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*The History*  
of the  
**ROTARY CLUB**  
of  
**BRISBANE**  
*1923 - 1973*

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District Governor 1947/48/49.

1958-1973

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President 1960/61.

## **PREFACE**

Writing the History of this, The Rotary Club of Brisbane, which Club has now been in existence for 35 years, has meant much delving into the Club's past and in this I have been greatly assisted by our only Foundation Member, Past President Maurice Herring.

I have tried to place on record the doings of the Club from the date of its formation, a 35 year period and more particularly the highlights of each President's year of Office.

BERT BROAD.

## **PREFACE TO THE 2nd EDITION**

In bringing the Club History up to date for the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Brisbane, I have endeavoured to continue in the style of my late father.

It should be appreciated that only the highlights of each President's year of office could be included. For those wishing to make a more detailed study of any particular year, copies of the Annual Reports are available in bound form in the Club Library.

JOHN BROAD.

1.1.1973



## FOREWORD

As the only foundation member of the Club still remaining, I have been asked to write a short foreword on this great job that our member, Bert Broad (a Past President of our Club, and a Past Governor of our District), has done for Rotary in Brisbane; and I do so with very much pleasure.

This is the first really historical record of Brisbane Rotary that has been prepared, and I feel quite sure that every member, both present and future, will read it and treasure it with a great deal of satisfaction and interest.

Those of us who heard Bert read it, and all of us who now closely study it, will realise to the full what an immense amount of work was put into its compilation, and we do all thank him most sincerely.

And now, on top of all that, Bert has arranged, and entirely at his own expense, to have the work printed and a copy made available to all members. What a wonderful gesture on Bert's part ! How to thank him adequately I do not know, but I feel quite sure that every member will join with me in expressing to him our most sincere and heartfelt thanks.

It will now be for the Club to ensure that regular additions are made in future so that the History of the Rotary Club of Brisbane is kept up-to-date.

M. S. HERRING,  
Charter Member.

30th June, 1958.

# ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE

## PRESIDENT

|         |                       |         |                          |
|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 1923-24 | P. B. MacGregor K.C.  | 1948-49 | A. A. Jackson, C.B.E.    |
| 1924-25 | P. B. MacGregor K.C.  | 1949-50 | P. R. T. Wills           |
| 1925-26 | T. M. McWilliam       | 1950-51 | B. Flewell-Smith, C.B.E. |
| 1926-27 | Prof. H. C. Richards  | 1951-52 | B. Martin, O.B.E.*       |
| 1927-28 | F. De Witt Batty      | 1952-53 | F. L. Bonney             |
| 1928-29 | R. C. Hancock*        | 1953-54 | Dr. N. L. Sherwood       |
| 1929-30 | J. K. Cannan          | 1954-55 | W. R. Gilbert            |
| 1930-31 | P. J. Allen*          | 1955-56 | G. H. Nelson*            |
| 1931-32 | T. J. Barry           | 1956-57 | C. W. Bishop*            |
| 1932-33 | W. K. McLuckie*       | 1957-58 | W. R. McDonald           |
| 1933-34 | W. A. Jolly           | 1958-59 | H. T. Lewis              |
| 1934-35 | W. B. Darker*         | 1959-60 | A. L. Bennett, Q.C.*     |
| 1935-36 | S. Willmott           | 1960-61 | H. J. Broad              |
| 1936-37 | R. L. H. Peterson     | 1961-62 | E. F. Router, M.B.E.*    |
| 1937-38 | Rev. P. Watson        | 1962-63 | A. R. Trist              |
| 1938-39 | Dr. A. V. Meehan      | 1963-64 | A. R. Tritton            |
| 1939-40 | C. R. Christmas, M.M. | 1964-65 | A. H. Blackman           |
| 1940-41 | L. G. Hinwood         | 1965-66 | H. S. Gresham            |
| 1941-42 | M. S. Herring, O.B.E. | 1966-67 | D. W. Picking            |
| 1942-43 | J. H. Buckle          | 1967-68 | W. R. A. McAlpine        |
| 1943-44 | H. W. Broad*          | 1968-69 | W. G. H. Best, C.B.E.    |
| 1944-45 | H. W. Watson, O.B.E.  | 1969-70 | I. A. Wilson             |
| 1945-46 | J. W. Peden*          | 1970-71 | B. D. Eggleton           |
| 1946-47 | F. J. Morgan          | 1971-72 | F. J. Kennedy            |
| 1947-48 | H. Bryden             | 1972-73 | K. J. Barry              |

\* denotes District Governor

## ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE

### HONORARY SECRETARY

1923-24 J. P. MacFarlane  
1924-25 J. P. Wilson  
1924-25 A. E. Harte  
1925-26 A. E. Harte  
1926-27 R. C. Hancock  
1927-28 R. C. Hancock  
1928-29 A. L. Hinds  
1929-30 A. L. Hinds  
1930-31 L. Dobell  
1931-32 V. W. Croston  
1931-32 H. J. Findlay  
1932-33 H. J. Findlay  
1932-33 J. H. Buckle  
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1939-40 J. H. Buckle  
1940-41 J. H. Buckle  
1940-41 R. M. Reed  
1941-42 R. M. Reed  
1941-42 J. W. Peden  
1942-43 J. W. Peden  
1943-44 J. W. Peden  
1944-45 G. F. Offner  
1945-46 G. F. Offner

1946-47 G. F. Offner  
1947-48 G. F. Offner  
1948-49 B. Martin, O.B.E.  
1949-50 B. Martin, O.B.E.  
1950-51 W. R. Gilbert  
1951-52 W. R. Gilbert  
1952-53 H. W. Watson, O.B.E.  
1953-54 H. W. Watson, O.B.E.  
1954-55 H. W. Watson, O.B.E.  
1955-56 H. T. Lewis  
1956-57 H. J. Broad  
1957-58 H. J. Broad  
1958-59 H. J. Broad  
1959-60 B. G. Stayte  
1960-61 I. A. Wilson  
1961-62 I. A. Wilson  
1962-63 J. Berry  
1963-64 J. Berry  
1964-65 J. Berry  
1965-66 J. Berry  
1966-67 C. A. Grimley, M.B.E.  
1967-68 C. A. Grimley, M.B.E.  
1968-69 C. A. Grimley, M.B.E.  
1969-70 C. F. Tapsall  
1970-71 C. F. Tapsall  
1971-72 R. H. Ward  
1972-73 R. H. Ward



## THE HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE

The first meeting held with the view of forming a Rotary Club in Brisbane took place on the 24th November, 1922.

At that meeting, Sir Henry Bradden, of the Rotary Club of Sydney, as a special Commissioner, addressed the following citizens of our city, namely—

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Jas Allan                               | F. R. Lloyd      | H. Monteith  |
| J. D. Bell                              | J. P. Macfarlane | T. McWilliam |
| D. Hamilton                             | P. B. Macgregor  | A. D. Walsh  |
| M. G. Haymen                            | R. H. Moss       |              |
| M. S. Herring (our present member)      |                  |              |
| E. R. Isaacs (father of our member Sim) |                  |              |

At this meeting J. P. Macfarlane was appointed Acting Secretary. Four days later another meeting took place, and it was then decided to take the necessary steps to form a Rotary Club of Brisbane.

After considerable work in framing By-Laws and the nominating and electing of members, a further meeting was held on 6th February, 1923, at which meeting it was resolved that the Rotary Club of Brisbane be formed with the following 16 Charter Members:

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|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Jas Allan       | M. S. Herring | J. P. Macfarlane |
| R. J. Archibald | E. R. Isaacs  | P. B. Macgregor  |
| J. D. Bell      | R. D. Kennedy | T. McWilliam     |
| J. Espie Dods   | J. J. Knight  | R. H. Moss       |
| D. Hamilton     | F. R. Lloyd   | A. D. Walsh      |
| M. G. Haymen    |               |                  |

The first Board of Directors consisted of: Messrs, Allan, Archibald, Bell, Espie Dods, Isaacs, McWilliam, Kennedy, Macfarlane, Macgregor and Lloyd.

On the 12th February, 1923, the first meeting of the Directors took place, at which the following office Bearers were appointed:—

President: P. B. Macgregor  
Vice-President: F. R. Lloyd  
Hon. Secretary: J. P. Macfarlane  
Hon. Treasurer: J. D. Bell  
Sergeant-at-Arms: E. R. Isaacs

The first weekly Luncheon Meetings of the Club were held in a room at Allan & Starks Ltd., Queen Street, kindly set aside by Rotarian James Allan for the purpose.

It was on the 29th May, 1923, when the Club was granted its Charter by Rotary International, its number being 1489.

