

Past District Governors

& ANTECEDENT DISTRICT NUMBERS • Districts 65, 28, 280, 279, 979 and 9790

Rotary was introduced into Australia on 11th April 1922 when Commissioners operated it. Professor W.A. Osborne was appointed Commissioner for Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia. The first District Governor Fred Birks of the Sydney Club was inducted on the 15th September 1927 and held office until June 1929 when Australia was proclaimed a separate District No. 65.

District 65 15th Sept. 1927

1927-29 G. Fred Birks
Rotary Club of Sydney
1929-30 Alfred C. C. Holtz
Rotary Club of Melbourne
1930-31 Dr. Leonard J. C. Mitchell
Rotary Club of Melbourne
1931-32 Harry M. Cummins
Rotary Club of Hobart
1932-33 Sinclair J. McGibbon
Rotary Club of Perth
1933-34 Alfred J. Pittard
Rotary Club of Ballarat
1934-35 Angus S. Mitchell
Rotary Club of Melbourne
1935-36 A. E. W. (Ern) Short
Rotary Club of Adelaide
1936-37 Arthur L. Bolton
Rotary Club of Bendigo
1937-38 J. Burgess Watt
Rotary Club of Hobart
1938-39 Angus S. Mitchell
Rotary Club of Melbourne
1939-40 Dr. Louis O. C. Bayer
Rotary Club of Colac
1940-41 Walter E. Sims
Rotary Club of Unley
1941-43 Stanley W. Perry O.B.E.
Rotary Club of Perth
1943-45 J. Burgess Watt
Rotary Club of Hobart
1945-46 Dr. Horace I. Homes
Rotary Club of Warrnambool
1946-48 John M. Edgar
Rotary Club of Essendon
1948-49 J. Eric Cuthbertson
Rotary Club of Hobart

District 28 1st July 1949

1949-50 Maurice C. Lloyd
Rotary Club of Melbourne
1950-51 Ernest Bates
Rotary Club of Melbourne
1951-53 Rev. Harold J. Ralph
Rotary Club of Hobart
1953-54 W. Eric Stinton
Rotary Club of Essendon
1954-55 Alexander C. Sellars O.B.E.
Rotary Club of Albury
1955-56 Frank Ayre
Rotary Club of Melbourne
1956-57 Herbert R. (Bill) Birch
Rotary Club of Korumburra

District 280 1st July 1957

1957-58 Leslie G. Taylor
Rotary Club of Dandenong
1958-59 Joseph A. Bradbury
Rotary Club of Essendon

1959-60 Horace I. E. Bedgood
Rotary Club of Melbourne
1960-61 Ernest W. McCann
Rotary Club of Geelong
1961-62 C. Roy Nichols C.B.E., C.M.G.
Rotary Club of Heidelberg
1962-63 Ernest Granger
Rotary Club of Bendigo
1963-64 Ernest W. Oliver
Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh
1964-65 A.J. Leonard
W. Greenwood O.B.E.
Rotary Club of Wangaratta
1965-66 T. Stanley Sullivan
Rotary Club of Benalla
1966-67 Victor H. French
Rotary Club of Coburg
1967-68 J. Barton Hack
Rotary Club of Melbourne
1968-69 Kelvin P Carr O.A.M.
Rotary Club of Heidelberg
1969-70 A.R.(Royce) Abbey A.M.,
Rotary Club of Essendon
1970-71 H. Geoff Stevens O.A.M.
Rotary Club of Hawthorn
1971-72 W. J. (Bill) Purtell O.A.M.
Rotary Club of Albury

District 279 1st July 1972

1972-73 Alex Rigg
Rotary Club of Shepparton
1973-74 Doug Delarue
Rotary Club of Albury
1974-75 Jack D. Crockett
Rotary Club of Cobram
1975-76 Frank Ruler M.B.E.
Rotary Club of Kyabram
1976-77 Keppel Turnour
Rotary Club of Shepparton

District 979 1st July 1977

1977-78 Norman W. Curtis
Rotary Club of Heidelberg
1978-79 Eric Van Leeuwen
Rotary Club of Appin Park
1979-80 James E. Nicholas
Rotary Club of Corryong
1980-81 Tom J. Tehan
Rotary Club of Kyabram
1981-82 Alan W. Stewart
Rotary Club of Reservoir
1982-83 Mervyn L. Johnson
Rotary Club of Broadmeadows
1983-84 Andrew W. Rutkowski
Rotary Club of Wodonga
1984-85 Lyons D. Kerans
Rotary Club of Corowa
1985-86 Mike J. Reiner
Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale

1986-87 Leo J. Gorman
Rotary Club of Seymour
1987-88 H. Max Suter
Rotary Club of Coburg
1988-89 Brian Bowen
Rotary Club of Heidelberg North
1989-90 Ron Sibley
Rotary Club of Bright
1990-91 Maurice Denson
Rotary Club of Cobram

District 9790 1st July 1991

1991-92 Gordon Milne
Rotary Club of
Strathmore/Gladstone Park
1992-93 Ron C. Pearce
Rotary Club of Heidelberg North
1993-94 Roland T Lawrance
Rotary Club of Broadmeadows
1994-95 Neville Cann
Rotary Club of Albury North
1995-96 Don Haberecht
Rotary Club of Corryong
1996-97 Graeme Beck
Rotary Club of Benalla
1997-98 Geoff McIlvenna
Rotary Club of Preston
1998-99 Neville Miles
Rotary Club of Kyabram
1999-00 Terry Grant
Rotary Club of Sunbury
2000-01 Don Cox
Rotary Club of Broadmeadows
2001-02 Syd Lewis
Rotary Club of Benalla
2002-03 Neville Miles
Rotary Club of Kyabram
2003-04 Bill Holman
Rotary Club of Seymour
2004-05 Mani Seneviratne
Rotary Club of Sunbury
2005-06 David Yap
Rotary Club of Wodonga West
2006-07 Clive Walker
Rotary Club of Myrtleford
2007-08 Rob Lloyd
Rotary Club of Diamond Creek
2008-09 Peter Gilbert
Rotary Club of Preston
2009-10 David Cooke
Rotary Club of Albury West
2010-11 Alan Anderson
Rotary Club of Eltham
2011-12 David Anderson
Rotary Club of Yea
2012-13 John Gatt
Rotary Club of Diamond Creek
2013-14 Philip Clancy
Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell