



**HISTORY
OF THE
ROTARY CLUB OF
BOX HILL
1957 to 2007
“FIFTY YEARS
OF SERVICE”**

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

To encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his or her occupation as an opportunity to service society.

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his or her personal, business and community life.

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through the world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

PREFACE

The history of any great organisation must be recorded to give future generations some insight into the achievements or weaknesses that may have occurred over many projects and events held with the intention of furthering the ideals of Rotary service.

The great Boy Scout Movement, for example, would be largely meaningless if there were no records of the inspired thinking of its founder, Baden Powell, so it is with Rotary.

Paul Harris was a lawyer living in Chicago. Finding he had little contact with the local businessmen, he decided to find five or six people from different vocations and to arrange for them to meet for lunch each week to discuss the ethics of local business and the needs of the community. The first meeting was held in 1905, from this meeting, Rotary International, as we know it today, evolved.

The vision and the work of its founder Paul Harris and of others who pioneered this great international movement in Australia is well known and documented.

A committee held an inaugural luncheon at Scott's Hotel on Thursday, 21st April 1921, at which the Commissioners and residents were present. From this meeting they went through the necessary steps to form the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

On Wednesday, 27th April 1921, regular meetings began.

The first Australian President of Rotary International in Melbourne was the late Professor W. A. Osborne (1921 - 1922) and then Sir John Monash, Chairman of the S.E.C. Facts are history, but personalities will loom large in any historical picture, which seeks to kindle inspiration and the will to further achievement. We must know something of the men who had the vision and the desire to found our Club, for we must surely learn from their example. It is hoped that this Club history will record the service of many good people and the service they have rendered to Rotary and the community, which will be beneficial to all who read it.

How did the Rotary Club of Box Hill come into being?

To answer this question it is necessary to refer briefly to the history of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and to the policy of Rotary International concerning the establishment of additional Clubs.

When the Rotary Club of Melbourne, incidentally Australia's most senior Club, was chartered in 1921, it was clearly stated that its territory extended twenty miles in all directions from the GPO Melbourne.

This extensive allotment was well justified at that time for our age of remarkable industrial and commercial development had scarcely begun.

When you now view the expansion of the city, and its population it would have been hard for the Directors of the Rotary Club of Melbourne to foresee the consideration of any areas within their territory to so many clubs. It states in the Manual of Procedure of Rotary International that:

“Clubs whose territory is indefinite or more extensive than may be necessary are requested to give consideration to the adjustment and/or reduction of their territorial limits so that the extension of Rotary ideals and principles to other communities may go forward in a regular and systematic manner.”

Thus with the circumstances ripe for the formation of new Clubs to cater for the expanding interest in Rotary, the concept of a Rotary Club in Box Hill was formed.





**Rotary Club of Box Hill
Wattle Park Chalet 1957
Dinner with Rotarians, Family and Friends
President Eric McPhail**

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1957 - 1997
HISTORIAN - PETER EMMERSON**

1. The first stage in the formation of a new Club is to convene an organisation meeting. In the case of Box Hill this was held at Tyratt's, Whitehorse Road, Blackburn at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th December 1956, although there had been an earlier, more informal meeting on 30th October 1956. The Governor's Special Representative, Rotarian, Horace L. Bedggood, of the sponsor Club, Melbourne, presided and outlined the confirmatory resolution required to be passed before the provisional Rotary Club of Box Hill could legally exist.
2. This organising group resolves to form the Provisional Rotary Club of Box Hill and to apply for membership in Rotary International.
3. This Provisional Rotary Club of Box Hill resolves to adopt the standard Club constitution prescribed by Rotary International, as certified by the Club President and Secretary.
4. This Provisional Rotary Club of Box Hill resolves to adopt as its name, Rotary Club of Box Hill.
5. This Provisional Rotary Club of Box Hill resolves to adopt as its territorial limits the municipality of Box Hill.
6. This Provisional Rotary Club of Box Hill resolves to adopt by-laws in harmony with the Constitution.
7. The Provisional Rotary Club of Box Hill resolves that for the year ending 30th June, 1957 there shall be three Members of the Board of Directors in addition to the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary, namely George Ryall James, Thomas Webster Charles, William Ewart Gladstone Kirkby, and that thereafter the Board shall be constituted and elected in accordance with Articles 1 of the by-laws.
8. This Provisional Rotary Club of Box Hill resolves that the Officers for the year ending 30th June 1957, shall be:

President:	Eric Frederick McPhail
Vice President:	Stewart Selwyn Harris
Hon. Secretary:	Andrew Nowell Walls
Hon. Assist. Secretary:	Norman George Howard
Hon. Treasurer:	Albert Ernest Horsburgh
Sergeant at Arms:	John Cayzer

A resolution worthy of mention stated that the Joining Fee shall be Seven Guineas and the annual Subscription shall be Seven Guineas.

Charter members are listed as follows:

Arnott, John	Horsburgh, Bert
Booth, John	Howard, Norm
Brehaut, Bert	James, George
Clark, Lyle	Jeffrey, Frank
Cayzer, Jack	Kirkby, Bill
Charles, Nick	McLaughlin, John
Chapman, Chappie	McKenzie, Bruce
Cairns, Hugh	McPhail, Eric
Eberbach, Alex	Sparks, Reg
Eakins, Arthur	Thomson, John
Ellis, Eric	Walker, Roy
Glasier, Leighton	Walls, Bill
Glover, Len	Walsh, Geoff
Harris, Sel.	Williams, Keith
Henderson, Alec	Williams, Stan
Hogan, Arthur	

What had been achieved on Tuesday, 11th December 1956, was the establishment of the provisional Rotary Club of Box Hill. It remains a provisional body until it receives official and final recognition by the granting and presentation of a Charter. The Charter was granted on January 16th, 1957, but it was not until May 3rd of the same year that it was actually presented. In the meantime, the Club was holding its meetings at Wattle Park Chalet, the first being held on 14th January 1957.

We should now progress to an account of the Charter Night, the first and a most important milestone in the history of any Club. It is perhaps, not too much to say that the Charter Night may well determine the pattern of the new Club. If this be true, then the Rotary Club of Box Hill made an excellent beginning, for it was the general opinion that this memorable gathering in the Box Hill Town Hall on May 3rd, 1957, was perhaps the most impressive of all Charter Nights held in what was then the 280th district of Rotary International.

Now follows an attempt to record the succession of Presidents elected annually and of projects and community services conceived, endorsed and carried out. A great number of these projects extended over more than one year and were guided by more than one President. The presentation of events in this form endeavours to record the continual flow of activity in the Club and not to raise comparisons of achievement of any particular period - Rotary should always be 100% effort from 100% members.

Our meetings are not simply for presentation of interesting or instructional addresses, yet the quality of a program is important.

Members should be informed upon as wide a variety of subjects as possible if they are to maintain their status as leaders in the community.

The first Box Hill program should be recorded as excellent and thoughtfully prepared, providing diversity and quality, which is so essential.

The Late Sir Albert Coates, famous for his surgical achievements in Malaya during World War 2, was the Club's first guest speaker on January 14th, 1957. His subject was "International House", a subject surely appropriate for Rotarians. He was followed a fortnight later by Rotarian Alex Duncan, Victoria's former Commissioner of Police, who spoke on "Reflections of a Policeman".

Other distinguished speakers who followed were:

- Rotarian Ron Cowan, Warden of Trinity College
- Rotarian Norman Watts, Chairman of Trans Australian Airlines (T.A.A.)
- Rotarian Colin McCallum, Chief Librarian of The Public Library
- Bob Risson, Chairman of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board

Other speakers covered subjects such as "Rotary Foundation" and "Bringing in a New Member".

We are proud to note that we still have two Charter members of our Club, they being P. D. G. Bruce McKenzie and P.P. John Booth.

To appreciate how far values have changed since the days of 1957, it may be interesting to note a few items of the Charter Night budget:

- Registration was One Pound, plus 8/6d additional for an optional buffet.
- Printing, which included programs; name cards, registration forms, etc. totalled Sixty-Five Pounds, while Four Guineas covered the cost of entertainment.

An interim budget for the period from the granting of the Charter to 30th June 1957, records that the Club paid the cost of twenty official guests at luncheons at the rate of 8/6d per head.

Having recorded the successful launching of the Rotary Club of Box Hill, we now pass on to read year by year of services and projects achieved at home and abroad.

Unfortunately information from some of the early years is either sparse or non-existent and we apologise for any omission of significant events.

**THE HISTORY OF THE
ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL
1997 - 2007
HISTORIAN – GEOFFREY WEEKS**

I have endeavoured to follow the same layout and style of presentation as our club's previous historian Peter Emerson. Allan Gibbins also was a facilitator and driving force behind this original publication. Peter and his team prepared the first forty years of our club's history.

Unless you are involved with the writing of this or any other club history, it is not likely that one can fully appreciate the time and effort involved in both researching and selecting what to include or exclude from publication. I certainly congratulate Peter on his fine publication.

There was and still is a scarcity of information about the early years. I suspect that if we are diligent, we can still unearth information from many different sources what could prove valuable in the future.

During the past ten years, many more records have been kept, including weekly club bulletins and district newsletters. My main difficulty was the selection of appropriate information about each of the ten Rotary Years and yet achieve some variety as well so that non-Rotarians in particular can gain some understanding of what Rotary is about.

The Appendix has been updated to the end of the 2006/2007 Rotary Year. Significant additions have been added to the reports on Major Charities Supported, the R.D. U. Agency and the Opportunity Shop.

A report outlining the magnificent work of both Rotarians and partners and community volunteers since the club's Rotary Opportunity Shop opened on 1st July 2002 is included in this Appendix.

Although the preparation work was very time consuming, I enjoyed the challenges involved in researching for suitable material.

I do trust that you will also enjoy reading this publication titled The Fifty Year History Of the Rotary Club Of Box Hill 1957 To 2007 to be officially issued on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting of the Rotary Club of Box Hill.

1957/58 *President Eric McPhail*

In the first year the Club proceeded slowly and carefully, concentrating on a sound selection of new members, together with the development of Club spirit. Projects were limited, but the sponsoring of the Children's Ballet Concert at the Box Hill Town Hall and the presentation of a television set to the Salvation Army Boys Home deserve mention. Several Ladies nights were also held.

1958/59 *President George James*

Under President George James, the Club continued to consolidate administrative procedures laid down by foundation President Eric McPhail. Several meetings were attended by District Governor Joe Bradbury who gave strong support and inspiration to the new Club.

1959/60 *President Arthur Eakins*

Little is recorded of the events of this period. Suffice it to say that ways of Community Service were explored including assistance to such institutions as the Box Hill Elderly Citizens Club and The Alkira Spastic Centre.

1960/61 *President Bill Kirby*

Bill was quite a character whose Rotary career was greatly influenced by his regard for the four-way test. During his term of office the Club became a supporter of Rotary Foundation, which does so much to further the studies of mature students who are helped to gain valuable experience overseas. Box Hill became a 100% contributor this year. By 1964/65 it had reached 200%.

1961/62 *President Bruce McKenzie*

Following consolidation during the first five years of operation the Club was now ready to expand its activities.

The Alkira Spastic Centre, as its' name implies, catered for the handicapped. The Community Service Committee, under the chairmanship of Albert Connor, supported the establishment of a Sheltered Workshop to train physically handicapped young people in various skills enabling them to earn a weekly wage and possibly take their place in the industrial world. The sum of \$1,000 was raised for this project by Theatre Nights, Car Trials, cutting and selling firewood and sales of sheep manure.

A Careers Night was held at Box Hill High School and arrangements were made for students to visit local industrial establishments. The Vocational Service Committee under Alan Broadhead pioneered this activity, which has now become a yearly feature of the Club's operation.

A strong relationship was established with the Tally Ho Boys' Home and several day outings were provided for these young folk by Members and their families.

The possibility of establishing a new Club in the Ringwood area was explored, but the Rotary Club of Melbourne would not cede this territory, believing that we should concentrate on the area of Nunawading. Our efforts were switched to this new project and the Rotary Club of Nunawading was chartered in 1965.

1962/63 *President Roy Walker*

Regretfully, no information is available for this Rotary year.

1963/64 *President Geoff Walsh*

Under President Geoff, the Club became involved in the Student Exchange program. The term "student exchange" is self-explanatory. A boy or girl, nominated by a local Rotary Club, leaves their own country to spend, usually, one year abroad and becomes the responsibility of an overseas Rotary Club, which had expressed its willingness to act as host. The exchange student lives in the homes of Rotarians and attends a local school. In most cases the student returns having made many friends and gained a great deal of knowledge about their host country. The Exchange Student Program fills an important role in Rotary International's aim to promote world peace and understanding.

