



It has been a very enjoyable year. I have met a lot of dedicated Rotarians and witnessed *Rotary in Action* across the state.

It is very hard to draw out all the impressive features of my year as there are so many standout events.

My tour of the Pt Lincoln Rotary Club projects, the visit to Andamooka with the Roxby Rotarians, the visit to the many work-in-progress projects of the Elizabeth Rotarians and not to forget the mayhem of Henley on Todd up in the Alice – these made a deep impression on me.

Rotary is alive in our District. Every club had projects on the go – the Carousel at Largs Bay has involved many clubs, the Toy Boys, the Wheelie boys, the Ablution block for the homeless in Kadina, the Memory Park walks in West Lakes and Roxby Downs are just a few of dozens of memorable club projects.

I was privileged to be a part of many anniversaries such as the Port Pirie RC 60<sup>th</sup>, the Elizabeth RC 50<sup>th</sup> and the memorable celebration of the 56 Years of Rotary Membership of Brian Condon from Pt Pirie RC.

The Intercity meetings are alive and kicking – the latest ones were the G5 Bowling evening, the G6 ACSO Intercity and the G9 Intercity which had a speaker from the clipper ship, City of Adelaide, project.

A lot of time and effort by many people went into the District Conference at Geelong – we nailed it and the weather was superb.

A big thanks to our District Trainers, Marie Dorrington and Steve Smart, for driving the training this year. The Roundtable conferences and the Leading Rotary Now conferences were very well attended and received excellent reviews. Our trainers have set the stage for change in the way training is presented.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Presidents and clubs of our District for making me so welcome during my visits. Every club was unique in the way it functioned, but the common denominator was the warm welcome I always received – thank you!

A District Governor cannot do the job alone and I was grateful for the tremendous assistance from the Assistant Governors. The ten of them, Robert Gunn, David Simpson, Geof Irish, Rick Henke, Jack Kelso, Glenn Mitchell, Stephen Lynch, Jane Owens, Brian Eckermann and Fran Neylon served the District well. Without them my job would have been so much more difficult.

To the Team Leaders, a big 'WELL DONE'! David Hunter, Warren Hobbs, Doug Layng, Graham Fussen, Kay Dowling, Rob Eley, Rod Bish, Frank O'Neill and Bryan Harris - their efforts kept the flow of information going and facilitated the diverse work of the District Committees.

To all Rotarians who served on any District Committee to keep the District vibrant and running smoothly – GREAT JOB.

I must commend the District Management Team of Peter Schaefer, David Egan, Doug Layng, Colin Davies, Jeff Cluse, Peter Neal, Marie Dorrington and Allan Wilson for their untiring efforts in administering the District. I have appreciated their support and counsel over the past year.

Colin Davies, our treasurer, did it the hard way coming down from Quorn for our meetings.

Special mention to the District Secretary, Jeff Cluse. He worked untiringly to manage the flow of information through the District Channels as well as producing a regular newsletter. In the same vein, District Governor Newsletter Editor, Lynne Layng, did a great job throughout the year with this essential publication. Via this newsletter, we were able to keep the District informed of the achievements of clubs and individuals across D9500.

I would like to mention two Rotarians who have worked quietly in the background – Keith Rendell, our District Property Officer who maintains our records of what the District owns and also manages the District archives; secondly, the District Insurance and Risk Management Officer, Vic Isbester who has provided invaluable service to the District all year.

A little sadly, we now begin work on the amalgamation of the District with District 9520. We are approaching the end of an era.

I have had a great year. Thank you.

John Pohl