

The 80's



26 March 1980 – 30 June 1981

Tony Williams - Charter President to 30 June 1981



The **Charter Night** of the Rotary Club of Remuera/Newmarket was held on 26th March 1980 with a Dinner at the Mandalay Restaurant in Newmarket at which 460 people including spouses attended. Members of the Newmarket Club were also invited. Tribute was paid to Jack Porter a previous District Governor of 992 who was said to be mainly responsible for the formation of the new club. At the dinner the new club's charter was presented by District Governor Des Stewart and the new president's chain of office was presented by Past District Governor Bert Dreaver, a charter member of the new club.

The new charter was approved by Rotary International on 5th February 1980.





Some Newmarket Rotarians were against the idea originally saying that a new club might polarise and split the Rotary Club of Newmarket. In the event only five Newmarket members initially transferred - John Hawthorn, Bill Hyland, David Manson, Gordon Milligan (as Secretary) and **Tony Williams (Charter President)** leaving over 130 members in Newmarket.



Jack Porter



Gordon Milligan



David Manson



Bill Hyland

Current member of the club Bob Elliott and Honorary member Garth Harris were charter members of the new Remuera/Newmarket club.



John Hawthorn



Bob Elliott



Garth Harris

Meetings of the new club were held weekly on Monday evenings commencing 21st January 1980 at the Officers' Club in Edgerley Avenue Newmarket.

The new club financially assisted the St. Elizabeth Trust Hospital building scheme in Remuera, and also the Thomas Granger Foster Home for children in Epsom.



Induction of Mayor of Auckland Sir Dove-Meyer Robinson – flanked by District Governor Hugh Francis and President Tony Williams.

Sir Dove-Meyer Robinson was made an Honorary member and in this capacity made a number of appearances at club meetings. He proved a valuable asset to the club and its activities. He also spoke to many Remuera and other schools on civic affairs and related subjects.

Potters and Artists Exhibition fundraiser

was held 8 November 1980 in Kings School Hall to assist the Thomas Granger Home.



Profits from the day allowed the club to make a payment of \$1000 to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children which was responsible for the Home and obtain a matching grant of \$1000 from the Chenery Trust administered by Ross Craig from the Newmarket Club.



First Outbound Exchange Student supported by the Club
Lianne Hawke with father Don - Lianne went to Holland



The Tumutangi Family in the Cook Islands

Bob Elliott visited this family in 1981. The family lived on Mitiavo in the Cook Islands.

All four children of the family were afflicted by a slowly progressive disorder to their nervous systems; at the time the two eldest children could only move about on their on their arms, the third child could only support her weight on her legs, but the fourth child was still mobile. The family lived in a thatched hut with stick walls and could not hope for more than the basic essentials of life.

Bob Elliott initiated, and Tony Williams followed up the procurement of two collapsible wheelchairs through the Auckland Hospital Board. A set of forearm crutches to suit a small girl soon followed. The wheelchairs were fully reconditioned with a special type of solid rubber tyre. Forearm crutches were also required and duly delivered. By March 1982 raffle and donation receipts had exceeded \$7,000.

The Club was privileged to be selected to host the **GSE team from Kentucky** for a 6 day period which coincided with the District Conference. Tony Williams noted that this was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year for the club.



By 30th June 1981 membership of Remuera-Newmarket had increased to 47. Bert Dreaver interviewed many prospective new members for the club and was a very able Induction Officer.

1 July 1981 – 30 June 1982

President Gordon Milligan



The Club had previously announced the honouring of the charter President, Tony Williams, with a Paul Harris Fellowship and the presentation of the scroll and medallion was made at a club meeting during the year by District Governor Mel Cooper.

Bill Hyland outlined Tony Williams' earlier involvement with Rotary. Both RYLA and Group Study Exchange were early keen interests for Tony who led an Exchange team to Texas and paved the way for female involvement. DG Mel Couper made the presentation all that more meaningful with his sincerity "A Paul Harris Fellowship is the greatest honour that can be bestowed on any Rotarian"

At the time Tony was involved in fundraising for the Mobile School Dental Clinic for Fiji. This was to be the major project for the current Rotary Year, starting with a Display Programme in the Remuera Shopping Centre from 18th through to 22nd February 1982, all members of the club with the assistance of their wives and partners were expected to help with selling raffle tickets, to be drawn on 1st March 1982 and encouraging donations. In the end most gave their time.



Fundraising for a **Mobile Dental Clinic for Fiji** was well underway by September 1981 and accepted by members of the club as the major project for the club in the current Rotary Year. The Auckland Regional Authority had set aside a caravan and left it to the club to finance it by whatever means it chose. Members were invited to loan \$100 each until a more suitable financial arrangement could be made. Later, an interest free loan of \$1500 was presented from the Harold Thomas Trust. By December 1981 the club was in possession of the equipment for a complete dental clinic plus an ARA bus then parked in Onehunga. Raffle tickets sales ensured greater financial stability for the project



The boys of **Kings School** donated \$500 to Remuera Rotary towards the Fijian Mobile School Dental Clinic.



Past District Governor Bert Dreaver, had joined the club and at one meeting gave an interesting and informative resume of the Pacific Conference held in Melbourne in 1981. 452 Rotarians attended from 19 nations to make this event the most international in the history of Rotary. The Theme "The Future of the Pacific Region" was developed progressively by speakers and discussion groups.

Bert turned 85 years of age on 4th January 1992

Andrew Robert Dreaver described as the "other" grand old man of Rotary was honoured and acknowledged at a special reception in the Aotea Centre in Auckland, at the time of the then recent ANZO Zone 2 Institute. Rotary International President Rajendra Saboo presented Bert with a five sapphire Paul Harris Fellowship pin. Foundation Chairman MAT Caparas was also present at the reception. A past Governor of District 9920, Grattan O'Connell was Master of Ceremonies and gave the assembly the following details of Bert's community service.



Bert's public service included service as principal of three schools, a great love of sport and cultural interests and a wide range of community services. Bert was a member of the following Rotary Clubs:

1951 – Balclutha	1955 - Te Kuiti	1958 - Pukekohe
1969 – Henderson	1980 – Remuera	1991 - Takapuna

He had been District Governor of District 992 as it was then known.