The Club's first Ladies' Day was held on 5th June, 1923, when eighteen members and an equal number of Ladies attended. On this occasion the Guest Speaker was Miss Bedford, who gave an address on Creche and Kindergarten work. It was her address that was mainly responsible for the Club's interest in the pre-school child, for shortly afterwards the Club donated £55 for Christmas Presents for the children of the Creche and Kindergarten Association, this being the first donation from the Club for any Community Service.

In January, 1924, Sir Mathew Nathan, then Governor of Queensland, who by the way had shown considerable interest in Rotary, was elected the Club's first Honorary Member.

By the end of the first financial year, the Club membership had increased to 38. At this period, President P. B. Macgregor was elected President for a further one year's term, and on this occasion Rotarian J. P. Wilson was appointed Secretary.

At the end of the Club's second year the membership was 55.

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Rotarian Tom McWilliam was elected President for the 1925/26 Year, and Rotarian A. E. Harte, Secretary.

It has already been mentioned that Rotarian Ernie Isaacs, was the first Sergeant-at-Arms, and it is interesting to record here, that at a meeting of the Board held on the 23rd May, 1925, a discussion took place in regard to the most effective and satisfactory method for the Sergeant-at-Arms to adopt, for the collection of fines imposed upon Club members. This brought forth an offer from a recently elected member, namely Rotarian W. M. L'Estrange, to design and make, a special implement for the purpose. Soon afterwards this implement in the form of a silver mounted baton was presented to Sergeant-at-Arms Ernie, who undertook to wield it to good purpose, which many present Members well know he did.

During President Tom's year, the Club had a visit from a very distinguished Rotarian in the person of Bill McConnell, the Past President of R.I.B.I. (Rotary in Britain and Ireland).

At the end of President Tom's Year, the Club membership had grown to 71.

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For the Rotary Year 1926/27 Rotarian Professor Harry Richards was elected President, with Rotarian Robert Hancock, Secretary.

During President Harry's year, Rotary Clubs were formed in Mackay and Townsville, Past President Tom McWilliam being mainly instrumental in their formation.



Up to and including the 6th December of that year, all Club Weekly Luncheon Meetings had been held at Allan & Starks, but on this date a change was made to Lennons Hotel. At this meeting Rotarian James Allan presented the Club with a gong.

By the end of Harry's year, the Club's membership had grown from 71 to 81.

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Rotarian F. de Witt Batty was elected President for the 1927-28 Year, and Rotarian Bob Hancock was re-elected Secretary.

On 27th September, 1927, notification was received from Rotary International that Australia had been established as a Rotary District, its number being given as 65; also we were advised that Rotarian Fred Birks, of the Sydney Rotary Club, had been appointed its first District Governor.

Soon afterwards, Governor Fred visited our Club.

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For the 1928/9 Rotary Year, Rotarian Robert Hancock was elected President, and Rotarian A. L. Hinds, Secretary.

Unfortunately details of Bob's year cannot be traced, but we know that he initiated a Father and Daughter Luncheon Meeting, also a Father and Son Meeting.

In his year of office an All Australian Rotary Conference was held in Canberra, and at this Conference, Rotarian Alf Holtz, of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, was appointed District Governor.

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Our next Club President was Rotarian Jack Cannan, this for the 1929/30 Year, when Rotarian A. L. Hinds was re-elected Secretary.

During President Jack's Year, another new Rotary Club was formed, on this occasion, the Rotary Club of Bundaberg. Instrumental in its birth was again Rotarian Tom McWilliam, ably assisted in this instance by Rotarian Bill Strachan, the father of our present member, Eric.

About the same time a Club was formed in Ipswich, mainly through the work and enthusiasm once more of Rotarian Tom McWilliam, assisted on this occasion by Past President Bob Hancock.

It was during President Jack's year that our Member Bill Jolly, became Lord Mayor of Brisbane, the first Mayor of Brisbane to have the honour of his title altered from Mayor to Lord Mayor.

The month of March in this year was quite a historic one for Rotary, for it was in this month that the Pan Pacific Conference took place in Sydney, at which Rotarians from many Clubs in Australia, Japan, India, New Zealand, and the Straits Settlement, were present.



At this time Australia was divided by R.I. into two Districts, the southern Section retaining the original designation number 65 and the other section being numbered 76.

Although up to President Jack's term of office, the Club had carried out various Community Services, it was not until then that the Club took its first interest in Crippled Children, and through the good services of Rotarian Dr. S. F. McDonald, sufficient funds were raised by members for the complete and successful treatment of one crippled boy.

This was the forerunner of the great work which was subsequently undertaken by the members of the Club for Crippled Children.

At this stage a committee was formed of which Mesdames W. N. Robertson, the wife of Rotarian Dr. W. N. Robertson, and Mrs. Maurice Herring, the wife of our Member Maurice, were conveners. This Committee, with the help of Rotarian Charley Gough as Secretary, was successful in raising £1,100 for the purpose of launching a Crippled Children's Society. This was the commencement of the Queensland Society for Crippled Children and its Montrose Home.

President Jack commenced his Year of Office with a Club Membership of 94, and ended with 101.

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Rotarian Percy Allen was elected President for the 1930-31 Year, with Rotarian Les Dobell, Secretary.

During Percy's Year, the Rotary Club of Toowoomba was formed.

In his Year additional funds were raised for the Crippled Children's movement, while further assistance was given for the Christmas Sea-Side Camp for under-privileged boys, and the collection of books for the Bush Book Club, and for the Creche and Kindergarten Children.

The first Rotary Conference held in the new 76th District took place in Brisbane in Percy's Year, at which, His Excellency Sir John Goodwin, the Governor of Queensland, welcomed the visitors.

At this Conference the District Governor, Rotarian Fred Birks attended, also the Official Representative of R.I., Second Vice-President S. L. P. Free.

Percy's Year commenced with a Club Membership of 101 and ended with 116.

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For the 1931/2 Rotary Year, Rotarian Tom Barry, the father of our present members, Paul and Kevin, became President, with Rotarian Victor Croston, Secretary.

In President Tom's Year two more Rotary Clubs were formed in the District, namely Maryborough and Lismore.

During President Tom's Year, namely on 14th December, 1931, Rotary's Ladies' Day was held, when the opportunity was taken to bid goodbye to the then Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Sir John Goodwin and Lady Goodwin, His Excellency's term of office having just expired.

It was in April of President Tom's Year that the 76th District Conference was held in Newcastle, when Rotarian Sydney Pascall, the then President of Rotary International was present. This was the first occasion that a President of R.I. had visited Australia during his year of office.

President Tom's year commenced with a Club Membership of 116 and closed with 118.

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Rotarian W. K. McLuckie was elected Club President for the 1932/3 year, with Rotarian H. J. Findlay, Secretary.

This Year proved to be one of the Club's best Community Service years, for on the 14th September, 1932, the then Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Rotarian J. W. Greene, presided at a Public Meeting when the Queensland Society for Crippled Children was formed.

At this meeting a Provisional Directorate was elected, consisting of the following:—

W. K. McLuckie, W. A. Jolly, J. W. Greene, W. H. Green, F. J. Morgan, J. K. Cannan, S. F. McDonald, G. A. C. Douglas, H. W. Watson, W. R. Parker, W. E. Bush, W. Sullivan, and D. Farquhar.

At this meeting the Club handed over to the Directorate the sum of £1,140 which the Club raised for the purpose of inaugurating the Society.

At the same time Rotarian J. T. Isles, the father of our member Cliff, was elected President of the Society.

President Bill's year commenced with a Club Membership of 118 and closed with 124.

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For the 1933/4 Year, Rotarian W. Jolly was elected President and Rotarian Harvey Buckle Secretary.

During Bill's year, the Governor, Sir Leslie Wilson, accepted Honorary Membership of the Club.

And it was in Bill's year that arrangements were made with Radio Station 4BC to broadcast the Club's Luncheon Addresses.

President Bill's year commenced with a Club Membership of 124 and closed with 122.



For the year 1934/5 Rotarian Walter Darker was elected President with Harvey Buckle re-elected Secretary.

It was in President Walter's Year we lost by death, Rotarian J. T. Isles, the President of the Queensland Society for Crippled Children.

Soon afterwards, Rotarian Bill McLuckie was appointed to this office.

During this particular year, we were honoured by a visit to our Club of two outstanding personalities, Rotary's Founder, Paul Harris and Mrs. Harris.

Ours, the Brisbane Club, was the first Club in Australia to have a visit from our illustrious Rotary Founder, and the address he gave to our members will long be remembered by those who were privileged to hear him. Paul was accorded a Civic Reception by the Lord Mayor.

