

THE ROTARY CLUB

Of

ALBURY NORTH



1963-2013

THE FIRST 50 YEARS



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From the President



I have found the experience of being President of the Rotary Club of Albury North in its 50th year to be an exhilarating one. I am the leader of a Club blessed with members who hold true to Rotary's motto, "Service above Self", while maintaining a keen sense of the importance of fellowship to enhance that service.

Doesn't the Club have a proud history! Looking back over the years I am struck by the breadth of vision evidenced by its projects which demonstrates both a focus on Rotary's ideals and the reliability of its members "to get things done". This document touches on the Club's activities in the Five Avenues of Service and highlights a commitment to each of them which has touched so many, both here and overseas.

Of course, many of the Club's material achievements have come about because of the sound financial base of the Community Market and we owe much to members such as Rudi Zauner, Mick Reid, Doug Winnel and Peter Drummond in establishing and developing it. One must not forget the various Market Chairmen who deal with the issues that arise; it seems sometimes on a daily basis. I feel sure that the members who were inducted into the brand new Rotary Club of Albury North on 15th June 1963 would be proud of the Club they fostered as I believe we members in 2013 will take pride in the Club into the future.

Mark Smith
President 2012-13

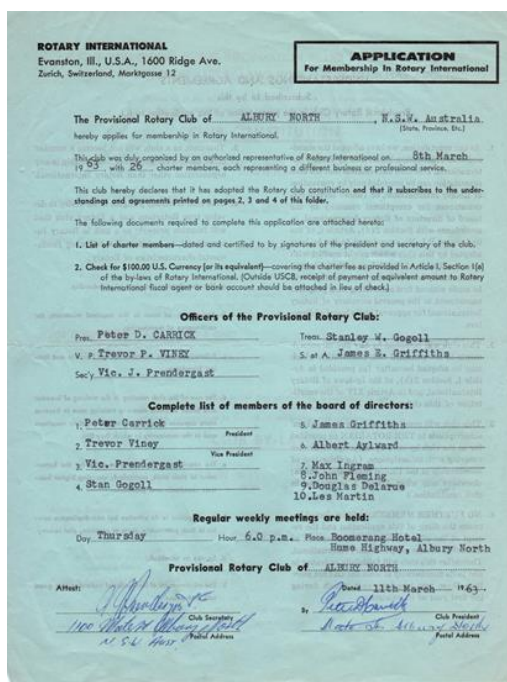
The Beginning



Charter President Peter Carrick and Pat Carrick

On the fifteenth anniversary of the chartering of the Rotary Club of Albury North, Charter President, Peter Carrick, recalled the Club's beginnings:

"Initially five business and professional men were invited to form a nucleus committee, which then requested a further twenty men in the North Albury area to discuss Rotary at an inaugural meeting. As a result of this meeting a request was made to the Rotary Club of Albury to seek permission from Rotary International to form a Club in North Albury. The nucleus committee consisted of Bert Aylward, Stan Gogoll, Vic Prendergast, Trevor Viney and myself."



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APPLICATION
For Membership in Rotary International

The Provisional Rotary Club of ALBURY NORTH, N.S.W. Australia
(State, Province, Etc.)

humbly applies for membership in Rotary International.

This club was duly organized by an authorized representative of Rotary International on 11th March
1963 with 26 charter members, each representing a different business or professional service.

This club hereby declares that it has adopted the Rotary club constitution and that it subscribes to the under-
standings and agreements printed on pages 2, 3 and 4 of this folder.

The following documents required to complete this application are attached hereto:

1. List of charter members—dated and certified to by signatures of the president and secretary of the club.
2. Check for \$100.00 U.S. currency (or its equivalent)—covering the charter fee as provided in Article I, Section 1(a) of the by-laws of Rotary International. (Outside USCR, receipt of payment of equivalent amount to Rotary International fiscal agent or bank account should be attached in lieu of check.)

Officers of the Provisional Rotary Club:

Pres. <u>Peter D. Carrick</u>	Treas. <u>Stanley M. Gogoll</u>
V. P. <u>Trevor P. Viney</u>	S. at A. <u>James R. Griffiths</u>
Secy. <u>Vic. J. Prendergast</u>	

Complete list of members of the board of directors:

1. <u>Peter Carrick</u>	8. <u>James Griffiths</u>
2. <u>Trevor Viney</u>	9. <u>Albert Aylward</u>
3. <u>Vic. Prendergast</u>	10. <u>Max Ingram</u>
4. <u>Stan Gogoll</u>	11. <u>John Fleming</u>
	12. <u>Douglas Dalarus</u>
	13. <u>Les Martin</u>

Regular weekly meetings are held:

Day Thursday Hour 6.0 p.m. Place Boomerang Hotel
Hume Highway, Albury North

Provisional Rotary Club of ALBURY NORTH

Attest: [Signature] Club Secretary
11th March 1963 Date

By: [Signature] Club President
11th March 1963 Date

The request was granted and under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Albury the new Club was chartered on 1st May 1963. Two Rotarians from the Albury Club, namely Horrie Harrison and George Roxborough, were the Club's mentors in those early years. In addition to attending numerous meetings of the Club, they also held positions on the first Board.

A further two members of the Rotary Club of Albury actually joined the Club; they being Doug Delarue and Ned Griffith. Doug Delarue served as our second President and later became District Governor. He served both the Albury and Albury North Clubs with distinction and his contribution to the District is well documented.

The Club's Charter Dinner was held at the Tudor Hall, Bonegilla on 15th June 1963 and the then District Governor, Ern Grainger, presented the Club's Charter. The Rotary International President at that time was Natish Laharry from the Rotary Club of Calcutta in India and his theme for the year was "Kindle the Spark Within – The Power that Lights the Service".



L to R: Vic Prendergast, Ken Beach, Trevor Viney, Max Ingram, Peter Carrick, Les Martin (rear), DG Ern Grainger, Clive Tink, Stan Carnie, George Benstead, Arch McLeish, Jim de Kruiff, Ec Bocquet (rear), Bert Aylward, Ned Griffith, Ray Adinsall, Jack Woodman.

Our District Governors

Doug Delarue became District Governor in 1973-74 under the theme “A Time for Action”.



At the conclusion of his year Doug expressed his appreciation of the Club’s support saying “(it) has given as much (or more) service during this year than in any other year since its formation. The massive task of arranging and carrying through the District Conference was an additional effort. That the Conference was an outstanding success in every way, is a tribute to Conference Chairman Peter (Carrick), President Hube (Odewahn) and all the members of the Club, ably supported by Rotaryannes. The response to all requests was immediate and exhilarating”.

Neville Cann’s year was 1994-95 when the theme was “Be a Friend”. Neville joined the Club in 1965 and was President in 1972-1973 and again in 1984-85, when the President Elect was unable to act.



Neville and Dulcie Cann

Musings of a Past District Governor

“If there is a time in the history of a Rotary Club that will test its members’ mettle it is when they initiate the proposal to nominate one of their Past Presidents for the position of District Governor. In 1991 the Club took that initiative and in 1994-95 I was elected District Governor of our District 9790.

“Our Club, as usual, rose to the occasion.”

This meant our Club, as well as carrying out the normal functions of service to the community and internationally, had the responsibility of organising the District conference. Our Club, as usual, rose to the occasion. I asked PP Bryan Rothwell to gather together a team. When the team was selected you found that many on the team were also on the Board of Directors that year. Some of those on the team are still members today: PP Jim Poyner, PP Arch McLeish, PP Garry Bryant and Graeme Scott. One of our past members who was a great support to PP Bryan Rothwell was PP Ken Jones.

Under the presidency of Jim Poyner, the Club gave myself and Dulcie tremendous support. Dulcie gathered the ladies together and they made 250 jars of jam (labelled and decorated), which were given to all the partners attending Conference.



One of the highlights at the Conference was having Garry Bryant as MC. His wise words (serious and otherwise) introducing and thanking the speakers will remain with me always.

Dulcie and I have wonderful memories of our year of service 94-95. We visited all 57 Clubs at least once and many more on more occasions by special invitation. The membership in the District was 2015. The year for me culminated with the Conference here in Albury and many agree it was one of the best. It was also a whole club effort.

The late Bill Pickles recorded the highlights of the Conference on VHS so I have a permanent record.”

Neville Cann

Community Service



Community service is one of the Avenues of Service which encourages Rotarians to offer service to their communities. Every Rotary Club and every Rotarian assumes a responsibility to find ways to improve the quality of life for those in their communities and to serve the public interest. Of course, in the majority of cases, funds are needed and raising those funds is a major part of being a Rotarian. The activities range from the “usual” to the inspired.

In earlier years members went on bottle drives, catered at the Show (1969-70) and manned the gates at the Trots in order to raise money. Hube Odewahn allowed the Club to agist cattle on his property (it was known as “cattle hosting”) with the Club putting the proceeds of their ultimate sale into the fundraising account.

One inspired event was “Dig Day” in 1972. A vacant lot, which is now the Coles car park at the intersection of Urana and Griffith Roads in Lavington, was “salted” with goodies and, for a fee, people could go prospecting. At least one other Rotary Club took up the idea.

Of course with the establishment of the Bargain Market in 1975 the pressure on fundraising activities eased. A number of members have expressed the view that this has its downside as it means there are less “hands-on” activities and opportunities for members to work together. This is so, however, the Club has not lost sight of the importance of engaging in other hands-on activities. Experience shows that members readily participate in projects that require them to get some dirt on their hands and it appears that they are able to spend a fair amount of time playing together.

Albury North has promoted or joined others in promoting many community activities. They include:

1964-65: helped at the opening of the airport, participated in the Freedom from Hunger doorknock;

1965-66: ran the Club’s first annual ball and the Albury Rodeo;



1968-69: clean up at North Albury Scout Hall;

1969-70: took children from St John's Orphanage for an outing to the Gang Show (and provided pocket money);

1970-71: joined the Rotary Club of Albury, AMV4 and 2AY in running the Hospital Telethon;

1973-74: assisted Albury North/Lavington Swimming Club when it hosted the Country Swimming Championships;

1981-82: assisted in erection of a boundary fence for Riding for the Disabled and constructed a storage shed for Albury Guides;

1982-83: in the Year of the Tree, distributed 1,100 trees;

1988-89: assisted police in a drug awareness seminar;

1989-90: National Foresters Grove is located on Wagga Road, Lavington. Albury City Council initially approved the development of the park in 1987 to recognise servants of the forestry industry and a large numbers of trees in the reserve are dedicated in honour of individuals, groups or organisations. Albury North joined with Lavington Lions in development of the area including erection of a barbecue;

1991-92: the Club's Environment Committee initiated the building of shade houses at Lavington East, Scots and Glenroy schools. Another was later built at Burrumbuttock School. The shade houses were used to engage the pupils in plant propagation and were of particular benefit to Burrumbuttock with its involvement in the Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre.

In that same year the Committee organised Energy Saving and Recycling Awards.

Also in 1991-92 members built a carport at the Lifeline building;



Building the Lifeline carport
Monty Rodd, Ken Jones, Roger Mitchell and Geoff Brissenden

1994: an area of central Victoria suffered unexpected and extensive flooding. At less than 24 hours' notice a number of members travelled to Benalla where they joined others walking through the streets, surveying residents to make an assessment of their needs, both material and otherwise, arising out of the flooding;

1995-96: one of the features of the annual RYPEN camp at Howman's Gap is the outdoor activities and as some had fallen into disrepair, members travelled to the site where they repaired and, in some cases, replaced the initiative games;

2001-02: Lifeline was assisted again when members painted the interior of the Lifeline building;



Painters Allan Brown and David Dow



George Clifford in action

2005-06: conducted a mental health forum;

2006-07: the onset of the lengthy and severe drought placed extraordinary pressure on those on the land. The Club recognised this and established a Rural Health Committee that developed a flyer advising the health and discussion options available. 10,700 copies of the flyer were distributed in the Greater Hume, Corowa and Tumbarumba local government areas;

2008-09: the Club's awareness of rural conditions continued and it organised a barbeque and film night at Pleasant Hills for the people in that district. This was an opportunity to tell them about the assistance that could be available as a consequence of the conditions. It was an exercise which gave people a break away from the farm, an opportunity to meet up with their neighbours and, perhaps, share the load. The night was repeated in 2009-10 at Rand and Alma Park. In that Rotary year donations were made to the Gerogery/Walla Bushfire appeal and to the Dederang Fire Brigade, which was in need of new radios for its trucks. Members exercised, revived and learnt fencing skills when Bill McDonald organised fencing repair work on fire-damaged properties in the Gerogery area.



Bert Williams and Alf Armstrong in the kitchen at Pleasant Hills

Previously, in 2004-05, the Club had assisted Jindera Rural Care Link in its work with donating funds to reimburse counsellors for out-of-pocket expenses and to fund materials for handouts dealing with the relationship and emotional issues arising out of the stressful time.

In the Club's earlier years it appears that in community activities there was a determined emphasis on North Albury and Lavington. For example the Club pursued development of Jelbart Park. In 1973-74 it completed construction of a barbeque at the park, in 1975-76 it provided playground equipment and in 1977-78 a sprinkler system.

An activity fondly remembered by those involved at the time was the acquiring, transporting, cleaning and installing of a steamroller. It was found in Oaklands in 1966-67, and given to the Club by its owner, Mr Kerr. After being transported to Albury by Arch McLeish and Bert Aylward they contacted the manufacturer in the USA to get details about its original colours. The machine was then repainted in those colours and was finally installed in Avis Park in 1968-69 where it provided great fun to children (of any age) until the insurance industry deemed it dangerous, which resulted in its removal.



George Clifford and Neville Rathbone chatting with an enthusiastic relay runner (aka Peter Drummond)

Relay For Life began in the USA when, in 1985, Dr Gordy Klatt raised over \$27,000 for his local cancer charity by running around an oval for 24 hours. Since then, the idea has spread and in 1999 it

began in Australia and in 2002 Albury North began its very close association with the organisation. Each year members are involved in the organising body. When the relay is held they are involved in the setting up, running and packing up, as well as feeding the participants breakfast.



Neville Rathbone, George Clifford, Norm Halburd and foreman Arch McLeish cooking bacon and eggs

Some needs can be met with the provision of money and Albury North has assisted in that regard:

1982-83: a gift of money to Guadalupe House to purchase a goat milking machine;

1984-85: purchase of a bus for Guadalupe House residents' use;

1986-88: \$25,000 contributed to the extension of the children's ward at the Albury Base Hospital to provide a better isolation ward, an improved play area and a connection to the former nurses' accommodation, which had been adapted to house parents of the children who were patients;

1988-89: \$5,000 contributed to enable Border Life Education to acquire its caravan;

1996-97: \$5000 was given to South West Centre for Public Health, the money being used to meet the cost to immunise Aboriginal children in this area. Also funds were given to subsidise a teacher's aide at Jindera pre-school dealing with cerebral palsy;

1997-98: \$10,000 was put towards Kandeer School's purchase of a bus;

2011-12: Foodbank Victoria picks up food from supermarkets that is reaching its use-by-date and would otherwise end up in landfill. They rescued 110,451 kilograms last year. This was distributed to 29 agencies, schools, refuges and cooking groups associated with emergency relief spread across the Wodonga and Hume region. They have one refrigerated van to do all the work. This van needed upkeep and repairs and the Club contributed \$4,000 to this activity;

2011-13: in excess of \$100,000 in donations to the Albury-Wodonga Carers' Accommodation appeal.

Environmental issues were to the fore in the early 1990s. In 1990-91 the Club initiated the Albury-Wodonga Environmental awards which, in the following year, focused on energy saving and recycling.

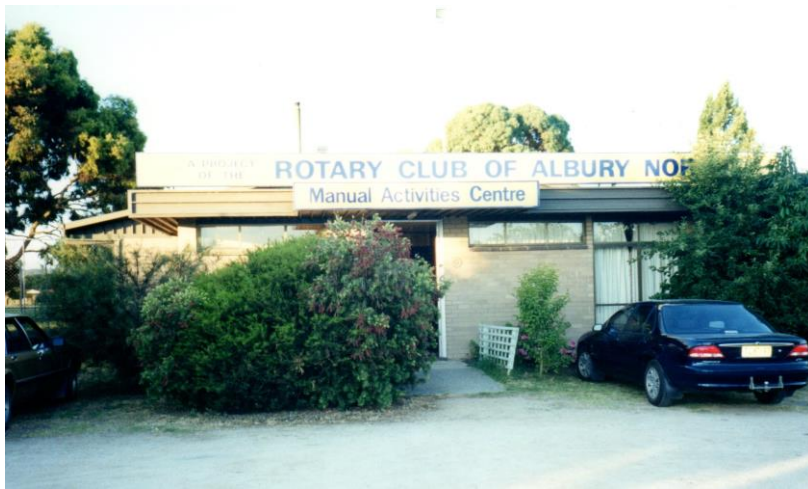
A community activity to which Albury North has contributed both money and manpower over a number of years is the Eisteddfod. Over more than twenty-five years the event has grown from one run over four days to a three week celebration of regional talent from Canberra to Melbourne and Corryong to Deniliquin. Each year the Club makes a cash donation and then members respond to the call for volunteers to assist while the Eisteddfod is in progress.



Conversely since 2011 the Club has engaged in an activity for which it is paid for its contribution of manpower – assisting Albury City Council in running its twilight markets, which are held in QEII Square during the summer months. Money paid by Council has gone towards the Carer Accommodation appeal.

The Builders

Manual Activities Centre (the MAC)



A return trip to Holland by charter member Jim de Kruiff resulted in Albury North becoming involved in a major project. He tells the story below.

The MAC Story

“While having a make-up dinner at a Rotary Club in Ede (the town in Holland where I was born), I met a Rotarian who was in charge of the factory where I used to work, which employed 2,500 workers making synthetic silk. I asked him if it was possible to arrange a factory tour for my two sons, John and Ron, and my wife Paula and myself. He said he would organise it and he did.”

The Day of the Tour

“Paula didn’t go with us but my two sons came along. The Tour Guide happened to be the father of one my soccer friends who made it into the first division in Holland (I did not). The tour went real good, but after about two hours I came to the conclusion that many of the old retired workers I used to know had passed away following less than two years’ retirement. When I raised this point with the Tour Guide he told me that the Directors of the factory had made a study about this problem and came to the conclusion that the workers who had worked at the plant for a long time and didn’t have a good hobby often felt useless and lonely. They frequently lost interest in life itself and so the Directors opened a small part of the factory for retired workers where they could meet together and make something for themselves or their family.

After I returned to Australia I drew up a plan to subdivide some blocks of land on the back of our workshop in Union Road and I kept one block separate to be used for a workshop for retired workers.

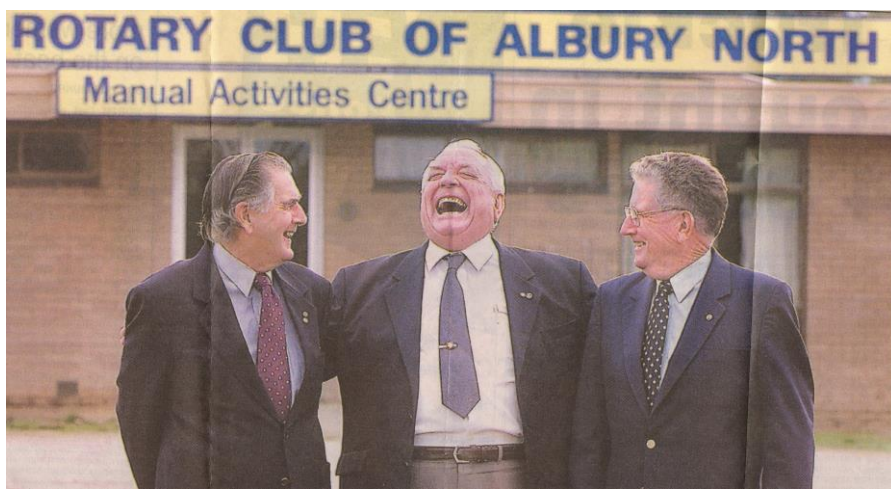
When I showed my sketch plan to fellow Rotarian PDG Doug Delarue, he thought it was a good plan but suggested that I should involve our Rotary Club of Albury North. Doug also suggested that the Albury North Rotary Club could get suitable land from Albury City Council and obtain the involvement of the community.

In 1974-75 when I was President of the Albury North Rotary Club we commenced the paperwork for the project. Doug (knowing all the business people in Albury-Wodonga) did most of the work.”

When the Club adopted Jim's proposal to construct the centre, it was anticipated that it would be incorporated into a wider concept Day Care Centre in North Albury, encompassing a geriatric day care, social care and rehabilitation unit proposed by the NSW Health authorities. Indeed, it was hoped that the Health Commission would provide the majority of the funds.