In this year the first Choral Festival was held at Box Hill High School, the aim being to foster a love of good music throughout all schools in the district. 1200 pupils and teachers took part in this first festival, which has now become an annual event. After several years this project was handed over to Community Aid Abroad.

1964/65 *President Bob Bottomley*

In 1964/65 we saw the beginning of the outdoor Art Show. This provided an opportunity for aspiring artists, together with professionals to display their talent and for the public to appreciate the quality of the art work available.

First a suitable site was needed, and thanks to the wonderful co-operation of the Box Hill City Council an area of lawn on the Whitehorse Road plantation near Station Street was made available.

Lighting was required at night and this was installed by the Box Hill Electricity Supply.

The Rotary Club of Nunawading was formed and chartered on 5th March 1965.

1965/66

President John Thompson

The second annual Art Show was held in November over 10 days and 2 weekends. A letter from the Box Hill Council was received congratulating the Club on a valuable contribution to the community life of Box Hill.

A series of fireside meetings were held to assist members and their wives to get to know each other.

Several members attended a dinner in honour of the visit of the world President of Rotary International hosted by the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

Career guidance meetings for students were held including a visit to the Civil Aviation School in Carlton.

Carmencita Sajo from the Philippines was welcomed as our first Exchange Student.

An amount of \$20 to purchase tools of trade was awarded to the Box Hill Apprentice of the Year.

Asian students from Box Hill T.A.F.E. were invited to attend our weekly meetings and a number of students accepted the offer.

Visits were made to the Rotary Club of Mornington and Rotary Club of Lilydale. Contact was made with the Rotary Club Cape Province, South Africa and the Rotary Club of Iwakim, Japan.

1966/67

President Frank Gill

President Frank organised a collection of a small donation from Box Hill residents on their milk accounts to aid community causes.

In 1967 the Rotary Club of Box Hill transferred its meeting place from Wattle Park Chalet to the Bienvenu Receptions, Burwood Highway. In 1989 Bienvenu was destroyed by fire and the meetings were held at Kurban's Restaurant in Box Hill, before finally moving back to Wattle Park Chalet.

In 1966/67 the Club's International Service Committee (Chairman Ted Shaw) became interested in the "Bring Out a Briton" immigration scheme and wrote to the English Rotary clubs of Brighton, Slough, Plymouth and Worthing with the objective of assisting professional or qualified tradesmen to settle in Victoria. Contact was finally made with Worthing through Past President Cyril Childs who subsequently visited Box Hill on several occasions. The Rotary Club of Worthing recorded:

“It was on a cold, wet day in December 1966, that our Secretary Leslie Walter received an air mail letter from Australia. It was from Rotarian Ted Shaw of the Rotary Club of Box Hill, Melbourne. Ted, as International Chairman, was writing to enquire if our Club could assist with one of their service projects - Box Hill would like to sponsor English families wishing to migrate to Australia. Australia had plenty of unskilled labour arriving from southern Europe he said and they were looking for professional or qualified tradesmen. A family would be eligible for Government assistance and Box Hill Rotary Club would guarantee private or hotel accommodation and employment upon arrival.”

The Hyland family eventually arrived in June 1967. They were accommodated in Shannon Street, Box Hill and Michael Hyland found employment with Safeway, Forest Hill. A second family, the Pettits, arrived in February 1968.

1967/68 *President John Booth*

In 1967, an Interact Club was formed at Burwood High School, the Principal being our Rotarian Bert Murdoch, in appearance very much like Paul Harris. Its life was short lived, and there are several reasons. Secondary education at its' higher levels, and it must be remembered that members of Interact would be found in higher forms, is highly competitive, and there are so many activities that it is most difficult to fit in one more. Staff changes occur frequently and enthusiasm for Rotary may be replaced by apathy.

Rotaract is a different story, with fortnightly meetings and members from an older age group. Rotarians must give guidance and closely monitor the activities in the early days of a Rotaract Club.

By and large, our individual youngsters are sound, but trouble often begins when they form into groups with poor leadership, or with no leadership at all.

The need has been understood by Rotary, which makes possible Youth Leadership Awards. Annual seminars are organised at which potential leaders attend - this is called R.Y.L.A. Application from young people in our area are advertised in local papers and there have been more applicants than places available, the Committee having a tough job interviewing fine young people and making the final selection.

1968/69 *President Ted Shaw*

In 1968/69 the organisation of the R.Y.L.A. seminar was left to Box Hill during the Presidency of PDG Ted Shaw. Ted put in a great deal of effort to ensure that this gathering of potential youth leaders should be the unqualified success that it certainly turned out to be.

It was arranged through the Headmaster at Box Hill Technical School that an Apprentice of the Year be selected, and he was presented with drawing pencils and a book on drafting valued at \$20.

Our exchange student, Keith Windle, was in New York, U.S.A.

Sponsored Emigration:

The Burrows family (migrants from England) was assisted with accommodation, and arrangements were made to assist John Temple and family to find accommodation when they arrived.

A further excerpt from “Rotary on Worthing” says:

“In July 1968, Ted Shaw became President of his Club and was more keen than ever that sponsored immigration would continue. The first two migrant families had been a success. An International Committee got to work and had one very interesting application for details of our scheme from Reg and Christine Burrows. Reg had been a Master Tailor with Webb’s of Chapel Road and his wife Christine was the daughter of Ernest Townsend, the Town Clerk of Worthing from 1941-62. They were offered sponsored emigration to Box Hill which they accepted and in October, 1968 they sailed from Southampton with their two boys aged eight and six.”

Further immigrants, John and Jean Temple and their family arrived in 1969 and the Randall family in 1971.

A valuable Ambrose Griffin painting was given to the Club by the Artist and, after due discussion, the painting was donated to Box Hill City Council to hang in its new library with a Rotary plaque attached.

Our meeting place was changed from the Wattle Park Chalet to “Bienvenu”.

1969/70 *President Bill Wiles*

In 1970 our President presented a trophy for inter-school athletics for visually impaired children.

He also corresponded with our matching (sister) Club, Kure East, in Japan.

We became a 400% Club this year, achieved by contributions per capita to Rotary Foundation. Our exchange student, Elizabeth Douglas, went to Yamaguchi, Japan, this year.

The price of a meal at Bienvenu was \$1.75.

The Art Show hung 833 paintings, sales \$6700, profit \$1,575. The funds were donated to Lifeline.

The Rotary Club of Ringwood was sponsored in 1969.

An auction was also held to raise funds for Alkira.

A gift of \$500 was made to the Box Hill Hospital.

1970/71 *President Ted Atkinson*

In May 1971, many Members of the Rotary Club of Box Hill attended the Rotary International Conference held in Sydney. This was the first held in Australia and only the second to take place south of the equator. It was a memorable experience, clearly demonstrating the strength and universality of Rotary. There were over 15,000 in attendance from all parts of the world. Accommodation was in short supply, and many had to travel from well out of Sydney to attend daily sessions, but the experience and fellowship was great. It was a great credit to our Sydney Rotarians. It demanded a colossal degree of organisation and the Convention was an undoubted success.

Angela Saba and Lynette Chuck were farewelled as exchange students.

The annual Community Aid Abroad Choral Festival was held.

Exchange student Vorapot (Tom) Ramasoot arrived from Thailand. He now has a wife and three children and still keeps in touch with Gene and Peter Emerson.

1971/72 *President Alf McKelvie*

Eight couples had a weekend at Paynesville with John Thompson organising.

The Medic Alarm project started with quite a lot of interest because of obvious community needs.

Rotary Week in Box Hill was held during March. Four Way Test posters were displayed in shops and small stickers drawing attention to Rotary Week were attached to cars. We also had printed a list of successful projects, which had been promoted for the good of the local community.

Sponsorship of Rotary Club of Doncaster.

1972/73 *President Geoff Hauser*

Material was collected from Members to aid patients in the Occupational Therapy section at Box Hill Hospital. A Mini Bike Carnival was organised on the Old Gas Works site in Elgar Road. Cliff Hoath (sporting goods) arranged Clubs to participate and, with the support of our Members, it turned out to be a most successful fundraiser.

Ted Atkinson was congratulated on his successful nomination as District Governor District 280 for 1974/75.

It was decided to donate funds to Box Hill Hospital to build a "quiet room" for the counselling of close friends and relatives during times of stress.

The Art Show was a great success with a profit of \$2,860.

Our membership stood at 71.

1973/74 *President George Saba*

President George was most methodical in his approach to Rotary business, having been in the clothing trade for many years.

Plans were drawn up for the new St. Johns Ambulance centre.

Our exchange student, Linda Stubbs, left in January and incoming student, Mike Satomura arrived shortly afterwards.

1974/75 *President Mac Hill*

PP Ted Atkinson took over as District Governor for District 280. (Ted stated "Rotary is something engraved on the hearts of men. It derives its strength from the personal dedication of each individual Member to the ideal of service - helping others".)

The Art Show had 820 entrants with sales of \$17,900 giving a profit of \$2880.

Terry Mulqueen, Don Pringle and President Mac Hill took 37 underprivileged children from Box Hill to Camperdown for a long weekend - it seemed really "long". Rotarians and wives in Camperdown showed the youngsters around farms, the Milk Factory and a low security prison. They were fed well, staying in Rotarians' homes and received many "freebies". The railways organised a carriage for us and the trip was a great success.

Box Hill had 72 members in 1974 and was a very active Club preparing for our first district conference during February 27 to March 1 in Canberra with D.G. Ted Atkinson and Conference Chairman Bruce McKenzie. They say that until you have attended a Conference you have not seen the best of Rotary.

The Conference provided inspiring addresses, stimulating discussions, and great fellowship for all to enjoy. After the conference it was reported to the Committee by PP Eric McPhail in his usual efficient manner that the conference recorded a profit of \$6,226. It was agreed to transfer the profit to the Rotary Village account.

Exchange student "Miki" arrived from Japan and our Leonie went to Japan.

1975/76 *President Peter Strasser*

We sent our exchange student, Jenny Mercer, to Japan. She turned out to be a wonderful ambassador, speaking fluent Japanese.

We won the annual cricket match with Nunawading - success at last!! The Fellowship Committee organised a snooker night with members of the Balwyn Rotary Club.

St. Johns Ambulance Project started with plans to build a hall in Belmore Park.

The Community Service Committee assisted with the National Blood Pressure group, testing 860 people in Box Hill.

A black and white television set was donated to Allambie and work commenced on the concept for a Rotary Community Village.

We had vocational tours of Companion Heaters (arranged by Fred Davis) and Sidney Cooke (arranged by Allan Gibbins), both being very well attended.

The Art Show sold paintings to the value of \$21,000 and returned a profit of \$3000.

1976/77 *President Alan Broadhead*

Alan was a Rotarian who served the community of Box Hill through many years on the Box Hill Council and Rotary, and was District Commissioner of the Scouting Movement.

Exchange student Yashui Hasagawa arrived from Japan. The Club's nominee, David Robinson, was awarded the Rotary Foundation Postgraduate Fellowship award to Stanford University, Illinois, U.S.A.

Allan Roberts, our "shortbread man", sold 34 dozen tins of shortbread - what a salesman!

1977/78 *President Geoff Fountain*

A successful Club visit to Bright was held in October. Much country fellowship and a good round of golf was played with a BBQ after. A return visit to our club was arranged.

Our exchange student Pam Coull settled in well in Japan, and Lesley Bissing, our visiting student, is fitting in well here.

Pride of workmanship plaques were distributed to several members, and a vocational visit to the Bowater Scott Paper Mill was well attended.

1978/79 *President Clive Evenden*

The Rotary International President is Clem Renouf from Australia, and the theme for the Rotary Year is "Reach Out".

Our own Past President Bruce McKenzie was District Governor for this year.

The District Conference was held in Hobart, Tasmania. The Conference Chairman was Geoff Hauser, and all Members worked very hard to support Bruce and Lorraine at the Conference. It was well attended and had some inspiring speakers. A special tribute goes to Allan Roberts for the sensational catering arrangements on our first visit "overseas".

The St. John's Ambulance Centre site has been approved with the building cost estimated at \$70,000.

The Club moved into the Rotary Foundation plateau of 1100%.

1979/80 *President Ron Peters*

Jack Nankervis was appointed the new District Governor.

Rotary International President, James L. Bomar, Jnr, designated the Rotary theme to be "Let Service Light the Way".

The dinner charge was increased to \$5.30 this year.

Exchange student, Tania Blum, from South Africa gave an interesting talk to our Club. Andrew Darbyshire, our exchange student, has settled in South Africa.

We made a donation of \$1000 to Nunawading Ambulance Appeal.

Frank Jefferies reported that the brickwork was completed on the St. John's Ambulance Centre. The Centre was opened by Sir Henry Winneke on Monday, 12th November 1979.

Food parcels were sent to Holdsworth Memorial Hospital, India, for sustenance of leprosy patients.

Our new exchange student, Karsten Petersen, arrived from Denmark.

19th February was the 75th anniversary of the beginning of Rotary. A civic dinner was held for this great occasion.

On 5th April 1980, the Melbourne Rotary Club agreed to the acceptance of women in Rotary.

The Charter of the Box Hill Inner Wheel Club was presented.

The Club committed itself to a car raffle to raise funds for the St. John's Ambulance project. Chairman Mac Hill requested Members to give their best effort, and the final amount raised was \$18,000.

The 16th Annual Outdoor Art Show took place in the Whitehorse Road plantation during November. The weather was kind this time with over 1050

paintings being on show. Sales were \$30,000 with a profit of \$5,403, which was used to assist the St. John's Ambulance building appeal.

A Retirement Planning Seminar was held at Box Hill Town Hall on Wednesday, 28th May 1980. President Ron Peters chaired the meeting and PP John Booth spoke on health care, and another speaker spoke on financial and taxation management in retirement.

1980/81 *President Merv. Agnew*

District Governor is Bill King.

Rotary International President, Rolf J Klarich, selected the theme "Take Time to Serve".

A successful work experience visit by Tallangatta students to Box Hill was organised with accommodation provided by Members.

Our contributions to Rotary Foundation have brought us up to 1500%.

District 981 has increased its number of clubs to 37.

In November we held our weekly meeting at the newly completed St. John's Ambulance Centre. Chairman Bernie Mullins introduced Keith Skillicorn who spoke on the work of the Leprosy Mission in India. Bernie presented a cheque for \$400 from the Club.

Lorraine McKenzie from the Inner Wheel presented sheets for the Leprosy Mission.

Our main project was to help Box Hill Hospital Coronary Care Unit.

1981/82 *President Fred Davis*

District Governor PP Doug Mills.

Rotary International President, Stan McCaffrey. The Rotary theme is "World Understanding and Peace through Rotary".

Membership this year was 66.

Our outgoing student, Karen Sinclair, travelled overseas and exchange student, Ingaborg Meissner, arrived.

Community Service Chairman, PP Ted Shaw, reported to the Club that the Board had approved supporting the Box Hill Hospital and for the Club to raise \$125,000 for the development of the Coronary Care Unit.

A lawn bowls night held each year has provided good fellowship with Members of the Box Hill Bowls Club, Councillors (from the City of Box Hill) and Rotary

Members. We compete for a cup, which is a very primitive specimen. The bowling prowess of some of our Members leaves a bit to be desired.

During November the Pacific Regional Conference was held at the Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne.

Our Club decided to staff a stall at the Box Hill Hospital's Silver Anniversary Festival during March.

It was agreed by the Board to form a Probus Club in Box Hill during the coming year. Probus Members are derived from a combination of professional and business vocations. It is a Club for retired or semi-retired people.

At the 15th June, 1982 meeting, President Elect Eric Donaldson informed Members of the sudden death of PP Geoff Fountain, Principal of Box Hill TAFE College. Frank Fargher paid special tribute to Geoff's outstanding achievements in education and the particular service he gave to the community.

1982/83 *President Eric Donaldson*

District Governor is PP Fred Hay.

Rotary International President is Hiroje Mukasa and the Rotary theme is "Mankind is One, Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World".

At the changeover night on July 6th, 1982, President Eric Donaldson took over, and with that happy outlook he has it was obvious we were in for a good year. One hundred and nineteen Rotarians, their partners and Rotaractors enjoyed a night of fun and fellowship. It was great to see Charter President Eric McPhail and Bonnie, Geoffrey Baker and Cliff and Lola Hoath.

Our Rotoract Club has a membership of 22 and was very active in the community.

The Club purchased a World Book Encyclopedia for the visually impaired.

Our new exchange student this year was Miniko Nishiura from the City of Gifu, Japan, District 63. She arrived in January 1982. Our outgoing student was Karen Sinclair who went to Japan.

On the 16th June at Box Hill Hospital, the Rotary Club presented two cheques totalling \$24,000 - one for \$18,000 from the car raffle and the other for \$6,000 from the annual Art Show.

The Art Show this year was under the Chairmanship of Allan Roberts, we look forward to another successful year.

On November 11th, the Box Hill Probus Club was formed and meets once a month.

President Eric revived the Clubs' interest in assisting "Alkira".

A container load of used hospital equipment was obtained from Box Hill Hospital and shipped to Alexishaven, New Guinea, and, through Rotary contacts, big savings were made in the cost of transport and handling.

1983/84 *President Geoff Leach*

The District Governor was John Ellery.

The World President was Bill Skelton and the Rotary theme was "Share Rotary, Serve People".

Club membership stood at 64.

The Club made a \$1,000 grant to the Lorraine McKenzie Memorial Fund.

Other major donations were:

- ◆ Box Hill Hospital Coronary Care Unit \$1,200
- ◆ Scouting Association \$1,200
- ◆ Australian Health Research Fund \$1,200
- ◆ District 981 Interplast \$3,800

We had a combined meeting with Members from the Rotary Clubs of Forest Hill, Glen Waverley, Mulgrave and Waverley. The guest speaker was Sir Billy Sneddon.

1984/85 *President Ron Creek*

The District Governor was Geoff Pryor.

Rotary International was President Carlos Canseco. The Rotary theme was "Discover a New World of Service".

Club membership stood at 52.

PP Bruce McKenzie was appointed Chairman of the Dorking Road Hostel earlier this year. With the support of some Rotarians and Members of other Service Clubs he headed up an appeals committee and Club made a donation of \$3,500. The project, supported by the Box Hill Council, was indeed a fine establishment for the elderly.

Some Members rose very early one morning and went to the Footscray fruit and vegetable market, purchased and received fruit and vegetables to set up a stall at the Box Hill Hospital Family Festival. We made \$450, along with trash and treasure \$642 and the Art Show profit of \$4,833.

This tidy profit enabled us to make further donations to Save Water Save Lives \$1,500 and Box Hill's Asthmatic Fund \$400.

Our exchange student this year was Carlos Barros from Brazil and our Melinda Richards went overseas.

We had eight students from Tallangatta High home-hosted while they did work experience here.

Wendy Wadsworth and Colin Lewis attended a RYLA seminar at Healesville; both reported it was a great experience.

1985/86 *President John Lawry*

The District Governor was Ted Shaw.

The Rotary International President was Edward Cadman and the Rotary theme was "You Are The Key".

We were looking forward to a busy year with DG Ted and preparations were well under way for the forthcoming conference at Albury. The conference was a great success due to the enthusiastic support of all our Members.

Exchange student Melinda Richards returned, Melanie Forster left for Japan and Helen Todal arrived from Norway.

Foundation scholar Mark Sneddon left to study law at the Michigan University. He is now an Associate Professor of Law at Melbourne University.

Funds for this year were distributed to:

Fourth Avenue In Motion	\$1,000
3H Polio Plus	\$2,000
Muscular Dystrophy	\$ 500
Box Hill Hospital	\$1,000

1986/87 *President Peter Emmerson*

The District Governor was Bill Tierney.

The Rotary International President was M.A.T. Caparas and the Rotary theme was "Rotary Brings Hope".

Our outgoing exchange student this year was Carrie Bruce going to Finland. Melanie Forster came home from Japan and Helen Todal returned to Norway.

A commitment was made to the Peer Support Program; George McLean did outstanding work for this project

Peter Craig, the FAIM awardee, spent three weeks in New Guinea helping with a building program.

Community Service selected the Medic Alert program. If this program, with the distribution of kits to doctors, dentists, chemists and churches, saves one life it is worthwhile.

Our major project was to support the Box Hill Council in the establishment of a series of 6 different booklets for the Parent Support program. The object was to provide parents of each child born within the municipality, a booklet emphasising the important role of parenting, and provide advice, encouragement, expectations as to development and suitable resources.

The Rotary Club provided \$5,000 towards production costs of the booklets entitled "Focus on Families". We received a Significant Achievement award for this from District 980.

This year we celebrated the 30th birthday of the Club.

1987/88 *President Max Buchanan*

District Governor Kevin Speirs moved into his busy role for the year. He stated that this was the year in which we celebrate Australia's Bicentenary, and this is the year in which Australia's own Royce Abbey was President elect of Rotary International. A special year calls for a special effort in program and projects. The Rotary theme for the year was "United in Service, Dedicated to Peace".

President Max expressed concern about Club Membership, which had dropped from 67 in 1981 to 38 in 1987.

This year was an extraordinary year because of the exceptional challenge of Polio Plus, so said Charles C. Keller, Rotary International President.

In August, exchange student, Thomas Runsten, arrived from Sweden.

Our Rotary District committee made an appeal to clubs for volunteers to go to Papua New Guinea to work on the project "Save Water Save Lives".

Peter Strasser and Lionel Isom were made Paul Harris Fellows this year.

Allan Roberts did the initial organisation for a Ladies' Probus Club, which is flourishing.

In co-operation with the Box Hill Council, we have our Rotary emblem on a drinking fountain in Surrey Park as part of the Bi-Centennial effort.

\$9,000 was set aside for our major project. Approximately \$7,000 was also raised for the Polio Plus fund.

Our outgoing exchange student, Julia Street, left for Japan in January. She stayed with host families in Seki City, Japan. T.K. Wong supervised the selection of two R.Y.L.A. candidates, Rachael Law and Nicholas Jansen.

The Peer Support program continued due to the good work put in by George McLean.

On a recommendation by PDG Ted Shaw, an engraved bell was donated to a school in New Guinea at a cost of \$99.

A wood lathe was donated to Alkira Training Centre for mentally disabled persons.

A very active and successful year.

1988/89 *President John Binns*

The District Governor was Mick Mathews.

The Rotary International President was Royce Abbey and the Rotary theme was "Put Life into Rotary, Your Life".

The Club was addressed by our returned exchange students, Carrie Bruce and Julia Street. Jenni Appleton went to Norway and Thomas Runsten returned to Stockholm. This year's guest was Greg Gibson from Naperville, U.S.A.

Two National Science Summer School awardees, Yuen Chen and Anita Vimpani, spoke to the Club about their great experiences.

The Art Show had its last showing on the plantation at Box Hill. Luckily the weather was good. This was the first time the Stoll Trust Award was presented to two young artists under the age of 18 years. The awardees were Agnes Tesak and Gina Basic. The Trust was set up by Peter Emmerson in memory of his grandfather who was a notable artist some years ago. The Art Show sales were \$34,000, giving us a profit of nearly \$5,000. The construction of a plant nursery at Alkira was undertaken with heavy equipment being required for the earthworks.

The International Committee provided funds this year to the Martyr's school at Popondetta. They also hoped to raise funds to send an Interplast team to New Guinea in 1989-90.

PP John Booth, Foundation Chairman, organised the vocational week for our Group Study Exchange visitor, Dr. Maggie Wedmark of Helsingborg, Sweden. Our successful candidate, Christine Cowan, a solicitor, was selected to go to Sweden

The Rotary Downunder Supplies Project continued under the guidance of David Tolstrup and contributed funds of \$5,700 from sales.

1989/90

President Robert Leach

Our District Governor was Ray Adams.

The Rotary International President was Hugh M. Archer and the Rotary theme was "Enjoy Rotary".

Under the leadership of PP Max Buchanan, appointed by DG Ray Adams as his special representative, the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central was formed with 32 charter members. The Charter President, Brian McPhail, was the son of our Charter President, Eric McPhail.

A major fundraising program was successfully achieved with the presentation of a community bus, valued at \$18,623, to the City of Box Hill. The presentation was made by President Robert. The bus was to be used for youth and community services.

This year we paid for landscaping at Alkira Special School for a cost of \$3,000.

A presentation of \$11,000 was made to Sir Benjamin Rank, Patron of Interplast Australia. These funds were to underwrite the cost to send an Interplast team overseas.

Through the efforts of PP Max Buchanan, PP John Lawry and Allan Roberts, two new Probus Clubs were formed in South Box Hill.

In all, some \$38,400 was donated this year in support of major projects. Quite a proportion of this sum has been carried over from previous years. Rotary Downunder Supplies Pty. Ltd. Agency has been a major source of funds due to the fine work done by some of our senior members.