It was in President Walter's Year that the Club held its first Rotary Ball, namely on the night of the 19th September, at which His Excellency the Governor, Sir Leslie Wilson attended.

The Nett proceeds of this function were given to the Creche and Kindergarten Association.

President Walter commenced his year with a Club Membership of 122 and closed with 129.

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Rotarian Stanley Willmott was elected President for the 1935/36 year, Rotarian Harvey Buckle being re-elected Secretary.

It was in President Stan's Year that the idea of dividing the Club Members into Groups came into existence.

This movement toward Club Fellowship has continued ever since, and has proved an undoubted success in creating that fellowship among members, which is one of the ideals of Rotary.

During President Stan's Year the Club lost by death, a really great Rotarian, the Club's first President, Rotarian Peter Macgregor.

During this particular year, the Christmas Camp for underprivileged boys was held at Burleigh Heads, with the usual financial assistance rendered by the Club Members. Support was also accorded the Y.W.C.A. Girls' Camp, while the Club contributed to and assisted in, the distribution of toys to the Creche and Kindergarten children at their Christmas Tree in the City Hall.

Also in President Stan's Year, the second Rotary Ball was held, at which His Excellency the Governor, Sir Leslie Wilson again graced the occasion with his presence. The Nett proceeds on this occasion were paid to the Ladies' Committee of the Queensland

Society for Crippled Children, towards the cost of a Curative Bathing Pool at the Montrose Home. Also in this year £668/4/- was raised and paid over to the Crippled Children's Society, this being the result of a display in Finney Isles Auditorium of the Titania Palace.

President Stan's year commenced with a Club Membership of 129, closing with 134.

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Our next President, namely for the 1936/7 year, was Rotarian Roy Peterson, Rotarian Harvey Buckle again elected as Secretary.

In August of President Roy's Year, an Inter-District Conference was held in Brisbane, and shortly afterwards, all the Rotary Clubs in Australia combined and sent a goodwill mission to Japan and China. This was led by one of Australia's greatest Rotarians, a future Rotary International President, namely Rotarian Angus Mitchell, of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. Two of our own members joined this party, Rotarian R. J. Morris, still a member of our Club, and Rotarian R. Walters.

Once again the Christmas Camp for under-privileged boys was held at Burleigh Heads, and the usual financial support was rendered by the Club to this as well as to the Y.W.C.A. girls' camp.

Likewise the Club members, contributed towards and assisted in, the distribution of toys to the Creche and Kindergarten children at their Christmas trees held at various centres.

President Roy's Year commenced with a Club membership of 134, closing with 140.

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For the Year 1937/8 Rotarian Percival Watson was elected President, Harvey Buckle being re-elected Secretary.

There was sadness experienced in President Percival's year, in the death of our Sergeant-at-Arms, Rotarian Ernie Isaacs. Ernie had been Sergeant-at-Arms since the inception of the Club, a period of 14 years, and had rendered great service to Rotary. He was held in the highest esteem by all with whom he came in contact.

Rotarian Roy Peterson was elected Sergeant-at-Arms in his stead.

In the same year, the Club suffered another loss in the passing of another foundation member, Rotarian James Allan.

It was in President Percival's year that the completion of the drive for £1,000 required for supplying the Crippled Children of the Montrose Home with a Curative Bathing Pool took place, this drive being conducted per medium of the Rotary Groups.



President Percival wrote the words and the music of our Welcome Song.

Past President Wally Darker was appointed District Governor in this particular year.

At this stage the Club membership had grown to 146.

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For the next Rotary Year, namely 1938/9, Rotarian Arthur Meehan was elected President. Rotarian Harvey Buckle again re-elected Secretary.

It was in President Arthur's Year that the Rotary Club of Fortitude Valley was formed, and a commencement made to form a Rotary Club in South Brisbane. Seven of our own members resigned to join up with the new Fortitude Valley Club.

It was in President Arthur's Year that Past President Bill McLuckie was appointed District Governor.

In the same year we had a visit from Past President of Rotary International Dr. Crawford McCullough and Mrs. McCullough.

In this year we suffered the loss through the passing of another of our foundation members, namely Bob Archibald.

Our District Number was again altered in this Year, on this occasion from 76 to 56.

President Arthur commenced his year with a Club Membership of 146, and closed with 126, brought about to some extent by transfers to the new Fortitude Valley Club.

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Our next President was Rotarian Cecil Christmas, this for the 1939/40 Year, with Harvey Buckle being re-elected Secretary.

During President Cecil's Year the following members of the Club enlisted in His Majesty's Forces:—

Lieut. L. S. Baker, A.I.F.

Capt. Arnold Bennett, Legal Section.

Mr. J. H. Bennett, Medical Corp. A.I.F.

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Major Arnold Bennett, Royal Australian  
Armoured Corps, A.I.F.

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In this Year the formation of the Rotary Club of South Brisbane was finalized, six members of our Club resigning to join up with this new Club.

President Cecil had the honour, during his period of office, of presenting the Rotary International Charter to both the Fortitude Valley and the South Brisbane Clubs.

President Cecil commenced his year of office with a Club Membership of 126, and finished with 117, this reduction being mainly brought about by the transfers to the new South Brisbane Club.

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Rotarian Gordon Hinwood became President for the 1940/1 Year, with Rotarian Harvey Buckle once again Secretary.

It was in President Gordon's Year, namely on the 30th November, that the Curative Bathing Pool at the Montrose Home for Crippled Children, in which the members of our Club had so greatly interested themselves, was officially opened by the then Minister for Health and Home Affairs, the Honourable E. M. Hanlon. At the same time President Gordon had the pleasure of unveiling the tablet to the memory of the late Rotarian J. T. Isles, who was the foundation President of the Queensland Society for Crippled Children, and after whom the Curative bathing pool was named.

It was also in President Gordon's Year that the Club Members with the assistance of the Training College secured first place in the Creche and Kindergarten Association's Air-Race Appeal, resulting in the Association's funds benefiting by £700.

During Gordon's Year another club member, Leading Air Craftsman Rotarian Max White, enlisted in the R.A.A.F.

Here, once again, the venue for our weekly luncheon meeting was changed, this time back to Lennons Hotel.

One of the main Community Services of this year was the providing of 550 reconditioned men's suits of clothing, in response to an appeal by the Newcastle-on-Tyne Rotary Club for torpedoed seamen and victims of bombing in Great Britain.

At the beginning of President Gordon's Year of office, the Club Membership was 117, and at the end 133.

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Rotarian Maurice Herring was elected President for the 1941/2 Year with Rotarian R. M. Reid Secretary.

In President Maurice's Year four more of our Members enlisted in His Majesty's Forces, namely Alan Johnson in the R.A.A.F., Walter Kerrison in the R.A.A.F., John Stewart in the R.N.V.R. and Paul Barry in the A.I.F.

The main Community Service in Maurice's Year was the help given by Club Members in equipping and presenting a Camouflage Net-Making Depot to the women of the Clayfield District, and assisting in an advisory capacity, in the establishment of other similar depots.



The scope of the work of the Clubs Community Service Committee for this particular year was limited by war conditions, and this curtailed somewhat the opportunities for Community Service. As the war position altered rapidly for the worse with the Japanese attack on 7th December, 1941, the Community Service Committee contented itself with attention to the following:—

- (a) Efforts to reduce the dangers from contaminated milk, and collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Stock to awaken public interest in the danger, and the desire to eliminate or minimise it.
- (b) Efforts to co-ordinate the work of the several Social organizations, to avoid waste and overlapping.
- (c) Assistance in playground objectives.
- (d) The building up and securing of fresh blood for the various Committees controlling Boy Scouts in Queensland.

It was in President Maurice's Year, that our Club member, Past President Robert Hancock, was appointed Governor of our District.

President Maurice commenced his Year with a Club Membership of 133, and closed with a membership of 146.

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For the 1942/3 Year, Rotarian Harvey Buckle was elected President, with Rotarian John Peden Secretary.

Harvey had been the Club's Secretary for many years previously, so his election to the high office of President was a fitting reward for services rendered.

In President Harvey's Year, a Boys and Girls Work and Youth Service Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of Rotarian Ivor Burge. This Committee organized a "Boys' and Girls' Week" which embraced:—

- (a) An address to the Club by its Chairman.
- (b) A panel-discussion at a weekly Luncheon meeting; the panel consisting of three boys and three girls, of ages ranging from 12 years to 14 years, drawn from an industrial suburb.
- (c) An official visit of members of this Committee to the Paddington Playground.

