the quite detailed Annual Statement of Accounts to ascertain that the Club now handles in excess of \$50,000 per annum. There is no surer way of encountering problems than if the income and disbursements of the Club are mishandled or dealt with inefficiently. The Club has been extremely fortunate in the standard of those holding the office during recent years, they being the late Gill Attridge, Terry O'Neill, Glenda Spehr, Ravi Ganeshalingham, Kate Williams, Janet Blackley, and Michael Boyd.

One of the most important functions of the Club is to ensure information about the Club and weekly meetings is conveyed to the Members and those who over recent years have carried out the preparation and distribution of the Bulletin deserve recognition and commendation. For the period of this update, the editors have been Bob Bowman, Lisa Cairns, Daffydd Wiesner-Ellix, Sharon Stark, Karina Wood, and George McLeod, ably assisted by other Rotarians and weekly Bulletin scribes. It is unfair to compare current publications with those of earlier years. However modern technology and electronic mail have transformed the way the Bulletin, with high quality colour photographs and professional layout, is prepared and distributed.

The Club should also recognize the contribution made by Directors and Board members. These Rotarians give up much time to formulate Committee programmes, and attend both regular and impromptu meetings, and their deliberations with the Executive are the backbone of Rotary Club operations. Our regular weekly meetings are also enhanced by the contribution made by the Attendance Committee, who have an important task of collecting dinner fees and making sure the correct information is passed on to the

Treasurer, to ensure the caterer is accurately paid. The contribution of Stewart Bell should be recognized as Chairman of the Attendance Committee for more than 20 years. Stewart always made sure Rotarians manned the table and kept a close eye on the availability of change. It was therefore most appropriate that, at the Change-over Dinner in June, 2009, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Stewart for his long years of dedicated service to a very important but sometimes unrecognized task. His role has now been taken over by others, including Roy Slater who no doubt learned the importance of a smooth operation of this committee. Also deserving of mention is the Properties Committee without which the necessary equipment to conduct the meeting would not be in place. If this Committee does not function additional duties devolve on the already busy Sergeant of Arms.

SUMMARY OF ROTARY YEARS 2004 - 2019

These summaries are edited excerpts from the respective President's reports for each year. Emphasis has been placed on highlighting new and/or different projects and events in the respective years rather than repeating details of the many different activities that the Club continues to be involved in year after year.

2004-2005 Celebrate Rotary

President: David Richards

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

The Vocational Service Committee organised a number of activities. These included, among other activities, 'My Job' talks, a workplace visit to The Standard printing room in the Industrial Estate and mock interviews at Brauer College. As in past years the Club presented a tertiary scholarship to Deakin students and T.A.F.E. Awards to leading apprentices. The club continued to promote Youth activities as an important avenue of Rotary service. The Club again participated in the National Youth Science Forum and The Club also participated in Warrnambool Young Achievers Awards attended by the Governor-General who presented the awards.

The Community Service Committee experienced a busy year, with participation in a number of projects including Adopt a Highway, Vintage Car Show, Logans' Beach plantation, maintenance of the Camp Quality beach cabin, an investigation into a Rotary Respite House and Rotary Health Safari. On the International front, our Club continued to sponsor programmes designed to further international understanding. Of particular note was the Matching Grant project with the Rotary Club of Udiapur Meera in India, made possible by the visit to the area by PP Geoff Williams, and resulted in District participation in the provision of services and equipment to disadvantaged schools in the Udaipur region.

2005-2006 Service Above Self

President: Ian Sadler

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

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

Our Club continued fostering the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations by dignifying the work of each Rotarian as an opportunity to serve the community. Projects included the organization of My Job talks given by John Harris, Michael Boyd and Doug Maclean, a workplace visit to South-West Healthcare, a discussion on ethics which could face Rotarians in their workplace, a Pride of Work Standard Award to the Red Cross Blood Service in Warrnambool, and awards to students at both Deakin University and Warrnambool Institute of TAFE. The annual rural-urban night was held at Nullawarre and mock job interviews were again supported at Brauer College.