In August 1981 as a member of Remuera Rotary Remuera Bert had been appointed a member of the Rotary International Committee for Service for Young People with a particular interest in RYLA. A complex and difficult assignment was the task of evaluating the field of Rotary contribution to Youth Service internationally and reporting to the committee for its meeting to be held in October 1981.

At this time Bert was also involved with Rotary International as the New Zealand reporter

for Rotary Down Under and District 992 Archivist and Historian. Bert was instrumental in the formation of Interact in Pukekohe, Rotaract in Mt Albert and was involved in the establishment of Group Study Exchange, Rotex as it was then known, service on the youth Committee of Rotary International and involvement on many other boards and trusts in New Zealand.

Bert gave sterling service as Club Historian and Induction Officer. He had obtained a degree in History from Otago University. After service in primary schools Bert taught at South Otago High School from 1931 to 1954. He and his wife Molly lived in Pukekohe from 1958 to 1967. For services to Education Bert received an MBE. He was also listed as having an ED (which stands for Efficiency Decoration and indicates Territorial Military Service)

Some of Bert's most vital work came in the early days of Rotary Down Under when he served as New Zealand Manager, distribution manager and chief contributor from 1973 to 1986. In February 1992 he was still actively involved as RDU's New Zealand Features Editor.

Not content with these undertakings Bert wrote a book 'Rotary in the 70's in New Zealand "including a monumental and vital task for the safekeeping of Rotary history in the ANZO REGION."

Bert's foresight, enthusiasm and determination and that of his wife Molly were credited with the beginning and ultimate completion of Northbridge Retirement Village. There they resided in their final years. Molly died in February 1991. She had provided great support to Bert's efforts for Rotary. In tribute to her unflinching support Remuera Rotary Held a minute of silence which was followed by John Hawthorn delivering a tribute. A trust was then set up in her memory to provide funds to assist young people of the kind that Bert and Molly were associated with to take part in activities which they could not otherwise afford;

Sadly Bert died on 15th October 1993, aged 86.



Bert & Mollie Dreaver

Together with the Rotary Club of Auckland East, support was given to the **St Chads Scout** group to complete the rebuilding of their hall on the Rutherford Reserve, then used by 150 young people



Exchange Student Tracy Botha from South Africa was hosted by the club.



A fundraising sausage sizzle was held at the Remuera shops

1 July 1982 – 30 June 1983

President David Manson



The Rotary Club of Remuera/Newmarket voted to delete the name Remuera/Newmarket substituting the name "Remuera". The amendment was submitted to Rotary International for its approval. This was received in October 1983 from the Southwest branch of Rotary International.

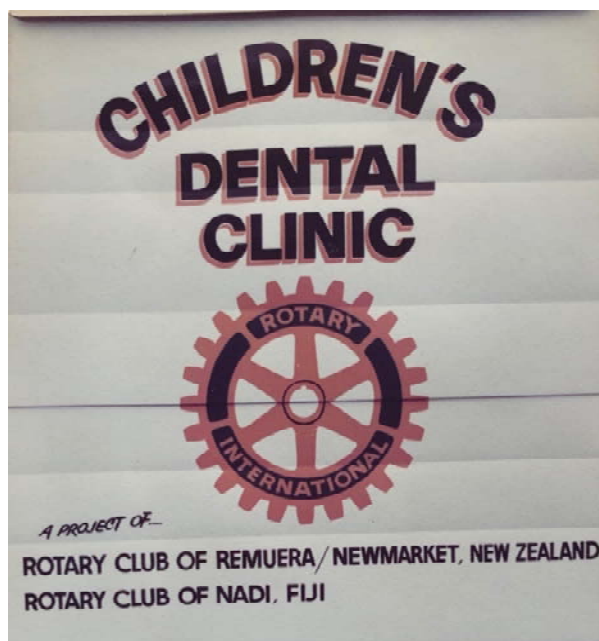
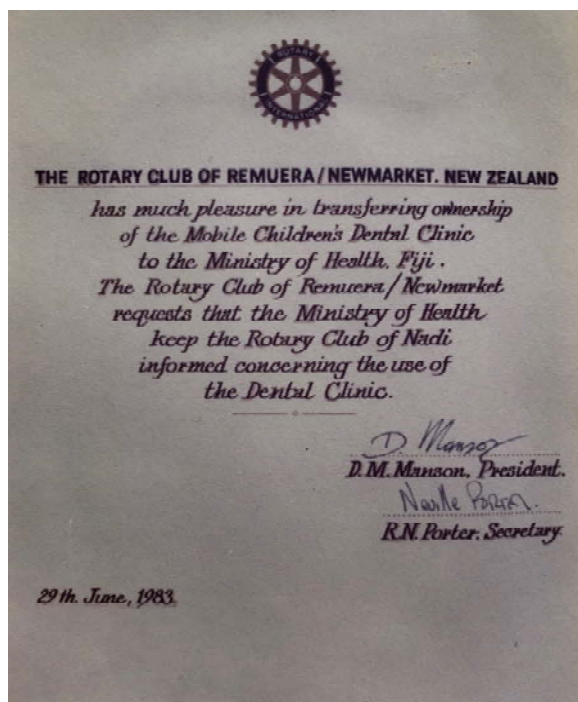
Just prior to Christmas 1982 the club was obliged to obtain new premises and found a new home with the Remuera Golf Club. The room hire of \$55 per month proved a financial strain upon the club's resources, with an average of 40 attendees per month. Efforts were then made to find an alternative venue.

A new Charter was presented on 5 February 1983 with 35 Charter Members. One of its most distinguished was and remains Robert Elliott a retired University professor of Paediatrics in the Auckland Medical School at the University of Auckland.



The Bulletin. A previous high standard was maintained and increased. The Club was awarded the J.M Smallfield Trophy for the "best bulletin throughout the year in District 992. Roger Bridgman, John Simpson and Roger Watt were particularly commended.

Fiji Dental Clinic



By 1982 over \$7,000 had been raised for the **Fiji Mobile Dental Clinic** project, but however, the club lacked space to keep the bus and dental equipment under temperate conditions and free from deterioration. With the onset of winter in 1982 this was beginning to look like a serious problem.

The Mobile Dental Clinic was completed by the shipment of the caravan and associated equipment on 25th June 1983, just over two years since the project was first mooted.





Roy Austin and Tony Fortune found the disused caravan in 2002 while in Fiji conducting training.