Unfortunately plans had to be changed when the Health Commission withdrew from the proposed Day Care Centre because of funding problems. The Commission offered to allocate space in rented premises in the centre of Albury but it was felt this departed far too much from the original concept, particularly as the facility would not be catering for North Albury/Lavington residents. By the end of the 1976-77 Rotary year things were back on track for what President David Bent described as "the greatest single service project seen in this area".

A site was obtained and cleared off Nowland Avenue adjacent to the pool in Lavington and foundations commenced in early October 1977. At the same time a fundraising dinner resulted in promises of cash donations of about \$7,000 and Doug Delarue reported that thereafter "the generous response of Club members, Rotaractors, Industry and the public in general to our various requests for labour and material, has been a remarkable and stimulating experience". Many members made use of their building talents in what was a major hands-on project.



George Benstead, Jim de Kruiff and Arch McLeish outside the MAC

The first donation of equipment for use in the Centre came from Rotarian Percy Burrows who gave a lathe, which had been in the Burrows family since 1906. This donation was made when it was in its concept stage only.

When it was completed the Centre was valued at \$45,000 and the cash expenditure had been a mere \$7,700. It was opened by the Mayor of Albury, John Roach in October 1978 and in its first months boasted programmes in carpet bowls, crochet, framework, soft toy making, papier mâché, plant potting, woodwork and metalwork. The Club secured a donated site at the 1979 Trade Fair where items made at the MAC were displayed and sold. In 1978 Albury North was awarded the District 979 Significant Achievement Award. This was followed by awards from the *Sydney Morning Herald* and NSW Government, the latter being presented when the Premier, Neville Wran visited Albury in 1979.

Because some of the activities were by definition noisy, an extension was commenced almost immediately and by mid-1980 was virtually completed with only minor trimming and painting to be done. Certainly by then noisy and dust-producing machines had been moved into the new area,

making the Centre much more efficient. By that time all monies borrowed for the project had been repaid.

The Club was responsible for the conduct of the MAC and in 1981-82 held a fete with the proceeds being sufficient to meet the running costs for that year.

In 1987-88 this ceased and the MAC account funds were handed over to the Wednesday Club being the original members of the Centre. A committee was established consisting of users of the facility and members of this Club and it continued to run the MAC until Albury City took over the Centre in 2002. This occurred for a number of reasons, including the establishment of the community centre “Mirrambeena” nearby (allowing for the integration of the two under one administration) and the health and safety issues regarding the lathes and machinery, which the Centre would find difficult if not impossible to attend to.

From 1987-88 Albury North made regular financial contributions to enable the MAC to meet its costs and some members were involved in its administration. Although he had ceased his involvement with the Rotary Club of North Albury, David Bent supplied heating oil free of charge for many years. Most prominent among the members were Bert van der Sleesen and Marie, his wife who were stalwarts.



Marie and Bert van der Sleesen

Albury Occasional Childcare & Early Learning Centre

The Albury Occasional Childcare & Early Learning Centre is the longest running service in the Albury-Wodonga area (nearly 40 years) and it is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation. The Centre had, for many years, been housed at St Matthew's Parish Centre but with the development of QEII Square it needed to find a new home.



Some time before this PP Alistair Macdonald had proposed that the Club embark on a building project utilising the skills of TAFE students. Options had been considered but the Club had not been able to identify an appropriate project. This changed when PP Barry Bennett became aware of the Centre's need when he attended a meeting of the Regional Grants Committee. The Centre had been allocated land in Ebdon Street and Albury City Council allocated \$250,000 towards the cost of erecting a building. However, the building for which plans had been drawn would cost \$800,000 so there was a significant shortfall in funds. Submissions made to the Department of Community Services resulted in a promise of a further \$250,000, subject to the Centre providing a satisfactory building contract.

This condition presented some difficulty as by then it was planned that the project would be managed by Rotarian Graham Allchurch and much of the building work would be done by TAFE students, with subcontractors carrying out specialised trade work. However, DoCS requirements were satisfied when it was demonstrated that there was a defined plan of action with areas of responsibility being clearly spelt out. The funds were then made available.

Many local businesses contributed material or carried out work at reduced cost or, in some cases, without charge at all. Members Alistair Macdonald, Kevin Scanlon, Chris Parker and Mark Smith contributed their skills and generally members attended working bees to clean up the site and do other non-specialised jobs.

The Centre was opened in an \$800,000 building that cost less than \$500,000 to erect. This was due in no small part to the efforts of the Club and particularly Graham Allchurch, who spent in the order of 1,000 hours managing the project. His significant efforts were acknowledged when a Paul Harris Fellow was presented to him in 2009.

Albury-Wodonga Carer Accommodation Centre “Hilltop”



It is easy to imagine the difficulties experienced by the family of a person who is admitted to hospital at a distance from his or her home. Maddy Dobson who is a member of the Zonta Club of Albury-Wodonga and then fellow member Tonia Timmermans had this experience when their respective spouses were hospitalised in Melbourne. Albury Base Hospital (as it then was) was known to be a central facility servicing a very large area of NSW and Victoria and in 2004 they suggested that accommodation for the families of patients at the Base would meet a significant need. Some members of Albury North had been considering this for some time and in that year both clubs joined in examining the idea in greater depth.

Their research confirmed the need existed and steps were taken to begin the process of raising funds and acquiring the land to build a centre. The project received a boost when the Fight Cancer Foundation (which ran such facilities in Melbourne and Hobart) joined in 2007. Further support came after Lions District 201V6 came on board. Lions had been investigating the concept, but were not aware of the other work that was being done.

Land adjacent to the hospital was purchased and in 2010 Federal Government funding of \$1.5m was approved and architects were appointed.

A sophisticated fundraising strategy was put in place to get the \$2,800,000 needed to combine with the Federal money and the NSW government's initial contribution of \$750,000. Members of Albury North have played and continue to play a prominent part in the project. Organisationally, Peter Drummond is Chairman of the appeal, Ian Crossley chairs the Community Fundraising Committee and members of the local Steering Committee include Alf Armstrong (Chair), Rob Simmons, Peter Drummond and Jozette Dellemain.

Others from Albury North have also played a significant part in realisation of the concept. The late Barry Bennett was a valuable member of the original working group, Clark Potter was a member of the Building Committee, David Dow continues his work on the Major Donors Committee, John Dyason has been instrumental in securing some significant donations, Bill McDonald helped with

introductions to possible major donors and also ran a dinner dance at Mullengandra which raised \$10,000, while Marg Jacob did most of the work on a combined food and wine groups dinner which raised \$13,000.



The kitchen

The Club itself has contributed in excess of \$100,000 to the appeal. Stage one, comprising 20 room accommodation with kitchen, lounge and other facilities is complete and can be extended by a further 10 rooms in the future.



The Market



This flyer announced what is probably the most significant undertaking affecting the Rotary Club of Albury North. It introduced an initiative that has raised over \$1.4 million for the Club's fundraising account and ensured a regular flow of funds enabling better planning of projects. Rudi Zauner chaired the first Bargain Market Committee and recorded that in its first seven months of operation (to June 1976) it raised \$2,000 net of setting up costs. This increased to \$5,072.85 in the 1976-77 year and for many years it was under the care of Mick Reid and Doug Winnel when it grew at a healthy rate.

Initially the market was held in the car park with frontage to Mate Street in the North Albury shops. Following development of what was then Border Shoppingtown (now Centro Lavington) in 1985, the market moved to its car park in Griffith Road where a then record of 101 sites was achieved in December of that year. News of redevelopment of the shopping centre sent members on a search for a new site. The Club obtained the right to use the grassed area between Bunton Park and Bungambrawatha Creek, however, it would be necessary to seal the site and the cost of doing so would be substantial. The Club had set money aside over the years in anticipation of the need to develop an area for the market, however, it was felt to expend the money in that manner was not an effective use of it. Peter Drummond realised the car park at the Tax Office (with frontage to Townsend Street) was vacant of a Sunday and also it had a substantial area under cover. Throughout the market's history wet days meant no market so to have a roof over the head of some stallholders overcame that issue.

At that time the Rotary Club of Belvoir-Wodonga held a similar market in Wodonga on the alternate Sunday to that run by Albury North. When use of the Tax Office site was negotiated both Clubs agreed their markets should be combined and they would be held every week. Each Club would man the market alternately, however, the money raised from the sites and admission would be pooled and shared equally. The first market was held at the new site on 25th August 1996.



Under cover at the Market

All went well until the Tax Office decided to move elsewhere which resulted in plans to redevelop the building. Initially it was thought the Market could continue, albeit in a modified area, but the OH&S people ruled that could not happen. This was totally unexpected and in very quick time, and with the co-operation of Albury City Council, the site moved to the multi-level Wilson Street car park, occupying the two top levels. Only two markets had to be cancelled because of this change with the first market at the new location being held on 27th January 2013. Again, patrons have both under cover and open areas.

For some time prior to this disruption there had been some planning for a move. The Gas Works car park to the east of the Tax Office site is to be redeveloped with construction of a multi-level car park and there are discussions with the Council to have the Market run there with a purpose-built area for storage of its paraphernalia.



Alistair Macdonald and Lilian Dowell manning a gate

Initially, admission was 30c and increased to 40c. One of the consequences of increased income from the admission charges and the site fees was that the Club suddenly found it had to pay GST on the income. Norm Philp returned from a holiday and told of a conversation he'd had regarding a market on the NSW mid-North Coast. The Club operating that market had abandoned charging a fixed admission price and merely asked patrons to make a donation. This resulted in a substantial increase in the gate takings and because the money was donated there was no GST liability. The idea was adopted and with the cry of "Gold is Good" (an effort to entice patrons to donate a gold coin) the gate takings rose.

Site fees have gradually increased over time, naturally with generally good-humoured grumbings from the site holders.

Belvoir-Wodonga brought a number of trestle tables when the two Clubs combined their markets. These were hired out to stallholders who received \$2.00 back when the each trestle was returned, with the Club pocketing the difference. As stallholders expected to be able to hire trestles from Albury North (and because there was money to be made) we purchased a share in the trestles from Belvoir-Wodonga. After different arrangements were tried, nowadays each Club retains the money it makes on trestle hire and at Albury North this goes into the Members' account and ultimately contributes to funding the Christmas function and changeover dinner. In recent times the number of trestles hired has been dropping off, probably because tables can be bought for only three or four times the cost of hiring one.