2006-2007 Lead the Way

President: Robert Cuzens

The year 2006-7 saw a continued contribution by the Rotary Club of Warrnambool to the Warrnambool and district community. As with previous years the Club participated in a number of established programmes of community service and fund-raising. These included a South-West Healthcare bladder scanner, a special bed and mattress for Jake Hicks, Southern Way Direct Care Service, Shamrock House equipping of a trailer, assistance to Friends of the Botanic Gardens and the Allansford and Warrnambool Girl Guides and further investigatory planning for a future Rotary Respite House attached to the Base Hospital. The Club also participated in a Flagstaff Hill 'Day on the Hill' fundraiser during the Easter break.

It was a pleasure to celebrate 50 years membership in Rotary by PP John Reid; October 1956 to October 2006. An ode was written and presented by his daughter, Rotarian Judy Ross. Later in March 2007, Ron Rauert achieved 50 years in Rotary. To mark the milestone, the Club presented wife Val with a Paul Harris Fellowship funded by Ron, and their family was present.

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

2007-2008 Rotary Shares

President: Kate Williams

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

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

New projects included beautification of the Brauerander Park and the purchase of equipment for the Warrnambool Soup Kitchen. A holiday in Warrnambool was provided for a family from a drought relief area in northern Victoria. In conjunction with other Rotary Clubs, support was given to projects in East Timor by means of a Fly-a-Thon; Fly Away To Heaven and pilot Paul Moloney addressed the Club on the project. The Club also provided refreshment in the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens to support Australia Day activities.

2008-2009 Make Dreams Real

President: Malcom Price

At the beginning of his year President Malcom stressed three objectives; membership, fellowship and service. This year saw the introduction of a scheme of support to members and their families headed by Elizabeth Nolan. This programme works quietly behind the scenes to assist members

in need. A very successful Rural-Urban night was arranged at Koroit to hear an interesting talk by a prominent pastoralist about climate change and farming sustainability. Kathryn Ross received a Commendation Certificate for her success at the Beijing Paralympics. Progress was made, with the participation of several Rotarians, in the relocation and restoration of the diorama at Flagstaff Hill. It was noted that the Tower Hill Lookout, constructed by Rotary in 1971, was restored by Parks Victoria relieving the Club of this expense.

A new project initiated during the year was the Rotary Club of Warrnambool Father of the Year conducted in conjunction with Brophy Hostel and supported by local sponsors, and more discussion took place during the year about the provision of a Rotary Respite House, for the accommodation of families of patients at Warrnambool South West Healthcare. A Steering Committee was formed representing all four Warrnambool Rotary Clubs. The site chosen was the former Marion Shrader Centre, made available by the hospital committee. When completed the building will provide a number of accommodation units quite close to the main hospital complex.

Our Club joined several other Clubs to contribute \$500 towards the cost of clean water in India and further support was given to the Shelterbox programme by a contribution of \$1200 towards the cost of shelter boxes used in disaster areas overseas and, more recently after the Black Saturday bushfires in Victoria. Each Shelterbox contains a 10-person domed tent, water containers, multi-fuel stove, thermal blankets cooking utensils and tools, etc. In February, the Club hosted a Group Study Exchange Team from British Columbia, Canada and Washington State, USA.

2009-10 The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands President: Judy Ross

We have successfully completed many projects and held numerous functions during the year which have showcased the talents, hard work and dedication of our members. The Inaugural Father of the Year competition was successfully run in conjunction with Brophy Family Services, and plans were already underway for the 2nd Annual competition, again to coincide with Father's Day.

On November 20th, our Club marked the 80th Anniversary of its' Charter, and celebrated with a dinner dance in the Civic Hall on Saturday 21st. At this evening the update of the Club's History was launched by its' author, Past President Alan Bowes. In July last year we were approached to consider forming an Inner Wheel Club in Warrnambool, and our Club agreed to be the Sponsoring Club. On its' Charter night on May 22nd, the Inner Wheel Club of Warrnambool boasted 23 members, 8 of whom are connected to the Rotary Club of Warrnambool, and whose Inaugural President was Kaye Slater, wife of our member Roy.

During the year we were saddened by the sudden unexpected death of Club stalwart PP Ken Armstrong, also former member PP David Richards, and Brenda Wilson, all very active supporters of our Club. We continue to support projects both locally and internationally and have risen to the challenge laid down by Bill and Melinda Gates to eradicate Polio worldwide.