Rheumatic Fever Tonga

The major project for that year was the Rheumatic Fever Secondary Prevention Programme within the Kingdom of Tonga. Thanks to a lot of effort on the part of Bob Elliott, the programme was well under way in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa. Both clubs were then in the final stages of arranging the funding and purchase of a 4-wheeled vehicle to ensure all weather transport for staff to administer medication throughout Tongatapu. In addition a senior Nurse, appointed by the Medical Officer of Health in Tonga was then setting the program in motion.

At the **District 992 Conference** for that year the Rotary Club of Remuera received three awards as follows:

- **Presidential Citation;**
- **Significant Achievement Award** for the completion of the Mobile Dental Clinic in Fiji
- Bulletin Award - the **Jack Smallfield Trophy** - awarded twice in three years.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Seminar

The club received a special mention from District Governor Ned Lenthall for the extremely successful RYLA seminar hosted and conducted by the club at Sacred Heart College. Special thanks were given to Tony Williams, Russell McGeorge and Don Hawke.

President David noted that it was extremely gratifying to have a large turnout of members, wives and families on "clean up day".



**The club's awardees
at RYLA**



RYLA Director Russell McGeorge at work



Rotary dinner at RYLA – organised by Don Hawke



Don Hawke



Russell McGeorge



Tony Williams



Exchange student Margrethe Hansen from Denmark was hosted by the club

1 July 1983 – 30 June 1985

President Roger Couper 1 July to 19 December 1983



At the Remuera club's AGM for the year ended 30th June 1983 Roger Couper, Head Master of King's Prep, became the President from 1 July to 19 December 1983. He had to relinquish this position because of a move to Christchurch. He was succeeded as president by Garth Harris for an 18 month period - 19th December 1983 to 30th June 1984.

President Garth Harris 19 December 1983 to 30 June 1985



Dr Garth Harris - was born in Auckland and educated at Auckland University where he gained a BE in 1959. He then worked for the next three years for the ministry of Work in Hamilton and Wellington. Over the next eight years he was a lecturer in Civil Engineering at the University of New South Wales and there he obtained his PhD in Civil Engineering. He then spent the next four years as a consulting engineer in Sydney which included one year in Malaysia. In 1974 he became the Executive officer of the New Zealand energy and research and Development Committee. Garth is married to Margaret and they have three adult children.

AWARE (Accept Women as Rotary Equals). Remuera Rotary was one of 24 clubs from six countries that proposed women in Rotary Clubs. It was an informal alliance of individual Rotarians worldwide, starting in November 1984 primarily as a communications medium to achieve this goal.

The main activity was to prepare a campaign in support for presentation to the Council of Legislation of Rotary International at its meeting in February 1986. Rotary International initially accepted and then rejected a letter to the editor and a simple paid advertisement in the Rotarian magazine announcing the existence of AWARE and inviting Rotary members who supported the scheme to write to an address in the USA.

Club meeting venue changed from Remuera Golf Course to **Auckland Commercial Travellers Club** in Ohinerau Street Remuera.

Challenge/Handicamp

The club was selected in 1984 to run "Handicamp" (now Challenge) for the District. The week long camp took place in February 1985 and was held at Motu Moana, Green Bay attended by 18 physically disabled youngsters and 8 youth exchange students being hosted by clubs in the District who buddied the disabled youngsters. The exchange students played a vital role during the week and were very popular with the disabled campers. Some Rotaractors assisted during the week as well.

Ian Searle, Colin Hill, wife Jackie & children, Tony Fortune (camp director) and two nurses lived in for the week. Anne Fortune (catering), President Garth, Bruce Tantrum, Rex Clapp, Warren McLean and Russell McGeorge actively supported the camp during the week. The club meeting for that week was held at the camp.

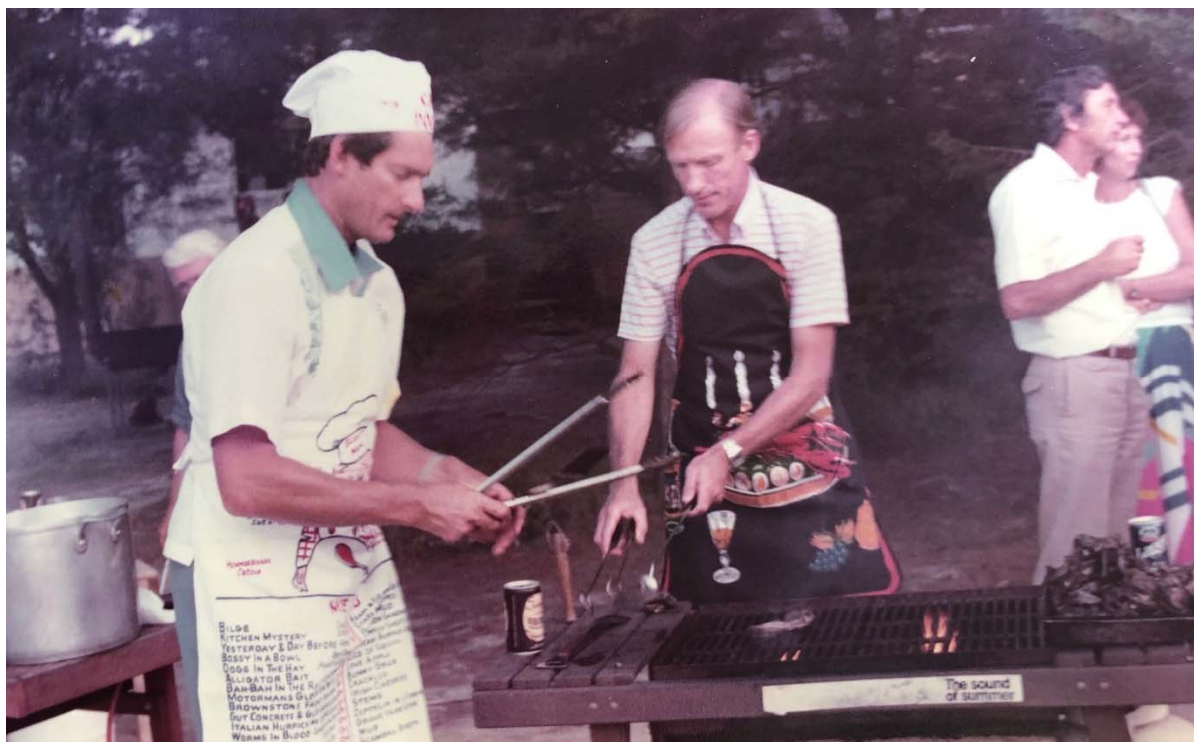
Numerous guest speakers took part and visits were organised to numerous organisations including the airport, the Naval Base at Devonport, the Civic Centre and Mayor Dame Catherine Tizard.