Long-time stall holder Col Schroeter talking with Jim Saleeba



The McCarron Bequest

Lillian McCarron was aged 100 when she died on 6th July 2001. In her will she directed that the trustee of her estate pay the annual income from the residue of her estate plus \$5,000 of the corpus to the Rotary Club of Albury North. The Club is obliged to use the funds “to provide for the welfare and happiness of those persons who may be suffering from a disability and for elderly persons who may be in financial need”.

Because of the specific terms of the bequest, a committee was established to manage these monies comprising each year of the immediate Past President, the President-elect and Garry Bryant. The money has been expended in a number of ways some of which include:

2004-05: a storage shed was bought for Riding for the Disabled;

2005-06: two wheelchairs purchased: one for an older lady who, largely because of her age and the manner in which she sustained her injury, was outside the scope of government assistance and the other for a 15-year-old boy suffering spina bifida; an insulin pump purchased for a 23-year-old with diabetes mellitus;

2009-10: lifters for a child; touch screens for Wewak Street School; funds for parcels provided by Ruralcare Link Jindera for elderly people on the land;

2010-13: funding a music therapist for Wewak Street School;

2011-12: contribution to purchase a fridge and television for a C2 quadriplegic (he has no movement from the neck down and has to breathe with a ventilator following an accident at home. He is the sole breadwinner and at the time had 5 children under 16). A young man who suffers a disability and is separated from his family was assisted by the Club, meeting the cost of equipping a home provided by The Department of Housing;

2012: contribution to acquisition of a vehicle and fitting of a lifter for a young woman suffering muscular dystrophy;

2013: contribution to the cost of schooling of four children suffering with autism spectrum disorders.

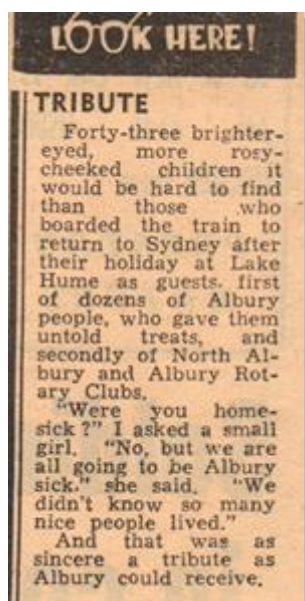
New Generations



Rotarians have long been committed to serving youth in their communities. RI gave formal recognition to the commitment when New Generations Service became Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service in 2010.

However, Albury North had anticipated this. In his report at the end of the 1964-65 year, Jack Woodman noted that at the beginning of the year the Board had adopted the recommendation of the Community Service Committee to place youth projects as "top priority during the year". That priority continued in later years and in 1972-73 all of the Club's youth activities were grouped in one major committee. Chairman Ec Bocquet recorded that this had worked well and recommended it continue. The annual report of 1975-76 records Neville Maddison as Youth Activities Chairman being a member of the Board and that seat on the Board has remained since that time.

While under the umbrella of Community Service, youth was supported by the Club which participated in organising a children's camp at the Hume Weir in 1967-68. 43 underprivileged children from Balmain attended a very successful camp as reported in the *Border Morning Mail*:



This continued for at least two more years with children from South Melbourne and Nyngan attending.

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18 and Albury North was instrumental in one such club being established at North Albury High School (James Fallon). Ec Bocquet played a major role mentoring until the Club went into recess at the end of 1972 after four years' activity.



The service organisation for older young people (between the ages 18 and 30) is Rotaract. The name stands for "Rotary in Action" and originally it began as a Rotary International youth program in 1968. Since then it has grown into a Rotary-sponsored organisation.

Albury North became supportive of Rotaract in 1970-71 when it instigated meetings to establish the level of interest in having a club in Albury. The interest was there. A board was elected in May 1971 and the new club was chartered on 25th June that year with 23 charter members. The degree of support given by members of Albury North is evidenced by the fact that for a number of years it had a Rotaract Committee which mentored the new club. One way in which this was done was to roster our members to attend Rotaract meetings. In 1974-75 two Rotaractors attended alternate meetings of our Club.

Our annual reports reveal the club was very active, particularly in its service to the local community. However, maintaining membership numbers became a problem. To maintain active status it was required to have fifteen members and when this number could not be achieved the club went into recess in 1981.

The Club has also been very active in seeking out young people to attend the numerous schools and programmes aimed at them. These include the CRA Summer Science School, the National Engineering Summer School, the Murray Darling Summer School, the National Youth Science Forum, the Siemens Summer Science Experience and RYLA. Frequently those we have sponsored report on their experience at a meeting of the Club and without exception each has demonstrated the value of their participation in the activity. Several of those who have attended RYLA have acted as facilitators at subsequent RYPEN camps.

District 9790 runs the Ian Murphy Memorial Debating Competition, which culminates in the final at the District Conference each year. Teams come from High Schools within the District and it has not been unusual for Albury North to sponsor more than one team at a time – with occasional success in the final (St Paul's College won the competition on three occasions).

The Murray Conservatorium has benefited from the Club providing a scholarship in most years since it first gave support to an 11-year-old flautist in 1982-83. The Conservatorium has reciprocated by often providing entertainment at our changeover night. Students at Charles Sturt University have also been awarded scholarships. Of course the Club has provided Speech Day awards to schools over many years.

Individuals have received support in other endeavours too. In 1973-74 we assisted Maree Bennie who was representing Australia in basketball overseas and in 1987-88 we supported a shot putter who went to Queensland and 2 softballers to the USA. Later 4 roller hockey players were assisted, as was a young woman who was undertaking violin tuition in Melbourne.

Hume School conducted a workshop on animation, film making and writing in 2007-08 during which each student created a short film using plasticine figures. The club made a cash contribution to the workshop and in the following year supported a filmmaking project at North Albury Public School. Commencing in 2009-10 the Club has sponsored the Poetry Challenge for school students as part of the Write Around the Murray Festival.

From 2010-11 a number of members have participated in running Midnight Basketball, which is described as "a national social inclusion programme to help youth identify and embrace positive opportunities". It is aimed at disadvantaged youth who have dinner, receive some life skills assistance and play in tournament basketball games. At the end of each night there is a bus home, providing a safe and motivating environment.

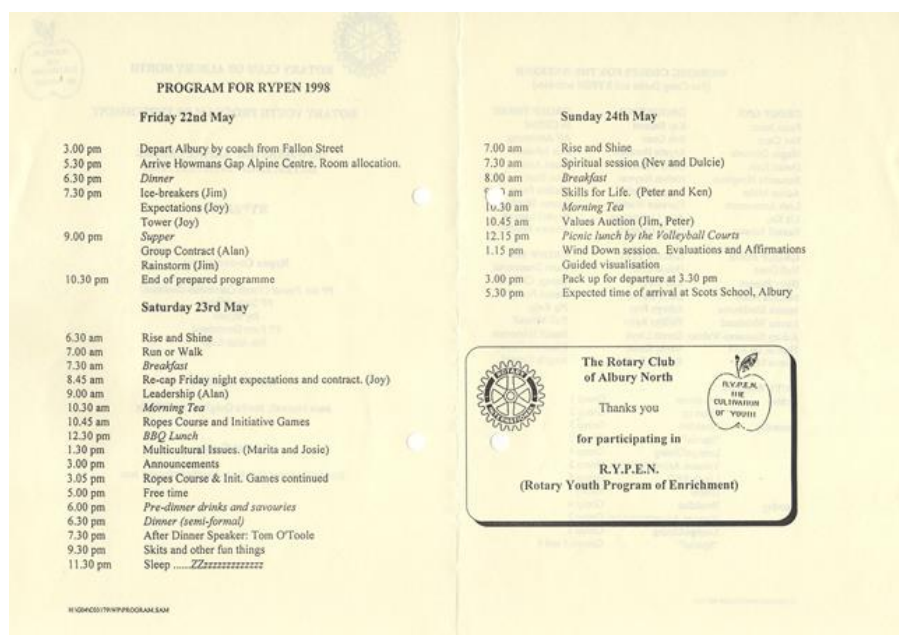
RYPEN

(Rotary Project of Enrichment)



Jim Poyner describes RYPEN as probably the Club's most worthwhile project. It is a programme that endeavours to allow teenagers (generally in year 10) to develop "life skills" and motivation to help them cope with the challenges of a very competitive future. It recognises that pressure is put on students to perform academically and their results are the benchmark of success. However, other skills are needed for the next stage of a student's growth, be that further education or the workplace.

For many years District 9790 had conducted a RYPEN camp. In 1991 Albury North determined it should organise such a camp for young people in this area. The first RYPEN camp was held on 31st May-2nd June of that year. The organising committee comprised Doug Winnel, Jim Poyner and Ken Jones and 42 students from 6 local high schools attended. Albury North has conducted a RYPEN camp every year, but one, since then.



A typical RYPEN programme

A feature of RYPEN which draws comment each year is the ropes course.



The learning experience of the high ropes is not confined to the young people as facilitators have been known to take to the skies too – and boast to all and sundry about having done so.



An archery activity



Alan Kelb running a session



Saturday night's dinner – the students are served by the facilitators

At the first camp, the facilitators put on a pantomime to a narrated script after the dinner and this became a regular programme item. The annual report recounted “in the end Dirty Dan (Jim Poyner) met his match in Grandma (Susan Rothwell), the dog (Jill Allen) chased the cat (Margo Mitchell) outside, the table (Gary Kenny) and chair (Bryan Rothwell) collapsed under the fainting body of Prudence Pureheart (Anne Smart) who presumably ended up with Dudley Dooright (Roger Mitchell) after he recovered from being knocked out”. In later years Neville Cann displayed a talent which surely was a factor in his selection as District Governor: he played the part of the table with great distinction.

Within a few weeks of each camp the participants and parents are invited to a meeting of the Club. This is an opportunity for the students to report on the events of the weekend and offer their impressions and thoughts on the effectiveness of the programme. Frequently we receive glowing commendations from many of the parents.



Facilitators taking a breather – David Thurling, Syd Lukins, Don Jackson, Rob Simmons, Chris Parker, Kay Bennett, Alf Armstrong. Keith Donaldson's hat (foreground)



...and in some years it snows.

Youth Exchange



Each year Rotary Youth Exchange provides around 8000 young people worldwide with an opportunity to experience the cultures and accomplishments of people in other countries. Selected students spend one year living in another country, usually with three or four host families. Albury North became involved in the programme in 1966 when it hosted Art Dalley from USA and the following year sponsored outbound student Robert Trevethan.