Rotary House Warrnambool is no longer a pipedream, and our Club has pledged \$21,000 during this year to accompany the \$26,000 raised at the Australian Fellowship of Golfing Rotarians Golf tournament, a joint Club effort. In July 2009, our club and the other three Warrnambool Rotary Clubs agreed to the building of the Rotary House Warrnambool. The facility would cater for relatives and carers of patients in the various healthcare facilities in Warrnambool on a temporary and emergency basis. The Rotary House Warrnambool (RHW) Management Committee was formed and incorporated, with the role of developing an appropriate design, procuring funds and managing and administering the building of the facility.

The Camp Quality Cabin continues to be well utilised. During the year, Rotarian Richard Hawker saw a small window of opportunity for a maintenance program. Richard led a group of 9 volunteers, Club members and partners, and between them they pressure washed the hut and surrounds, repaired some of the electrical wiring, painted the decking and some other areas and set up a new sofa bed.

2010-11 Building Communities & Bridging Continents President: Janet Blackley

The Theme for 2010 – 2011 was Building Communities and Bridging Continents. Although we have not undertaken our projects with addressing the intent of the theme as a clear goal we have, with the service our members give, indeed Built Communities and Bridged Continents. Our Community Services Committee and many other members have worked tirelessly to support community building initiatives such as the Show Gates, the Port Fairy Folk Festival, and many, many more. The Quilting Show was a huge success coordinated by Rtn Andrea Sampson who ensured as many Rotarians as possible were involved. In connection with the Donations in Kind project, nearly 500kgs of goods were transported to Geelong during June 2011. This was made up mainly of children's books and textbooks and other school requisites, but also a considerable amount of office supplies such as pens, and folders as well as a computer. We also donated \$500 towards the transport costs for goods being sent overseas.

At her handover in 2010 the incoming President stated that she wanted to demonstrate to others that people with disadvantages including disabilities are equal and valued people in this community. To this end two projects occurred. The first project was with Brophy Youth and Family Services and young mothers where Rotarians have worked with the young mothers to produce a quilt. The other was just in the commencement stage where Rotarians will work with people with mental illness to develop artwork for the E. J. King Park.

Rotary House Warrnambool - the 2010-11 year saw significant progress in the realisation of the Rotary House Warrnambool (RHW) Project. The name Rotary House of Warrnambool was retained with the statement "Serving the South West" incorporated into the Rotary House logo. The official launch of RHW occurred in October 2010.

Father of the Year - this is the second year of this project and was again led by Ian Cairns. The project was conducted in conjunction with Brophy and sponsored by ACE Radio and Bunning's. Entries were invited via schools in the Warrnambool and Moyne Shires. There were three divisions in the competition involving Prep to Year 4, Years 5 to 8 and Years 9 to twelve.

2011-12 Reach Within to Embrace Humanity President: Svetlana Lineham

In August 2011, our Club moved from its previous meeting place at the Warrnambool Golf Course in Younger Street to its current location at the Warrnambool Football & Netball Club in Cramer Street. The move was an unqualified success.

Each year the Club members are asked to make a special effort to attend the District Conference. This year the task was a little easier with the Conference being held in Warrnambool, and under the guidance of our own District Governor Brian Trenery. A number of Club members supported Brian in performing tasks associated with planning and holding the Conference.

Our Club acquired our own storage facility during the year, having been fortunate to take over an interest in part of the Community Building known as the Alan Lane Pavilion and formerly occupied by the Warrnambool Apex Club at the Friendly Societies Park.

A new initiative for this year was our Sheep Poo Sales. Rotarians Roy Slater and Tony Austin were able to negotiate the purchase of 600 bags of "sheep poo" as a fund-raising project. The "poo" was collected relatively easily, and the sales netted approximately \$2000 which formed part of our Club's commitment to the Rotary House project.

The International Services Committee continued a busy program, which included hosting a visit of Rotarians and their families from Rotary District 5580 in North America and Canada. Together with the Rotary Club of Warrnambool, our Club hosted a visit of a Group Study Exchange Team from Iceland. In response to a request from the Warrnambool Volunteer Coast Guard our Club provided the group with a \$300 donation to be used to support its operations.

For the first time in 2011 the Rotary Club of Warrnambool and Brauer College introduced Citizenship Awards for the students in years 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. These awards were to be based on the Rotary motto "Service Above Self". This was introduced across the whole school

having applicants from all levels of the school. Teachers selected the four best applicants and these students were interviewed by Rotarians and selections and awards made.