Russell McGeorge organised some spa pools at the camp for the week which provided great enjoyment for the students and disabled.

The camp was a great success - an excellent learning experience and tremendously rewarding for all who took part.



Exchange students and one of the spa pools



Club meeting at Camp – chefs Hugh Garlick and Neil Ewart

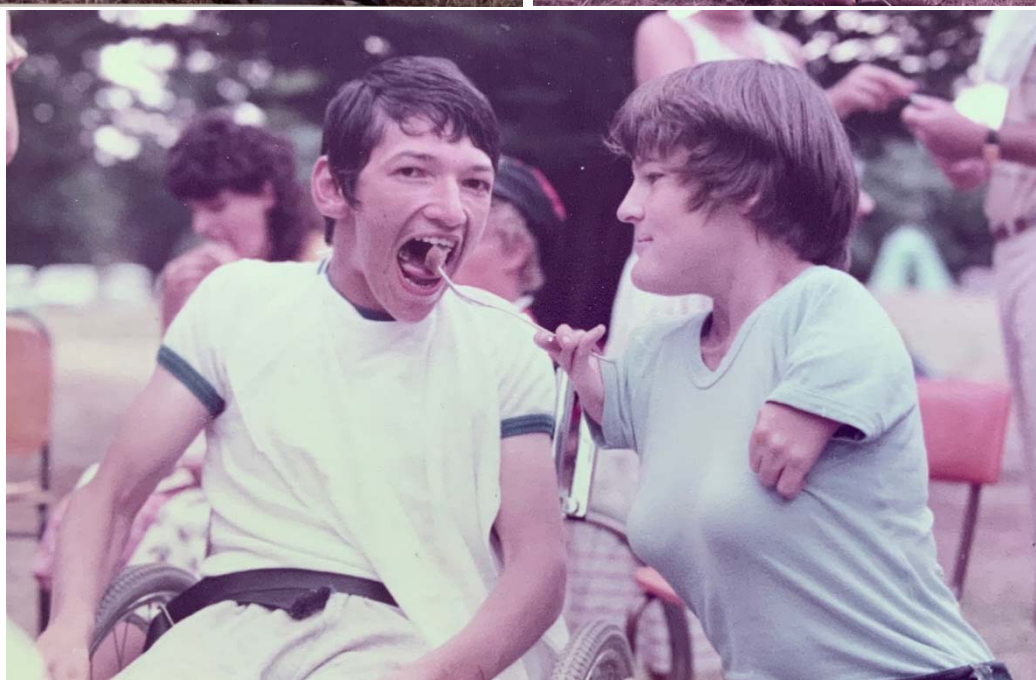




Thalidomide survivor Helena Horswell talking at the camp



Graeme Lindsay and Rotaractor Paul with two campers



Helena feeding one of the campers who had accute cerebral palsy



Wheelchair battles





Tony Fortune



Colin Hill



Ian Searle



Rex Clapp



Bruce Tantrum



Warren McLean



Russell McGeorge



Exchange Student Susan Leitz from Longview Washington State USA was hosted by the club August 1984 – July 1985.

Susan's Counsellor was Ian Searle and she was hosted by the Singer Family, Allison & Barrie Ross, Charles & Rosemary Goldie and Anne & Tony Fortune.

Susan returned to New Zealand in 1990 having graduated from University of Washington

and subsequently married Ian Searle's son David Searle who was at a later stage a member of the club for some years. They live in St Heliers and have an adult daughter Jessica and adult son Zachary. Susan is the ASD and Development Coordinator at Starship Community - ADHB. David is Managing Director of Baker Tilly Staples Rodway Auckland



During the 1984/1985 year **Bob Elliott was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship.** As well as other achievements Bob received a Community Service Award from Remuera Rotary for his long involvement in projects for the improvement in Children's health all around the Pacific and in New Zealand

The **Rheumatic Fever Secondary Prevention Programme** was completed. This was a very successful public health project which built on the experience of a similar project in Samoa. The Tongan Government was so pleased with the outcome that it extended the program to other Tongan Islands.

On the subject of Fiji the District Governor wrote to Remuera Rotary thanking the club for the donation of \$1,000 for **Fiji Famine Relief.**

1 July 1985 – 30 June 1986

President Russell McGeorge



Donation of Dictionaries to the Pacific Islands

Early in 1986 Remuera Rotary joined with the Devonport Rotary Club in shipping many hundred Collins English Dictionaries to schools in the Tongan Islands. Remuera Rotary has an agreed responsibility for the Tongan Islands imposed by agreement with District 9920 and this was one of the projects requested by the Nuku'alofa Club. To complement this Remuera Rotary was about to ship to the Islands an assortment of educational aids such as books, paper, sporting equipment and other items kindly donated by Rotarians and others in the region.

Exchange Student Megumi Otsuka from Japan was hosted by the Club.

Her Counsellor was Roger Bridgman and her Hosts were Hugh & Pam Garlick; Garth & Margaret Harris; Keith & Robyn Fraser, Betsy & Bob Elliott, and non-members Warwick & Kitty Browne.



Megumi with Robyn and Keith Fraser

Probus

In December 1985 Barrie Ross spoke about the formation of a new Probus Club named Mt Hobson and invited interested people to join. Probus Clubs are for the benefit of retired Professional and business people and this one was being set up under the auspices of the Remuera Rotary Club.

The inaugural meeting of the Mt Hobson Probus Club was held in February 1986 with 50 members.



Jack Porter was introduced as the guest speaker to Remuera Rotary in March 1986. Garth Harris outlined his many years of service to Rotary and emphasised the fact that Jack was one of those from the Newmarket Club responsible for the birth of the Remuera Rotary Club. Jack also spoke on world understanding and gave numerous examples how many Rotary projects were the brainchild of one person.

Sir Douglas Graham was introduced as an Honorary member of Remuera Rotary by Bert Dreaver. Sir Douglas occasionally assisted the Community Committee.