Robert recalls the experience:

“In 1966 I was a guest of the Brighton Rotary Club – just north of Denver, Colorado. I stayed with 10 families, moving every six weeks during school time and every fortnight during the summer vacation. In having close contact with so many people, I hope I gave at least some Americans an enduringly positive impression of Australia. I also hope that I was able to raise awareness about Australia in a greater number of people from the presentations I gave at Rotary Clubs, at other clubs and organisations, and at the high school I attended.

I certainly gained a lot from the families I stayed with. Those families differed from each other in many ways, and they exposed me to a greater range of literature, music, religious expression, types of humour, and recreational activities than I had experienced before. One of my fathers introduced me to the poetry of Robert Frost and did so in a way that somehow infused it strongly

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with its uniquely American flavour. I went to classical music, gospel, and rock concerts in Denver. I lived with Christian Scientist, Mormon, and Buddhist families, as well as with more mainstream Christian families. In a Japanese-American family, the members interacted in a quietly dignified manner; another family was rowdy and rough-and-tumble – and delightfully so. I rode horses while staying with one family on a ranch; we camped, did a lot of sight-seeing, and went skiing in the Rocky Mountains; I stayed at a luxurious hotel during a statewide Rotary convention; and we travelled long distances at high speeds on impressive freeways. Given that I had previously led a relatively sheltered life, my experiences were certainly mind-broadening.

In school, I took some subjects that I’d never have studied had I remained on my academically-focused track at home. I did a crash course in speed typing (which came in handy immediately), studied modern American history (in which, among other things, we learned the dances and songs of the Roaring ‘20s), and enrolled in a creative English class (writing one’s own poetry etc.).

It is difficult to gauge how much my time in America influenced me personally. Maybe I became more tolerant of others and less willing to accept stereotypes. Maybe I was that way inclined to begin with – who knows? Certainly, any intolerance or stereotypic attitudes I’d harboured would have been difficult to maintain, particularly given the warmth, generosity, and sophistication of my hosts.

Since my time as an exchange student I have been back to America five times, and each time have caught up with at least one of my original families. Forty-six years later I am still in regular contact with one of my families there. We hosted the parents of that family about eight years ago when they came to Australia, and I visited them again as recently as last year. So at least some of the friendships have been enduring.

I remain grateful for the experience provided my by the North Albury Rotary Club. Being a Rotary exchange student is undoubtedly one of the most important milestones of my life.”

Since then, in most years, members have hosted incoming students. One, in 1993-94 was Christian Schmid:



“In 1993-94, the Rotary Club Hochschwarzwald, Germany, together with the Rotary Club of Albury North as hosting club made it possible for me being part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program; the largest programme worldwide to organise teenagers spending a year abroad. The peculiarity of the programme is the necessity to live in various families in order to get to know as much people as possible since “the” Australian family does not exist. The other side of the coin is to become a host yourself, to give back to other students what you were being granted during your own year abroad. That way, my family in Germany hosted four exchange students from Mexico, Canada and Australia.

When I came to Albury, Paul Keating was Prime Minister of Australia. He was sitting two rows behind me at the Sydney Opera House Honours to commemorate the 20th birthday of the world’s most exciting opera house which turns 40 this year. It was the time Pete Sampras won the final of the Australian Open in Melbourne’s Flinders Park against Todd Martin with 7-6, 6-4, 6-4. It was the time Sydney being awarded the 2000 Olympic Games which were carried out seven years later in a fashion the world has never seen before. During the Games everyone could see how friendly, open and helpful the Australian people are. I have had the chance to experience this personally in Albury.

First of all, the most important thing to feel at home is the family. All of my host families did a great and tremendous job. The families of the Rotarians Jim Poyner, Ken Jones and Bryan Rothwell, as well as the family of Kevin Carey, accepted me from scratch being there and living in their homes. Also I have to mention Joy and Garry Bryant, Joy as being my counsellor I always could contact if problems should have ever occurred. Every family was different, had its own way of life. I was integrated in their families, experienced the working days and the holidays. The school also plays an important role, of course. I enjoyed going to the Albury North High School – I think it



is called James Fallon High School today – where I made good friends and where I unfortunately lost a dear classmate in a car accident. Last but not least I was forced to learn the English language which never has been easy for me. Shortly before I flew home, I bought a newspaper and the guy was asking me where my accent is from. This is ok, because I am what I am. Certainly not only the language experience in Australia helped me to get my actual job as Head of Legal Affairs in a stock-listed bio-pharmaceutical company in Munich. The year in Albury enriched my personality and character in a positive way, it indeed played a major role to make me what I am today.

Back in 1993/1994, I was supposed to be an ambassador of Germany. Afterwards, I turned to be an ambassador of Australia. When the Olympic Games were opened, I was so proud of Australia. In 2012, I was attending a friendship soccer game between the national teams of Germany and Australia. I believe I was the only spectator standing and singing both national anthems. I learned to sing *Advance Australia Fair* at the meetings of the Rotary Club. Looking back, it seems to be almost an unreal time as if it would have been only a dream, a dream of joy and happiness. Thanks to my parents, the Rotarians of Albury North and others – I can say it was reality.”

Christian visited the Club in March 2013. He reported that Rotary continued to play a part in his life following his return to Germany. He is now the in-house counsel for a bio-tech company and secured the position when the managing director (a Rotarian) saw in a Rotary publication that Christian was looking for a position. The fact that he had spent a year in Australia as an exchange student was also an important factor in his appointment, Christian told us.

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Following is a list of exchange students hosted or sponsored by our Club. While many of the names may be unfamiliar and others will revive memories, the list demonstrates the Clubs commitment to the programme and the many countries involved; surely an exercise in international understanding and goodwill.

Albury North's Exchange Students

Year	Inwards	From	Outwards	To
1964-65	Art Dalley	Idaho, USA		
1965-66			Robert Trevethan	Colorado, USA
1966-67	Gigi Abong	Philippines	Margaret Hamilton-	Philippines
1967-68	Antonio Santiago	Philippines	Jean McDonald & Janet Siems	Philippines
1968-69	Mark Torr	Philippines		Philippines
1969-70			Janet Meers	Philippines
1970-71	Tom Henchey	NY, USA	Susan Meers & Lyndal Reynolds	Japan & Philippines
1971-72	Kenji Niwa	Japan	Janet Cox	Canada
1972-73	Karen Burleigh and Terra Laosoonthorn	Canada and Thailand	Julie Grayland and Josephine Donnelley	Philippines
1973-74	Edgar Cases	Philippines	Pam Kelley	Thailand

Year	Inwards	From	Outwards	To
1974-75	Norie Taku	Japan	Anne Ovington and Terese Gehrig	Colorado, USA and Canada
1975-76	Yoke Lan Choi	Malaysia	Sally Pierce	Japan
1976-77	Jaya Sundram	Malaysia	Kaylene Starr	Japan
1977-78			Trudi Curtis	Japan
1979-80	Sachiko Yamamoto	Japan	Michael Murthagh	Japan
1980-81			Jane Pierce	Thailand
1981-82			Stuart Scobie	Canada
1982-83	Kyoko Matsunami	Japan	Jenelle Haskew	South Africa
1983-84	Chondla Triwimol	Thailand	David Brownlow	Mexico
1984-85	Carol Frewin	South Africa	Janet Brownlow	Canada
1985-86	David Evans	South Africa	Kirsty Davis	South Africa
1986-87	Julie Green	England	Estelle Zauner	California, USA
1987-88	Beryl Badenhorst	South Africa	Fiona Davis	England
1988-89			Nina Kenny	South Africa
1989-90	Wilma van Hoef	Netherlands		
1992-93			Kirstine Carey	Germany
1993-94	Christian Schmid	Germany		
1994-95	Dominique Vanoirbeck	Belgium	Meredith James	Alaska, USA
1995-96	Mary Beth Loewen	Alaska, USA	Amy Duff	Brazil
1996-97	Bernardo da Silva	Brazil	Carney Peters	Canada
1997-98			Amy I'Anson	Belgium
1998-99	Viola Groenhart	Netherlands	Scott Clark	Netherlands
1999-2000	Robyn Claxton	Canada	Stacey Polkinghorne	Canada
2000-01	Daniel Thyssen	Denmark	Emma Kelly	Japan
2001-02	Adrian Lustenberger	Switzerland	Nadine Prater	France
2002-03			Courtney Higgins	France
2003-04	Cedric Blottiaux	France	Heather McKimm	Brazil
2004-05	Kelly Kilburn	Canada (representing Washington, USA)	Anna Weatherlake	Denmark
2005-06	Tobias Rosten	Denmark		
2007-08			Clare Huggins	Brazil
2008-09	Celia Fronza	Brazil	Alexandra Wornes	Switzerland
2009-10			Jordin Dalton	Canada
2010-11	Maren Heller	Germany	Alexandra Coombe and Jacqui Brand	USA and Sweden
2011-12	Ida Sondergaard	Denmark		

Vocational Service



Membership in Rotary is based on a member's vocation, a unique feature which provides the source for Rotary's historic commitment to vocational service, the second of Rotary's Avenues of Service. RI requires the Club and its members share responsibility for promoting vocational service and each club should develop projects that allow members to use their business and professional skills.

Members of North Albury have had the opportunity to use those skills in dealings with the younger generation. This commenced in 1966 when three local schools were provided with a list of members available for interview by students, an offer taken up by a number of students. Subsequently the Club participated in careers nights at a number of schools. There was a feeling that the more traditional approach of these events was not adequately catering for the needs of the young people. In the 1975-76 annual report Vocational Service Chairman, Alan Sinclair, reported that "it was decided to introduce a new career experience scheme. The pupils were given the opportunity to choose a profession or career in which they were interested, and were given the opportunity to work in this position for a period of two weeks in late November. By this means they were able to gain an accurate impression of the daily routines, pressures and problems of their chosen profession or career". In all, 60 Year 11 students participated and 35 businesses were involved in providing the experience. Three students who were interested in journalism produced their own supplement on the scheme and it was published in the Border Mail.

In 1979 Albury North joined with other clubs in conducting job interviews at the Scots School and (the then) North Albury High School. These interviews were followed in subsequent years by mock interviews at Murray High School. Students nominated the work in which they were interested and were matched with a Rotarian (hopefully with experience in that field) who conducted a mock job interview of the student. Usually about 150 students were involved.

The Club organised a major careers event in April 1982. Albury City Council allowed it the use of the now QEII Square for a careers day to which the Club attracted representatives of major local industries who spoke about their workplace and career paths.