It was in President Harvey's Year that the Club in conjunction with the Fortitude Valley and the South Brisbane Clubs, undertook to raise funds to purchase and donate a mobile Canteen for front line soldiers. The collection of these funds closed, with the help of street collections, with £1,520, which was sufficient for the purchase

of a complete canteen, and in addition sufficient for half the cost of a second one.

It was in Harvey's Year, the Club suffered the loss by death of Past President and Sergeant-at-Arms, Roy Peterson.

Rotarian Cliff Isles was appointed to fill this office, with Rotarian Cyril Bennett, his deputy.

President Harvey commenced his year with a Club Membership of 146, and finished with 147.

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Rotarian Bert Broad was our next President, namely for the 1943/4 Year, while Rotarian John Peden was re-elected Secretary.

The highlight of President Bert's Year was the celebration of the Club's 21st Anniversary. A special Luncheon was held for the occasion at which the Ladies of Rotary were invited. Three of our foundation Members, then still members of the Club, took part in the proceedings. These were Rotarians J. D. Bell, M. S. Herring, and F. R. Lloyd.

At this function President Bert, on behalf of the members of our Club, Fortitude Valley and South Brisbane Clubs, handed to His Excellency Sir Leslie Wilson, Governor of Queensland, a cheque for £1,433/2/4, as a Gift from the Rotarians of Brisbane towards Red Cross Funds.

The Boys and Girls Work and Youth Service Committee, mentioned previously in this report, did an outstanding Community Service during Bert's Year, by convening a Youth Welfare Conference, extending over three nightly Sessions, which were attended by delegates from various Youth Associations and other interested Bodies.

During this particular Year the Club members donated to the Y.M.C.A. Camp at Tallebudgera Creek, a rowing boat, the material supplied by Club Members and the work of constructing the boat undertaken by Messrs. Watts and Wright, who gave their Services free.

Correspondence was maintained during this year with Overseas Rotary Clubs, and a large number of food parcels were sent to twenty Rotary Clubs in Britain for distribution in the blitzed London areas.

In addition arrangements were made by the War Activities Committee, under the Chairmanship of Rotarian Bill Mathers, to raise funds to forward one thousand toys to British children.

President Bert's Year commenced with a Club Membership of 147, and closed with a membership of 156.



President Frank commenced his year of office with a Club Membership of 161, and completed it with 173.

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The next member to fill the office of President, was Rotarian Harry Bryden, this being the 1947/8 Year, with George Offner once again Secretary.

It was in Rotarian Harry's Year that the Club celebrated its Jubilee. This took place on the 31st May, 1948, at a dinner held at Lennons Hotel. At this function we had the following distinguished guests:—His Excellency Sir John Laverack and Lady Laverack, the Honourable Mr. Justice N. Macrossan, the Lord Mayor, the District Governor, many Past District Governors, many Past Presidents of the Club, Foundation Members, Ladies of Rotary and Past President of the Rotary Club of Sydney, Ollie Oberg and Mrs. Oberg. Ollie gave an address at this function entitled "Rotary in a Changing World."

It was in Harry's Year that our Club, in conjunction with the Fortitude Valley and South Brisbane Clubs, made an appeal to all the Clubs in our District for food for Britain, which with the help of the Brisbane Courier Newspaper Coy., collected £13,825 gross.

In this year, the District had a visit from R.I. President, Ken Guernsey and his wife Edyth.

It was also in Harry's year that Bert Broad was elected District Governor.

Once again the number of our District was changed, this time from 56 to 31.

President Harry commenced his Year of Office with a Club Membership of 173 and closed it with 192.

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For the 1948/9 Year Rotarian Arthur Jackson was elected President with Rotarian Bert Martin, Secretary.

It was in President Arthur's Year that the Club through the response of its members, became a 100% contributor to the Rotary Foundation Fund.

It was also in Arthur's Year that the Club's Youth Sub-Committee organised the "Orphanage Scheme."

Under this Scheme, a roster was drawn up of Rotarians who volunteered to visit the Orphanage Homes on week-ends, taking the children for drives, repairing their toys, cutting their hair, etc. Eleven of these Homes were so catered for.

President Arthur's Year commenced with a Club Membership of 192, and closed with 186.

Rotarian Percy Wills became our next President, this for the 1949/50 Year, with Rotarian Bert Martin being re-elected Secretary

President Percy continued with the previous President's Community Effort in helping the children in Orphanages, it being felt that this scheme presented one of the best opportunities affording Brisbane Club Members to justify Rotary's Motto "Service Before Self". Many Christmas Gifts were made to various homes in the shape of roundabouts, slippery slides, see-saws, the improvement of their cricket grounds, tennis courts, etc.

It was in President Percy's year that we had a visit from Rotary International Secretary, Phil Lovejoy.

All the Brisbane Clubs combined at a gathering of welcome to him, the Ladies of Rotary being present.

President Percy commenced his year with a Club membership of 186, closing with 181.

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For the year 1950/51, Rotarian B. Flewell-Smith was elected President, with Rotarian Wally Gilbert Secretary.

Unfortunately, details of Flew's year cannot be traced, but we do know that attention in his year was still devoted to helping the children of Orphanages, the Tufnell Home in particular and to the Creche and Kindergarten Association.

Past President John Peden was elected District Governor in Flew's year of office.

Flew commenced his Year with a Club Membership of 181 and closed with 187.

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For the Rotary Year of 1951/2, Rotarian Bert Martin was elected President, with Rotarian W. R. Gilbert re-elected Secretary.

Possibly the highlight of President Bert's Year was the establishment and equipping of the Club's Rotary Centre in Gregory Court, Ann Street. This resulted in the Club having very valuable, tangible Assets and Rooms in which Meetings and functions can be held, resulting in increased fellowship and ease of Committee Meetings.

The change of venue for the club's weekly Luncheon meetings from Lennons Hotel to Rowe's Cafe, took place during this particular year.

It was in Bert's Year that a proposal was made to sponsor a Scholarship in Agriculture for new Australians and British Migrants at the Gatton Agricultural College, which actually was put into effect in the following year.



In the same year, in conjunction with representatives of the Fortitude Valley and South Brisbane Clubs, Civic Week was organized, the Newspapers, Radio Stations, Picture Theatres, Government Departments, all supporting the scheme.

Full details of the plan were sent to every Rotary Club in the District, in consequence of which Civic Week has been held each year since by most of the Clubs.

It was in President Bert's year that an honour came to our Club and to one of our members, when King George VI, awarded a Knighthood to Rotarian J. B. Chandler, who at that time was Lord Mayor of Brisbane.

President Bert commenced his Year with a Club Membership of 187, closing with 205.

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Rotarian Fred Bonney was elected President for the 1952/3 Year, with Rotarian Herb Watson, Secretary.

It was in Fred's Year that the Rotary Year was changed from the period 1st October to 30th September, to the period 1st July to 30th June; so President Fred held office for ten months only instead of the customary twelve months.

Possibly the highlight of Fred's year was the visit to our Club of the then President of Rotary International "Bru" Brunnier and his wife Ann. The members of the Clubs in the District gave Bru and Ann a reception held at Finneys at which a great number of Rotarians and their wives attended.

Among the Community Services rendered by the Members in Fred's Year was the support given to the Paddington and Rosalie Creche and Kindergarten Centres in providing Christmas Trees for the children, also to the children of the Woolloowin Home, and Fred's personal attention to the cutting of the boys hair.

In Fred's Year the first Rotary Agricultural Scholarship School was held at the Gatton College, at which seventeen New Australians and British Migrants attended. This was ably supported by the New Settlers League.

During President Fred's Year our District was divided into two, from South Grafton to this side of Nambour being numbered 35, while Nambour and north were given as number 31.

Fred commenced his year with a Club Membership of 205, and closed with 209.

Rotarian Norman Sherwood became our next President, this for the year 1953/4, with Rotarian Herb Watson re-appointed Secretary.

There were two well worth while Community Services given in President Norm's year, the first to the District Nurses Association, and secondly the response to the appeal for help for those who had been overwhelmed by the disastrous floods in the Northern River District of New South Wales.

In regard to the District Nurses Association, the members sponsored a City Button Day, resulting in £940 being collected for the Association.

In addition, Reg McDonald and Bob Hancock waited upon the Attorney-General (Hon. Wm. Power) to see if the Government could do something to put the Association on its feet. After two interviews, they were successful in getting the annual subsidy increased from £1,250 to £3,000 and in addition to this the Government provided the Association with a new car worth £950, and renovated and repaired the Association's Milton property at a cost of about £500.

In the case of the Northern River Flood the Members responded with £559/14/0.