Exchange Student Pernille Skipper, Denmark was also hosted by the club during the year

1 July 1986 – 30 June 1987

President Niel Ewart



One of the most significant events of the past thirty years was the admission of women to the Club. The Club in 1986 put a remit to Rotary International (after it had been turned down by District 9920.) Essentially it proposed that the word "Male" be deleted from the Standard RI Club Constitution for membership of Rotary International. This would then enable individual clubs to make their own decision as to whether or not to accept women into their club. The remit was successful, thus opening the way for admission of women to enter Rotary for those clubs who agreed.

John Hawthorn played a major part in framing and promoting this remit.

When put to the vote among Remuera members six of our members threatened to resign if the remit was passed. In the end not one member carried out this threat. All six, some of whom who are still members, are now presumed to be as happy as anybody else to have women members in their midst

Strangely enough it took some years for women to join in any substantial numbers. After

some time women members were proposed and accepted for membership in 1989.

A Blood Donor Day was held on 28 November 1986 at Remuera Primary School. The Community Service Committee provided back-up support. The Transfusion Service wrote to the club acknowledging 56 "donations" from our members. Special thanks were given to those ladies who provided refreshments.

At the end of 1986 it was reported that February was **World Understanding Month**. During that time we were asked to take up activities to emphasise harmony between nations. Some increased their support of Rotary Foundation; others began to take part in a World Community Service project. Others again hosted a Group Study Exchange Team or a Youth Exchange Student. In this last connection Remuera Rotary had been undertaking such a project every year.



Exchange Student Camilla from Sweden was hosted by the club.

Her Counsellor was Colin Wilson and her Hosts included Bryan & Jenny Haggitt and Anne & Tony Fortune.

Donny Brown from Ohio USA was also hosted by the club.

Donny's Counsellor was Keith Fraser and hosts included Iain & Annabelle Valentine, and Betsy & Bob Elliott. Donny is now a lawyer in the USA.



Cook Islands Mobility Project

An early project arose through Bob Elliott who had recently returned from a remote area of the Cook Islands to report on a family with four children afflicted by a slowly progressive disorder of the nervous system. Their intelligence remained intact while they suffered a progressive inability to walk. The family lived on the island of Mitiaro, remote

and arid, in a house with a thatched roof with stick walls and require a crouched posture to enter where they all lived. The two oldest children (20 and 17) had to drag themselves by their hands and arms for support. The fourth child was still mobile but for how much longer? The island of Rarotonga was 350 km distance and they were in danger of losing their food supply.

Bob Elliott identified the most immediate needs as two wheel chairs for the two oldest children, arm crutches for the third and the fourth needing something similar in time. These were outside the financial resources of the family and the Cook Islands Crippled Children's Society.

A few weeks later Bob Elliott was able to report that the Auckland Hospital Board were about to come to the aid of the party with the provision of wheelchairs. The support of Remuera Rotary was called for.

Sheltered Workshop in Tonga

In September 1986 Bob Elliott reported on progress with the construction of the Sheltered Workshop in Tonga. Through the International Service Committee the club had assisted with the payment of fares for an advisor to investigate and report on the project.

Tongan Rheumatic Fever Project

The Tongan Rheumatic Fever project had been supported for some time by Remuera Rotary when Bob Elliott reported to the Assembly on 18th May 1987 that the scheme had proved most successful. There had been no recurrence of the illness on the main island. The King of Tonga extended the programme to the other 30 islands in the Group, and Bob advised the illness to be totally under control. All members showed their appreciation for the work done by Bob Elliott and his team. Bill Leith organised 90 blood donors. Those who didn't donate were fined by the Sergeant.

Afghans for Anna 1987

Anna Keegan, was a 16 year old girl who suffered from a rare genetic disease and had been ill from age of 13. Anna was a student at Epsom Girls Grammar School and when she became 17 was sent to the Hospital St. Louis in Paris for treatment at the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. Tests in New Zealand showed that Anna was suffering from Fanconi's Anemia, a disease characterised by a fragility of the chromosomes. Sufferers needed frequent blood transfusions and bone marrow transplant if they were to have any chance of survival. The only treatment available was in Germany or the United States.

A campaign to raise funds was started by EGGS parents under the leadership of Ann Hasgard.

Roy Austin and David Belcher approached Remuera Rotary for campaign assistance. The idea of producing afghans was that of Roy's daughter Mika Austin herself a diabetic.. Secondary schools in Auckland got in on the act and baked and sold a huge number. Publicity was accorded at a Family Fun Day by John Hawkesby, Paul Holmes Judy Baillie

and others set up a fund-raising project. Anne and Tony Fortune made and sold thousands of little afghan biscuits in March 1986. The Fortunes raised over \$800 for this project.

As the treatment was to be extremely expensive a committee of family friends was formed to raise funds. In all some \$190,000 was raised but it was still insufficient. The family committee persevered and various enterprises such as fairs, karate displays, a celebrity auction, raffle of sinners and even a little girl's idea of selling biscuits (which brought in \$1800) raised a further \$120,000.



Anna's admission to the Paris Hospital was under the care of Professor Elaine Gluckman. Though she was unable to save Anna's life her further researches enabled her to develop treatments which would end the need for bone marrow transplants and substitute them to use blood from the umbilical cords of newborn babies and to be used in blood banks to successfully treat victims.

Sadly, the treatments were unsuccessful and Anna died in 1991 at only 18 years of age. Anna's father, Tony, became a member of The Rotary Club Downtown some years later and is still a member. In October 1989 a Certificate of Appreciation was presented by the club to Anne and Tony Fortune for their magnificent efforts in the Anna Keegan Project. This project was the beginning of Roy Austin's Rotary journey.

At the Remuera Rotary Meeting on 15th June 1987 the retiring President Niel Ewart highlighted the **Polio Plus Programme**. They had as a club to raise \$12,500 over the following three years and there was to be a National Promotion on Sunday 11th July. John Hawthorn was in charge of arrangements and advised that a champagne breakfast was to be held at the Grammar Club to launch the Polio plus Programme, as part of the National Rotary Launch.

Club meeting location

Early in 1987 Remuera Rotary moved for club meetings from the CT Club in Ohinerau Street Remuera to the Grammar Club at 35 Ayr Street in Parnell.