The Vocational Service Committee, led by Ross McPhail, organised a very successful business meeting on October 31st, 1989. The guest speaker was the Chairman of the State Electricity Commission, Mr. Geoff Cook.

We were saddened to record the deaths during the year of two of our fine members. Ellas Greenwood and Tom Fiske both served the Club well and are sadly missed.

David Tolstrup and Geoff Weeks convened the new indoor Art Show at Box Hill Town Hall after being held on the plantation in Whitehorse Road for the past 25 years. David shouldered most of the responsibility for running a successful show due to Geoff taking an overseas trip.

Our Club's nominee, Mr. Gary Percival, was accepted for the outgoing Group Study Exchange visit to Japan, District 262. On the return visit we welcomed the Japanese team to our Club meeting on 13th February 1990. Some of our Members hosted the Group Study team.

PP Max Buchanan became a Paul Harris Fellow for his work as District Governor's Special Representative.

1990/91 *President Bryan Mathews/Ron Creek*

The District Governor was Neil Harrison from the Rotary Club of Knox.

The World President was Paulo V.C. Costa from Santos, Brazil and the Rotary Theme was "Honour Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm".

President Bryan said we required the right people to carry out successful projects to completion and the Rotary Club of Box Hill was indeed fortunate in having an abundance of the right people, as had been proven time and again.

Leadership change - Bryan had to leave us midway through the year to take up a job offer in New Zealand. Vice President Ron Creek took over the role of President with PP Robert Leach taking the position of Vice President.

On April 29th, 1991 Bienvenu, our meeting place, was burnt down and so a change of venue had to be made. The new venue was Kurban's Restaurant. Our regalia was salvaged but we lost our Charter, dinner plaques, some framed certificates, the Australian flag and a collection of banners.

Chairman John Lawson arranged a business dinner with Mel Ward of Telecom as guest speaker. It was a great success with \$800 raised on the night.

The Salvation Army of Box Hill put on a celebrity concert during the year and it was a sell out. There was wonderful entertainment and the evening raised \$2,065

Chairman of Community Service, Clem Joyce, liaised with Box Hill Council's Community Service officers to select a major project this year. After due discussion the Club adopted the project to supply furnishings and equipment for the Parent Education and Training Activity associated with Box Hill Council's proposed Family Resource Centre.

The Club provided native tree seeds, seed trays, plastic tubes, propagating mix and seed raising instructions to the Kerrimuir and Box Hill North Primary schools during Rotary Grow Trees project

The Art Show was preceded this year by a dinner in the Box Hill Town Hall. One hundred and twenty one people attended. The idea was to encourage early purchases of paintings before the show was open to the public. Paintings to the value of \$8,800 were sold. A raffle of a painting by well-known artist Marie Weeks was held.

The proceeds from the Art Show went towards the Box Hill Family Resource Centre.

We congratulated five new Paul Harris Fellows during the year - Alison Booth, Bonnie McPhail, Merv Agnew, Allan Roberts and George McLean.

1991/92

President Ross McPhail

Our new District Governor was Bruce Whitaker.

The World President was Lapendra K. Saboo of Chandigarh, India and the Rotary Theme was "Look Beyond Yourself".

The Club moved back to the original meeting place this year, Wattle Park Chalet, where we started thirty-five years ago.

The task of recording attendance has for many years been undertaken by Lionel Isom, and he always filled in at the desk until a rostered member turned up. He is to be commended. This could also be said of Allan Roberts with the preparation of the handbook each year, and Bob McKenzie as Club Auditor.

The Club Membership in July was 33, and President Ross was optimistic about an increase very soon.

The Annual Art Show, under the Chairmanship of Peter Cummins, was held in the Town Hall, raising approximately \$7,400.

The third Business Dinner was held at Doncaster Shoppingtown Hotel and the guest speaker was the Federal Shadow Treasurer and Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Peter Reith, M.L.A. He spoke about the consumption tax and business perspectives.

The R.D.U. supplies team had another very successful year, contributing \$8,500.

It was good to see the success of our nominee, Peter Uppal, being awarded a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for 1993/94.

Due to the success of Youth Programs and our involvement in so many worthwhile services to youth, the outstanding calibre of young men and women who we sponsor in Rotary programs makes us proud. We donated \$1,000 to the Box Hill Council's Young Leaders program.

Our exchange student was Maja Lindan from Finland. She was a real country girl and thought nothing of walking 12 to 14 km. at a time.

The completion of another major project was achieved - the financial commitment to the City of Box Hill's Family Resource Centre, which aids families of Box Hill and \$3,000, was raised for furniture and fittings at the Centre.

Good fellowship was again had with Members and partners joining in BBQs, film nights and our Christmas party where we collected gifts for the needy children in our community.

1992/93

President Clem Joyce

The District Governor was Don Holderess of the Rotary Club of Mordialloc.

The Rotary International World President was Clifford L. Dochterman of North Stockton, U.S.A. with the Rotary theme being "Real Happiness is Helping Others".

On May 23rd to 26th, 1993, the Rotary International World Convention was held in Melbourne, mainly at the Tennis Centre/Melbourne Park. There were over 20,000 in attendance from countries around the world. Many friendships were renewed and many new ones made. As President Clem stated, it was inspiring to see and hear the presentations of some of the great works of Rotary and to experience the tremendous international fellowship which was so evident at this convention.

The wide publicity of Rotary activities generated by the Convention was taken up by the Leader Newspaper group in the Progress Press, giving greater public awareness of the work of Rotary in the community.

The Vocational Service Committee arranged a visit to the C.F.A. headquarters and control centre in East Burwood and to Vic Roads Communication control centre in Camberwell.

A touch screen computer and software, total value of \$5,000, was donated to the Wattle Heights School for disadvantaged students to improve their learning skills.

Equipment was provided to the Association for the Blind, value of \$800, for audio presentation and monitoring systems for stage shows for visually impaired persons.

\$500 of funds was distributed for cataract surgery in the Philippines. Other contributions were to The Salvation Army Village for physically handicapped children in Kenya \$300, Interplast \$1,000, and Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. A further donation of \$1,000 was given to Box Hill City Council Youth Leaders program.

Good fellowship was enjoyed with a progressive dinner, theatre night, farm BBQ, a bowls night and fellowship dinners for new Members, not forgetting our Christmas party at Wattle Park Chalet

Our exchange students were Vanessa Prentice to Belgium, Fiona Charnley to Japan and Ilse Montalvo from Mexico.

Again this year a number of members served on District Committees. We extend the Club's thanks to Bruce McKenzie, Ted Shaw, Merv Agnew, John Booth, Max Buchanan and George McLean.

It was pleasing to see two new Probus Clubs formed in the Box Hill area this year. There are now six Probus Clubs in our area.

The Annual Business Dinner was held in the Box Hill Town Hall and the guest speaker was the Hon. Phil Gude, Minister for Industry and Employment. His subject "What the New Government Means for Business". A total of 134 people attended. Joe Mardjetko and Staff provided an excellent dinner and the administration was covered by Peter Cummins.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our long serving members, PP Mac Hill. Mac served as our President in 1974/75 and on many Committees contributing a great deal to Rotary.

Past President Ron Creek became a Paul Harris Fellow.

1993/94 *President David Tolstrup*

The District Governor was Bob Laslett.

The Rotary International World President was Robert R. Barth of Switzerland and the Rotary theme was "Believe in What You Do, Do What You Believe In".

A major priority was to plan a project, which could involve the Club for two to three years. A project was operating in conjunction with the Harrison Youth Services to provide an accommodation facility for teenage boys at risk of becoming homeless. The aim was an early intervention program to reconcile youth with their families

On the social side this year we have enjoyed two theatre nights, a family picnic, an interclub visit to Healesville, a vocational visit to Deakin University, and a dinner and tour of the Holeproof hosiery factory, and the Box Hill Electric Supply complex.

Our Annual Business Dinner was held with the guest speaker David Jarman, Chief Economist of J. B. Were & Sons.

A successful Careers Night was conducted at Koonung Secondary College. All secondary colleges in the Box Hill area were contacted regarding expressions of interest in an annual Careers Night.

The Club welcomed back exchange student Fiona Charnley from Japan and farewelled Ilse Montlvo who returned to Mexico. James Ng was selected to participate in the National Science Summer School. He addressed the Club on his return and was full of praise for the program.

The Club decided to raise its' sponsorship of the Box Hill Youth Services program to \$2,000. The course includes communication skills, creative thinking, teamwork, leadership skills, community awareness, self-development, public speaking and conducting a meeting.

The Club received a visit from the South African Group Study Exchange team and under the direction of Clem Joyce they visited the TAFE College, the Country Fire Authority and the Box Hill Hospital.

The Group Study Exchange program began in 1965 and since then over 3,700 teams from over 100 countries have participated at a cost of approximately Aust \$50 million.

We were saddened by the death of our long-standing member, Bernie Mullins, a man who enjoyed his bowls and worked tirelessly for the Club.

President David expressed his thanks to his Committee and his Club Secretary, Robert Leach, for a job well done.

1994/95 *President Len Venus*

The District Governor was our Past President Max Buchanan.

The President of Rotary International was Bill Huntley and the Rotary Theme was "Be a Friend".

We were in our second year in a three year agreement to support Harrison Youth Services, providing funding for the rental of a four bedroom house to be used as a respite house for young male persons.

As with our policy of assisting the disadvantaged within our community, Members brought tins of food to our meetings each week. These, together with donated toys, were made into hampers for Christmas and through the Community Services department of the City of Box Hill, were distributed to needy families.

This year a link was established with the Rotary Club "Valle de Lerma", District 480 in Salta Argentina. Salta is a sugar cane growing area and many children have badly decayed teeth from chewing raw cane. Through the generosity of Joe Mardjetko, a quantity of toothbrushes were sent for distribution where most required.

A proposal was been made to establish an Allan Broadhead Award through Box Hill College of TAFE. It is hoped this award will attract entrants from those undertaking business courses at the Box Hill College of TAFE.

The Peer Support Program was successful in funding two programs this year. Both the Box Hill High School and the Surrey Hills Primary School were keen to participate.

The Young Leaders Program was further supported by a donation of \$1,000. This program is aimed at developing personal leadership skills for young people.

The 9810 District conference was held during March at Albury. It was organised jointly by the Rotary Clubs of Box Hill and Box Hill Central. With 1218 registrants participating it meant a great deal of detail planning was required which was undertaken by Chairman Clem Joyce and his Conference Committee from both clubs.

The Conference was fortunate to have Peter Chin from the Rotary Club of Petaling Jaya in Malaysia as the Rotary International President's representative. Peter and his wife Mei made a major positive impact not only during the Conference but also in the social activities. The four keynote speakers were Professor David Pennington, Kay Cottee, Justice Marcus Einfeld and Paul Lyneham. Attendance during these speakers' sessions was close to the possible maximum.

It is pleasing to note that we have Rotarians, such as our District Governor Max Buchanan, giving so much through Rotary service. I am sure he felt justly proud of all the Members from both Clubs who gave of their best to make this Conference the success it was.

Under the chairmanship of PP John Binns, the Art Show moved into top gear. Peter Cummins, with his computer, kept tabs on the artists. This was a very special occasion with the pre-selection dinner catered for by Joe Mardjetko. Colin Johnson was MC for the evening and two hundred and thirty people attended. The major sponsors were Glencoe Restaurant and Moores, Solicitors.

The Award was presented by Fred McCubbin's daughter, Mrs. Mangan. On this occasion not only was there a cash prize but, for the first time, a bronze medallion, made by Peter Emmerson with the likeness of Fredrick McCubbin embossed on the surface, was presented.

The winners for best work of art:

The McCubbin Award		Christopher White
Best Oil or Acrylic		Ramon Horsfield
Best Watercolour		Alvaro Castagnet
The Stoll Trust	First	Simon McGrath
	Second	Joanne Mortreau
	Third	Amelia Koenders

George Richardson arranged the raffle of a painting donated by the well-known artist, John Duncan Firth, which raised \$2,200. On the evening, twenty-five paintings were sold for a total of \$10,122.

The Art Show was another great success due to the participation of members.

Our weekly meetings have had some very interesting speakers and also a talented singing Sergeant Lionel Ling who kept members amused. We had a very good attendance throughout the year.

The District Governor was John Henderson.

The Rotary International President was Herbert G. Brown of Florida, U.S.A. and the Rotary theme being "Service with Love, Work for Peace".

The Club was fortunate to receive a number of new members, partly by the inability to form a new club in Burwood, but through the good work of PP John Booth, PDG Bruce McKenzie and PDG Ted Shaw we received the benefit of their efforts. This certainly got us the District Membership Award at the Rotary Conference in Adelaide.