2012-13 Peace Through Service

President: John Nisbet

As in past Rotary years the Club has been involved with a variety of programmes, some of which were still in progress at the end of the Rotary year. There has, in recent years, been a tendency for projects to be of a size and cost to warrant them overlapping several Rotary years. Some of the projects which have been undertaken during the past year include our continuing support for Rotary House, a very costly joint project with other District Rotary Clubs.

The Club has continued its support for the Father of the Year project involving considerable time and effort by members contacting participating schools in the City and neighbouring Shire. The time and effort given to this project by Rotarian Ian Cairns should be recognised. The Club was also involved in the 'Telstra Great South Coast Science, Engineering and Technology' Challenge held at Deakin University. This forum opened up opportunities for many district secondary students and much of the credit for this project was due to Rotarian Gordon Curran.

A combined effort by the Rotary Clubs of Warrnambool and Port Fairy organized the staging of the 'Voices for Peace' Concert which raised approximately \$10,000. The Club continued a long tradition of assisting with International projects as demonstrated by the presentation of anti-malarial mosquito nets, on behalf of all our guest speakers; providing a computer to Alex Hutabarat for a village in Sumatra which will be an ongoing international project, and supporting the Daybreak Rotary Club with a donation of \$1000 to purchase materials for their Work Party to Papua-New Guinea. Our Club participated in a Traffic Accident Commission project in the making of a short commercial for television highlighting road safety. Rotarians and partners spent many hours in the dark on the road at Brauer College to enable filming of the crowd scenes.

The Camp Quality Rebuild Project commenced, and its completion will see a two-bedroom unit constructed on the site and will be a free holiday experience for a family who have a young member affected by cancer.

2013-14 Engage Rotary - Change Lives

President - John Hunt

The 2013-14 Rotary Year saw two new important projects progress from the planning stage onto actual construction. The two projects were the Camp Quality Holiday Cabin at Surfside One Caravan Park, and the joint 4 Warrnambool Rotary Clubs project for the provision of Rotary House Warrnambool to supply short-term emergency accommodation for relatives of patients unexpectedly admitted to hospitals in Warrnambool. These two projects are show-pieces, but despite the large amount of effort they each required our Club members to put in, our organisation was able to continue on with undertaking the many projects normally carried out in a Rotary year.

'Father of the Year' has become a regular event with our club and is gaining size in our community. Ian Cairns and his team were able to get a formidable team of dignitaries together at the presentation, with the Premier Denis Napthine, Federal Member Dan Tehan, the Mayor of Warrnambool Michael Neoh and the Mayor of Moyne Jim Doukas all in attendance.

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool again supported the Warrnambool & Moyne Youth Achiever Awards with the club's sponsorship going to the Overall award winners (4 x \$200), for both Male and Female from both Warrnambool and Moyne Shire, as judged by the Youth Councils; Our Club assisted two local young people to attend the RYLA residential seminar held at Kangarooie and we also assisted 3 school-age children to attend the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN). The involvement of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool in the area of international affairs continued in 2013-14. In addition to our usual contributions, the Club contributed to the work of the Highland Foundation, which aims to address the high infant and maternal mortality rate in Papua New Guinea. We continued our support for the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International by donating \$5500 to its many projects, including polio eradication.

During the year we lost one of our valued members, John Reid. John was a very active member of our club for over 50 years and will be sadly missed. John's memory will live on through the number of many woodwork items he has made over the years, including the President's meeting gavels which he presented to each incoming President.

2014-15 Light Up Rotary

President Marie Bennett

During the year the Board made the decision to have Friends of Rotary as a category of service to Rotary International through our Club. The Club is fortunate to have been involved in the placement of defibrillators in a number of community organizations around Warrnambool through the good auspices of John Hunt and the Jones Foundation. The Rotary Club of Warrnambool has been a recipient and will be able to take this equipment to projects we are working on away from the meeting rooms.