President Neil advised the club of Bert Dreaver's resignation from Rotary, having been a member since 1950. Members gave him a standing ovation. In his farewell speech Bert got in a parting shot at lawyers and took members through a potted history of Rotary and dealt with what was then a "thorny" question of Women in Rotary to the unseemly appeasement of a few visitors. Bert died on 15th October 1993, his wife Molly having died before him in 1990. They were survived by two sons and a daughter.

Bert's last visit to the club was 6 February 1989 in his capacity as past District Governor.

1 July 1987 – 30 June 1988

President John Hawthorn



John Hawthorn had been a highly active member of Rotary since 1970 when he joined Pakuranga Rotary, later moving to Newmarket Rotary and then to Remuera as a Charter member. He initiated the raising of contributions toward Rotary International's campaign for the Polio Plus Project. At the same time it was stipulated that any donations could be

applied towards the purchase of a Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship at a cost of \$US 1,000.

A puzzling aspect of the question of **women in Rotary** was the Remoires report for 6th July 1987 (vol. 9 No.1) when the Club was addressed by the District Governor Ross Craig on various subjects including admission of women members. he said that we should hesitate over the subject of admission until the matter was to be ratified at the Convention at the beginning of 1989, and went on ".....until that time [it] will only create problems for Rotary in general, the Rotary Club specifically and the members specifically if any Auckland Club tries to admit women prior to that time. This seems to conflict with other information recorded above.

In September 1987 one, Barbara Anderson, a teacher at Remuera Primary School was nominated for membership of Remuera Rotary. At the time the Directors after much soul searching and consideration of the rules for membership then in force were unanimously opposed to her membership on the following grounds:

1. She did not qualify for membership under Section 3, Article 5 to fit the club's charter in that she was not a proprietor, partner, corporate officer or manager of her profession, nor did she hold a senior position in an executive capacity with discretionary authority.
2. That they had not necessarily identified the most suitable person as a representative of primary education.
3. Her nomination was inconsistent with the four way test, ie her nomination was not fair to all concerned.
4. Her appointment may undermine a subsequent nomination of a more senior person in her profession.

This was regarded as unbelievable behaviour by Colin Wilson who launched a vigorous protest. He maintained that Barbara was a first class candidate to become a Rotarian. She was an accomplished mature woman with two sons, both graduates. She was in charge of the Maths Department and Library at Remuera Primary School. Colin maintained that it was an anachronistic nonsense to apply the strict letter of the law when we were presented with an excellent person who actually wished to join Rotary. At the time Remuera Rotary was faced with a decline in membership.

A similar application from another woman candidate was declined about two years previously, presumably on the same grounds.

At the Club meeting on 7th March 1988 members were asked to consider the remit to the District Conference on the deletion of the word "men" from the constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International. At this time the Inner Wheel Club had 37 new members. Wives and widows of Remuera Rotary members were eligible to become members.

At its meeting on 4th April 1988 the foregoing remit was again considered. Garth Harris who had been the club President at the time the motion was originally passed gave an

outline of the background of the motion. The motion had been passed by the club in 1985 and was sent to the District Governor who rejected the motion. Remuera Rotary then forwarded the motion direct to Rotary International for consideration at its 1988 meeting, at which the motion was approved.

As a consequence of the subsequent decision of the United States Supreme Court who held that banning women was unconstitutional women internationally were joining their Rotary Clubs in large numbers.

After 35 minutes of debate Remuera Rotary carried the motion admission of women members by a vote of 22 for and 15 against. At the following District Conference our remit was passed by an overwhelming majority.

A high rate of turnover in membership was reported, though new entries succeeded in maintaining the status quo. At the time the Club was meeting at the Grammar Old Boys' Club in Ayr Street, Parnell.

VIP Camp



A close friend of Anne Fortune, Glynis Smith became recreation officer with the Foundation for the Blind in 1987 and agreed that a camp for visually impaired youngsters was something Remuera Rotary could organise for students at Homai school. The first VIP (Visually Impaired Person) Camp took place mid-June 1988 at the Waharau Regional Park outdoor education facility.



16 VIP youngsters took part along with 8 of the youth exchange students being hosted in the district at the time. A very wet weekend did not dampen the enthusiasm of the students – with the weekend finishing at the Miranda hotpools.

Paul Preston (Youth Director) and Cathy (pictured), Ken and Kris Taylor (pictured) and their children, Anne & Tony Fortune, and Glynis & Bruce Smith and two other leaders from the Foundation took part.





The VIP camp became an annual event for the club one being held virtually every year until 2017 for a few years at Waharau Regional Park, but mainly at Camp Adair. Almost all Remuera Rotarians have at some stage in some capacity been involved in this Camp.

In March 2014 the camp was held as usual at Camp Adair in the Hunua Ranges. Assistance from Club members was required and duly supplied. Bruce and Jenny Howe kindly volunteered to run the kitchen. Other members of the club who have made a significant contribution to the camp over the years are David Searle, Murray Weatherston, John Beck and Stanley Armon.

Tonga Diabetes Project

The annual accounts for June 1998 show a donation of \$4,000, together with refund of travel expenses for Bob Elliott for return travel to Tonga on this project

This included a Training College Hostel project in Tonga for which our club required about \$8,000. In March 1998 only about \$US5000 had been raised which was not quite enough. Bob Elliott was due to arrive back from Tonga hopefully with an additional sum of \$US 1,000. This latter sum was initially provided from Remuera Rotary Club funds and hopefully to be repaid.

At about this time women interested in joining **Inner Wheel** were called for. At the end of October 1987 congratulations were offered to Ailsa Wilson as elected President of the newly formed Inner Wheel Club. Pam Garlick (wife of Hugh) was the first treasurer. The Mt Hobson Probus Club achieved 60 members in March 1987

Guess who is coming to Dinner

Was held Saturday 28 May 1988. 3 or 4 members and partners attended specific club member's homes – club members having volunteered to host.

1 July 1988 – 30 June 1989

President Charles Goldie



The Remuera Rotary Diabetes Prevention Trust was set up by the club in 1988. Bob Elliott then believed that after 30 years of research he had developed a method of preventing diabetes. He had developed a test which would detect incipient diabetes years before the onset of the disease.