Lionel Isom, our Attendance Officer, fell ill and was forced to take leave of absence.

Sergeant Allan Gibbins kept Members on their toes with his dry humour and sharpness to remedy misdemeanours.

Our Club's objectives were as follows:

To continue:

Our commitment to the Harrison Youth Services

The collection and distribution of food parcels

Cents for the Shrine Appeal

Promote Australian Rotary Research Fund

The Club has provided:

Transport for elderly citizens to their annual Christmas dinner.

Donated \$200 to the Carrington Craft Group to help with their rent.

Assisted the Police with phone and bikemark.

Stage hands for the Annual Community Aid Concert.

PP Bill Huntley reminded us that on February 23rd it was Rotary International's 90th birthday - a great milestone and many wonderful achievements undertaken worldwide.

There are 27,117 Rotary Clubs with a membership of 1,195,615 in 1185 countries.

A donation of \$500 was made to the Victorian Association for the Blind to purchase 10 talking Braille books.

Rob Bishop, Chairman of our Art Show Committee, called on all Members to make this our 32nd Art Show the best yet. 795 entries and 25 Stoll Trust Award entries were received. The pre-selection dinner was held on the Thursday evening. The show was opened by Darren James and Paul Barber of Radio 3AW. The dinner was a great success with 23 paintings sold at a value of \$11,310. Our judge, being last year's winner, was Chris White who donated a painting, which was raffled, raising \$1,100.

The Frederick McCubbin Award, Best Work of Art, went to Peter Surales.

Best Oil or Acrylic		Kevin Taylor
Best Water Colour		Herman Pikel
Stoll Trust Awards	First	Anita McArthur
	Second	Jessie Zhao
	Third	Emily Koenders

Sales of paintings reached \$24,060 with funds raised of \$10,800. We received many congratulations from the public on the high standard of the Show, another great success.

A noteworthy milestone was achieved with the assistance of the City of Whitehorse to recognise the work of Rotary over many years within the municipality. As a result of the work of the Board, we now have a Rotary Court. It is near the corner of Station Street and Riversdale Road, the site of the South Box Hill Family Resource Centre, to which we provided financial assistance to purchase furniture, etc., a proud achievement for us all.

The Vocational Services Committee, under the chairmanship of David Stubbings, established jointly with the Rotary Clubs of Box Hill Central, Forest Hill, Mitcham and Nunawading a Rotary Achievement Award for the business community. This award of \$1,000 and a plaque will be awarded to people showing a high standard of achievement and outstanding skills in their chosen vocation. A dinner was held later, with the other Clubs attending, to present the awards - a very successful program.

There was an outstanding response to the Careers Expo, held in the Box Hill Town Hall. Students from more than 35 schools attended and there were 58 exhibitors. This was a joint venture with the other Rotary Clubs in the City of Whitehorse.

1996/97 *President Neil Meaden*

The District Governor was Graeme Woolacott.

The Rotary International President was Luis Giay and the Rotary Theme was "Build the Future with Action and Vision".

A highlight of this year was the unveiling of a park bench in honour of Paul Harris who died 50 years ago on 27th January 1947. This was officially unveiled by Past R.I. President Royce Abbey and accepted by Chief Commissioner Geoff Oscar on behalf of the City of Whitehorse.

A dinner was held to celebrate the club's 40th birthday. 200 people attended including 22 Past Presidents, 13 Past District Governors and many past members.

A great turnout of members over 2 weekends painted the exterior of the Biala Centre for Disabled Children. There is no better way to enjoy Rotary than a "hands on" project.

We hosted a visiting G.S.E. team from the U.S.A.

Social activities included a "dinner at sea" on the Spirit of Tasmania.

8 new members were enrolled during the year.

Rtn. Richard Johnson, University Lecturer, represented R.I. in Nepal. Whilst there he assisted in arranging a joint program by the Rotary Club of Box Hill and local authorities to provide a bus shelter in Kathmandu.

A total of \$12,000 was provided for various projects.

Our Youth Program sent delegates to the National Science Summer School, R.Y.P.E.N. and R.Y.L.A. Needy students were assisted by grants to Kooyong Secondary College and the Family Access program in Box Hill.

1997/98 *President Christopher Kelly*

The District Governor was PP Eric Farmer.

The President of Rotary International was Glen W Kincross, of the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Queensland. His Rotary Theme was 'Show Rotary Cares'.

Club membership at the end of the year was 51.

During the year PPs David Tolstrup, Peter Cummins and Clem Joyce, to quote President Chris "our three wise men" reviewed our Club By-Laws.

Again this year our Annual Art Show, which was held in May in the Box Hill Town Hall, proved to be an outstanding success with a profit of about \$24,000.

Also, the RDU Shop continues to make a very good profit, this year about \$10,000 due to the efforts and active promotion of a very dedicated group of volunteers.

A highlight from the point of view of club administration was the purchase of a computer. Fortunately members saw the value of incorporating this new technology for club use.

During the year 20 students with teachers from Koonung Secondary College attended a full day workshop called the VCE Supportive Friends Program. The point of this program was to "provide students with an awareness of depression and suicide; to give them the ability, to recognize warning signs in themselves and their peers, and to provide them with a support network." This program proved to be very worthwhile, thus money provided for this program was money well spent.

Other Youth Programs included: -

RYLA, which was attended by four secondary students.

Siemens Science Experience, which exposes high achieving students to challenging scientific ideas and provides information about courses, which are available. Two sponsored students attended Melbourne University.

The Youth Committee examined the way our club could assist the young homeless in the Box Hill area. Several meetings were held, particularly with Family Access Network representatives. It was organized that "survival kits" of toiletries, towels, etc. be provided in order to assist homeless youth could get a new start.

A working bee to paint two sides of the Biala Centre in Box Hill spread over two weekends not only assisted a worthy organization but also was an excellent venue for club fellowship.

The Citizens Advice Bureau in Box Hill was provided with 664 items of food, generously donated by our members for distribution to the needy.

During the year a state of the art electronically controlled bed was donated to the Box Hill Hospital. Members were given the opportunity to see this bed in action. Again, the Careers Expo organized by the Rotary Clubs of Box Hill, was a highlight with over 2,000 students attending.

Other projects included: -

The Bus Stop Shelter project in Nepal, which was actively supported thus promoting the World President's Theme "Show Rotary Cares".

Assistance was given, following the request of the DG, for funds to go towards Disaster Relief in Papua and New Guinea.

The Alan Broadhead Apprenticeship Awards for the Best First and Second students at the Box Hill College of T.A.F.E. in May. The recipients, Belinda Currigan and Leigh Peters were presented with their cheques by President Chris Kelly.

It is important to note that as in the past, the year's program was both varied and informative. "The Rotarian Behind The Badge" topic again proved to be of interest to all members.

1998/99 *President Robert Bishop*

The District Governor was PP Ian Riseborough.

The President of Rotary International was James Lacey, a member of the Rotary Club of Cookeville, Tennessee, U.S.A. His Rotary Theme was "Follow Your Rotary Dream"

Club membership at the end of the year was 50.

Six new members were inducted into our club during the year thanks to the efforts of the Membership Committee, thus membership remains fairly stable.

Again, as in the past, the thirty-fifth Annual Art Show proved to be a magnificent fundraiser. About \$21,000 was raised, thanks to the work of the Chairman,

Peter Cummins, and his Committee. Also thanks to all the Rotarians and others who assisted for the duration of the show. President Rob noted in his Annual Report that the new 9 x 5 category was a great success and thus its continuance is assured.

It was a pleasure for our President to induct Kathleen Mangan as an honorary member of our club. A charming lady, she has presented the Frederick McCubbin Medallions to the recipients at our Art Shows for the past few years. Unfortunately, she passed away later in the year.

The profits of \$10,000, commission from the sale of RDU supplies enabled \$5,000 to be sent to Rotary Foundation, and \$5,000 to be donated to ARHRF. Members of our RDU team visited the Bendigo Conference, the D9120 Conference at Mulwala and Colin Martin; the RDU board member for Victoria visited another conference on our behalf. Thus sales for this particular month exceeded \$9,000. This resulted in a record in sales, and therefore in commission. This dedicated team was thanked for their efforts on behalf of our club.

This year our club has continued from last year the close association, which has developed with Family Access Network. Some fifty "survival" kits were provided for young people in need.

The New Generations Report for the year noted several avenues of support given to develop the potential of our youth. For example, the Peer Support Foundation Workshop for three teachers to attend a two-day workshop with the intention of introducing this initiative in their school. Our club paid half of the cost.

Our club sponsored one student from Kingswood College to attend the Siemens Science Summer Experience. Four students provided with the opportunity to attend the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment seminar. The students were invited to one of our dinner meetings and all spoke very highly of this seminar and of how it will change their lives.

The installation of the air conditioner at Biala was completed although commenced during the previous year. This will be very beneficial.

Our club was involved with the City of Whitehorse Festival, our members assisting with setting up and assisting with maintenance, thus providing good publicity for our club.

As in previous years, food was collected for the Box Hill Citizens Advice Bureau as well as toys, which were donated at the Christmas Dinner.

Some of our clubs commitments continue from year to year. For example, the Alan Broadhead Awards for the best first and second year apprentices at the Box Hill College of T.A.F.E. President Rob Bishop presented cheques to Kimberley Bellamy and Lauren Hanson respectively.

The Rotary Careers Expo, a joint venture organized by the Rotary Clubs of the City of Whitehorse and the Box Hill Careers Teachers Association proved as previously, to be an excellent event.

One industry visit took place during the year, this being a visit to the Box Hill Hospital. It was run in conjunction with the official presentation of seven electronic beds. Those who attended gained a useful glimpse into the workings of a modern hospital.

Interplast continues to be sponsored, as is ROMAC. The Rotary Clubs of the City of Whitehorse jointly supported a project to bring a fifteen-year-old girl from PNG to Melbourne for surgery at the Royal Children's Hospital. What magnificent work both Interplast and ROMAC do.

Finally, the Fundraising and Fellowship committee was very busy organizing social activity for members. The opportunity was provided to conduct an open house for two days at The Connault, Balwyn. "This proved to be a most successful undertaking raising a sum of \$18,000 in entrance fees, sales of the house history and floor plan, and a small raffle.

A Special Business Dinner was organized by the Vocational Service Committee when the guest speaker was the Premier, Jeffrey Kennett.

1999/2000 *President Tom Thorpe*

The District Governor was PP Ian Riseley.

The President of Rotary International was Carlo Ravizza, a member of The Rotary Club of Milano, Sud-Ouest, Italy. His Rotary Theme was "Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity".

Club membership at the end of the year was 47.

Our Club was well represented at the Annual District Conference, which was held in Canberra. It was noted by President Tom that the experience for those who attended was both informative and enjoyable. On to Conference Chairman, Bill Farrugia was congratulated for organizing both excellent accommodation and a fine venue for our Club Dinner.

The Rotaract Club of Whitehorse was chartered with twenty-one members as the result of discussions between the Rotary Presidents of clubs in the City of Whitehorse.

As in previous years, the Annual Art Show again proved to be most successful. To quote Tom, "The highlight of the Pre-Selection Dinner was undoubtedly the presence and the speech of Sir William Dargie. We were extremely honoured to have him with us on that night". Our Art Show is now recognized as being an important event on the art world calendar. Not only are Chairman David and his team to be congratulated for their efforts but also the members and friends who assisted during the time of the show.

The Rotary Down Under shop closed at the end of June. A decision was made that all sales to clubs in Australia would come from the Parramatta Office. Our club was responsible for much lobbying, but to no avail. Lloyd Cranwell noted in his report that "there has been a spirit of fellowship and achievement in our small but useful activity. It will be sadly missed". This is an understatement. It has been a magnificent effort by this team during the past twelve years. Almost \$90,000 has been raised.

During the year A Forty Year History of the Rotary Club of Box Hill 1957 to 1997 was published. Peter Emmerson was responsible of the initial preparation and Allan Gibbins for the finalizing and publication.

Thanks again go to Clem Joyce for again producing an excellent Handbook.

Family Access Network again received donations of "survival" kits from our Club for homeless young people.

Donations of food continue to be sent on a regular basis to the Citizens Advice Bureau for distribution where needed.

Forty-eight fans were installed, before the hot weather, in the bedrooms of the elderly residents at 40 Dorking Road, Box Hill. The residents were certainly most thankful.

The ARHRF benefited to the tune of \$4,000 from a number of activities, thanks to the efforts of John Booth. This total included \$845 from the sales of Christmas and New Year cards.