Our Community Service Committee was very active during the year, in addition to our usual projects we supported the following causes:

- Australian Rotary Health - Mental Health: - A donation of \$1000 was made to this very worthy cause.
- Graves For the Still Born: - Two Club members in particular worked with the Warrnambool Cemetery Trust to mount head stones for these little loved ones.
- Rotary Ride For Research: - Our Club organised a night event and over 80 people attended the dinner to welcome the Rotary Relay Team to Warrnambool. We presented a cheque for \$1600.
- Food Share: - Our Club supported this organisation with a cheque for \$1600, which was a contribution towards the insurance costs of the Food Share vehicles.
- Rotary Lights Project: - This project is the brainchild of Past District Governor Brian Trenery who saw it in Mount Gambler and was aware of how many lights on vehicles are defective. Several businesses assisted, such as Burson Auto Parts, the Tyre Factory along with South West TAFE. Community members had a check on their vehicle lights and tyres and had some light repairs done on the night. This was a very successful and appreciated project and one the Club got a lot of community value from.
- Camp Quality Cabin: - Our new holiday cabin continues to be well utilised by the target group of people who have a young family member affected by cancer.

In addition to Interplast, our Child Sponsorship Program, RAM and other projects, our International Service Committee contributed to Aquabox and The Sariri Village Project in PNG. An Aquabox is essentially a lifesaving water tank with water filters and water treatment tablets that can convert up to 2,000 litres of polluted water, making it safe to drink.

In April we hosted our Midfield Meats Friendship Barbecue: Rotarian Graeme Ross had productive discussions with Midfield and the labour companies that employ some 300 young workers from Taiwan and South Korea. Peter Abbott, CEO of Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum, made the tourist village free of charge and a most successful international friendship barbeque took place with around 200 attending.

2015-16 Be A Gift To The World

President: Steve Giddens

For the '15 -'16 Rotary year, our club was on a regular basis positively reported in both local media outlets and in social media. We've seen many articles throughout the year in the Warrnambool Standard. Our club has also made the local community aware of our activities through the support of Ace Radio. The club has a very strong presence in the social media area through our website and face-book site. We also saw our new club marquee for the first time at the Relay for life event. The marquee was purchased with some assistance coming through a District Strengthening Public Relations Grant of \$1000.

A new project for this year was the Grave of Jack Murray Restoration: - This project was led by Rotarian Brian Trenery. A local, Jack Murray was Victorian Premier from 1909-1912. He passed away in 1916 and his grave is in the Warrnambool cemetery and had fallen into disrepair. Our Club commenced the process of restoring the grave.

At the Hampden League Grand Final on in September, 2015, our Club members ran the raffle, with half of the money raised going to Food Share; The Camp Quality Holiday Cabin continues to provide a (free) holiday break for families who have a young family member affected by cancer. The cabin continued to be well utilised with an approximate 65% occupancy rate; Rotary Lights Project - This a relatively new Club initiative. Rotary has received excellent support from several local businesses, and local residents have been able to have their vehicle lights checked, their tyres checked and have the repairs done on the night.

2016-17 Rotary Serving Humanity

President: Steve Giddens

This year, through necessity, took a different approach with the President's role, starting off with Steve Giddens at the helm and then passed to Past Presidents Brian Trenery, Judy Ross, John Hunt, and Anne Adams. In March, 2017, our Club acknowledged the record set by Ron Rauert in reaching his 60th year as a member of our Club - an outstanding achievement! Keith McLeod was close behind - reaching 50 years as a member.

Unfortunately, during the year, the deaths occurred of Ted King and Jim Dwyer. Both were long-serving members of the Club, with Ted being a member for over 50 years, and Jim for over 40 years, and both served as Presidents of the Club.

The John (Jack) Murray Grave Restoration project is now complete and forms part of the heritage walk of the cemetery and a notable grave site for school groups to visit and learn of local history. The cost of this project was \$7300.

The Warrnambool Father of the Year project has developed into a well-received annual event, again under the guidance of Ian Cairns. It was again supported by ACE Radio network, South West Credit and Bunnings Warehouse. A record number of entries were received from schools in Warrnambool and Moyne Shires.

Planning was undertaken to continue international aid projects in PNG during the next Rotary year, including for the Embessa Village. The planning included an application for a District Designated Rotary Foundation grant for \$3000. Assistance was also given to our Sariri partner Elijah Sarigari by drafting a submission for him to use to seek a PNG funding grant for \$50,000 to provide water to a local high school.