Before becoming involved in Diabetes research Bob had become dedicated to children's health since 1957 when he was an intern in a New Zealand Hospital. In Bob's words: "There didn't seem to be anyone here who knew anything about kid's diseases. He had [published 156 papers over the previous 5 years, many of these relating to diabetes, a disease he had been researching for the previous 30 years. in his words:

"I guess it preyed on my mind. I made up my mind then to specialise in children's diseases". In 1970 Bob was named Head of the Paediatrics Department at Auckland's new Medical School. Eight years later he became Chairman of Child Health Research.

During this period Bob made two discoveries that established him as one of the world's most respected child health researchers. The first was a new drug that keeps babies born with congenital heart disease ("blue babies") alive until they are strong enough to withstand surgery. The second such discovery was in 1976 when Bob discovered the first effective test for screening cystic fibrosis in newborns, a test that is now given to each newborn child in New Zealand and other countries.

In 1980 Bob Elliott led a team of six medical professionals to Samoa and Rarotonga to sort children with medical problems into various categories from which the most effective medical attention could be given in the future. The surveys to be carried out with local doctors was to last for 16 days. Financial assistance for the trip was to come from the Harold Thomas Rotary Trust. The trustees believed that this survey would enable a far greater number of cases to be treated.

A further avenue of study was in the field of Glue Ear Infection or technically known as secretory otitis media. Another term is middle ear infection. The main effect upon sufferers is in the retardation of learning among small children. A successful appeal was made to the trustees of the Margaret M Blackwell Bequest for funds to assist the estimated cost of the project in an estimated sum of \$21,650.

A third discovery was in the field of Diabetes Research. Diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, the gland that produces insulin. There are several types. Type 1 (insulin dependent) the type Bob's research had focused upon, becomes apparent in childhood. People with Type 1 must take insulin injections to live. Bob's mother had suffered from diabetes. "When I was a young man it seemed to me that we had had a treatment for a long time but no idea what caused the disease. Bob's diabetes theory was based on the 1957 findings of Italian researcher Franco Botazzo who found that certain antibodies are present in the blood of newly discovered diabetics. He further found that they were present before the onset of the disease. Bob said "that was the key I was waiting for - some indication you could get earlier before the onset of the disease itself. For the first time one could predict who was going to get diabetes. Bob spent the next eight years developing a reliable, inexpensive blood exam that could be used by the general public. His fine prick test determined whether telltale antibodies were present in the blood. He next focused his research on finding a way to prevent the diabetes from developing in individuals found to be carrying the antibodies.

Bob believed that administering large doses of vitamin B niacin was the answer. Diabetes may lead to severe complications, including heart and kidney diseases and blindness

At the time, in New Zealand one child in 700 developed diabetes in early life and more acquired it at a later stage of their lives.

The Diabetes Prevention Trust continued for a total of ten years. The amount raised by all clubs concerned was \$1.5 Million



Exchange Student for the year was Jenny McConvey from Buffalo USA. Her counsellor was Colin Wilson and hosts included Annabelle and Iain Valentine and Jean and Geoff Hope. President Charles farewells Jenny below.





President Charles inducting Leigh Marshall (with Betsy)

Water Safety Project

On 22nd February 1989 President Charles Goldie, Richard Veber and John Arrell socialised with members of Waterwise, Okahu Bay at the Royal Akarana Yacht Club. One



of our members Bruce Tantrum had given countless hours of time and energy to guiding teachers, school committees, principals, yacht club members and a steering committee in developing a Waterwise, water safety and sailing programme for six local schools. Richard Veber and Charles Goldie attended the function to see the fruits of Bruce Tantrum's labours. We had the charter of an Optimist boat emblazoned on the side with Remuera

Rotary Club. From such humble beginnings will we graduate to an ocean going vessel in which to visit our fellow Rotary members of District 9920 in the South Pacific and carry on our good work.

Remuera Rotary funded the first Optimist Yacht for Waterwise, now a national project.



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1 July 1989 – 30 June 1990

President Bruce Tantrum



Charles to Bruce



Bruce & DG Noel Holyoake

The first lady member of the club was named Angela but transferred after about twelve months to the Rotary club of Tauranga.

Three other women candidates were presumably approved for membership at this time. They were:

- Gloria Poupard Walbridge, the proprietor of Interior Design specialising in design concepts;
- Luina Collie, proprietor of Beauty Therapy; and
- Joanne Snell, a share broker and Manager of Ord Minnett Securities NZ Ltd.

They were duly admitted to membership under the rules then existing. At the time membership of Rotary Remuera totalled 55 members.

Diabetes Project – Part 2

Bob Elliott told the club in July 1989 of his pilot project to test 22,000 new entrant school children for antibodies which indicate the potential to develop diabetes. The project had been denied funding by the Medical Research Council for reasons which were not clear. Bob also informed the meeting that a diabetes sufferer consumes possibly \$1,000,000 of medical treatment in his or her lifetime. Life expectancy was then estimated to be one third less than non-sufferers and that serious illness could be expected in later life. The cost of the pilot project was estimated at \$250,000.

The whole idea of multiple testing under the auspices of Remuera Rotary started at one Sunday morning drinks party at the home of Geoff Hope and at which were present Colin Wilson, (- the club president was in fact Bruce Tantrum), Bob Elliott and, Roy Austin. Colin Wilson chaired the meeting. In 1988 this group had set up the Remuera Rotary Diabetes Prevention Trust. Initially a steering committee was set up and once scientific and ethical approvals had been obtained the Club agreed to underwrite research up to \$300,000.

The test involved a simple finger prick blood test. The preventative treatment involved twice daily tablets of a vitamin B- niacinamide. Bob advocated that to prove the efficacy of the treatment it would be necessary to test 22,000 children and treat the probable 30 positive reactors, at a cost of \$25 per person over a period of two and a half years. This would require an estimate expenditure of \$300,000. Over the next few years over 32,000 blood sample were collected mainly by volunteers.

A fundraising committee of ten was formed but most club members plus wives of members and Inner Wheel members all assisted. Money was raised from charitable trusts, other Rotary clubs, some companies, individuals and parents of the 5 year olds. After about two years the necessary \$300,000 had been raised and it was thought it was time for a rest. In August 1989 a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Tony Williams informing the club that the target of \$300,000 had been reached and that Remuera Rotary's contribution had amounted to between \$6,500 and \$8,000. People had been seen and heard right through the previous weekend at various locations in the central city.

At this time Bob Elliott received a letter from the Department of Medicine at Canterbury University endorsing Bob's research and urging us to get behind a man highly respected in World medical circles for his innovative work. This programme was to be the culmination of his diabetes research.