The Fellowship and Fundraising Committee Report commented on several activities. For example, "a family outing with a difference proved to be successful when a return journey by steam train to Warrnambool was arranged for members". The enthusiasm of the children added to the enjoyment of all who participated in this excursion.

The DG arranged a Garden Party at Government House in February. This was a splendid outing with our club being well represented.

The Club has contributed to many worthwhile causes both within our Community and Internationally. Major Donations/ Sponsorships include State Schools Relief, Box Hill South Family Centre, Salvation Army Child Sponsorship, Timor Relief Fund, Interplast, Save Water Save Lives, Mozambique Flood Disaster, National Science Forum and Whitehorse Business Awards

The Careers Expo proved to be most successful. A significant change was that for the first time, the Expo was open during school hours. Over 500 students were transported to this Expo, thus justifying this innovation.

President Tom Thorpe presented the Alan Broadhead Awards to the top First and Second Year apprentices attending the Box Hill Institute of T.A.F.E., these being Craig O'Connell and Ben Dwyer respectively.

This year the club has successfully embraced the International President's Theme "Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity".

2000/01 *President George McLean*

The District Governor Was PP Patrick Hartley.

The President of Rotary International was Frank J Devlin, a member of the Rotary Club of Anahuac, DX, Mexico. His Rotary Theme was "Create Awareness, Take Action".

Club membership at the end of the year was 45.

Following the resignation of President Elect Kevin Butler due to a job move away from Melbourne, and after accepting an invitation from then President Tom Thorpe to be president for 2000/2001, George took over his role as President at quite short notice. As the result of President George's leadership, the club continued to maintain its high standards of service.

The District Conference held in Adelaide "was an inspirational experience for all those able to attend".

It is important to note that two club assemblies were held and that the Board has endeavoured to keep members fully informed about Club plans.

At the end of 2001 membership was 45, a net loss of one, notwithstanding the loss of seven members for various reasons. Individual attendances were good and several new members were inducted. It is difficult to build up club numbers even though "an excellent public relations exercise combined with a membership drive" was undertaken.

Sadly, long standing member, Lionel Isom passes away during the year.

Rotarians, as in previous years involved themselves with both Community and International Service projects. For example, on Sunday 30th July, our Club organized, with the help of the City of Whitehorse Council, a group of elderly citizens to watch the Olympic Games Torch Relay as it passed the Canterbury and Elgar Corner. "A good project to promote Rotary in our Community.

The newly formed Rotaract Club of Whitehorse invitation for Rotarians to attend their meetings resulted in the sponsoring of an entry into this year's Relay for Life Program.

Food and toys continue to be collected for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

PP John Booth, after listing how funds were raised noted in his ARHRF Report noted two useful reminders, these being, firstly that one should replace smoke detectors at the time we change to daylight saving time, and secondly, that it is a

good time to remind oneself to have a health check-up around the time the Federal Budget is announced.

As previously, our Club continued to support many very worthwhile causes. This Rotary Year about \$24,000 was distributed. Several organizations receive major donations/sponsorships on a regular basis, such as the State Schools Relief Committee, Interplast, ROMAC, Save Water Save Lives. Others recipients include Harrison Community Services, Anti-Cancer Council, Camp Awakening 200land Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Family Access Network.

During 2000/2001 there was no Art Show. The time was used to fully evaluate the show held in May 2000 and to plan for the August 2001 show. PP David Tolstrup, Chairman, and his newly structured committee have planned in detail for the future success of this, our major fundraiser.

Both Sue Bishop and Lloyd Cranwell worked on the Careers Expo Committee, which again was very successful. This year the Alan Broadhead Awards were presented to Chris Cornell and Nathan Jefferys, top first and second year apprentices at the Box Hill Institute of T.A.F.E.

The Christmas Dinner, where Rotarian Chris Meneilly, his family and friends entertained those present was most enjoyable. Fellowship of a different kind took place at a Trash and Treasure Market at Surrey Hills when \$500 was raised. Donations in kind from schools, hospitals, libraries, etc as well as money can be very important. Although there were many difficulties, eventually Containers were sent to East Timor.

The Rotary Club of Box Hill organized and hosted the District Changeover on 30th June.

President George, at the conclusion of his President's Report thanked all of his Directors for their commitment throughout the year.

2001/02 *President John Nyhuis*

The District Governor was PP Brian Foley.

The President of Rotary International was Richard D King, a member of the Rotary Club of Niles, Fremont. His Rotary Theme was, "Mankind Is Our Business".

Club membership at the end of the year was 38, plus one honorary member.

President John Nyhuis noted in his President's Report that his year as President had "been a great year and a fantastic experience". He also noted his sincere thank you to all Board Members for both their help and advice.

This year the Annual District Conference was held in Shepparton where the Club was well represented. President John noted that Rotary Conferences give an opportunity to learn from other clubs and often give new ideas for projects.

The Art Show Committee comprises seven members plus PP David Tolstrup, Chairman. This Committee operates as a permanent committee of the Club, and meets monthly except for January. The 37th Annual Art Show held now in August, was "for the first time since the days of the plantation show, held over a ten-day period". The profit of \$18,000 was a little below the Committee's expectations due mainly to a shortfall in sponsorships.

During the year the Community Service Committee involved itself with seven projects spending just within its budget of \$2,000. These projects included continuing to collect superseded computers. At the time of the Community Service Committee Report, some forty computers had been sent to the Equipment Recycling Network, Inc. (ERNI). These serviced computers are provided for those who would not otherwise have access to this technology. Also, a donation of \$500 was given to assist with overhead expenditure.

Our Club supported a Youth Suicide Prevention Program with a donation. Alkira at Box Hill received a donation to assist their work with children who are intellectually handicapped.

During November, a "Welcome Cocktail Party" was co-hosted with the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central. It was held to celebrate the arrival of the GSE Team from the Netherlands, the venue being the Fountain Restaurant At Box Hill Institute of T.A.F.E. The funds raised were shared between the two clubs and donated to Rotary Foundation.

Our theatre night to see Gosford Park raised \$377.

For several years, our club has been supplying "survival kits" to Family Access Network for distribution to young adults placed in emergency care. These kits are in great demand. For the first time, this year an application was made to the Rotary Foundation Community Assistance Program for funds to provide kits. This application was successful. A total amount of \$2,120 was provided for kits to FAN.

Alan Broadhead, a Past President of our club, who passed away in 1991, continues to be remembered with the annual presentation of The Alan Broadhead Awards, which are given to the Top First and Second Year Apprentices at the Box Hill Institute of T.A.F.E. This presentation is an important event in the Institute's year. This year the recipients were Miranda Litjens and Simon Green. They were also welcomed to one of our meetings later in our club year.

Undoubtedly, President John Nyhuis will be remembered for his forward thinking about how to raise more funds to provide for greater demand both within our Community and Internationally. In his report he stated, I believe we have found the solution by opening an Opportunity Shop. With the help of Clem Joyce and June Kavanagh I convinced the Board and Members that this was the right decision. In the meantime a small band of extremely hard workers have been setting up the shop at 113 Canterbury Road, Blackburn South. A big thank you

to Clem Joyce, Bill Farrugia, June Kavanagh and my wife Renate. There is much more to be done but I am extremely confident that it will be successful". Looking back in hindsight five years later, had John lived, he would have agreed that his optimism was certainly justified.

John concluded his Annual Report by expressing his best wishes to incoming President Bill Farrugia and Kath.

2002/03 *President Bill Farrugia*

The District Governor was PP John Glenn.

The President of Rotary International was Bhichal Rattakul, a member of the Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Bangkok. His Rotary Theme was "Sow The Seeds of Love".

Club membership at the end of the year was 32, plus three honorary members.

President Bill, in his Annual Report wisely stated that since our Club has a history spanning 46 years, "all manner of programs had been tried and established before me, so my aim was never to reinvent the wheel or alter the proven agenda by much. Generally we participated in most of the ongoing programs and we followed the directives of District Governor John Glenn and Rotary International and delivered to the best of our ability".

A well-balanced program was provided. Since Rotary Meetings are held on a weekly basis, the Program Chairman is kept busy, particularly as every effort was made to follow Rotary monthly themes. Topics included Polio Plus, Dispelling The Myths of Blood Donation, ROMAC At Work, Stem Cells and Cloning, Interplast, Riding For The Disabled and Policing in East Timor. The GSE Team from Milan also visited our Club. The "Rotarian Behind The Badge" titled "Son of An Italian Immigrant", given by Angelo Maini was both enlightening and interesting.

The Annual Art Show involves the dedicated effort of all of the Committee This year was no exception. Chairman PP David Tolstrup stated in his Annual Report that: "The show was a success in terms of quality whilst we can only be relatively satisfied with the number and value of sales. The profit of approximately \$19,000 was disappointing when measured against the effort devoted to the show by the committee and almost all members of the club".

The format for the Opening Night of the Art Show this year took the form of a cocktail party, but since sales and attendances were similar to when a formal dinner was held, next year it was planned to revert to the formal dinner.

The movie titled The Hours was enjoyed by those who attended the evening at the Balwyn Cinema, as was the supper, which followed.

Thanks go to PDG Ted and Barbara Shaw for their hospitality when club members attended a fellowship day at their home in Somers.

The Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children program under which children are brought to Australia for medical treatment has been assisted for several years by our club. This year \$2,000 has been donated this very important humanitarian program.

"An excellent evening was held on our regular meeting night in association with Box Hill Central". The GSE Team "from Italy was most informative and entertaining in their presentation". Earlier in the day PP John Binns took the team to The University of Melbourne, followed by a real Aussie lunch of kangaroo and pavlova.

This year two candidates were sponsored to attend RYLA and also two students from Kingswood College were sponsored to attend MUNA, i.e., the Model United Nations Assembly at Parliament House.

Our Rotary Opportunity Shop, thanks to PP Clem Joyce, his Committee and his team of helpers, several of which are community volunteers, have certainly justified the faith of PP John Nyhuis, who sadly passed away this year. At the time the Annual Report was prepared, over \$40,000 had been paid into the Charity Account.

The State School Relief Fund continues to receive our support as does Alkira. It is pleasing to note that the computer program for ERNI has successfully continued, and it was expected about 150 units would be delivered. Thanks need to go to PP Roy Longworth for his dedication in overseeing this program.

This year the Alan Broadhead Awards were presented to Michael Smart and Lisa Cassidy, top first and second year apprentices at the Box Hill Institute of T.A.F.E. Michael Podger received a new award for the Best achiever overcoming difficulty.

Sadly, two members of our club passed away, immediate Past President John Nyhuis and very long standing member Alan Roberts.

Thanks Bill for the leadership provided during your year of office.

2003/04 *President Ray Riehm*

The District Governor was PP Jenny Coburn.

The President of Rotary International was Jonathon Majiyaghe, a member the Rotary Club of Kano, Nigeria. His Rotary Theme was "Lend A Hand".

Club membership at the end of the year was 31, plus three honorary members.

In his Annual Report, President Ray Riehm stated that approximately \$63,000 would be raised by the end of his year as President. "The Op Shop is expected to contribute \$41,000 and the Art Show \$21,000. Many of the donations and programs outlined by Directors were dependent on the funds raised so it is

essential that the dedication of the very hard working members of the Op Shop committee and Art Show Committee and those who assisted be especially acknowledged.

President Ray Riehm has noted that the funds have been well used. He states that there were "major donations for Family Access Network (FAN) \$25,000, for Rotary Foundation \$5,000, Interplast \$5,000 and the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. Other donations/sponsorships amounted to about \$27,000. It would be necessary for the interested reader to examine each of the Club Directors Annual Reports for full details, but an attempt will be made to provide an overview but with greater emphasis on the Community Service Committee Director's Report in particular.

The Community Service Committee participated in projects, which are listed basically as written by PP Rob Bishop, Chairman.

350 food items and \$160 were delivered to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

70 computers, etc. were delivered to ERNI (Equipment Recycling Network, Inc.)

Community Grants were awarded to the following organizations-

1. Manningham U3A, \$1,000 to fund a language program for members of the Chinese Community in Box Hill.
2. Vincent de Paul Hostel, \$1,045 for physio' equipment at Strabane Avenue Elderly Persons facility.
3. GROW Inc, \$1842 to subsidize a conference on self-help issues for members from Erasmus Street, Surrey Hills facility.
4. Kerrimur Neighbourhood House, \$2,000 for the purchase of chairs and whiteboards.
5. Cara Inc, \$1,500 for funding of an instructor and facilities for a self-defense program for young disadvantaged women.