Here it can be mentioned that Square dancing evenings were held at the Rotary Centre, which gave a great fillip to the Fellowship of Club Members.

President Sherry commenced his year with a Club membership of 209, and closed with 208.

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For the Year 1954/5 Rotarian W. R. Gilbert was elected President, when Herb Watson was again elected Secretary.

This year was Rotary International's Golden Anniversary Year, the Year when all the Rotary Clubs throughout the world strived to carry out a Rotary programme which would worthily mark the completion of fifty years of Rotary Service. This anniversary was celebrated by a very successful Concert held in the City Hall and on that day, namely 23rd February, 1955, the Brisbane Telegraph Newspaper Coy., issued a special Rotary Supplement, while the Courier Mail Newspaper Coy., devoted considerable space to Rotary and its history. Special Window displays were arranged by both these Companies and by a number of traders.

At the same time trees were planted in Public Parks to mark this important Anniversary.



During the previous Year the need for an International House was recognized, where University Students from Overseas could live and study under congenial conditions, and share their lot with Australian Students. So preliminary investigations were made as to the feasibility of the establishment of such a House as our Club's project for the year. It was realized that the need was great, but the task of launching such a project was one of some magnitude. This, however, constituted a challenge, which challenge was accepted by our Club for this important year's Community Service project, a Rotary Scheme for the advancement of International Understanding, Goodwill and Peace.

So an appeal was made to members for financial support, which resulted in the sum of £890/17/10 being subscribed, to which amount the Club donated £109/2/2, making a total contribution to the fund of £1,000.

On the 26th April, 1955, a Public Meeting of leading citizens and representatives of Service Clubs, was convened under the Chairmanship of the Lord Mayor, and at this meeting a resolution was passed that the International House be established and a Committee was appointed to take over from Rotary.

During Wally's Year a further appeal to Members was made, on this occasion for the purpose of assisting the unfortunate people of Maitland, New South Wales, and district, who were devastated by floods. Although many members had already made donations through the Courier Mail Appeal, the sum of £647/7/0 was collected by the Club.

It was during President Wally's year that our Member Rotarian Jack Smith was honoured by Queen Elizabeth II with the M.V.O., having a few years previously been honoured with the R.V.M.

It was also in Wally's year that Past President Bert Martin became District Governor.

President Wally commenced his year with a Club Membership of 208, and finished with 216.

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Rotarian George Nelson was elected President for the year 1955/6, with Rotarian Jack Lewis Secretary.

Prominent among the events of President George's Year was the visit to Brisbane of the then President of Rotary International A. Z. Baker and his wife Cornelia. President A. Z. addressed the Club at our luncheon on 28th November, and on the evening of that day, he and Mrs. Baker were guests of honour at a Rotary District Dinner and Rally.

Another notable visitor during the same year was Past President of Rotary International Sir Angus Mitchell of the Melbourne Rotary Club.

As customary, Civic Week was an important objective of the Club's Community Service Committee, such being held from 20th November to 25th. Most of the Clubs in the 31st and 35th District participated, so that the campaign covered a wide area.

In this year we lost by death our greatly esteemed Member, Past President and Past District Governor, Bill McLuckie. Bill had given many years of devoted service to the Rotary Movement.

During this particular year, Sergeant-at-Arms Cliff Isles, resigned from that office and Cyril Bennett was appointed in his stead, with Wally Gilbert as his Deputy.

President George's Year commenced with a Club Membership of 216, and closed with 217.

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For the year 1956/7 Rotarian Carl Bishop was elected President, and John Broad Secretary.

It was during President Carl's Year that the Pacific Regional Conference took place in Sydney, the Rotary International President Paul Lang, who had journeyed to Sydney for the occasion presiding. Also in attendance was the R.I. Secretary George Means, and Rotarians from Clubs in various parts of the Pacific.

During this particular year, the Queen honoured three of our Club Members, namely Manuel Hornibrook with the O.B.E., Bob Wainwright with the O.B.E., and George Rees with the M.B.E.

Once again the Club sponsored the agricultural Scholarship Course at the Gatton Agricultural College, which was well attended and as customary the Annual Civic Week was held, and given much publicity to Civic Needs.

The Christmas Camp for under-privileged children was also held, as usual in co-operation with the Y.M.C.A., at which 40 boys attended.

To a great extent Carl's year was devoted to promoting fellowship within the Club. Some of the functions used for this purpose were River trips, a Bowls afternoon, Square dancing, a visit to Pauls Theatre and the Club's Christmas Party at Wanganui Gardens.

President Carl's year commenced with a Club Membership of 217 and closed with the same number.



For the 1957/8 year, our President was Rotarian Reginald McDonald.

Rotarian John Broad again was elected Secretary.

Probably the Club's major Community service in Reg's year was the establishment of the "Old People's Welfare Council of Queensland." The Club's members subscribed £1,100 to inaugurate this Council which was brought into being with a strong citizens Committee, on which Rotary is represented by our Honorary Rotarian Sir Alan Mansfield as Patron, and Rotarian Roy Cooper as Honorary Director.

Other Club projects included the sponsoring of five British migrant families to Queensland. In this case the Club looked after the securing of jobs and accommodation and the welcoming and settling in of their homes with initial food supplies.

The Club also sponsored a Youth Camp for forty underprivileged boys at the Y.M.C.A. Christmas Camp at Petrie.

The Rotary Agricultural Scholarship Scheme for Migrants who plan a career on the land was again held this year at the Gatton Agricultural College.

Also in this year, the Club donated £50 for a Centenary Year Australia Day Bursary at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, while the various Club groups provided amenities for children of the following Homes:—Woolloowin Home for State Children, the Salvation Army Boys' Home, Tufnell Home, Enoggera Boys' Home, Alexandra Home, Montrose Home for Crippled Children, Xavier Home for Crippled Children, W. R. Black Girls' Home, Beulah Girls' Home and the Blackheath Boys' Home.

During President Reg's year of office the Club sponsored the new Rotary Club of Brisbane North, nine members of our Club transferring their membership to this new Club.

In this year the honor of C.B.E. was bestowed on our Member Rotarian Flewell-Smith by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Also in this year, Past District Governor Bert Broad completed this history of our Club, a record dating back to the time of its formation on the 6th February, 1923.

President Reg commenced his year at office with a Club Membership of 217 and finished with 204, the reduction caused mainly by the transfer of Members to the new Brisbane North Club.

Finally, here are the names of those who have been Members of our Club for a period of 25 years or more. These are given in the order of their entry as Members.

Became Members in:

- 1923—35 years' service, Maurice Herring.
- 1924—34 years' service, George Steer.
- 1924—34 years' service, Frank Oldfield.
- 1924—34 years' service, Bob Hancock.
- 1925—33 years' service, Bill Poulson.
- 1927—31 years' service, Manuel Hornibrook.
- 1929—29 years' service, Herb Watson.
- 1929—29 years' service, Ted Crozier.
- 1929—29 years' service, R. J. Morris.
- 1929—29 years' service, Sir John Chandler.
- 1930—28 years' service, Stan Willmott.
- 1931—27 years' service, Percival Watson.
- 1931—27 years' service, Bill Sheddon.
- 1931—27 years' service, Harvey Buckle.
- 1931—27 years' service, Harry Bryden.
- 1931—27 years' service, Louis Harden.
- 1932—26 years' service, Bill Brandenburg.
- 1932—26 years' service, Frank Morgan.
- 1933—25 years' service, Eustace Jones.



For the 1958/9 year our President was Rotarian Jack Lewis, while Rotarian John Broad was re-elected Hon. Secretary.

There was no particular club project arranged for this year, instead, the accent was on fellowship. In consequence of this, our club attendances at our weekly meetings during the year were the highest they had ever been, the average for the period being 83.49%.

It was to the credit of our Club that our Past President, George Nelson, had been appointed our District Governor for this particular Rotary year. His leadership, sincerity and unswerving devotion to his duty was an inspiration to all Club members in the district.

Our first distinguished visitor during this year was His Excellency, Sir Henry Abel Smith, Governor of Queensland, when we had the honour of receiving him into our Club as an Honorary Member.

It was during President Jack's year that we had the pleasure of a visit to our Club of Rotary International President, Clifford Randall and his Rotaryanne, Renate. On the 23rd September a Dinner and Rally was held in their honour by the Rotary Clubs of the District.

The yearly camp for underprivileged boys was again held during the year in co-operation with the Y.M.C.A., thirty-five boys from orphanages enjoying a six days' camp, the cost of which was met by contributions from Club members.