On occasions, commencing in 1990-91, the Club gave Pride of Workmanship Awards. These are designed to acknowledge a member of the community, irrespective of age or vocation, who displays outstanding qualities in terms of approach, dedication, attitude and commitment to service in the workplace. The programme was one which was run sporadically, largely because of the existence of other similar awards. Nonetheless we were given excellent support by employers and those who were approached to provide prizes.

Things were taken a step further in 1994 when Albury North participated in the Employ Australia project. This involved the members contacting 227 local employers and identifying job vacancies that were then passed on to the Commonwealth Employment Service.

Then in 1996 the Club joined with the Back to Reality Foundation in establishing the Breaking the Cycle programme. This offered 30 young long-term unemployed the chance to develop work skills and move into a guaranteed job.

1998 saw the Club sponsor two Year 10 students to visit Melbourne for the Great Industrial Adventure, run by the Rotary Club of Dingley Village. The students spent the week in Melbourne (hosted through the Dingley Village Club) and visited businesses and facilities there to explore career opportunities. We continued sponsorship over the next two or three years.

A popular programme each year has been the industry visit although these have been curtailed in recent years because of restrictive OH&S dictates. Nonetheless members have enjoyed visits to such widely diverse places as AMV4, the Waterworks, Shorko, the Paper Mill, Wilson Transformers, the Sewerage Works, Gordon & Gotch, the ATO, the Cinema Centre, Masterfoods and Overall Forge.



Graeme Frauenfelder and Barry Bennett in the projection room at the Cinema Centre

Within the Club the chairman of each meeting is asked to give a short talk, generally entitled “what’s new in my workplace”. These can range from a dissertation which earns the speaker the sobriquet of “guest speaker” through to something along the lines of “I’m retired so I don’t have a workplace”. In the main members do learn something about their fellow member and his or her work.

International Service



Rotarians recognise that their organisation is an international one which means we can work with Rotarians around the world to achieve benefits for the people of the world.

In the early years Albury North tried valiantly to forge links with Clubs outside Australia. This started as early as 1964 when unsuccessful approaches were made to two clubs in the USA. In the following year Peter Carrick reported that further attempts to establish international contacts had not elicited any replies.

In the annual report for 1973-74, Stan Pierce said that the Club had corresponded with the Clubs of Lilongwe (Central Africa), Istanbul (Turkey) and Mandaluyong (Philippines) but eventually any associations fell by the wayside. Later we attempted to link with an Indian Club. As recently as Rotary's centennial year, when RI promoted the idea of Twin Clubs, Ian Crossley had communication with the Rotary Club of Oakhurst Sierra in California, USA. Information about the Clubs, their activities and area was exchanged and for 12 months or so that Club was included in our bulletin mail-out list but again this came to nothing.

Therefore establishing such an association as an avenue of identifying or carrying out an international project has been unsuccessful. Far more success has arisen when a member has visited a country and become aware of a need which we have then been able to meet. Jim Poyner's visit to Fiji led to the Club providing blood sugar monitors to a hospital. The road is not always a smooth one however as, after a number of abortive attempts to get the monitors to the hospital (they were returned by the Fijian authorities on one occasion), delivery was finally effected by DG Bill Holman who took them with him in his luggage when visiting the country.

In 1995-96, as a result of Bryan Rothwell's trip to Brazil leading a GSE team, we joined with the Rotary Club of Curvello to secure a matching grant to provide a community hall incorporating a health clinic, childcare and workroom. The workroom enabled women in the village of Curvello to make clothes, which could then be sold to generate income to support the hall and clinic.

Then, while Syd Lukins was in Northern Thailand as a member of a Rotary Friendship Exchange group visiting District 3360, he visited a school and recognised a need. On his return he raised this with the Club and a shipment of Thai-English dictionaries for students went off to the school. Subsequently we continued our support by donating \$2,030 for the purpose of assisting running of English Camps for teachers at Chiangsaen Wittayakom School and also contributed to a Global Grant that enabled thousands of Northern Thai children to have clean and sanitised drinking water. The Rotary Club of Maechan, Thailand awarded a PHF sapphire to Syd "in recognition of his efforts in establishing enduring links with The Rotary Club of Maechan and District 3360 through the Rotary Friendship Exchange programme and the subsequent support for their dictionary and clean water projects".



Of course Albury North has also contributed internationally after hearing of a need through the Rotary organisation. Funds have been used in a number of ways:

1966-67: met the cost of education of an underprivileged child in Hong Kong;

1972-73: joined with the Rotary Club of Gifu South to provide skim milk to the Bundi Mission in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and to provide a scholarship for a boy to attend high school in Goroka;

1977-78: sponsored a student taking a 3 year course to become a health inspector in PNG;

1980-81: funded the cost of meals for 6 children for one year through the All Bengal Women's Union Children's Home;

1985-86: financially assisted Eye Camps in India;

1990-91: under the banner of "Save Water – Save Lives" commencing in 1985, Bill Pickles had pursued a project which finally received approval for a grant from Foundation in this year. Through Bill's persistence \$24,000 had been raised from local clubs and that together with \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of Bangkok and a matching \$25,000 from Foundation went to the establishment of protein fish farms for impoverished schools in Thailand;

1993-94: with the Rotary Clubs of Orchard (Singapore) and Udupi West (India) secured a matching grant to fund a bus for the use of mentally disabled people in Manipal, India;

2003-04: donation to the Addis Ababa fistula Hospital;

2004-05: donation to the Boxing Day tsunami appeal.

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)



This was formerly known as FAIM (Fourth Avenue In Motion: the fourth avenue being International Service).

Two areas in which members have been very active in this area are Donations in Kind and Volunteer Projects. In 1966-67 the Club collected books which went to PNG and since then it has frequently sent goods to specific countries and made donations of items to the general pool.

Our involvement as Rotary Volunteers commenced in 1972-73 when Doug Delarue went to PNG as did Bert Aylward (and his son) in 1973-74 and Dino Glerean and Dick Noordeweir in 1974-75. 1978-79 saw four members travel to PNG, where they were involved in construction of a health centre. After a lengthy hiatus a team entirely made up of Albury North Rotarians travelled to Tonga where they built water tanks for schools. This was in 1999-2000 and was followed by a number of trips to Fiji to build houses at Koroipita near Lautoka.



Bill McDonald looking over some of the houses at Koroipita

Known as the Fiji Rotahomes, the Fiji project was started in March 1985 by the Rotary Club of Lautoka Fiji and was driven by member Peter Drysdale following cyclones that devastated large areas of Fiji and left thousands homeless in the Lautoka and Ba areas. It is an ongoing project to build low-cost, cyclone-resistant housing, with the aim to provide permanent accommodation for disadvantaged, displaced and homeless families that are currently living in squalid conditions.

These teams have always included at least one apprentice to the building trade. The apprentice gains great experience working on the site and provides some very helpful advice and direction to a group of amateurs. For example, the 2005 team comprised a farmer, an accountant, a financial planner (and his son), a stock and station agent and a lawyer. Adrian Gibb, their apprentice was an invaluable resource.



A major conference on site



The team at work

Traditionally after the first week of hard work the team takes a three day R and R cruise before heading back to the job.



Bill McDonald, Alf Armstrong, Laurie Moylan and Garry Bryant at rest

Members have a strong interest in continuing these trips. While the Fiji project will continue for some time they are on the lookout for other projects in other countries (East Timor has been mentioned) to which they can contribute.

The Rotary Foundation



In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed an endowment be set up “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Arch Klumph, were appointed to “hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property...as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI”. Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children.

Rotary International describes the mission of the Rotary Foundation as to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfilment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programmes.

At Albury North we have been steadfast supporters through annual donation of funds. To date Albury North has contributed \$142,213.62 made up of:

- Disaster Relief \$1,319.34
- Matching Grants \$14,300.98
- Other Funds \$15,620.32
- PolioPlus \$13,532.58
- Annual Fund – SHARE \$113,060.72

In addition to donating monies from the Club’s fundraising account, the Club has conducted stalls at the market selling all those things members have put away because they “might come in handy one day”. In 1984-85 one such stall raised \$1,221.23. For some years we sold Christmas cakes and puddings – they were so popular a number of members still have examples of one or the other (or both) tucked away in a cupboard at home. Proceeds from specific outings or activities such as theatre nights have been earmarked as Foundation donations.

There are a number of programmes under the umbrella of the Foundation. In 1985-86 we nominated Warwick Broad for an overseas scholarship and this resulted in him spending a year overseas teaching the deaf. As mentioned earlier, over a number of years Bill Pickles worked to secure funding for a project under the Save Water – Save Lives programme, which aims to supply potable water to communities in developing countries by planning sustainable systems of water catchment, storage and reticulation. Bill’s efforts resulted in a \$25,000 matching grant.

Group Study Exchange



This programme provides a cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40, giving them travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For 4 to 6 weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

For each team member, the Foundation provides an airline ticket between the home and host countries. Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district. In a typical 4 week tour, applicants participate in a packed schedule, including 5 full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, 2 to 3 days at the district conference, 3 to 4 hours per day of cultural and site tours, and 3 to 4 hours per day of free time with host families.

Clubs can participate by nominating team members, hosting members of incoming teams and providing the team leader. Over the years Albury North's members have been keen participants in all aspects of the GSE.

In 1975 we played host to members of a GSE team from Argentina and this was the first of many times on which members hosted visitors from countries including England, India, the Netherlands, Pakistan and USA.

Albury North nominees were the first selected to join a team in 1986-87, when Robert Harrod and Ken Macaulay travelled to Denmark. Others have followed since that time. On three occasions Albury North Rotarians have been selected as team leader: David Bent in 1981 (Canada), Bryan Rothwell in 1994 (Brazil) and Glenys Hall in 2010 (USA).



The GSE team to Brazil led by Bryan Rothwell in 1994

Bryan Rothwell reported that between the time of their arrival in Belo Horizonte on 21st March 1981 (which was preceded by a five-day Brazilian/Portuguese language course in Los Angeles), the

team he led attended civic receptions, numerous Rotary Club meetings, the District 4760 Conference and made in excess of twenty vocational visits. In between they did some sightseeing.

In 2010 Glenys Hall provided a report to District after the team she led completed its trip to Iowa, USA:



“Having visited Minnesota (the state to the north of Iowa) in 2005 I was aware of some of the cultural issues that the team would face. The most important of these were religious and political views. The state is strongly Republican in its political views and a large percentage of the hosts we stayed with were regular churchgoers and actively involved in their churches. This aspect of the visit required tact and a willingness to participate in activities not usually included in team members' lives, especially as we arrived on the Thursday before Good Friday and our first hosts were in a strongly traditional Dutch community.

The pride that people took in their state was outstanding. They were very aware that Americans outside Iowa knew very little about it and often made fun of the state. The team experienced this while travelling from Los Angeles. Several times we were asked where we were going and on replying Des Moines and/or Iowa were asked in amazement “Why Iowa?”

The importance of university sport to the community was also very evident. This enthusiasm and allegiance depended on where you lived and which university you had attended. Within all the communities visited this friendly rivalry was very evident.

As a retired educator, partner in a farming business and volunteer community counsellor, I appreciated the efforts that were made to give me a variety of experiences covering these three areas. Some of these experiences involved the whole group, two or three team members or on an individual basis. The sharing of information about practices in both countries was beneficial. From the farming point of view the different soil types and weather conditions, especially in winter, in Iowa compared to southern NSW

allowed me to experience new farming practices. Discussions with a wide variety of farmers from very small to very large operations allowed a great deal of information interchange. The fact that visits were arranged to factories, food distribution facilities and universities involved in agriculture allowed me to see what happens beyond the farm gate.

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Visits to two schools expanded my knowledge of how the American system is organised on a local basis in comparison with the NSW state system and the potential introduction of a national core



curriculum. Although I have been retired for several years it was interesting to share knowledge around basic education practices, including those involved in working with children with disabilities.

From the counselling point of view the sharing one on one with people involved in sexual assault, domestic violence and employee support programs showed me that no matter which country you work in political issues are the same, especially as they relate to funding and program provision. There is never enough money to support all those people in the community that require assistance. The most valuable aspect was the willingness of our hosts, people in the numerous workplaces we visited and Rotary members, families and friends to share their lives with us. The similarities between people far outweighed the differences. In these difficult economic times people were concerned about how they would manage to raise families, buy or pay off homes, provide good education opportunities for their children, retain or get jobs and worried about how their standard of living could be maintained while recognising that everyone had to deal with environmental issues related to sustainability. A major issue that we were often asked about what was the health care system in Australia. This was relevant as the Obama government's healthcare bill had just been passed in Washington DC.”

Paul Harris Fellows



Donors of US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or the Humanitarian Grants Programme, or people who have that amount contributed in their name, can be recognised as Paul Harris Fellows. Each new Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate and a pin. Additionally, individual Rotary clubs may from time to time honour individuals as Paul Harris Fellows. They are individuals who meet the high professional and personal standards set forth by Paul Harris. Thus, Paul Harris recognition is not limited to Rotarians and the majority of PHFs associated with Albury North have been awarded by the Club.

In 1975-76 the Club conducted a PHF raffle with tickets costing \$10. At that time the Australian dollar was worth much more than that of the US dollar and a contribution of only \$787.40 was sufficient. The raffle was regarded with mixed feelings and was not repeated.

Year	Name	Status	Notes
1976	PDG Doug Delarue	PHF + 1	
1979	PP Peter Carrick	PHF + 1	
1980	PP Bert Aylward		
1982	PP Arch McLeish	PHF + 1	
1983	PDG Neville Cann	PHF + 1	
	PP Bill Pickles		
1985	PP Doug Winnel		
1986	Rtn Mick Reid		
1987	PP Jim de Kruiff		
1988	Rtn George Benstead		
	PP Harold Mair		
	PP Vic Prendergast		
	Rtn Monty Rodd		
1989	PP David Bent		
	PP Max Ingram		
	PP Allan McKeon	PHF + 1	
	PP Dick Noordewier	PHF + 1	
	PP Russell Ward		
1991	Yvonne McKeon		
	Roma Pickles		
	Rtn Bert van der Sleesen	PHF + 1	
	Marie van der Sleesen		MAC
	Margaret Winnel		
	PP Ken Young		
	PP Rudi Zauner		



Year	Name	Status	Notes
1992	Dulcie Cann	PHF + 1	Dulcie's sapphire recognising her contribution when Neville was DG was presented to her in 1997 by Glen Kinross, the RI President
	Bro Denis Devcich		Work with the disabled
	Joan Noordewier		
	Stephen Runehart		
1993	PP Alf Armstrong	PHF + 5	
	Neil Blair		Aged Health
	Jean Delarue		
	June Dickinson		
1994	Gwen Abikhair		Riding for the Disabled
	Pat Carrick		
	Rtn Graeme Scott		
	Doreen Widdison		Woodstock Support
	Robert Williams		Youth sport
1995	PP Bob Grant	PHF + 1	
	Beverley Halburd		Guiding
1997	Jane Ayers		Palliative Care
	Cliff Chamberlain		Community Service
	Paula de Kruiff		
	Patricia Gould		Local Government
	PP Norm Halburd		
	Orme Murphy		Wewak St Special School
	Graham Murray		Scouting
	PP Jim Poyner	PHF + 1	
1998	Joy Bryant		RYPEN and counselling incoming Exchange Students
	PP Peter Drummond		
	PP Ken Jones		
	Gwen Schnelle		Alzheimers support
2001	Yvonne Jackson		Mayoress
2002	PP Barry Bennett	PHF + 1	
	Kay Bennett		
	PP Neville Clark		
	Ken Polkinghorne		Albury City Band
	PP Neville Rathbone		
	Dallas Sargeant		Guide Dogs
2003	Ian James		Fundraising – Cancer Research
	Danny Phegan		Fundraising – Cancer Research
2005	PP Bill McDonald	PHF + 1	
2007	PP Garry Bryant		
	PP George Clifford		
	PP Jack Grant		
	Bruce McNair		Swimming
	Rtn Bert Williams		
2009	Rtn Graham Allchurch		
	PP Alistair Macdonald		
	Janice McCracken		Child Care



Year	Name	Status	Notes
2009	Roman Turewicz		Piano and Musicianship
2010	Lois Dunchue		Rural Care Link
	Stuart Dye		Albury & Border Rescue
	PP Mark Smith		
2011	PP Syd Lukins	PHF + 1	
	Rtn Rob Simmons		
2012	John Brabant		Carevan
	Don Burrows		Rural Community
	PP David Dow	PHF + 1	
2013	PP Roger Schnelle		

PHF - original PHF pin

PHF+1 - one sapphire

PHF+5 - five sapphires

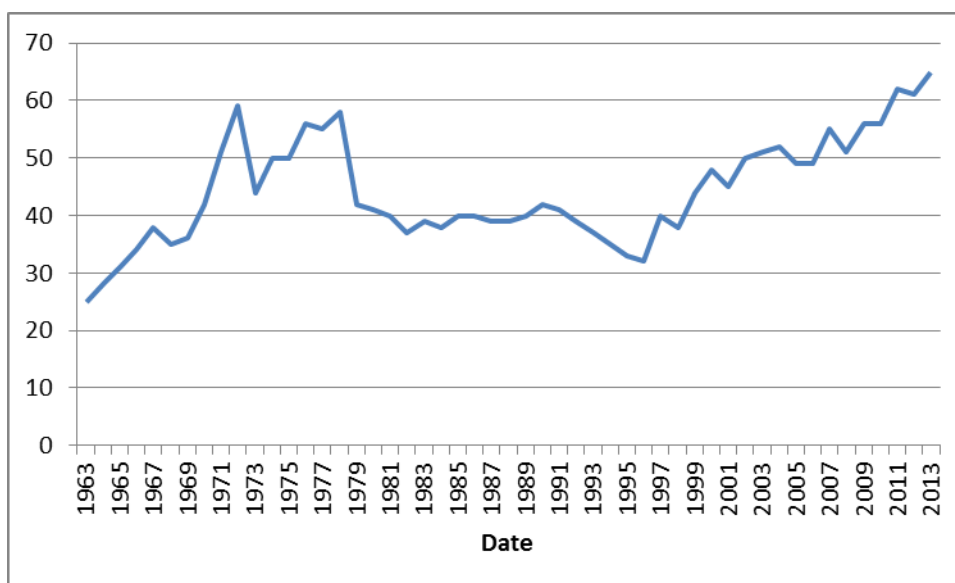
Meetings

Following the chartering of the Club meetings were held at the Boomerang Hotel. Nowadays the Club meets at the SS&A Club which has been its home for many years after periods at Soden's Hotel and the New Albury Hotel.



Bert Williams – long-time Attendance Chairman

Naturally membership has fluctuated over the years.



Membership



Programme

Most meetings feature a guest speaker. The speaker may be someone who has is reporting on an activity for which they have received support from the Club; for example both incoming and outgoing exchange students have spoken of their experiences. Others are drawn from the general community and range from the owner of a local coffee shop (who spoke about coffee) to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation.

Our own members contribute too. This may be by an autobiographical thumbnail or an extended job talk. Each year there is at least one Club Assembly or forum when members can discuss items of concern or interest relating to the Club and its projects. Frequently the Market tends to dominate. Sometimes a programme will result in some members becoming involved in an activity. For example for one meeting members went to the Carevan and learnt about how it was operated. The Carevan operates in Albury on 4 nights each week and helps to feed the homeless and disadvantaged. Quite independent of the Club, but as a result of the evening, 8 or 9 members have joined the roster of volunteers who operate the van and one, David Dow, has joined the board of the Carevan Foundation.

The other “usual” features of a Rotary meeting include a singsong (in days gone by), reports from directors and others, a raffle or two and the sergeant. Following Rotary being opened to women, we broke ground in the Club by having Lyn Makin as our Sergeant in 2001-02 and she co-opted Heather Irvine to fill in for her when she was absent. The idea of having just one Sergeant was abandoned a few years ago and nowadays there is a panel with its members rostered to do the job.

In past years there has been a fair degree of interaction with other clubs. In 1964-65 there were inter-Club visits with the Rotary Clubs of Albury, Corowa and Henty, with meetings with the latter two repeated in 1969-70 when there was also a meeting with the Tallangatta Club. In 1975-76 we met with Corryong and had a combined Christmas party with Albury West. These functions have generally ceased, save for special occasions.

Following each meeting, in accordance with RI dictates, a bulletin appears – once posted, now emailed. It is a handy way to catch up on events of a meeting one may have missed, check a date or information given at the meeting or see what’s on next week. Albury North’s bulletin has received a District award in more than five years.

District

Over the years several members have contributed in the wider area of District and we have had representatives on a number of committees. These include Doug Delarue, Neville Cann, Doug Winnel, Harold Mair, Bryan Rothwell, Bert Aylward, Bill Pickles, Paul Bell, David Dow, Arch McLeish, Geoff Haberecht, Ken Jones, Alf Armstrong David Bent, Norm Halburd and Syd Lukins.



Ec Bocquet, Jack Woodman and Wal Morrison at the Club's 40th

Fellowship

Very shortly after the Club was chartered Fellowship Chairman, Ken Beach, pointed out that fellowship must not be dependent on a committee but maintained by active participation of all members. The history of Albury North shows this this was taken to heart and one is safe in saying that fellowship has always been driven by all members.

Early on there were live theatre nights and a cricket match against the Rotary Club of Albury. In 1982-83 we played Albury West. As well as film nights and fireside meetings members have played indoor and lawn bowls and snooker, had a dancing lesson, competed in car rallies and learnt croquet.



The bowlers at the Commercial Club

In 1996-97 the first of the Poetry and Port nights was held. Perhaps it was inspired by Bill Pickles who was noted for his store of hilarious bush ballads on which he would draw with only a little prompting. Indeed the trophy (made by Col Bridgeman) for which members enthusiastically compete is a representation of one of Bill's favourites: *Backing the Trailer*.



The Bill Pickles Poetry Trophy

Eating and drinking is a popular pastime and in the mid-‘70s members participated in progressive dinners. In 1984-85 this was adapted to the “Great Progressive B.B.Q” and then to “Nog, Nosh and Natter” in 1989. This lapsed after a time until 1997 when Bob Grant reintroduced it as “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” and it has become the staple winter social event since then. One couple hosts while two other couples are the visitors, each couple providing food or drink. The only person who knows who is dining with who is the organiser, hence the name.



Phil Rouvray and Mark Smith compare clubs

During daylight saving the golfers in the Club meet on a Friday evening and play eight holes after which they, together with any other members who wish to do so, adjourn to someone’s home for a B.B.Q. Those months also bring out the bike riders who ride to Wodonga on a Sunday morning, have a coffee and return.



Peter Drummond, Ian Crossley, David Dow and Jenny Dow – the Sunday morning ride for coffee

A number of the Albury North Rotarians enjoy the great outdoors so in 2007-08 Fellowship Chairman, Carmel Love, organised a caravan and camping weekend at Eskdale. She commented

“with the increasing number of grey nomads in our Club, this may well be a growing event”. Indeed. Since that time members have caravanned and camped at Colac Colac, Rutherglen, Porepunkah, Harrietville and Beechworth. The venues are selected to cater for those without a tent, caravan or motorhome as an increasing number of members attend and stay in cabins.



Camping at beautiful Eskdale



Around the campfire – Susan Macdonald, Alistair Macdonald, Loraine Parker, Chris Parker, Syd Lukins, Erin and Claire Macdonald (foreground)

Rotary Fellowships are international groups of Rotarians who join together to share a common interest in recreational activities, to further their vocational development through contact with others of the same profession and so on. Quite a few members of Albury North have taken the opportunity of reviving their cricketing careers and have played both here in Australia and overseas in countries such as New Zealand, India and England.



Spreading the Word

Albury North, together with the Rotary Club of Albury Hume, was the sponsoring club of the Rotary Club of Lavington, which was chartered on 22nd May 1985. Norm Halburd played a major part in the establishment of that Club. Then in 2013 the Rotary Club of Albury Wodonga Sunrise came into being.

Roger Schnelle reports the idea of establishing a new Rotary Club that met early in the morning began as a discussion during his year (2010-11), when the focus was on declining membership worldwide.

As mentioned, Albury North was still active in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, regularly sending local people abroad and hosting international students in our homes and city. However due to the aging of the membership it was becoming more and more difficult to get willing hosts for the inbound students. This culminated in the club voting to withdraw from the Youth Exchange Program in 2011.

While the club enjoys an excellent culture, has strong numbers and regularly inducts new members, it seems to mainly attract people in their middle age or at or nearing retirement. In addition to withdrawing from the Youth Exchange Program we have also had difficulty getting members fit and willing enough to live with and lead Year 10 students at the annual RYPEN camp.

The solution to these issues was to attract younger members but as this wasn't happening at Albury North Glenys Hall, the President Elect at the time, and Roger Schnelle discussed the potential merit in trying to start up a breakfast club in Albury-Wodonga – hopefully to attract younger, working people into Rotary. Although Albury and Wodonga already boast nine Rotary Clubs, they all have lunch or evening meetings.

The idea was shared with all members and in mid-2011 the club formally agreed to sponsor a new club to be known as the Rotary Club of Albury Wodonga Sunrise.

The District leaders of Rotary were also very keen on the prospect of a new club and on 8th August 2011 Glenys and Roger met with PDG Mani Seneviratne, PDG David Cooke, AG Bob Matejcic (all from the committee of "Extensions – New Clubs") and local AG Terry Simmons. The way forward was discussed at length and a flier was created for the first meeting of interested people. The date of the first meeting was set for Wednesday 21st September 2011.

The early meetings were held at café Mr Benedict in Dean Street and the first potential members were invited by Albury North Rotarians Roger Schnelle, Glenys Hall, Peter Drummond (who organised the venue) and Col Norton. Heather Norton (formerly a member of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise) on being invited to join Albury North stated that if ever there was a breakfast club in Albury-Wodonga she would rejoin Rotary.

Notices were sent out through the district website to all clubs in Albury and Wodonga and a public letter drop was organised.

From the start AG Bob Matejcic, AG Terry Simmons, PDG David Cooke, Peter Drummond, Glenys Hall and Roger Schnelle would regularly attend the early morning meetings and they would quite often outnumber the prospective members.



Not everybody who came along felt they could commit to the regularity of meetings but eventually as time went on the numbers slowly built up. When numbers started to grow significantly around the start of 2012 the meetings were moved to La Maison Cafe. Meetings were held fortnightly on Wednesdays from 7.00 to 8.15am with the format being similar to conventional Rotary meetings. Early meetings were used to explain the various activities of Rotary at a local, district and international level as well as inviting guest speakers from the community.

During its probation the new club arranged two successful fundraising events – a corporate netball competition in August 2012, including a coaching clinic for school children with the support of Australian representative netballers, and in November 2012, a comedy night at a local nightclub. The money raised became the basis of the club's fundraising account.

Rotary International's requirement of 25 initial members for a club to be chartered was proving difficult to achieve, but this number was changed to 20 in late 2012, which made it possible to apply for full Rotary Club status at the end of November 2012.

Rotary International processed the application mid-December, granting the Rotary Club of Albury Wodonga Sunrise a Charter. The Charter Dinner presentation night was on Saturday 9th February 2013. Albury North will continue its association with the new Club and, no doubt, will fill an important mentoring role for it.

Probus



PROBUS derives from two words, PROfessional and BUSiness and is an association of retired people who join together in a non-political, non-sectarian International Club, which provides a regular opportunity for them to meet like-minded folk, make new friends and expand their interests.

All clubs are sponsored by Rotary Clubs (but when formed are self-governing) and Albury North has formed four Probus clubs with Dick Noordeweir and Neville Cann being associated with the establishment of the first three:

- Probus Club of North Albury established with 17 members in 1980;
- Probus Club of Albury established in 1991-92 with 110 members;
- Probus Club of Albury Central established in 1995 when there were 114 members; and
- Probus Club of Howlong established in 2009.



Presidents of the Rotary Club of Albury North

1963-1964	Peter Carrick
1964-1965	Doug Delarue
1965-1966	Bert Aylward
1966-1967	Max Ingram
1967-1968	Eric Bocquet
1968-1969	Dick Noordewier
1969-1970	Vic Prendergast
1970-1971	Stan Gogoll
1971-1972	Arch McLeish
1972-1973	Neville Cann
1973-1974	Hube Odewahn
1974-1975	Jim DeKruiff
1975-1976	Frank Tuckwell
1976-1977	David Bent
1977-1978	Des Walters
1978-1979	Russell Ward
1979-1980	Doug Winnel
1980-1981	Rudi Zauner
1981-1982	Viv Climas
1982-1983	Ken Young
1983-1984	Les McLean
1984-1985	Neville Cann
1985-1986	Norm Halburd
1986-1987	Mal Haskew
1987-1988	Bob Martin
1988-1989	Geoff Brissenden
1989-1990	Allan McKeon
1990-1991	Harold Mair
1991-1992	Bill Pickles
1992-1993	Leon Dickinson
1993-1994	Ken Jones
1994-1995	Jim Poyner
1995-1996	Peter Drummond
1996-1997	Neville Clark
1997-1998	Neville Rathbone
1998-1999	Jack Grant
1999-2000	Alan Kelb
2000-2001	Alf Armstrong
2001-2002	Garry Bryant
2002-2003	Bob Grant
2003-2004	George Clifford
2004-2005	David Dow
2005-2006	Syd Lukins
2006-2007	Barry Bennett
2007-2008	Alistair Macdonald



2008-2009	Bill McDonald
2009-2010	Clark Potter
2010-2011	Roger Schnelle
2011-2012	Glenys Hall
2012-2013	Mark Smith



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To the members of the Rotary Club of Albury North,

I am delighted to congratulate the Rotary Club of Albury North on the 50th anniversary of its charter.

Every Rotary club has its own personality and its own character; each one finds its own unique ways to serve. When a community gains a Rotary club, it also gains a heart: a group of caring and committed men and women who come together every week to make that community a better place.

It has been many years since I became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Japan. I did not know at the time what a momentous decision that would be. But in the years since, I have always been grateful to those who decided to form a new Rotary club in my town, and invited me to join. Because of them, my life has been richer, happier, and more fulfilling in too many ways to count. And because of them, Yashio has become a better place as well.

I am confident that Albury North has benefited greatly from your club's service over the last 50 years. I send you my congratulations on reaching this important milestone, and my best wishes for a year of *Peace through Service*.

Yours in Rotary,

S. Tanaka

Sakuji Tanaka
President, 2012-2013

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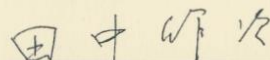


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**is recognized for its dedication
to the Object of Rotary and its commitment
to the ideal of Service Above Self.**

1 May 2013
Date


Sakuji Tanaka
President, Rotary International





Afterword

This document is not intended to be a complete statement of the activities of the Rotary Club of Albury North over the last 50 years. Rather, its aim is to point out the highlights of the period and to give a sense of the energy, enterprise and sheer fun that the Club enjoys.

Thanks go to the many members who have contributed to the document.

Of course the 50th anniversary is not the end, it is merely a milestone in a long and fruitful journey. You can keep up-to-date with events in what Bill Pickles proudly called “Albury’s Premier Club” by going to <http://www.rotaryalburynorth.org.au/>.