Donations were given to the State School Relief Fund, Yooralla Early Childhood Intervention Services, Migrant In formation Centre, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Lorraine McKenzie Memorial Fund and the Inner East Mental Health Services Association for the Terra Firma Camp at Mount Cathedral Lodge.

The International Service Committee has continued to support several overseas projects. For example, ROMAC, the East Timor Roofing Project, Save Water Save Lives. Donations to Interplast and Rotary Foundation have been noted but in addition \$1,310 was donated for the Bangladesh Water Project sponsored by our district and Rotary Foundation.

Wendy Ni, from PLC, was chosen from many applicants at District level to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. "Her talk at the club was a highlight of the year and re-enforced that we should continue to support this project.

Two excellent participants also attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp.

The Alan Broadhead Awards, this year were presented to Alister Morris and Stephen Frith, top first and second year apprentices at the Box Hill Institute. Yvonne Vincent received the award for the Best Achiever overcoming difficulty.

This year the Fellowship and Fundraising Committee was very active. The various functions provided 'variety', e.g., Grand Final Celebration Club Meeting Night, Weekend Wind Down, Visit to the Rotary Club of North Balwyn and the Echuca Weekend Fellowship Trip.

Our Club was very well represented with twenty members and partners attending the District Conference in Hobart in March. It was a great fellowship opportunity. "A conference always re-energizes Rotary aims" PP John Booth, in his report stated that the ARHRF again received a very significant donation of \$5,000 from our Club.

Sadly, a former past member of our Club PP Ted Atkinson and a PDG passed away during the year.

Allan Gibbins, a long-standing former member and Honorary Member also passed away at the age of 87. He will be remembered for being quietly efficient.

At the beginning of this overview of our Club's activities under the leadership of President Ray, he noted the continuing need to generate funds for Community and International projects, etc. Funds raised were considerable and this summary provides some insight into how they were spent.

2004/05 *President Sue Bishop*

The District Governor was PP Denis Hyland.

The President of Rotary International was Glenn E Estees, Sr., of the Rotary Club of Shades Valley, Alabama, U.S.A. His Rotary Theme was "Celebrate Rotary".

Club membership at the end of the year was 31, plus four honorary members.

President Sue Bishop was not only the first lady President of our Club, but also she had the honour of serving in Rotary's Centennial year.

Board Meetings were now again held in members' homes and this has resulted in meetings being held in a more relaxed atmosphere.

The Art Show Committee continues to be one of our two major fundraisers. The \$21,000 profit was a fine result even though it was only held for five days. It is essential to point out that so much work and time is given by Committee members and others. Also, it is important to acknowledge the support provided by Councillors and staff of The City of Whitehorse.

All winners of the prestigious Frederick McCubbin Medal were invited this year to participate in a "Hall of Fame". This year, for a second time, Lorraine Burns received this Medal.

Our other major fundraiser, the Op Shop raised about \$39,000. PP Clem Joyce and his team of Rotarians and other voluntary helpers again are to be congratulated.

The Fellowship and Fundraising Committee also raised funds from our weekly raffle \$800, Christmas cake and puddings \$217. Several Christmas cakes and puddings were also given to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

As in previous years the responsibility for distribution of funds is mainly the responsibility of both the Community Service and International Service Committees subject to the approval of the Board.

The International Service donations/sponsorships for the year were East Timor Roofing \$1,000, Save Water, Save Lives \$2,000, Interplast \$5,000, ROMAC \$1,000, Salvation Army Child Support \$240, and the Afghan Appeal \$500. Our club also donated \$10,000 to the Rotary Tsunami Appeal.

The Community Service Committee was again very active. Interested readers should read this committee's and other reports for details. However, in summary, projects undertaken were: -

Food and money collected at each weekly meeting for the CAB.

Computer collection for ERNI.

Christmas toy collection for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Model United Nations Assembly

RYLA.

Siemens' Science Experiment, and
National Youth Science Forum.

Monies provided for Community Grants totalled \$10,000. Since Applications for Grants are advertised in the press, grants vary from year to year. Included this year were three Neighbourhood Houses, two Pre-Schools, a School and a Community Centre.

The Alan Broadhead Awards for top first and second year apprentices at the Box Hill Institute were awarded to Kerri-Anne Sheedy and Sally-Anne Johns respectively. The Rotary Club of Box Hill Achievement Award for the most outstanding student studying under difficult circumstances was awarded to Lois Murphy.

President Sue Bishop, in her Annual Report, listed some of the highlights of her year as President. Some of these highlights were: -

The District Governor's Visit, Art Show, District Governor's Teddy Bear Auction, BBQ at Fountain Court (Roy and Connie), Rotary Centennial Picnic, Dinner Walk and Concert, Anzac Day Service for Schools, Visit to the Glass Blowing Studio of Miles Johnson. The list goes on. By the way, PP Sue dressed a bear in the style of "Frederick McCubbin" for the Teddy Bear Auction.

Sadly, PP John Binns passed away during the year. He was a long-standing member of our Club, a Paul Harris Fellow. He will be remembered with affection. Kath Binns is now an honorary member of our Club.

A 2004-05 Presidential Citation was awarded to the Rotary Club of Box Hill for demonstrating excellence and exemplary achievement under the leadership of President Sue Bishop.

If any non Rotarians have the opportunity to read this publication they should be amazed at what this Rotary Club has been able to accomplish for those less fortunate.

2005/06 *President Geoffrey Weeks*

The District Governor was PP Philip Hedley.

The President of Rotary International was Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, a member of the Rotary Club of Goteborg, Sweden. His Rotary Theme was "Service Above Self".

Club membership at the end of the year was 31, plus two honorary members.

When you are both Club Historian and Club President in the same year, it is a little difficult to limit this year's achievements to two or three pages, but after a couple of attempts, I have succeeded.

The weekly Bulletin is now being forwarded to all members with e-mail access but hard copies are still available at each of our meetings. Both Tim Lynn and Lloyd Cranwell are to be congratulated for successfully sharing their reporting. It's not always an easy job.

Last year PP Sue Bishop reintroduced the idea that Board Meetings be held in member's homes and this has continued.

Two Club Assemblies were held. The one in July had as its objective informing all members the planned programs of each of the Boards, whereas the February Assembly was provided to inform members of progress achieved and of what they still hope to accomplish. Some of the achievements will be briefly noted.

The Presidents of the City of Whitehorse Cluster of six Rotary Clubs continued to meet on a regular basis, ADG Kevin O'Donnell also attended.

Club Directors were PP David Tolstrup and Chris Kelly (Art Show), PP Clem Joyce (Opportunity Shop), PP Roy Longworth (Community Service and New Generations), Don Murray (Fellowship and Fundraising), Greg Paine (International Service) and PP Tom Thorpe (Vocational Service). Both the Secretary PP Robert Leach, and Treasurer PP Len Venus and the other Office Bearers, PP Bill Farrugia, PP Sue Bishop and PE Colin Johnson together with all the Club Directors were congratulated for their efforts. Members of the various committees, who often had additional responsibilities, were also thanked. Any non-Rotarian or potential Rotarian, who has the opportunity to read this Fiftieth Anniversary publication, will realize that for a Rotary Club to function efficiently, all members must assume responsibilities.

The annual Art Show and Op Shop continue to be our major fundraisers. \$14,000 and \$41,000 respectively were raised. As in previous years, these results are not only due to the dedication of Rotarians, but to their partners and volunteers. At the Op Shop barbecue, the President had the opportunity to thank all those who gave of their time.

Again, at our Christmas Meeting, members donated Christmas presents for children from needy families

A Special Highlight was the District 9810 Conference held in Adelaide with thirty-one Rotarians and partners attending. Our On to Conference Organiser Colin Johnson developed, with assistance, a brief play titled, "Box Hill Grabs an Opportunity". What a great success it was! Delegates were amazed when they learned of the success of our Op Shop. Even a couple of items used in the presentation were sold.

Even though several highlights were listed in President Geoffrey's report, a few have been listed as follows: -

- * Presentation to PP John Booth of a "Commitment to Service Award" at District Changeover Night.
- * Visit to the Astro Theatre at the W.R. Longworth Applied Science Centre.
- * The Annual official visit of DG Philip Hedley and Carol. ADG Kevin O'Donnell also attended.
- * The BBQ at Fountain Court again was a very enjoyable get together Again special thanks to Roy and Connie Longworth.
- * Open Garden Scheme. Visit to home of Allan and Jan Penman. Philip, Colin and Val Johnson's son designed this garden.

A Simplified Matching Grant application for a planned Literacy Project was approved at District level thus the Louise Multicultural Community Centre will now be able to provide support for elderly migrants who are keen to learn how to read and write English.

The "Let's Nail Polio" promotion concerning the eradication of polio was very successful. All you had to do was, paint a fingernail blue. Several non-Rotarians asked the President what happened to his finger. This then provided him with the opportunity to talk about both Polio Plus and the work of Rotary.

Chairman Greg Paine's Annual Report indicated that the previous year's Rotary Programs continued to be supported. President Geoffrey Weeks was keen that our club supports the Rotarians Against Malaria project. A donation of \$1,000 to RAM PNG Adopt

A Village has enabled our club to become involved.

Interplast received a donation of \$5,000. An Interplast Team visited Lautoka in May. The President was pleased to learn that partly as a result of his personal interest in organizing her visit to the hospital, a young Indian girl now has a future.

Community Grants provided are the result of advertising in the local paper placed at the end of the previous year but awarded this current year. Six grants were made which included \$1,764 to the Australian Breast Feeding Association for the purchase of a Breast Pump.

Our club participated in the Bowelscan program for the first time.

A 2005-06 Presidential Citation was again awarded to the Rotary Club for demonstrating excellence and exemplary achievement.

At our Club Changeover evening, the President thanked members for the opportunity to serve as president, and wished both Colin and Val all the best for Colin's year as President.

2006/07 *President Colin Johnson*

The District Governor is PP Bob Richards.

The President of Rotary International is William B. Boyd, a member of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, New Zealand. His Rotary Theme for the year is "Lead The Way".

Club membership currently is 30, plus three honorary members.

This year our club celebrates its fiftieth anniversary on 21st November, a little over the first third of the Rotary year; some details of necessity will be limited.

Although the Fundraising and Fellowship Committee do raise significant funds, the two major fundraisers are the Annual Art Show, which this year was held in early August, and the Op Shop. The net profit from the Art Show was \$14,000 and the Op Shop recorded a profit of \$15,000 to the end of October, the same as for the previous four months. Thus the total profit to the end of October since 1st July 2002 stands at \$186,500. These two very active committees must be congratulated for their continued efforts. However, without the assistance of partners and community volunteers, it would be extremely difficult for Rotarians to maintain their continued commitment

Based on projected income, committees such as the Community Services and New Generations Committee and the International Service Committee have prepared their budgets. The budget for Community Services is \$36,500. This includes \$10,000 for the Community Grants Program, FAN Counsellor \$15,000, State Schools Relief Committee, Rotary Initiatives such as Land Mines, RAM, etc. The New Generations budget enables selected students and young people to benefit by being able to attend RYLA, National Youth Science Forum, MUNA, and Siemens Science Experience.

The International Service Committee donations/ sponsonships will be in line with those from the previous year. This will include Interplast (\$5,000), Save Water, Save Lives (\$1,000), Wheelchairs for Kids (\$1,000), It is projected that almost \$14,000 will allocated for the year

The Chairman of the six Committees are as follows: Art Show, Chris Kelly; Community Service/ New Generations, Carol Pawsey; Fellowship/Fundraising, Don Murray; International Service, Stephen Bell; Op Shop, Clem Joyce; and Vocational Service, Tom Thorpe.

Early in this Rotary year, sadly PDG Ted Shaw passed away. He will be missed. He was a quiet yet knowledgeable leader. "He served Rotary exceedingly well". Barbara has accepted an invitation and become an honorary member of our club.

Joe Mardjetko, a former member of our club, was recently again inducted into our club Both Joe and Melissa received a very warm welcome. Also the current Mayor of the City of Whitehorse, Sharon Ellis, has been welcomed as an honorary member of our club.

There will be many highlights, which will occur during the year. But, nothing is likely to come near our Club's Fiftieth Year Celebrations. Our club is indeed fortunate and honoured that President Elect of Rotary International, Wilf Wilkinson and his wife Joan will be our special guests. Under the Chairmanship of PP David Tolstrup, he and his committee will have everything under control.

"The proposal to conduct a Farmers Market by the combined Rotary Clubs in Whitehorse has been accepted." It is expected that this monthly event will attract 60 stallholders and good crowds. The first market is planned to take place on 12th November. It should be a good fundraiser.

On the 19th October, DG Bob Richards made his Official Visit. He and his partner Jill and ADG Jeffrey Chan were made most welcome. DG Bob spoke of his aspirations for D9810, thus giving us an overview of his expectations.

Yes, Rotarians are "Leading The Way".



APPENDIX A

BRIEF FACTS ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL

Club Organised	-	11th December 1956
Charter Granted	-	16th January 1957
Charter Presented	-	3rd May 1957
District Governor	-	H.R. (Bill) Birch, Korumburra
Sponsor Club	-	Rotary Club of Melbourne
District Governor's Special Representative, Past D.G. the late Horace Bedggood (Melbourne)		

Charter Officers:

President	-	the late Eric McPhail
Vice President	-	the late Sel Harris
Secretary	-	Bill Walls
Treasurer	-	Bert Horsburgh
Directors	-	Nick Charles, George James, Bill Kirby

These officers were in office from January 1957 to 30th June 1958.

Charter membership 31

**PAST PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES
OF THE
ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL**

YEAR	PRESIDENTS	SECRETARIES
1957/58	Eric McPhail	Bill Walls
1958/59	George James	Bill Kirkby
1959/60	Arthur Eakins	Bill Kirby
1960/61	Bill Kirkby	Roy Walker
1961/62	Bruce McKenzie	Phil Jenkin
1962/63	Roy Walker	Phil Jenkin
1963/64	Geoff Walsh	Frank Gill
1964/65	Bob Bottomley	Frank Gill
1965/66	John Thompson	Lindsay Currie
1966/67	Frank Gill	Lindsay Currie
1967/68	John Booth	Ted Shaw
1968/69	Ted Shaw	Bruce McKenzie
1969/70	Bill Wiles	Bruce McKenzie
1970/71	Ted Atkinson	Bert Murdoch
1971/72	Alf McKelvie	Ellas Greenwood
1972/73	Geoff Hauser	Bill McLaren
1973/74	George Saba	Alf McKelvie
1974/75	Mac Hill	Alf McKelvie
1975/76	Peter Strasser	Fred Davis
1976/77	Alan Broadhead	Fred Davis
1977/78	Geoff Fountain	Jock Hay
1978/79	Clive Evenden	Russ Pruden
1979/80	Ron Peters	Clive Evenden
1980/81	Merv Agnew	Clive Evenden
1981/82	Fred Davis	John Jenkins
1982/83	Eric Donaldson	Ron Creek
1983/84	Geoff Leach	Charles Mercer/Ron Dawes
1984/85	Ron Creek	Arthur Broadhead
1985/86	John Lawry	David Tolstrup
1986/87	Peter Emmerson	David Tolstrup
1987/88	Max Buchanan	Bryan Munro
1988/89	John Binns	Bryan Munro
1989/90	Robert Leach	Lloyd Cranwell
1990/91	Bryan Mathews/Ron Creek	Ted Shaw
1991/92	Ross McPhail	John Booth
1992/93	Clem Joyce	Lloyd Cranwell
1993/94	David Tolstrup	Robert Leach
1994/95	Len Venus	Neil Meaden
1995/96	Peter Cummins	David Tolstrup
1996/97	Neil Meaden	John Binns

1997/98	Chris Kelly	Peter Cummins
1998/99	Rob Bishop	Robert Leach
1999/2000	Tom Thorpe	Paula Burke/Bill Farrugia
2000/01	George McLean	Bill Farrugia
2001/02	John Nyhuis	Ray Riehm
2002/03	Bill Farrugia	Roy Longworth
2003/04	Ray Riehm	Roy Longworth
2004/05	Sue Bishop	Robert Leach
2005/06	Geoff Weeks	Robert Leach
2006/07	Colin Johnson	Bill Farrugia

DISTRICT GOVERNORS 1956 - 2007

DISTRICT 280

1956/57	Bill Birch
1957/58	Les Taylor
1958/59	Joe Bradbury
1959/60	Horace Bedggood
1960/61	Ern McCann
1961/62	Roy Nichols
1962/63	Ern Granger
1963/64	Ern Oliver
1964/65	Len Greenwood
1965/66	Stan Sullivan
1966/67	Victor French
1967/68	Barton Hack
1968/69	Kel Carr
1969/70	Royce Abbey
1970/71	Geoff Stevens
1971/72	Bill Purtell
1972/73	John Andrews
1973/74	Ford Davis
1974/75	Ted Atkinson
1975/76	Frank Newman
1976/77	Geoff Crockford

DISTRICT 980

1977/78	Ray Chambers
1978/79	Bruce McKenzie
1979/80	Jack Nankervis
1980/81	Bill King
1981/82	Doug Mills

DISTRICT 981

1982/83	Fred Hay
1983/84	John Ellery
1984/85	Geoff Prior
1985/86	Ted Shaw
1986/87	Bill Tierney
1987/88	Kevin Speer
1988/89	Mick Matthews
1989/90	Ray Adams
1990/91	Neil Harrison
1991/92	Bruce Whitaker
1992/93	Don Holderness

DISTRICT 9810

1993/94	Bob Laslett
1994/95	Max Buchanan
1995/96	John Henderson
1996/97	Graeme Woolacott
1997/98	Eric Farmer
1998/99	Ian Riseborough
1999/2000	Ian Riseley
2000/01	Patrick Hartley
2001/02	Brian Foley
2002/03	John Glenn
2003/04	Jenny Coburn
2004/05	Denis Hyland
2005/06	Philip Hedley
2006/07	Bob Richards

CLUB DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND CONFERENCES

Our Club has supported four District Governors namely:

Ted Atkinson	-	1974/75
Bruce McKenzie	-	1978/79
Ted Shaw	-	1985/86
Max Buchanan	-	1994/95

Conferences held at:

- ◆ Ted In Canberra - Conferences Chairman Bruce McKenzie
- ◆ Bruce in Hobart - Conference Chairman Geoff Hauser
- ◆ Ted in Albury - Conference Chairman John Booth
- ◆ Max in Albury - Conference Chairman Clem Joyce

The Conference Committees worked very hard in organising these conferences, they were well attended and all Members combined to make them a great success.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Merv	Agnew
Ted	Atkinson (dec.)
John	Binns (dec.)
Rob	Bishop
Alison	Booth
John	Booth *
Alan	Broadhead (dec.)
Max	Buchanan *
Olive	Buchanan (dec.)
Lloyd	Cranwell
Ron	Creek
Peter	Cummins
Peter.	Emmerson
Bill	Farrugia
Allan	Gibbins (dec.)
Geoff	Hauser
Lionel	Isom (dec.)
Colin	Johnson
Clem	Joyce *
Judy	Joyce
June	Kavanagh
Chris	Kelly
John	Lawson
Robert	Leach
Roy	Longworth
Mick	Matthews *
Bob	McKenzie (dec.)
Bruce	McKenzie * ♦
Lorraine	McKenzie (dec.)
George	McLean
Bonnie	McPhail
Ross	McPhail
Arthur	North (dec.)
Allan	Roberts (dec.)
Barbara	Shaw
Ted	Shaw * (dec.)
Peter	Strasser
Tom	Thorpe
David	Tolstrup *
Len	Venus

* Denotes the addition of a Sapphire.

♦ Denotes the addition of a Ruby.

MAJOR CHARITIES SUPPORTED

In addition to the numerous projects supported locally and abroad, our Club contributes to three major projects: -

1. Rotary Foundation
2. Australian Rotary Health Fund
3. Interplast.

The first two funds are well known but Members may like to read a brief story of Interplast.

Interplast was formed to alleviate the suffering of several million people living in the scattered islands of the South Pacific who had little or no access to plastic surgery. People with severe burns, cleft palates and other deformities became virtual outcasts in their own communities.

Teams of Plastic Surgeons, Anaesthetists and Nurses are sent out to various centres for short periods (usually two weeks) and perform as many operations as local facilities will allow. In some few cases needing major surgery the patient is brought to Australia and provided with accommodation until the treatment is completed.

Rotary and Rotarians in Australia become involved by raising funds, sponsoring a team and providing Members for such teams.

Rotary Clubs in the areas visited assist by the reception of Interplast teams, publicising programs, and gathering patients prior to the arrival of the team.

Since 1983 Interplast has organised 237 programs, consulted 17,723 patients and performed 9,284 operations. 39 patients have been brought to Australia for major surgery.

The projects listed above continue to receive major contributions.

The previous club historian Peter Emmerson noted above the major statistics about the wonderful work of Interplast to the end of June 1997.

Interplast continues to have an amazing impact on the lives, not only on those who have received surgery, but also on their families and communities.

The June 2006 Interplast Annual Report states that since its inception in 1983, Interplast has organized 382 programs, consulted 27,501 patients and performed 16,040 operations. 48 patients have been brought to Australia for major surgery.

R.D.U. AGENCY

Early in 1988, thanks to the efforts of PDG Bruce McKenzie, our Club was appointed as Victorian distributor for R.D.U. Supplies. A comprehensive range of stock is carried and orders received by mail, phone or fax are assembled and despatched.

Initially the operation was housed in a room provided by Tolstrup Insurance Brokers in Whitehorse Road, Mont Albert. When David's business was re-located, the agency moved to Hamilton Street, Mont Albert in a room rented from Robert Leach's Estate Agency and finally to 4A Churchill Street Mont Albert.

The initial staff was Allan Roberts and Allan Gibbins with David Tolstrup supervising. Today we have 8 members on the roster (Len Venus, Lloyd Cranwell, Allan Gibbins, John Lawson, George McLean, Bill Farrugia, John Nyhuis and Roy Longworth), which enables us to operate a 3-man shift on Mondays and Thursdays.

Profits from the operation are transferred to the Club from time to time as required and the total amount raised to the end of 1998/99 financial year was in excess of \$90,000.

Unfortunately, the Rotary Down Under shop closed at the end of June 2000. Although noted in one of the yearly reports, it is important to note that a decision was made that all sales in Australia would come from the Parramatta Office. Our club was responsible for much lobbying, but to no avail. Lloyd Cranwell noted in his report that "there has been a spirit of fellowship and achievement". Certainly, a magnificent team effort over the past twelve years.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL – OPPORTUNITY SHOP

The Opportunity Shop titled Rotary Recycled Treasures is situated in a very good shopping location at 113 Canterbury Road, Blackburn South, between a large Safeway store and a Priceline Chemist shop.

The Op Shop was opened on 1 July 2002 and for the past 4+ years has been very well supported by the local community. They continually supply us with saleable goods – clothing, books, household equipment, jewellery and bric-a-brac as well as being buyers of goods from our shop.

The shop is staffed entirely by volunteers. About 12 mostly retired Rotarians are very strongly supported by about 25 non-Rotary volunteers from the local community including a number of people who are members of local Probus Clubs. Prior to the original opening in 2002 we wrote to all of the Probus Clubs in the area seeking their support.

The shop is open from 10 am to 4 pm weekdays plus 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Saturdays. Most volunteers work one three-hour shift, although several volunteers do work two three-hour shifts.

Last year from July 2005 to June 2006 the “profit” after allowing for rent, rates, electricity, water and other expenses associated with presenting goods for sale was \$45,000.

In the almost four and a half years since opening on the 1st July 2002 the profit from the shop transferred to the Rotary Charity Account has totalled \$186,500. The Rotary Club is very well satisfied with the contribution the Opportunity Shop makes to the funds available for our charity and community service activities.

CONCLUSION

Rotary Membership in Australia up to December 1996 stood at 39,871 with 1,186 Clubs in Australia and Papua New Guinea. World membership exceeded 1,000,000.

Imagine the energy and goodwill that could be created by having so many people work in harmony to create peace and happiness for the less fortunate people of this world.

In writing this history I have studied voluminous old records, Minute books, Club Bulletins etc. and have drawn on the fund of knowledge possessed by many present and past Members.

It has not been an easy task but I trust it tells the story of what our Members have achieved in the service of Rotary.

May I say "Well Done!" and may we continue to strive in our quest of "Service Above Self".

Peter R. Emmerson
1997

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Jill Meaden
Allan Gibbons
June Kavanagh

Editor's Note - 2006

At the end of 2005 World membership exceeded 1,224,000, with over 32,500 clubs in 168 countries. In her brief article in the October Issue of Rotary Down Under, Regional R.I. Membership Co-ordinator, PDG Jenny Coburn noted that "Rotary International experienced a 2.56 per cent growth in membership during the 2005/2006 Rotary year". She noted for the record that Australian membership was 34,640 in 1,190 clubs.

Geoffrey Weeks
2006