The Club's Old Peoples' Welfare Committee, which in the previous year established the "Old Peoples' Welfare Council of Queensland" and to which Council, the members of the Club subscribed £1,100, still received attention during President Jack's year. Clubs are now formed in Toowong, Sherwood, South Brisbane, Western Suburbs, Clayfield, Ipswich, Toowoomba and the Gold Coast.

This, being Queensland Centenary Year, it was decided by the Club's Board of Directors, to use the opportunity for a "Gundoo Week", to be held on the occasion of the visit to Brisbane by Princess Alexandra in September 1959. The idea was for each Rotary Club in Queensland to carefully select and nominate one boy and one girl in their late teens to come to Brisbane for one week, when they would be entertained and taken care of by members of the various Brisbane Clubs, such visitors to be housed in their homes.

During the year Mr. Stanley Willmott Junior, son of our Past President Stan Willmott was awarded a Fellowship by the Rotary Club of Georgia U.S.A.

The usual course at the Queensland Agricultural High School and College at Gatton for New Australians was again held in President Jack's year when 18 students attended.



The Club's Christmas Party this year was held at the Queensland Lawn Tennis Association Club Rooms at Milton, and as usual was well attended and enjoyed.

It was early in 1959 that President Jack received word of his promotion, and early transfer from his Company's Brisbane Office to Melbourne, which actually took place at the end of March. He was therefore, only able to complete nine months of his twelve months as President of the Club. Vice-President Rotarian Arnold Bennett was elected to complete Jack's year.

On the 19th March, a Family Night was held in the Canberra Jacaranda Room, when the opportunity was taken to farewell President Jack and his Rotaryanne, Barbara, and to present them with a gift of remembrance in the form of a silver salver, suitably inscribed.

During the year the Club Groups functioned well and as usual supplied entertainment, amenities and Xmas Gifts to the many underprivileged children in various Brisbane Homes.

President Jack commenced his year of office with a Club Membership of 204, and finished with the same Membership.

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For the 1959/60 Rotary Year our President was Rotarian Arnold Bennett, with Rotarian Bryan Stayte Honorary Secretary.

The major Project for Arnold's Year was the arranging and holding of H.Y. (Health for Youth) Carnival at the Exhibition Grounds on the 26th March. This was a very ambitious Project held in aid of the Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme and the Combined Women's Athletic Association (Downey Park), the latter to help youth by developing a central ground for women's sport.

Although this Project was as stated an ambitious one it proved to be a great success resulting in a nett profit of £3400, half of which went to each Association. Much valuable assistance came from members of the two Associations concerned, from members of our own Club, from Members of other Rotary Clubs, Rotaryannes, our Group Committees, the Empire Speedway, Queensland Amateur and Wrestling Union, Police Department, the Department of Native Affairs, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Queensland Judo Council, Y.M.C.A., the Queensland Girls' Marching Association, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts.

The Carnival included a main ring programme, Amateur Boxing and Gymnastics with Fetes, Side Shows, Displays of various kinds, Pictures, Refreshments and Barbecues from 10 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. while the Police Citizens Boys' Band rendered music during the day.



Another outstanding activity of the year was Gundoo Week (Centenary Youth Week) for which our Club acted as the organising centre. This being Queensland Centenary Year and arrangements having been made by the Government for a visit to Queensland by Princess Alexandra it was decided to hold Gundoo Week at the time of her visit. It was arranged for each Rotary Club in Queensland to select and nominate one boy and one girl, both in their late teens to come to Brisbane for this particular week of festivities where they would be the guests of Brisbane Rotarian Families and entertained by them. Finally 262 guests visited Brisbane, 96 of whom were the guests of our own Club Members.

During the year a change was made in the venue for our weekly Luncheon Meetings from Lennons Hotel to the Jacaranda Room of the Canberra Hotel and on the 7th December we held our Christmas Party and Family Night at this new address. As usual it provided not only festivity and entertainment but fellowship.

Only one course of the Rotary Agricultural Scholarship was held during the year, as usual at the Gatton Agricultural High School and College, and the Annual Christmas Camp for underprivileged Children also took place.

In President Arnold's year one of our members, namely Manuel Hornibrook, was Knighted by Her Majesty the Queen and Dick Murray received an O.B.E. and Cec. Grimley an M.B.E. Another award was given to our member Rotarian Victor Grenning who since 1932 has been the Queensland Director of Forests. He was the recipient of the N.W. Jolly Memorial of the Institute of Foresters of Australia. This honour was awarded to Victor for contributing wisely to the Council of Australian & British Commonwealth Forestry. Still another member was honored. In this case, Past District Governor John Peden, was appointed a member of the R. I. Finance Committee by Rotary International.

Towards the end of our 1959/60 year our member, Past President Carl Bishop, was nominated for the Governorship of our District for the 1960/61 year and was eventually elected to this high office at the Rotary International Convention held in June in Chicago. Carl took office as District Governor on the 1st July.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Rotarian Ron Muir who had represented the classification of Primary Producers Association — Sugar for 20 years.

President Arnold's year commenced with a Club Membership of 205 and ended with 214, which numbers include 7 honorary members. The attendance during the year averaged 80.76% compared with 83.49% for the previous year.



For the 1960/61 Rotary Year, our President was Rotarian John Broad, with Rotarian Ian Wilson Honorary Secretary.

President John's project for the year was "Fellowship and Rotary Education;" and at the end of his year, he said, "I feel that the individual committee and group reports support my belief that this project was successful."

Attendance averaged 83.05%, a very good effort for a Capital City Club, and Rotary Fellowship at Club, Committee and Group levels was enjoyed by all.

Her Majesty, The Queen, was pleased to bestow honours on several members during the year. Our honorary member His Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith, K.C.V.O., D.S.O. was made a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, our sole surviving charter member Maurice Herring received the O.B.E., Ted Router the M.B.E. and Arthur Sharp, the C.B.E.

Sir Henry visited the Club informally on 28th November 1960, and to the delight of all present, including himself, was fined "two-bob" by our inimitable Sergeant-at-Arms, Nim. Love for doing such a good "community" job.

It is with regret we record the deaths, during the year, of Vice-President Sid. Rennie, Pat Finney, Alf. Maugham, Frank Oldfield, Charles Willers, honorary member George Steer, and Past President Wal. Gilbert (latterly a member of Brisbane North Club). The Club is the poorer for their passing.

We are very proud that Past President Carl Bishop, of our Club, was District Governor this year; he has found a place in the heart of every Rotarian in our district by his leadership, wise guidance and warm personality.

Our international contacts this year were particularly widespread, both in overseas visitors to club meetings and through the working of the international committees. Four of our members and three Rotaryannes represented the Club at the R.I. Convention in Tokyo, June 1961.

Our Christmas Party held at the Q.L.T.A. Ballroom at Milton on 25th November was a success particularly from a fellowship point of view, and also enjoyed a financial surplus which was channelled to assist bring the Club's donation to £100, for the sponsoring of under-privileged lads to attend the Y.M.C.A. New Year Holiday Camp. Through the Youth Committee, we also assisted the Petrie Terrace Opportunity State School in providing several items of equipment needed by the Headmistress. The need of Bowen House centre for sub-normal children for contract work was also brought to members' notice. Civic Committee arranged for members to assist at box offices at City Hall for the Creche and Kindergarten Floral Festival.



During the year, it was decided by the District Committee to discontinue the Rotary Agricultural Scholarships.

Lee Goddard, a Rotary Foundation Fellow from Lewisburg, West Virginia, U.S.A. attended and completed his study at the Queensland University during the year. He was very well looked after by Les Hilsden, who now is assisting Helen Owen, a Rotary Exchange Student from Kingsley, Kansas, U.S.A., currently studying at the University.

At monthly Group meetings, members toasted overseas clubs, and the International Contacts Committee prepared this material and pains were taken to ensure a wide range geographically — clubs selected being from Canada, U.S.A., West Indies, South America, Africa, Japan and New Zealand.

Correspondence was exchanged with Clubs in even more countries and roneoed sheets of information on "Our State, Our City and Our Club" were prepared and a number of illustrated books and booklets also despatched.

Last July a large case of text-books was sent to the Rotary Club of Sourabaya, Indonesia, for their local university.

The Vocational Guidance Committee under the chairmanship of Eric Laws undertook to offer to students the services of Club members to advise and guide in their selection of a career.

President John commenced his year with a Club Membership of 214 and ended with 211.

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Rotarian Ted Router was elected President for 1961/62, with Alan Trist Vice-President, Ian Wilson Honorary Secretary and Dick Murray Honorary Treasurer.

Fellowship was the slogan for the year, and this was achieved in many ways, such as the Annual Dinner and District Governor's Change-over Night, Group visits to distant clubs, attendance at our weekly meetings by other Metropolitan Presidents, Consular Corps, Presidential visits to all Metropolitan and many country Clubs.