At the meeting of Remuera Rotary on 26th October 1989 Bob Elliott informed Rotarians gathered that he had conducted 1500 tests and treatment on an "at risk" group - the relatives of known diabetics. This group had a one in 20 chance of developing the disease but none tested had shown any signs. Bob reported that the usual age insert of child diabetes is in primary school. Recently his group had tested 600 children in three schools and found two positive children. Both were then receiving treatment and would not now be contacting diabetes. Bob was now proposing to extend the test to 22,500 5, 6 and 7 year olds randomly selected. This statistically significant sample should yield thirty children who, following treatment, should not get diabetes. Bob estimated that by testing such a large sample the team should be able to gauge whether detection and treatment was 100% effective or only 80% or 90%. Bob again pointed out that it costed approximately \$1,000,000 to treat a diabetic on insulin for his/her lifetime and that the average lifespan for a diabetic was reduced to 40 or 45 years.

The members of the Rotary Club of Remuera unanimously committed to raise some \$250,000.

At the club meeting on 9th October 1989 Geoff Leadley's steering Committee reported that "all systems were now on Go with strong support coming from all directions including the Deep South.

PROFILE

BOB ELLIOT

Professor R.B. Elliot
MB, BS, MRACP, MD, FRACP

Since 1961 he has held the following positions:
Research Fellow Denver, Senior Lecturer
Paediatrics, (Adel) Professor and Chairman
Department Paediatrics, Auckland. Professor of
Child Health Research, University of Auckland
School of Medicine.

He has published 156 papers over the last 5
years many of these relating to diabetes a
disease he has been researching for the last 30
years. This programme is the culmination of this
research.

Amongst his other achievements are two earlier
world firsts in research:
1974: Medical treatment of blue 'hole in the
heart' babies opening a foetal blood vessel to
allow survival until old enough to undergo
surgery. Now used routinely internationally.
1980: Newborn screening test for cystic fibrosis.
Used nationally since 1981, and internationally
in many centres.

DIABETES KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES

THIS CHILD COULD DEVELOP DIABETES

ROTARY PROJECT

Bob Elliott proceeded with his plan in anticipation of receiving sufficient funds to complete his program. The project eventually received the approval from the Auckland Area Health Board, School Boards of Trustees and the Medical Research Council of New Zealand. Niacinamide was now available in shops without prescription.

The importance of the project can be

gauged by the following effects upon any diabetic without suitable treatment:

- Life expectancy of 45 years
- Daily insulin injections
- Rigid diet
- High susceptibility to infections
- Deteriorating eyesight leading to blindness
- Circulatory problems often leading to amputation of limbs
- Kidney disease often leading to dialysis

Remuera Rotary adopted Bob Elliott's proposals and forwarded a letter to every Rotary Club in New Zealand. Early on almost every club responded with donations varying from \$200 to \$3,000 the last mentioned coming from the Warkworth Rotary Club.

At the end of October 1989 the Medical Research Council wrote to the club with its stamp of approval on the project. The letter contained a warm vote of thanks and best wishes for the success of what they described as a potentially exciting research project,

The club meeting on 13th November 1989 reported things were continuing to move along apace. There had been good promotion on T/V and other media. Rotary Clubs were now

being approached by members of Remuera Rotary. The Rotary Institute and the Rotary Foundation were both being targeted and had been addressed by Bob Elliott. A trust account was set up to administer funds.

In December 1989 the Medical Research Council approved a grant of \$30,000 to Bob Elliott for this project. This was in addition to the \$5,000 already donated by the MRC. In the same month Bob Elliott was nominated as "Man of the Year" in the Eastern Courier and the Auckland Star.

By May 1990 some 5,000 children aged 5-7 years had been tested for islet cell antibodies. These children representing slightly less than one quarter of the test target had been drawn from 58 randomly selected schools in the Auckland area. The initial testing identified 46 children with islet cell antibodies and 30 had a follow up test to establish their ability to produce insulin. This established an index of the damage to the insulin producing cells. Bob Elliott had convincing evidence of damage and these children were started on nicotinamide. There was little doubt that these children would have contracted diabetes had they been left untreated.

In fundraising terms the fund had passed the halfway mark, some \$210,000 by June 1990. Some of this was achieved by contributions from schools at the rate of about \$300 per day. In February 1990 the parents of Remuera Primary pupils donated \$645. John Ariel the Principal had encouraged this response. Shortly later Remuera Rotary had donated \$4,000 of accumulated funds. At this stage a total of about \$170,000 had been accumulated. In March 1990 Hugh Garlick was able to raise a further \$30,000 through trust funds with which he was acquainted. In the same week schools had contributed \$1200.

In May 1990 Colin Beckwith made approaches to 25 individuals of means and this resulted in a total of \$1650 being raised. Members were invited to make similar approaches to their own acquaintances.

Further donations were made as a result of a pep talk given by our President Elect Geoff Gibbs at the District 992 Conference in Rotorua. Warkworth Rotary donated \$3,000, Downtown and Penrose Rotaries each donated \$1,000. Howick Rotary donated \$250, various schools donated \$800 but the Rotary Foundation declined to support the programme. From a recent Goods and Services Auction over \$9,000 was raised. Newmarket Rotary contributed \$2,000.

By the June 1990 some 60% of children had been tested representing 6,500 children. The first child identified as a potential diabetic was at the time undergoing treatment with excellent results.



The club hosted Exchange Student Frederick Griwell from Sweden

He was hosted by Don Hawke & Brigitta Windhager, Betsy & Bob Elliott and Anne & Tony Fortune.

Remuera Rotary Art Show

This event took place as planned in April 1990. The official opening was conducted by Hamish Keith and a private viewing for some 250 guests on the Friday evening in a wine and nibbles function. All the paintings that were sold and went that evening. For the Saturday and Sunday turnout this proved a disappointment where only one item of pottery and carvings were sold. The overall profit however was assessed as in excess of \$3,000. It was aimed to make this an annual event. Congratulations were passed to Kees Wester and his Ways and Means Committee for all their hard work and planning, introduced by David Manson



A very well known former Honorary member **Sir Dove-Meyer Robinson** died in August 1989. He was remembered as an active Honorary member of the club in spite of his busy activities as Mayor of Auckland.

Members observed a minute of silence in memory of a great and colourful character.