2017-18 Rotary: Making A Difference

President: Trevor Williams

Our Community Service team had a very busy year with a number of barbecues raising funds and supporting other community groups. We contributed to the payment of Food Share's truck insurance premium, along with individual member weekly food contributions totalling some 88kg of food contributed. We had another great FOTY event take place during 2017-18 with record entries, multiple dignitaries in attendance and some wonderful media coverage. We sponsored a fun day program at the end of the school year with 55 Standing Tall students taking part. Along with fun activities, the one-day program included beauty, well-being and personal hygiene talks for the girls as well as a talk from South West Healthcare on Mental Health and well-being, the event was given the name of the Rotary Club of Warrnambool Standing Tall Health and Well Being day.

Two very successful fashion parades were held during the year, with plans already in place for the following year. These activities raised \$6877. Various items were updated or replaced at the Camp Quality cabin during the year and our Club made a contribution towards an air conditioner for the new premises of the Warrnambool Breastfeeding Centre. Our Club also made a contribution to the Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre. This meant that a mum and her children would be able to spend Christmas in temporary emergency accommodation to escape family violence;

Our Club continued to support DIK during the year and Wannon Water once again donated round bales of hay to support our International projects. The hay was harvested from Wannon Water land near Port Fairy. This is the third successive year we have received this support. The donation

was sourced by John Harris. John also managed the sale of the hay. The PNG International Humanitarian Aid Project team went to PNG in July 2017 focusing primarily on providing clean fresh water to remote villages in PNG. Plans for the PNG International Humanitarian Aid Project continue into 2018 with another trip to PNG planned for July. Planning was also undertaken for a number of individual aid projects for other PNG villagers.

2018-19 Be The Inspiration

President: Michael Boyd

At the end of every Rotary year, we reflect on the success of our Club in addressing all areas of Rotary Service. In 2018-19 our volunteers contributed 5157 hours of service which is equivalent to \$100,000 donated to various community and international charities, youth and vocational programs. This success doesn't just happen, it is driven and planned by our Club members and led by our Board. This year we have tried to involve members in decision making through our monthly committee meetings and I have been blessed with a committed and hard-working group of Directors. Our Youth, Community, International, Foundation and Vocational programs have all delivered on the plans we established at the beginning of the year.

Club Service is an area that often gets overlooked when we review our year. I want to emphasise how important the hard work that is required to make our Club operate effectively. Our membership has grown during the year despite the sad passing of three members Jane, Iris Bickley and Eric Williams and the transfer of Karina Wood to Perth. I welcome our new members this year – you bring with you a new perspective and we look forward to you providing leadership to us all in the future.

We must continue working hard to make our Club attractive to new members and continue to invite prospective members to come to a meeting or activity and encourage them to join, if it suits them. I repeat the slogan that Brian Trenery has used throughout the year "Membership is everyone's responsibility". Our survey at the beginning of the year showed that we are proud of our Club, so let's share it with others.

Thank you for the honour and opportunity to be your President for a second time, I am proud of what we achieved and I think you should be too. I invite you all to renew and refresh your efforts to support new President David Brown and his new Board during 2019/20, the 90th year that our Club has been active in our community.

Some Highlights of the year include

- Supported Relay for Life with a BBQ and donation
- Sponsored Foodshare by weekly contributions of food and payment of insurance for their truck
- Management of another successful Father of the Year function
- Sponsorship of Standing Tall
- Provided homeless people with bathroom facilities in partnership with Rotary Daybreak
- Recognition dinner for Surfside Caravan Park Staff for care of the Camp Quality cabin
- Received a Rotary Foundation global grant of \$3,000 towards PNG projects
- Sponsorship of the Warrnambool and Moyne Youth Achiever Awards
- Coordinated tree planting at Logan's Beach carpark in partnership with Rotary Daybreak and the Clontarf Academy
- Hosted an International Friendship Exchange team from District 5550 in central Canada
- Planning commenced on the Ted King Park upgrade
- Three successful District Grants totalling \$9,000 from RC Daybreak, RC Geelong and RC Warrnambool for the PNG Project.
- Completed 100 "Days for Girls" packs to go schoolgirls in PNG.
- Our PNG team was successful in putting down 5 water bores and deepened another; set up 2 tank stands with 2 x 5000 litre tanks on the stands; set up a 6 panel solar array; installed a solar submersible pump; installed a new hand pump; laid 150 metres of poly pipe, fitting taps to the poly pipe; set up a sky hydrant water filtration system in a school; followed up on two students from a remote village being sponsored by the Club
- Presented a Vocational Award of Excellence to the Warrnambool Men's Shed
- Sponsored the "No Open Defecation Project" in Chennai, India.

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