The Christmas Camp for underprivileged children was held as usual with the cooperation of the Y.M.C.A., and other children from homes and institutions were entertained at Her Majesty's Theatre.

The Club again took a prominent part in the organisation of R.Y.L.A. Week.

In International Service, funds were raised to furnish a games room in a Y.M.C.A. Community Centre in Madras, India.

Donations to various charities from the Activities Fund (Sergeant-at-Arms fines) were £230, and donations to Youth charities from the Happy Day Fund, (Members birthday contributions) were £90.

During the year the number of Directors was increased from 10 to 12, and Rotary office reorganised, enabling savings to be made in the administration costs of the Club.

Members were saddened during the year at the death of Maurice Herring, our sole remaining Charter Member.

President Ted's year commenced with a membership of 211 and closed with 215.

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For the year 1962/63 Rotarian Alan Trist was elected President, Roy Tritton Vice-President, Joe Berry Honorary Secretary and Dick Murray Honorary Treasurer.

The major activity for the year was support for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. The funds were raised principally by the Groups, but there was also a willing response from our Rotary-annes, bringing in a total of £1245, which was handed over to the Campaign.

In January we were host club to the Conference of Past, Present and Incoming District Governors for all Australia.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award Week meeting was held at our Club when we welcomed 81 R.Y.L.A. Winners.

During the year the Club held its 40th birthday, and to celebrate the occasion P.D.G. Bob Hancock was invited to take the Presidential Chair which he had first occupied in 1928, and P.P. Arnold Bennett gave an address on the history of the Club.

The Christmas Camp for underprivileged children was held as usual with the cooperation of the Y.M.C.A., our club sponsoring 13 youths.

On two occasions the Club acted as host to British migrants at Garden Parties held at Yungaba Migrant Centre, and organised by the Good Neighbour Council.

The Club also became a more active supporter of the Rotary Foundation by adopting the ten and one plan. This called for an annual contribution from the club equivalent to 10 U.S. dollars for each new member and 1 U.S. dollar for each other member.

Donations to various charities from the Activities Fund were £306 and to Youth Charities from the Happy Day Fund, £110.

President Alan's year commenced with a membership of 215 and closed with 223.



Rotarian Roy Tritton was elected President for 1963/64 with Heaton Blackman Vice-President, Joe Berry Honorary Secretary and Dick Murray Honorary Treasurer.

The year's major project was assistance to the Boy Scouts Building Fund, and due to the many events held, an amount of £1500 was raised. One of these was a Bowls Carnival organised by Group 6 (which has subsequently become an annual event.)

Several fund raising functions were arranged. The Rotaryannes gave much assistance, each function proving a great success and the fund benefiting materially.

Again this year two visits were made to Yungaba Migrant Centre to host Garden Parties for newly arrived immigrants.

The Christmas Camp for underprivileged youths in association with the Y.M.C.A., was sponsored by the Club.

Past President Ted Router of our Club was this year's District Governor.

Our honorary member His Excellency Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith, Governor of Queensland, paid three visits to the Club, being the guest speaker on two of these occasions.

Members were saddened during the year by the passing of P.D.G. Bert Broad, who in 1958 had written and produced in booklet form the History of the Rotary Club of Brisbane, copies of which were given to every member of the Club in that year.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation totalled £207; donations from the Activities Fund were £312, and from the Happy Day Fund, £100.

President Roy's year had commenced with a membership of 223 and closed with 234.

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For the year 1964/65, the Diamond Jubilee Year of Rotary International, the President was Rotarian Heaton Blackman, Vice-President Syd Gresham, Honorary Secretary Joe Berry and Honorary Treasurer Dick Murray.

It was fitting in this Jubilee year that International House at the University of Queensland was opened. Our Club had initiated and sponsored this project with the raising of £1000 in Rotary's Golden Anniversary Year 1954/55, during the presidency of the late Walter Gilbert. That International House over the period of 10 years had been brought to fruition, was due to the dedication and unflagging energy of our own member P.D.G. Bert Martin.

The major project this year was very properly the raising of further funds for International House and at the conclusion of the year the sum of £1445 was handed over.

Territory in the west and south-west of our area was ceded during the year to enable another Rotary Club to be formed (which came into being the following year.) The boundaries of our club which once spanned the Greater Brisbane Area have now shrunk to enclose but part only of the City proper.

The Bowls Carnival was once again organised by Group 6, and raised £220 for the major project.

A new activity, suggested and actively managed by Rotarian Brian Eggleton, involved members bringing in used postage stamps received at their offices. These were handled weekly by a small committee, and disposed of through the philately trade, bringing in £132. It is intended that this shall be a continuing activity.

The Christmas Camp for underprivileged children, and the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards were again sponsored.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation totalled £244; donations from the Activities Fund were £362 and from the Happy Day Fund £100.

Membership in Heaton's year commenced with 234 and closed with 236.

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Rotarian Syd Gresham was elected President for 1965/66, with David Picking Vice-President, Joe Berry Honorary Secretary and Bill Love (8 months) and Heaton Blackman (4 months) as Honorary Treasurer.

The major activity of the year was assistance to the Guide Dogs for the Blind appeal and \$1000 was raised for this purpose. Additionally a further donation of \$945 was made to International House. After an appeal by District Governor Clem Renouf, a donation of \$352 was made to assist the Vellore Hospital in India. We also sent \$147 to the Rotary Club of Jesselton, Borneo, to help in their project of rehabilitation of the blind.

The Bowls Carnival raised \$600 and the collection and sale of stamps brought in \$302 towards the abovementioned projects.

From the territory ceded last year the new Rotary Club of Brisbane West was sponsored by our club and received its Charter during the year.

RYLA Week, Christmas Camp for underprivileged children and Yungaba Migrant Centre were again supported by the club.

Developing from one of our club's minor projects into a metropolitan Rotary project, notice boards listing Rotary Clubs meeting times and places were installed at Brisbane Airport, Interstate Railway and Bus Terminals.



Contributions to the Rotary Foundation totalled \$403; donations from the Activities Fund were \$949 and from the Happy Day Fund \$210.

President Syd's year started with 236 members and ended with 228.

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Rotarian David Picking was elected President for 1966/67, with Wal McAlpine Vice-President, Cec Grimley Honorary Secretary and Heaton Blackman Honorary Treasurer.

The major project for the year was a feasibility survey of a sheltered workshop for the disabled. Within seven months this project was developed to the point where feasibility was discarded and establishment became a necessity. It was then decided that a sheltered workshop should become a reality, and a target of \$5000 was set to provide working capital, to put into effect the findings and recommendations of the survey. By the end of the Rotary Year \$2548 had been raised to this end. Theatre functions raised \$1154 towards the project and the Annual Bowls Day contributed £566.

Also during the year \$1416 was raised and donated to the victims of the disastrous bushfires in Tasmania and \$569 for North Queensland flood relief.

The Stamp Committee collected \$475 from the sale of used postage stamps.

A Rotary Exchange Student from Pennsylvania, U.S.A. was sponsored by the Club for the year.

A team from California under the Group Study Exchange Scheme was hosted by our club for one week of their stay in our District.

A Migrant family from Northampton, England, was sponsored by the Club with employment and accommodation assured.

RYLA week, Underprivileged boys Christmas Camp and Yungaba Migrant Centre were again supported.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation totalled \$460; donations from the Activities Fund were \$1025 and from the Happy Day Fund \$230.

During the year our member Bob Hancock passed on, and will be greatly missed by his innumerable friends. Bob, who joined the Club in August 1924, was District Governor from 1941 to 1944 and was the 'Grand Old Man' of Rotary in Queensland.

President David's year commenced with a membership of 228 and concluded with 233.

For the year 1967/68 the President was Rotarian Wal McAlpine, Vice-President Wally Best, Honorary Secretary Cee Grimley and Honorary Treasurer Heaton Blackman.

The major activity for the year was the completion of the second stage of the project begun in the previous year — the establishment of a Multi-Diagnostic Sheltered Workshop. At a meeting called by His Excellency the Governor of Queensland and held at Government House on 16th April, 1968, a public committee was formed for the implementation of the project. The organisation is to be registered under the name Help Industries Limited and the workshop will be initially established at Windsor in premises made available on generous terms by the Commonwealth Government.

Funds of \$6374 were raised for the project during the year, the main avenues being members' contributions \$3615, Golf Day \$1000 and the annual Bowls Day, \$701.

The Stamp Committee raised \$573 of which \$420 was given to the District fund for a dental hut in New Guinea. The remainder was sent to the Rotary Club of Rabaul for the provision of ten cots for Rural Health Centres outside Rabaul, these cots being made by the Rural school in the area.

The Christmas Camp for underprivileged children and RYLA week were again supported by the Club.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation totalled \$500; donations from the Activities Fund were \$776 and from the Happy Day Fund \$210.

We were also hosts for a week to a Group Study Exchange team from District 571, Kansas, U.S.A.

President Wal's year started with 233 members and ended with 243.

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Rotarian Wally Best was elected President for 1968/69 with Ian Wilson Vice-President, Cee Grimley Honorary Secretary and Heaton Blackman Honorary Treasurer.

The major project for the year was the final completion of the two previous years work — the launching of Help Industries Limited, our workshop for the disabled. During the year further funds amounting to \$7459 were raised for the project, \$5000 of which was a donation from Dunlop Australia, Ltd. in return for the services of Club members in the running of the Dunlop International Golf Tournament at Royal Queensland Golf Club.

The Stamp Committee raised \$432, the Annual Bowls Day \$500 and the Rotaryannes \$727, which were portion of the funds passed on to Help Industries Limited.



After nine months of operation, this workshop reached the financial break-even point; 40 disabled persons were being employed and 8 had been returned to full-time outside employment. Progress had been such that additional space was required for expansion, and Help Industries Limited have acquired 5 acres of land on a very low 'peppercorn' rental by courtesy of the Queensland Government at the Hamilton Industrial Estate.

RYLA week was again enthusiastically supported by the Club, as also was the Christmas camp for underprivileged children.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation totalled \$500; donations from the Activities Fund were \$1330 (including \$200 to the Killarney Disaster Fund) and from the Happy Day Fund \$210.

The highlight of our activity in Youth Service was the formation of the Rotaract Club of Brisbane with a membership of 24, in the last few months of the year.

During this year the President received the C.B.E. for services to the community.

President Wally's year commenced with 243 members and ended with 248.

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For the year 1969/70 the President was Rotarian Ian Wilson, Vice-President Brian Eggleton, Honorary Secretary Charles Tapsall and Honorary Treasurer Heaton Blackman.

The most important event during the year was the decision to move the Club Office to more suitable premises on the top floor of the Canberra Hotel. The total cost was \$6150, the funds being fully provided from the existing Premises Reserve Account, together with monies raised for the project during the year including \$818 raised by the Rotaryannes. The new office and Club rooms were officially opened by the Hon. J. Bjelke-Petersen M.L.A., Premier of Queensland, on the evening of 2nd March, 1970.

During the year the Stamp Committee raised \$546, the annual Bowls Carnival \$334 and a special Art Union \$254. From these funds donations were made to Help Industries Limited \$546, Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia \$190 and Bursaries were granted to four outstanding students of the Queensland Institute of Technology totalling \$400.

RYLA Week and the Christmas Camp for underprivileged boys, in association with the Y.M.C.A. were again actively supported by members.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation totalled \$500, donations from the Activities Fund were \$975 and from the Happy Day Fund \$210.

The Rotaract Club of Brisbane successfully completed its first year with unobtrusive guidance from the Rotarians allocated to this task.

President Ian's year commenced with 248 members and finished with 244.

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Rotarian Brian Eggleton was elected President for 1970/71 with Eber Lane (7 months) and Frank Kennedy (5 months) Vice-President, Charles Tapsall Honorary Secretary and Heaton Blackman Honorary Treasurer.

The major project for the year was the planning, construction and equipping of an Engineering Workshop at Annerley for the Training and Placement Centre for the Blind. The workshop and equipment was designed to enable the teaching of basic engineering in order that blind students could then go on to complete an apprenticeship through the Queensland Institute of Technology. This rehabilitation and vocational training is provided free of charge to blind persons.

Funds totalling \$4550 were raised for this purpose, the main sources being donations from the Groups (from individual Group fund-raising functions) \$2886, Stamp Committee \$502 and Rotary-annes \$740.

Bursaries of \$100 each were again made to four outstanding second-year students at the Queensland Institute of Technology.

The Christmas Camp for underprivileged boys (in association with the Y.M.C.A.) and RYLA Week were enthusiastically supported by members.

The Club was host for twelve months to an American, Miss Denise Yonkoske, under the Rotary Exchange student Scheme.

In Vocational Service, a most successful one-day Young Business Executives Seminar was held with 73 delegates attending.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation totalled \$485; donations from the Activities Fund were \$1076 and from the Happy Day Fund, \$200.

An innovation this year was the holding of the President's 'At Home', a most successful fellowship evening.

The President of Rotary International, Bill Walk, made an official visit to our District during the year.

President Brian's year started with a membership of 244 and ended with 238.

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For the year 1971/72 the President was Rotarian Frank Kennedy, Vice-President Kevin Barry, Honorary Secretary Russ Ward and Honorary Treasurer Heaton Blackman.



The major activity for the year was the establishment of Youthline, a telephone counselling service conducted by young people for young people, similar to Lifeline. A total of \$3262 was donated to this project to cover renovating, painting and furnishing of premises owned by the Methodist Church in West End and the installation of telephones and other necessary equipment.

Busaries of \$100 each were again made to four outstanding students at the Queensland Institute of Technology.

Funds for the above projects were raised, the main sources being the Speedway Opening Night \$1534, the Groups (from individual Group fund-raising functions) \$1192 and the Rotary-annes \$1095.

Another successful one-day Young Business Executives Seminar was held, 51 delegates attending.

From the surplus of funds of the first seminar held last year, a bursary of \$100 was made to an outstanding student of the Business Studies Department of the Queensland Institute of Technology.

The Stamp Committee raised \$419 during the year and this was handed over to Help Industries Limited, one of our former projects.

Two Youth leaders were sponsored for RYLA Week and the Christmas Camp for underprivileged boys (in association with the Y.M.C.A.) was again financially supported by members.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation totalled \$490; donations from the Activities Fund were \$1069 and from the Happy Day Fund, \$180.

The Club was host from March 1972 to a Rotary Exchange Student, Miss Kazuko Sumi, from Japan. Hospitality was also extended to the Group Study Exchange Team from Arizona, U.S.A.

President Frank's year commenced with 238 members and ended with 235.

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Rotarian Kevin Barry was elected President for 1972/73, with Bill Buettel Vice-President, Russ Ward Honorary Secretary and Heaton Blackman Honorary Treasurer.

This year is the second occasion on which the son of a former President has taken office as President, the first being in 1960/61 when John Broad was elected.

The major project for the year is the raising of funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

As the 50th Anniversary of the Charter of the Rotary Club of Brisbane takes place on 29th May, 1973, it is fitting that the District Governor for this Anniversary year should be our own member, Past President Arnold Bennett.

The District Conference will be held in Brisbane in March, 1973 and our club will be the organisers.

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#### MEMBERS OF 25 YEARS OR MORE AS AT 1/1/1973

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| Stan Willmott      | July 1930 | Charles Elliott | Apr. 1941 |
| Bill Shedden       | Apr. 1931 | John Bostock    | Apr. 1942 |
| Harry Bryden       | May 1931  | George Martin   | May 1942  |
| Maldwyn Davies     | Sep. 1931 | Harold Burnett  | Aug. 1942 |
| Arthur Harrold     | Jan. 1936 | Bill Mathers    | Aug. 1942 |
| Carl Bishop        | June 1936 | Percy Southwick | Oct. 1942 |
| George Nelson      | Aug. 1936 | Bill Nye        | June 1943 |
| Colin Cormie       | Mar. 1937 | Arthur Jackson  | Jan. 1944 |
| Luton White        | June 1937 | Herb. Jenyns    | Sep. 1944 |
| Max White          | June 1937 | Harry Greaves   | Oct. 1944 |
| George Leutenegger | Nov. 1937 | Alan White      | May 1945  |
| Roy Tritton        | May 1938  | Bill Rowland    | July 1946 |
| Norman Sherwood    | July 1938 | Nim Love        | Sep. 1946 |
| Paul Barry         | Apr. 1939 | Bert Martin     | Sep. 1946 |
| Arnold Bennett     | Aug. 1939 | Reg. Murray     | Sep. 1946 |
| Frank Fuller       | Dec. 1939 | Joe Cribb       | July 1947 |
| John Peden         | Mar. 1940 | Alex McLuckie   | Aug. 1947 |
| Kevin Barry        | Dec. 1940 | Harry Marshall  | Sep. 1947 |
| Bill Grigg         | Dec. 1940 | Les. Suggars    | Sep. 1947 |
| Wal. Kerrison      | Mar. 1941 |                 |           |



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